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# Main Street too hot for fire station

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

For sale, to the highest bidder, the Novi Fire Department headquarters.

The city is hoping to get at the very least $1.1 million for Fire Station One at 12975 Grand River, now standing out as a bit of an architectural sore thumb in the midst of the trendy Main Street development.

Clearing way for the future of the new downtown Novi is one reason for selling the building, one of the city's four fire stations, explained City Manager Ed Kriewall. The second is simply that more traffic is making it difficult for paid on call firefighters to even get to the station.

Fire Chief Art Lenaghan said the changes in the intersection with the creation of Main Street and the new signalization have been a "big problem."

"One of the major concerns we have is that people have to get into the station to get the trucks out. We've had one of our people in an accident waiting at the traffic light. Somebody hit him in the rear end of the car," Lenaghan said.

"It's also increased traffic with the Main Street development. There really is no relief in sight."

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>
> Art Lenaghan, Novi Fire Chief

Plans call for a new Fire Station One to be built on city-owned land at Eleven Mile Road and Delwal Drive. This is the site of the Novi Department of Public Works yard and the projected location of a new fire department training building.

In 1996, voters approved a $2.225 million bond issue, part of which is designated for the training center. A new Fire Station One would be built in conjunction with the training center.

Lenaghan said the $1.1 million sale price is anticipated to cover the costs of rebuilding the station.

With further growth in the town center area, city officials have discussed moving the DPW yard out to the city's West Road waste water treatment plant, but the fire station will still be needed on

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

## Makin' a list

Describing in exacting detail what she wants for Christmas this year, seven-year-old Kristen Hougen sits in the lap of Santa Claus Monday evening at the Novi Civic Center. Santa was part of the city's Light Up the Night kick-off to the holiday season.

# Lights go out at Novi mall

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

On the biggest shopping weekend of the year, Novi Town Center shops were left out in the dark.

A power outage caused by an underground cable failure lasted for several hours on Saturday for about 33 stores in the center. And by nightfall, the entire center went dark, according to Town Center Property Manager Jim Clear.

"It was really disappointing," said White Rabbit Toys Manager Paige Young. "It was the busiest weekend of the year and we had to close three hours early."

During the afternoon brown out, which dimmed lights and knocked out cash register and credit card use, employees at the toy store reverted to calculators and written receipts to ring up customers, and did so by the glowing light of lanterns.

Kosch's Tavern got out the flashlights but couldn't do much else.

"We were affected big time," said Manager Ed Sapla. "The house was full and it all went out at 6:30. We had to rush out people by hand. We couldn't use a thing."

Customers were very understanding and patient, though, both Young and Sapla added.

"They were okay with it. But you couldn't do a thing. We had to refund some customer's orders," Sapla explained.

Young said she reported the brown out to Detroit Edison about 2:45 p.m. and was told power would be restored about 6 p.m. It was – for about 15 minutes. Then the entire Town Center fell to complete darkness.

Detroit Edison isolated the problem Saturday night, rerouted power on Sunday morning and continues to make repairs this week, Clear explained.

He was at the center that afternoon and said all the business were obviously hurt by the outage but the Novi Town Center Cinema's Saturday night movie

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# *Police investigate holiday murder*

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Tamara Pittao was supposed to arrive Nov. 26 in Illinois for Thanksgiving dinner with her family.

She never made it.

The 30-year-old Novi woman, formerly of Northville, was found dead in her Pavilion Court Apartment Thursday morning by Novi police. Her family had called them when she hadn't arrived as expected.

Police said an autopsy revealed the cause of death as blunt force trauma to the head and are treating it as a homicide.

Pittao, who had long blond hair and stood 5 foot 7 inches tall, lived with her 2-year-old daughter in the apartment and was going through a divorce. Police said there was no sign of forced entry. The daughter was in the custody of her father at the time of the woman's death.

Relatives, friends, co-workers and neighbors were all questioned by police in order to gain insight into the days and hours before Pittao's death.

Novi police and Michigan State Police Crime Lab in Northville are investigating the crime. According to police, it will be some time before all the evidence is processed.

Tamara Janelle Pittao

Police are asking if anyone happened to see the woman in the week preceding her death or knows any information about the apparent murder to call the Novi police at 348-7100.

# Mom gets probation

## Kathi Herren sentenced for assaulting daughter in July

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

"Seventy-five percent of that was lies," said James Herren last week after a judge lectured his wife on her irresponsible behavior.

Kathi Herren, 32, was at 52-1 District Court Nov. 26 to be sentenced for her conviction on misdemeanor assault and battery charges earlier that month. A jury found Kathi Herren guilty of slapping her 14-year-old daughter on July 19, although she maintained she was trying to discipline the unruly girl for smoking and disobeying.

Kathi Herren was placed on two year's probation by Judge Brian MacKenzie, ordered to attend family and outpatient substance abuse counseling, forbidden the use of alcohol and other drugs, required to submit to random drug testing, and ordered to place any money earned from telling her story to the media in an escrow account for use for counseling fees or her daughter's education.

But MacKenzie first gave Kathi Herren a sermon, questioning her use of alcohol and marijuana in front of her child and pointing out previous decisions to decline family counseling when police have been called to the home.

The night in question was not about discipline, MacKenzie said.

"The evidence ... establishes without question that on the night of July 19, 1997, you were intoxicated and while under the influence of alcohol, you battered your daughter," he explained.

"You told my probation officer you had no idea why your daughter was acting out in this way," MacKenzie said. "... Ms. Herren I believe the answer to your question about your daughter's behavior can be found in your behavior that night. Exposing her to your uncontrolled, intoxicated demeanor combined with your unwillingness to consider the consequences of that behavior is a substantial part of the reason (she) behaves the way she does."

But while Kathi Herren refused to comment during or after the sentencing, her husband James was clearly angry.

"This was not a fair trial," he

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## *Repeating history*

Clad in Native American and Pilgrim costume, students of Darlene Grabowski's Orchard Hills Elementary School class put on a theatrical performance of their Thanksgiving Day production last Tuesday afternoon. See story page 14A.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

# Community Calendar

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

## Thursday, December 4

### Novi schools

The Novi schools Board of Education will meet in regular session at Novi High School.

### Optimist Club

The Novi Optimist Club meets at 7:30 a.m. at the Big Boy Restaurant at 26401 Novi Road, across from the Town Center.

## Monday, December 8

### Library Board

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

### 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, December 9

### Beautification Commission

The Novi Beautification Commission meets at 7:15 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

### 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.

### Band rehearsal

The Novi Concert Band rehearses at 7:30 p.m. in the band room at Novi High School.

### 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 Jim Sawmiller, 344-4269 evenings after 6 p.m.

### Business Network International

The Novi chapter of the Business Network International will meet from 7-8:30 a.m. at Kerby's Koney Island at Eight Mile and Haggerty roads. For more information, call the regional office of the BNI at (313) 844-3432.

### Business Network International

The Northville chapter of the Business Network International will meet from 7-8:30 a.m. at Richard's Restaurant on Plymouth Road between Newburg and I-275. For more information, call the regional office of the BNI at (313) 844-3432.

## Wednesday, December 10

### Seniors potluck

*The Novi Senior Social Club will gather at noon in the Novi Civic Center* for their monthly potluck luncheon.

### AARP Meets

The Walled Lake Area Chapter of the American Association of Retired People holds its monthly meeting at 1 p.m. at the Walled Lake Community Education Center, formerly Walled Lake Middle School, 615 N. Pontiac Trail. Any community member 50 or over is welcome to attend. Call 960-8444, or 669-6299 for more information.

### Lions Club

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

### SPARK

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

### Youth baseball

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

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

The Novi area Formerly Employed Mothers at the Leading Edge Chapter meets at 7 p.m. at the Providence Mission Health Center, 39500 W. Ten Mile Rd., Conference Room A. The purpose of the organization is to offer support for mothers who have chosen to interrupt their careers to care for their children. For more information call Janet at (810)476-5934.

## Thursday, December 11

### Parks meeting rescheduled

The Novi Parks and Recreation Commission has been rescheduled for December 18 at the Novi Civic Center.

## Saturday, December 13

### Madrigal Dinner

The Novi High School choirs will host the Madrigal Dinner at 6:30 p.m. at the high school.

## Sunday, December 14

### Madrigal Dinner

The Novi High School choirs will host the Madrigal Dinner at 1:30 p.m. at the high school.

## Monday, December 15

### City Council

Novi council meets in regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.


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# Trustees discuss Fuerst Scholarship

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

The Novi Board of Education will decide this month whether to turn over total control of the Fuerst Scholarship to the Novi Education Foundation.

The scholarships come from $350,000 left to the district by Ruby Fuerst, who along with her sister Iva, was a dedicated patron to the schools. The money was given to the school board to disperse according to guidelines set forth in Ruby's will.

The board turned over the money and distribution of it to the Novi Education Foundation in 1996 for a two year trial period. The foundation handles many other scholarships and funds teacher programming.

But that two years is up in March, so the school board wants to reevaluate the plan.

"With the proper investment this could go on to be an entirely self substantiating fund," said Trustee Carol Elfring, a member of the NEF.

Currently, the more than $300,000 still in the fund has been invested in a certificate of deposit at a bank, earning 5.46 percent, according to Elfring. The NEF can take 10 percent of interest earned each year as a fee, but agreed not to.

The board will also discuss adjusting the scholarship for inflation and what to do if the NEF falls into virtual non-existence as it did several years ago.

According to President Raymond Byers, though, if the board hands it over to the foundation, "it gives up strings to it."

"I don't know if we want to turn all of this money over?" said Trustee John Balagna.

The NEF committee formed includes board members, residents and administration.

After her and her sister's deaths in 1991, Ruby Fuerst left the money to the district for scholarships to students wishing to pursue higher education. She stipulated the funding be made available not only to graduating seniors but also to older residents in the district who wished to go back to school or attend trade school or community college.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

## What the Dickens

Cast members of the Novi Youth Theatre's production of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" sing a little tune during last Tuesday's City of Novi holiday kick-off celebration. A Christmas Carol will be performed at the Novi Civic Center on December 12, 13, and 14. For ticket information call the Novi Parks and Recreation Department at 347-0400.


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# Student exposed himself to boys

A 10-year-old Novi boy was suspended for three days from Novi Meadows after being accused of exposing himself to fellow students Nov. 14.

According to police, the boy was seen by five other boys in one of the bathrooms. His pants were down around his knees and he exposed himself twice, the boys told Assistant Principal Greg Carnacchi.

Despite the boy's protest he had only been zipping up his pants coming out of a stall, he was suspended based on the number of witnesses. Carnacchi requested the matter be turned over to Novi Youth Assistance.

## Police News

### INDECENT EXPOSURE

An unidentified man was seen masturbating in front of the Novi High School wrestling room window where a group of cheerleaders practiced Nov. 26.

According to police the man is described as a 5 foot 7 white male approximately 30 years of age wearing navy pants and leather jacket.

### DRUNK DRIVING

Police arrested a 29 year old Novi man for drunk driving Nov. 23 after watching his Ford Taurus swerve across Haggerty Road south of Nine Mile Road and drive onto the shoulder.

An officer pulled the car over, immediately sensing the man was intoxicated. He asked in slurred speech why he was being stopped and told police he drank about five beers. He failed several sobriety tests and had a blood alcohol content of 0.20 percent, twice the legal limit.

### QUICK CASH

Two black males allegedly stole $550 from a restaurant cash register Nov. 24.

Police said the manager of the Big Boy restaurant on Haggerty told them the two men placed a carry out order for chili and opened the drawer of the register as an employee left to relay the order. A customer witness the men reach over the counter, take the money and flee in a green Chrysler New Yorker.

### POT POSSESSION

A 19-year-old Livonia man was cited for possession of marijuana and narcotics paraphernalia, Nov. 27.

A Novi police officer was on his way into the Speedway gas station at Ten Mile Road when he spotted two men in a car rolling a marijuana cigarette. One man handed over the drug and was ticketed and released.

### NOT ALL OF IT

A 48 year old Novi woman was arrested for shoplifting Nov. 29 after failing to pay for eight items she placed in her handbag while shopping at Farmer Jack.

Police said employees saw the woman put contact lens cleaner into her handbag before reaching the checkout. The woman paid for several items she selected but failed to remove the item from her purse to pay for them. When she was stopped and questioned police found baby oil, antiperspirant, crab meat and an herbal supplement also inside the purse.

She was arrested and released on $50 bond.

### VANDAL SERIES

The following vandalism and thefts from cars occurred last month according to police:

• On Nov. 21 a 1997 Jeep Grand Cherokee parked on Crosswinds Drive was scratched with an unknown object.

• On Nov. 21 an air compressor, propane torch and saw were taken from a 1991 Ford F-250 parked at a Nine Mile resident's home.

•The window of a 1997 Mercury was broken out while parked on Siegel.

• On Nov. 24 a home on Yorkshire was spray painted with red paint overnight.

• On Nov. 17, unknown suspects stole two new rims and tires from a 1988 Plymouth Horizon parked on Lakeview Court and replaced them with older, worn out tires.

### TRAIN TAKER

An unidentified man was seen stealing a collector's train from a display table at the Novi Expo Center Train, Dollhouse and Toy Show Nov. 22.

Police said a vendor saw the man take a train from a display and place it in a bag. As the man went to leave the building, the vendor ran after him and retrieved the train. However, he was unable to detain the man any further before security arrived.

Police said as vendors took inventory that night, several other display trains were reported missing, including a $700 Lionel Train engine and $300 passenger cars.

The man is described as a white male in his 50s with gray hair and a mustache standing about 5'10". He also had a small tattoo on his left hand.

*Citizens with information about the above incidents are urged to call the Novi Police Department at 348-7100.*

## Novi Briefs

### Goodbuyers

In less than three hours, the Novi Goodwill Haus sold out 1,500 copies of *The Novi News* and raised $2,000 for local needy families, volunteer Linda Peterson said.

"It went so superbly. I just can't believe Novi," she added.

"What a great way to start the holidays."

After the papers were gone, Peterson said she suggested to the volunteers: "Go back and take money and give them vouchers."

Novi firefighters hit the streets on Nov. 29 to collect the cash. Peterson's husband Bob is president of the Novi Goodwill Haus. Her personal favorite volunteer job for the holiday project is shopping for the holiday gifts.

### Many big screens

Attention Novi movie fans: In mid February, a 14-screen United Artists theater complex is slated to open up at the northwest corner of Twelve Mile and Haggerty Road in Commerce Township. For United Artists, it's the first new construction in the metro Detroit area in more than ten years. "I have two boys, so I always ask for a family with girls. You should see these big burly firefighters out there in the toy department, where they don't know a thing about them," she laughed.

### Time served

These Novi Fire Department firefighters celebrated their seventh year job anniversaries in October. Michael Morson, Brian Shea, Stephen Skaglin and Robert Peterson.

In addition, Auxiliary Firefighter Carl Wallace has been on the job for four years.


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## HEALTH NOTE

by Dennis E. Engerer, P.T. and Patricia Westerbur, P.T.

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*The following is a complete list of the emergency runs of the Novi Fire Department for the week.*

**MONDAY, NOV. 24**

Medical, 22341 Cranbrooke, 3:45 a.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 44601 Williams, 6:46 a.m., Squad 1.

Fire alarm, 27650 Novi Road, 6:24 a.m., Engines 1, 2.

Medical, 43055 Crescent, 9:48 a.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 45182 West Road, 11:21 a.m., Squad 2.

Medical, 43050 Twelve Oaks Crescent, 12:42 p.m., Squad 1.

Injury accident, Haggerty and Twelve Mile, 5:09 p.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 30030 Aborne, 9:22 p.m., Squad 2.

**TUESDAY, NOV. 25**

Injury accident, Eight Mile and Napier Road, 6:28 a.m., Squads 1, 4.

Stove fire, 1436 Xanthet, 11:35 a.m., Engine 4.

Injury accident, 21185 Haggerty, 1:25 p.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 39581 Twelve Mile Road, 6:51 p.m., Squad 1.

Injury accident, Meadowbrook and Grand River, 7:02 p.m., Squad 1.

**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 26**

Injury accident, Ten Mile and Novi Road, 9:25 a.m., Squad 1.

Medical, Twelve Oaks Mall, 12:46 p.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 21057 Haggerty, 4:04 p.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 21057 Haggerty, 4:25 p.m., Squad 3.

Injury accident, Ten Mile and Meadowbrook, 6:19 p.m., Squad 1.

Injury accident, 27500 Novi Road, 8:03 p.m., Squad 1.

**THURSDAY, NOV. 27**

Medical, 22600 Clearwater, 8:54 a.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 41702 Kenilworth, 10:05 a.m., Squad 2.

Medical, 24643 Bashian, 10:42 a.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 24863 Chase, 11:25 a.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 41930 Canterbury, 11:28 a.m., Squad 2.

**FRIDAY, NOV. 28**

Medical, 24500 Meadowbrook, 3:47 a.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 25300 Constitution, 7:59 a.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 23593 Stonechange, 10:17 a.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 12875 Grand River, 12:04 p.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 27600 Novi Road, 1:39 p.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 24500 Meadowbrook, 1:45 p.m., Squad 1.

Trash fire, Haverhill and Fourteen Mile, 5:31 p.m., Engine 2.

**SATURDAY, NOV. 29**

Medical, 21111 Haggerty, 4:23 a.m., Squad 3.

Building fire, 43263 Crescent, 3:02 p.m., Engines 1, 2.

Investigation, 43363 Crescent, 3:05 p.m., Engine 1.

Investigation, 43550 Crescent, 3:21 p.m., Engine 2.

Investigation, 43075 Crescent, 3:22 p.m., Response 507.

House fire, 44505 Twelve Mile Road, 6:02 p.m., Engines 1, 2.

Medical, 207 Henning, 10:58 p.m., Squad 2.

Medical, 29736 Meadowcrest, 11:32 p.m., Squad 2.

**SUNDAY, NOV. 30**

Medical, 41840 Manor Park, 12:33 a.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 45182 West Road, 5:10 a.m., Squad 2.

Fire alarm, 43135 Crescent, 6:30 a.m., Engines 1, 2.

Medical, 24500 Meadowbrook, 8:02 a.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 24500 Meadowbrook, 8:24 a.m., Squad 1.

Injury accident, Grand River and Meadowbrook, 12:54 p.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 41550 Grand River, 7:45 p.m., Squad 1.

House fire, 44749 Ford Way, 9:03 p.m., Engines 1, 3.


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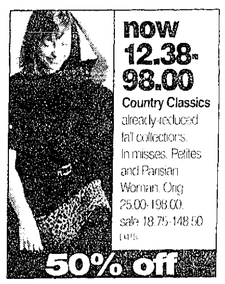

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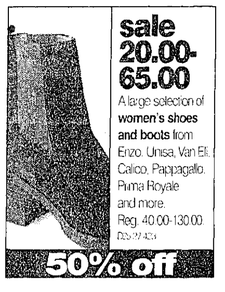

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# Taking a hike

## Cable rates go up 10 percent, subscribers can protest increase to cable commissions

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Only a few customers have groused so far to the Southwest Oakland Cable Commission about the 10 percent increase in cable TV rates scheduled for Jan. 1.

But subscribers will have through March to register their opinions with SWOCC. SWOCC may then opt to send a formal protest to the Federal Communications Commission, as the commission did over a price increase last year.

"We could file a complaint after we receive numerous complaints from subscribers after the rates go into effect," said SWOCC Executive Director Caren Collins.

How Detroit sports are televised to Detroit area viewers is behind this year's higher prices.

Time Warner is passing on the costs of the Fox Sports Detroit channel to cable subscribers, to the tune of an extra $2.60 per month. Most will see their bills rise from $26.42 to $29.09.

Fox Sports, owned by Rupert Murdoch recently bought the local TV contracts for the Red Wings, Pistons and Tigers from Pro-Am Sports System (PASS), a premium channel now out of business. Since October, the cable company is paying $1.25 more per subscriber for Fox Sports.

"If you think people are unhappy about the rate adjustments, it would be minor compared to the people who would be upset if sports were not available," said Bob McCann, Time Warner's regional manager.

"We are passing through the costs of programming that people want."

While PASS was a premium channel with no longer cost those customers $0.95 per month, Fox Sports is part of the package for everybody who takes channels 1 to 63.

Most customers opt for a combination of the basic and expanded basic cable. Since 1990, the rate for that package has gone up 62 percent. Last year, the increase was close to 10 percent, while the previous year it was in the 8 percent range.

In addition, come January consumers of the basic service (channels 1 to 20) will see a 20 cent monthly price hike, from $10.30 to $10.50.

"We have added 17 new services to the line up last year alone. This is programming that people asked to see," McCann said.

According to Time Warner, it could be worse.

In a letter from the cable company to the cities of Novi, Farmington and Farmington Hills, McCann noted that the company's programming costs have gone up about $2.30 per subscriber, the FCC permits a 70 cent increase for inflation and another $1 increase under a social contract the federal agency has with Time Warner.

"These calculations total a rate increase of $4, and by our calculations, the maximum permitted rate for service is $5.10 more than our current rate. Under the circumstances, we have been as sensitive as possible to our franchise authorities and just as importantly, our customers," he said.

SWOCC has not approved the 1998 increase.

"Based on a survey of the systems in the area, they're not out-of-line with what everybody else is getting. They're on the lower side of moderate," said Novi City Manager Ed Kriewall, who represents the city on SWOCC.

Meanwhile, Time Warner's appeal of a Federal Communications System ruling in May is still pending, Collins said.

After hearing a protest over last year's rate increase from SWOCC, the FCC ruled that the cable company should rebate 65 cents a month to subscribers for last year's higher rates. He found in May that customer bills for January 1 through December 31, 1997 were miscalculated.

Some Novi residents have asked the city to seek competition in cable services, with the hope of seeing lower monthly rates. Ameritech has expressed an interest in bringing its system to town, in the future.

"Looking at the areas where Ameritech has gone in, there hasn't been any particular effect on the rates there, which is kind of scary," Kriewall said.

Not everything has gone up with the cable company. For 1998, Time Warner has cutback its hourly service fee from $31.36 to $29.54.

Residents who do not like the 1998 increase are encouraged to write SWOCC at 24021 Research Drive, Farmington Hills, MI 48335. Or call (248) 473-7266.

### CABLE HISTORY

**Cable TV monthly service rates, paid by Novi customers from 1990 to 1998.**

| Date | Basic | Expanded | Combined |
|---|---|---|---|
| Feb. 1990 | $2.45 | $15.45 | $17.90 |
| Feb. 1991 | free | $16.95 | $16.95 |
| Feb. 1992 | $1 a year | $18.45 | $19.45 |
| Feb. 1993 | $1 a year | $18.95 | $19.95 |
| Sept. 1993 | $10.45 | $10.93 | $21.38 |
| April 1994 | $10.62 | $11.11 | $21.73 |
| July 1994 | $10.79 | $11.28 | $22.07 |
| Jan. 1996 | $9.58 | $14.37 | $23.95 |
| Jan. 1997 | $10.30 | $16.12 | $26.42 |
| Jan. 1998 | $10.50 | $18.52 | $29.02 |

*Source: Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission*


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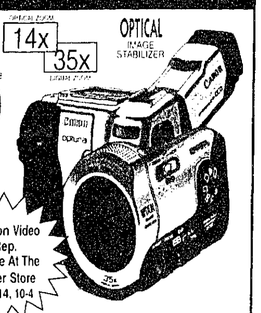

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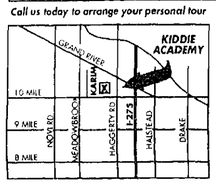


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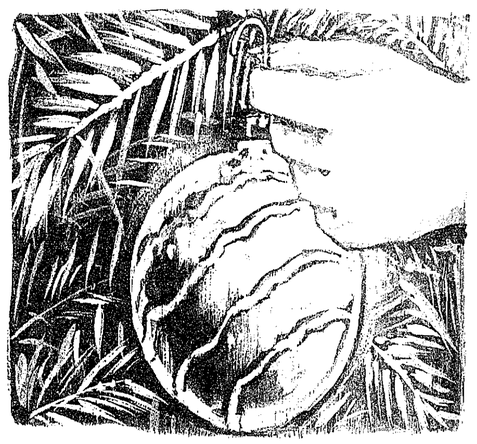

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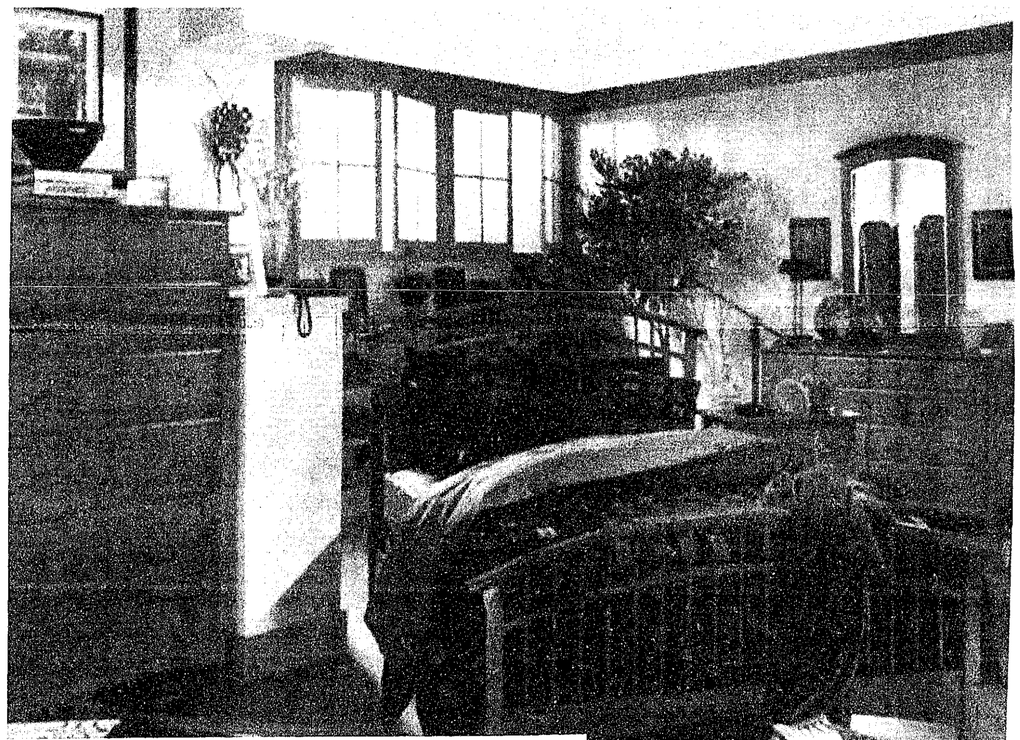

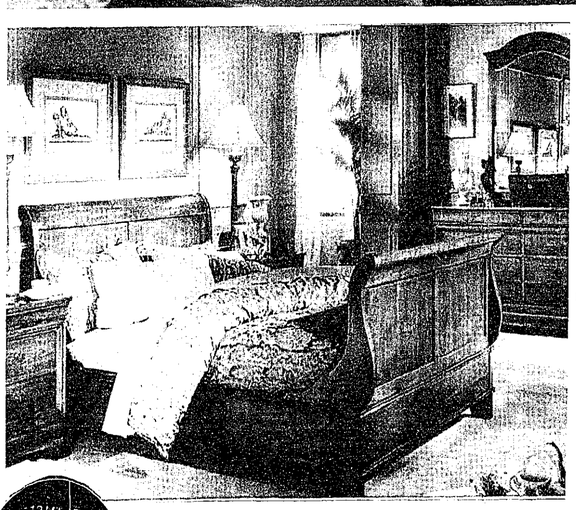

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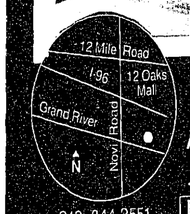


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# New police program fights apartment crimes

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

The Novi police and apartment managers throughout the city are working together to combat apartment crime and turn complexes into communities.

"It's not so much about reaction (to crime)," said Officer Pat Fanning. "We like to emphasize (that) we work with the managers and tenants before crime becomes a problem."

Fanning and Officer Aaron Poyer are promoting the program, modeled after a Mesa, Arizona program. It was first tried in Michigan by the Southfield Police.

Apartments, because of their close quarters and large parking lots, are often the targets of car thefts, vandalism and break-ins, according to Det. Kevin Hebert, Novi's crime prevention officer. Police calls to apartments make up a large percentage of work for the department, he said.

"Anytime you have people living close together you have higher calls for service simply because there's more people living per square foot," Hebert explained.

The officers held their first seminar last month and received a good response, with 20 percent of the apartment complexes being represented.

"I think it's a great thing, number one, for all the apartment communities to come together," said Kim Freeman, manager of Pavilion Court Apartments on Haggerty Road.

"We have had some (problems) and it's really important for me that we try to do everything possible for the residents and keep their lifestyle the best we can make it," she explained.

Freeman was so impressed with the program, she took the information to her company's next meeting.

The program is set up in three phases after which apartment communities are awarded a Gold Certificate and a sign for participation and completion. Cost is minimal, according to Fanning. Participants pay $23 to lease a Crime-Free Multi-Housing Program sign to place on the property.

- In phase one, apartment managers meet with officers, attorneys and other speakers for an eight hour seminar to talk about apartment crime and what the communities can do to limit it.
- Phase two consists of a walk through the apartment community with officers to target various safety measures which need to be implemented or improved. Required items include door peepholes and improvements to bolt strikeplates in front doors. Officers also recommend such improvements like lighting and landscaping changes.
- Phase three is communication with residents. Managers must hold a Safety Social for residents. Information on general safety principles, crime prevention and encouraging looking out for neighbors is a large part of the event. These meetings must be held once a year.

"What we really want to emphasize in this program is it's not just the managers and police ganging up on the tenants and giving them a hard time," Fanning explained. "We need to tell tenants, 'If you have a problem, let management and the police know.'"

The program also gives managers the tools they need to rent to law abiding citizens (including a criminal background check) and the laws they can use to evict residents who aren't following the rules.

"A real big part of the problem is one bad tenant creates problems for the rest of the good tenants around them," Fanning explained. "We want to work with the good tenants and keep the bad tenants out."

**CRIME STATS**

**Novi Police calls for service to apartments from June 1, 1995 to May 31, 1996**

| | |
|---|---|
| Beachwalk | 99 |
| Enclave | 9 |
| Fountain Park | 40 |
| Highline Club | 63 |
| North Hills | 49 |
| Novi Ridge | 126 |
| Pavilion Court | 165 |
| Portsmouth | 147 |
| River Oaks | 53 |
| Saddle Creek | 72 |
| Springs Apartments | 212 |
| Waterview Farms | 172 |
| Westgate VI | 119 |
| Wexford Townhomes | 32 |
| Woodland Glen | 113 |

*Source: Novi Police Dept.*

The program aims to do that in part by creating a "Crime Free Lease Addendum" to apartment leases throughout the city. While tenants cannot be evicted from their apartments if they commit a crime, they can be evicted if they violate their lease agreement, Fanning said.

The addendum is a signed agreement that no crimes will be committed on the property under the terms of the lease.

"It's not required but it's the backbone of the program," explained Fanning. "If management has a bad tenant, with the crime free lease addendum it makes it easier to have them evicted."

Freeman said the addendum will be added to a new lease agreement at Pavilion Court in order to tell prospective residents that "we don't tolerate this type of behavior. Novi is a beautiful community and if you live here you have to live by our standards."

The program is not pressured upon apartment complexes, Fanning said. However, the two officers spent time personally contacting the managers and inviting them to participate.

"It's a volunteer program. If an apartment complex doesn't want to participate, well then, that's fine. But we think it's a good program," Fanning said.

"We think it will minimize problems inherent in apartment complexes," he added.

So far, Waterview Farms, Novi Ridge, Westgate VI, Pavilion Court and Fountain Park apartments have signed up with the project.

Freeman said managers tend to assume residents don't want to be involved because they are simply renting. But she's found that's not necessarily true and is trying to change that attitude.

"We want residents to know we want to do the best we can to provide a safe living environment," she said.

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Officer Pat Fanning and Pavilion Court Apartment manager Kim Freeman are joining forces.

# Shoppers left in dark

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showing was greatly impacted.

Patrons watching movies were escorted out and employees kept everyone calm explained a theater manager. Emergency lights came on and no one was in danger, he added. Everyone received a refund.

"It was something uncontrollable," said Clear. "And that's not the best weekend for that to happen."

"We lost quite a lot of business that Saturday," Sapla said.

Young said the toy store definitely lost a good number of sales that night. "You just want to do phenomenal and we were well on our way," she explained.

Scott Simons with Detroit Edison said the initial problem was caused by a faulty cable and while crews were attempting to fix it ran across problems with a primary switch cabinet nearby as well as a transformer.


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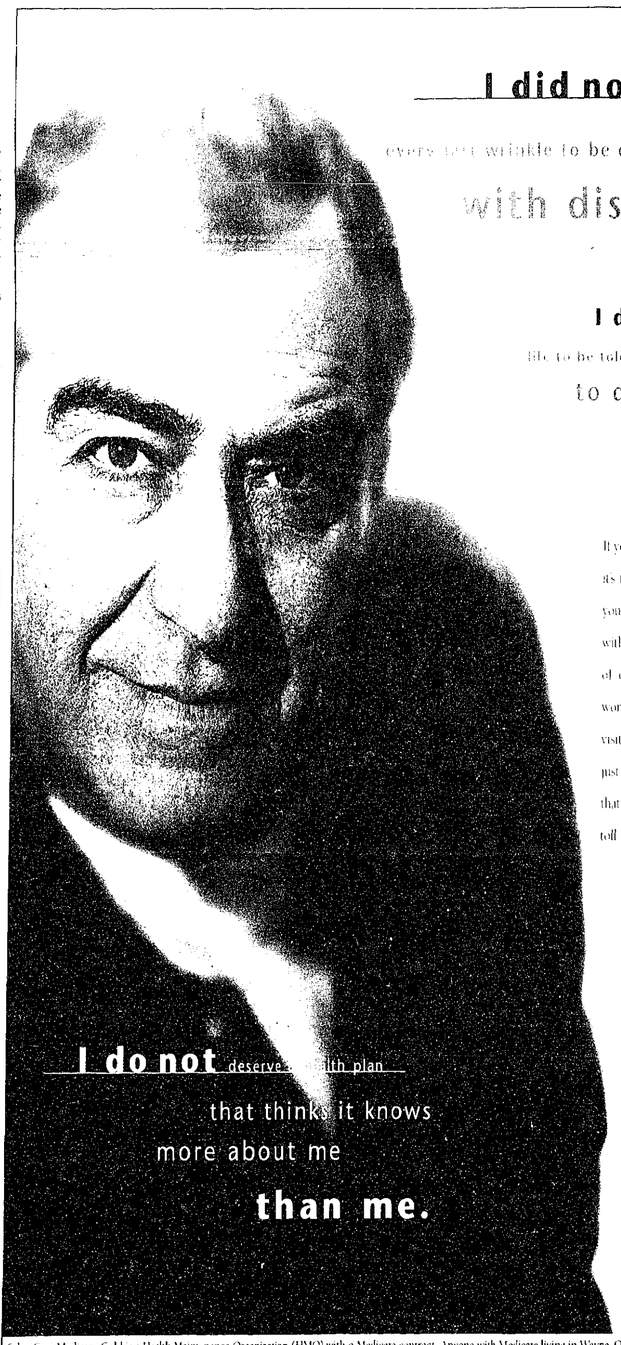

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# Patrons won't go thirsty after hog-happy vittles

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

The folks who own the new Two-Gip One eatery are hoping you'll do just that, two-gip.

Of course, if you don't read backwards English, the word – and the corporate name of Red, Hot & Blue – is "pig-out."

Last week, the company walked away with one of Novi's four remaining liquor licenses.

"I think you've done a fine job of laying out why your establishment has met the case for uniqueness," said Council Member Ed Kramer.

In May, the rhythm and blues theme eatery will open, said Terrance Cordin, the attorney representing the firm.

The menu, with entrees in the $5.95 to $14.95 range, boasts that Red, Hot & Blue serves up the "Best Bar-bique you'll ever have in a building that hasn't already been condemned." Featured are Memphis-style ribs, barbecue beef and pulled pork.

Two weeks ago, Red, Hot & Blue opened its first Midwest location in Sterling Heights. Another's in the works for Southfield.

With room for 160 diners, the local business will be in Main Street Court, fronting on Novi Road. Next door will be the dining and entertainment establishment, Fifth Avenue Billiards.

Red, Hot & Blue has a ten-year lease on 28,439 square feet. The space is going for $6,818 per month and the chain's liquor license application indicates that $760,000 will be invested in the Novi store.

Council Member Robert Schmid questioned if enough parking will be provided, but planners said that is calculated by the total development.

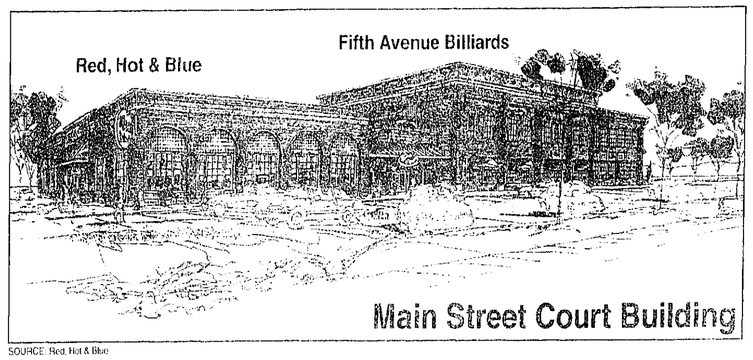
"I know it's based on the gross of Main Street, but that gross grosses up," Schmid said.

Red, Hot & Blue takes its name from a 1950s radio show in Memphis, the first to play the music of Elvis Presley, Roy Orbison and Jerry Lee Lewis.

In 1987, then-congressman Don Sundquist of Tennessee and a TV newsman decided to open a restaurant featuring down home cookin'. Later, 15 investors representing seven Pizza Hut groups bought a 22 percent interest in the company.

The two principal members of company, Robert Caldwell and Larry Arbuckle, have a combined net worth of $40 million, most earned by other restaurant holdings, including 20 Pizza Huts in Michigan.

Plans call for 200 Red, Hot & Blues locations during the next ten years, an $80 million investment.

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An artist's rendition of what the Main Street Court building will look like.


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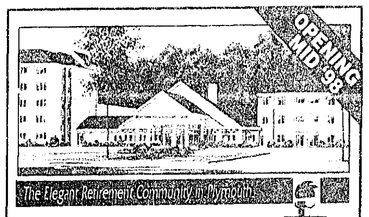


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# Send in picks for holiday contest

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Not just Santa Claus should be keeping an eye out for those who deserve prizes this holiday season.

Residents are encouraged to submit nominations for the City of Novi Homeowners Association's annual Holiday Decorating Contest, which has become a popular local tradition.

Many Novi families go all out for this annual competition, from stringing a gazillion lights across their yard and home to installing animated St. Nicks and spotlighted nativity sets.

This year, each homeowners association will choose the winners from that neighborhood. But the push is also on to recognize dazzling residences that are not in subdivisions, as well as members of the business community.

"The goal is to get as many businesses recognized as possible," CNHA president Ruth Ann Jirasek.

The deadline for submitting nominations is Dec. 19.

Winners will be honored at the Novi Civic Center on Dec. 22 and will take home prizes, like City of Novi tree ornaments.

***If you're not a member of a neighborhood association but would like to nominate a Novi home or business for the Christmas Light Judging Contest, fill out the below form and mail it or drop it off by Dec. 19. There is no limit to the number of nominations that will be accepted:***

Attn: Lou Martin, Novi Public Relations Director
Christmas Holiday Light Judging Contest
Novi Civic Center
45175 W. Ten Mile Road
Novi, MI 48375

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

## *In tune with the season*

**Singing Christmas and holiday favorites, members of the Novi Middle School Select Choir perform Monday evening in the Novi Civic Center during the city's holiday kick-off celebration. The Novi Youth Theatre also gave a quick performance of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" so audience members could get a sneak peek of the Dec. 12, 13, 14 performances.**

# Local performers to show holiday spirit

Plenty of seasonal entertainment is happening in Novi this month, enough to put everybody in good cheer.

This weekend, the Novi Choralires will perform their Christmas concert three times. On Friday, at 7:30 p.m., they'll be at the Farmington United Methodist Church at 33112 Grand River Avenue in downtown Farmington. Saturday, they'll appear at the Faith Community Presbyterian Church, 4440 Ten Mile Road in Novi, also at 7:30 p.m. Finally, on Sunday at 4 p.m., they'll be in town at the Church of the Holy Cross at 24505 Meadowbrook Road.

Tickets for the Choralaires are $5 and are available at the Novi Parks and Recreation desk and at the door. Proceeds will benefit the Novi Homebound Seniors Program and the Novi Youth Assistance.

For a little Dickens, see *A Christmas Carol* as performed by the Novi Theatres at the Novi Civic Center on Friday, Dec. 12 and Saturday, Dec. 13 at 7:30 p.m. Also, Sunday, Dec. 14 at 3 p.m.

Tickets at the door are $8 for adults and $7 for kids and seniors. Purchase at the Novi Civic Center Parks and Recreation Department by Dec. 12 and tickets are discounted by $1.

On Thursday, Dec. 11, the Novi Concert Band will hold its Christmas Concert at the Novi Civic Center at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call Jack Kopnick at 347-0400 and leave a message.

# Police log fingerprint scan grant

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The high-tech process enables the police to electronically fingerprint someone and get back identification and possible criminal information within seconds, Police Chief Douglas Shaeffer explained to the Novi City Council last week.

"No more rolling fingers over a white card," he said.

"The hand is scanned electronically and it transmits it electronically to the state and county."

The council authorized the local ten percent match needed to release the grant money.

Under the current system in Novi, fingerprints are taken, shipped off the the state police for analysis and then sent back to the police station. Cards bearing each set of fingerprints are kept on file at the local police department, as well as at the county and state law enforcement levels. With electronics, a match can be made without leafing through cards.

Computers immediately analyze the prints, which permits the police to identify suspects while they're still in custody.

"It's a much faster and speedier process," Shaeffer said.

The Oakland County Sheriff's Department, as well as the Southfield and Troy police departments already use the technology. By year's end, 11 local departments are expected to be connected to the system.


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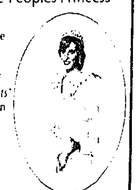

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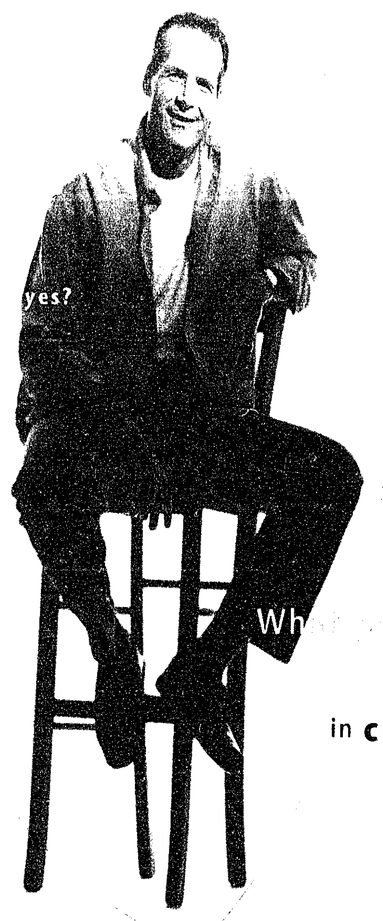

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# Court sends mom to counseling

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**Katherine Herren listens to 52-1 District Court Judge Brian MacKenzie's sentence of two years' probation.**

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said, while standing outside the courthouse. "There was so much reasonable doubt in that trial it wasn't even funny."

James Herren maintained most of what MacKenzie said about his wife was false. "What it amounts to is harassment," he said.

He also said their new lawyer plans to pursue an appeal, a request for a new trial and other court action. If his wife would have testified on her own behalf, things would have been different, he contended. But they had no idea her former lawyer wasn't going to put her on the stand.

Kathi Herren's new attorney, Frank Yiannatji, tried to explain to MacKenzie the mother was doing the best she could.

"Ms. Herren raised this child for the first ten years of her life on her own," Yiannatji said.

But a soured relationship between Kathi Herren and her daughter's father, an alcoholic, upset the young girl who began to take "umbrage" with her mother, he said. Although she tried to help her daughter, the two formed an ongoing "combat."

"This is a mother who attempted to get this child on track," Yiannatji said.

MacKenzie said he didn't feel Kathi Herren was an evil or malicious person.

"I believe that you wish the best for (your daughter) when you are sober and not acting emotionally. I believe that there is genuine love between you and your daughter," MacKenzie explained.

"The court perceives this is an opportunity for you to change a negative lifestyle, which has not only impacted on your children, but upon you," he said.

The case made news last month throughout the state and on national television news programs. It called into question a parent's right to discipline a child.

"The issue was about did she have the right to discipline her child and that's Yes. God gave her that right," said Dan Wilson of Parents for Children, a 120 member group backing Kathi Herren. Several members of the group were on hand sporting buttons in support of the mother.

"They turned it into her personal life and used that against her ... Everyone that comes before Judge MacKenzie is an alcoholic," Wilson said.

Rosemary Davis of Ortonville was in the courtroom for another case, but said something needs to be done to allow proper discipline to take place without the threat of police stepping in.

"The whole system is out of control, the way it allows parents to sue children and children to sue parents. There needs to be limits set," she explained. "You pick your fights. This certainly can't be a consistent way of dealing with behavior."

The case began July 19 when the mother of a friend of the girl called Novi police to report a domestic violence incident. According to the police report, the daughter and her step father had a disagreement earlier in the day and upon returning about 9:30 p.m. from a friend's home, the daughter and both parents got into another argument which allegedly involved swearing and the breaking of a stereo.

Kathi Herren allegedly then began to hit her daughter who was on the floor near the stereo glass. The girl suffered two cuts on her legs, according to the report, and then was struck by Kathi Herren as she lay on her bed crying.

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>
> Judge Brian MacKenzie, 52-1 District Court

The daughter told police she climbed out her window when her parents fell asleep and told a friend about the incident. The friend woke her mother who called police.

According to police who arrived at the residence on Carolina about 2 a.m., the daughter showed signs of swelling around one eye and had a scratch on her head. She also had a significant bruise on her leg.

But Kathi Herren had a different version of the story. She told police she sent the girl to her room for stealing cigarettes and went into the room when she heard her daughter punch the wall. She claims the girl called her names, so she grabbed the girl's pony tail and told her to stop. Her daughter then struck out at her, she told police, so she hit the daughter with significant force.

Police noted Kathi Herren made repeated statements about being fed up with her daughter's disrespect and poor attitude and that she felt justified in striking her daughter.

Police also noted Kathi Herren said she had about 3 to 4 beers throughout the evening and that the officer could smell intoxicants on her breath. Kathi Herren was arrested for domestic violence that morning and taken to the Novi police station.

# Donate toys for needy tots

The Northville/Novi Coalition of the Toys for Tots campaign is hard at work again this year, and is now one of the area's largest community groups.

The Toys for Tots program is sponsored by Rotary Clubs and the U.S. Marine Reserve. Generous individuals are urged to bring a new, unwrapped toy to one of the several drop-off points around the area. The Marines will collect the toys and distribute them to needy families later in the month.

This year, the Toys for Tots program celebrates its 50th anniversary. The organization was founded in 1947 by Major Bill Hendricks, who collected 5,000 toys for distribution around the Los Angeles area. Singer Kenny Rogers is the national spokesperson for Toys for Tots this year.

Last year, the Southern Michigan Toys for Tots chapter ranked fifth in the nation, distributing 250,000 toys to children throughout the region.

In addition to donations, help is needed in several areas. People can become involved by providing a toy collection site or by assisting in the transportation and storage of toys. Especially helpful would be warehouse space of approximately 1,000 square feet or more for one week.

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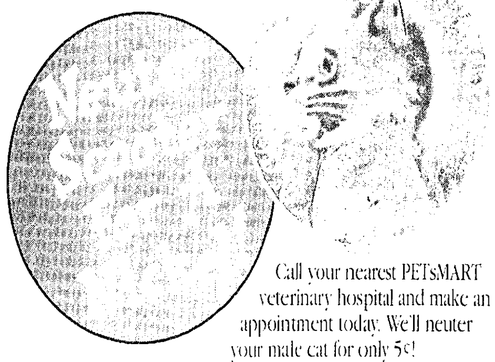

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# Novi may sell Main Street Fire Station #1

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Eleven Mile Road to serve the downtown area and eastern Novi, Krewall said.

"That property has become very valuable," he added.

Main Street developers Evergreen III have already voiced an interest in purchasing the Grand River Avenue property, but others developers have been nibbling at the line, too.

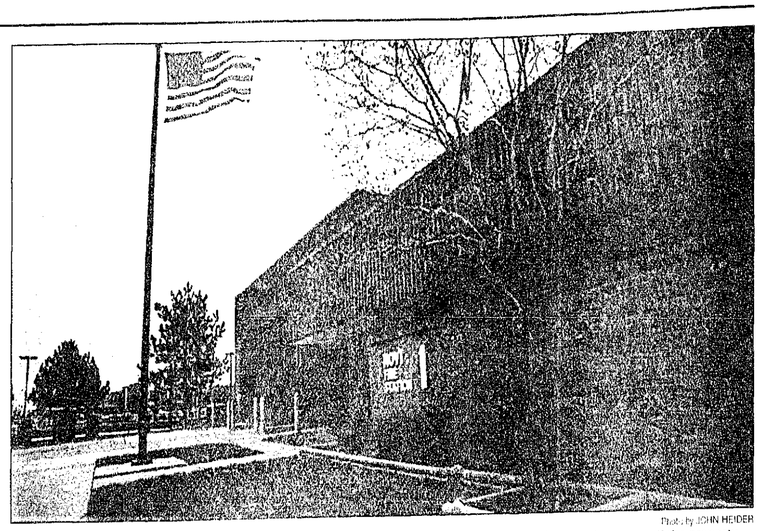
Whoever is the highest bidder for the site, Krewall anticipates that they'll tear down the fire station. But any development will be under the conditions required by the city's town center zoning.

"Most likely they will knock it down and make something more suitable. It just isn't the right architecture," he explained.

Since 1995, a portion of the fire station's land has been held in a 20-year lease by Evergreen III, for use as a parking lot.

Built in 1981, Fire Station Number One is 10,200 square feet on a lot approximately 117 feet by 270 feet.

Not included in the sale will be the furniture, telephone system, diesel generator, kitchen, radio and cable TV equipment, washer and dryer, shelves and anything else the department can carry over to the new site. The building is a week end home base for paid on-call firefighters who sleep over at the station.



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Novi's Fire Station Number One is cramping the style of the new Main Street project, say officials, so they may sell the property.

# Winter brings with it a whole list of unique safety tips

Employing proper safety steps when using auxiliary home heating equipment is probably the most important measure you can take to keep your family secure and warm this winter.

Jerry Basch, AAA Michigan's Community Safety Services manager, says that heat sources such as space heaters and heat tapes plus soot-ladened chimneys are major causes of cold weather home fires.

In 1996 there were 14,639 residential fires across Michigan which resulted in 143 deaths. This represents more than half of the total number of all Michigan fire-related deaths last year.

AAA Michigan alone receives more than 400 homeowner claims each year because of space heater damage.

Basch recommends these steps to help avoid a winter home fire:

• Have your furnace and chimney inspected annually and cleaned and repaired as needed.

• Always follow manufacturer's guidelines when using an alternate heat source such as kerosene, propane or electric heaters. Never leave a space heater unattended and keep it well away from curtains, corners and walls.

• Follow instructions and guide lines for using heat tapes.

• Never use an open flame to thaw frozen pipes. Hairdryers are a good alternative. If concerned about a pipe freezing, open the tap to a steady trickle.

• Never heat a home with a gas oven.

• Use ceiling fans to distribute warm air.

• Install and properly maintain smoke detectors on all living levels. Last year, 45 percent of all Michigan residential fire locations did not have detectors.

• Never overload electrical circuits. Replace cracked or frayed electrical cords.

• Have wood-burning stoves installed by a professional.

• Protect seasonal dwellings by draining water pipes and adding environmentally safe RV antifreeze to drain traps.


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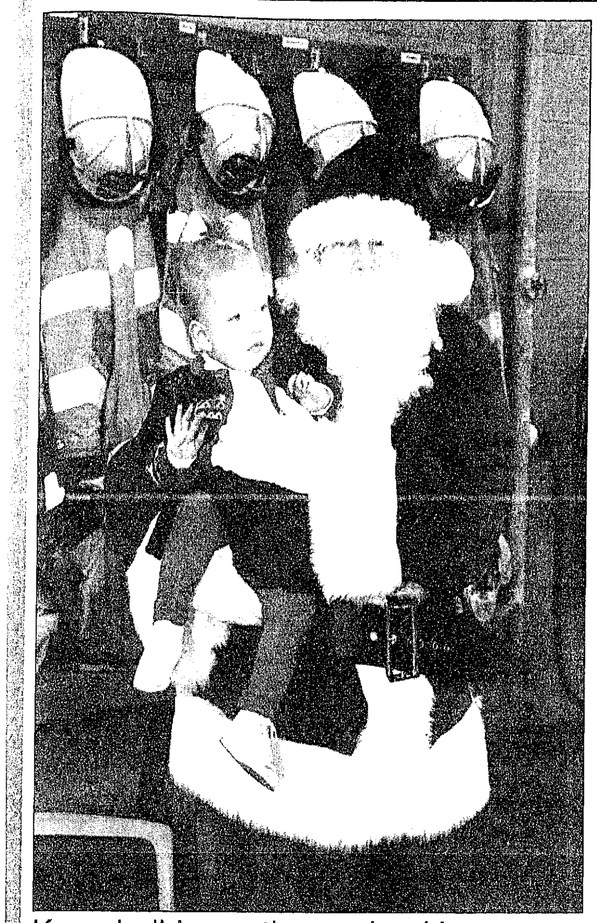

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## Main Street wonderland

At left, fifteen-month old Katie Bartholomew, daughter of Novi City Clerk Tonni Bartholomew, gets a quick visit from Santa Claus during the city's first-ever Holiday Walk last Tuesday night on Main Street. Santa had gifts and hugs for all that stopped by the Novi Fire Department on Grand River after the lighting ceremonies. Above, Tremia Wilkerson gets a treat from the hard-working Mrs. and Mr. Santa Claus during Tuesday night's City of Novi Holiday Walk down Main Street. With Tremia is her grandfather Tony.

# Keep holiday eating on healthy course

The biggest cooking days are descending upon us, so ask yourself the tough questions now before the holidays (and your appetite) reach the point of no return.

Now is the time to choose to eat sensibly during the holidays and all year long. It will include taking time to prepare for eating successfully during this festive time.

Sit and relax for a moment. See yourself selecting a balanced menu of foods that include a variety of healthy meals, along with a few culinary delights. Decide not to ignore the part of you that does not want to gain five to ten holiday pounds. Continue your exercise program and keep eating foods like apples and broccoli. Limit your baking to just a few family favorites and modify recipes by reducing fat and sugar by half. For example, the popular chocolate chip cookie recipe calls for two sticks of margarine or butter, by cutting down to one stick, the cookies puff up a bit more and actually taste better.

Another good idea is to look for recipes that have already been modified. Successful recipe modification is by trial and error; it may require repeating the recipe to get the taste right.

The most holiday common pitfall, weight gain, can be easily avoided by simply deciding to apply healthy eating habits.

*Gale Cox, a registered dietitian, coordinates nutrition programs and conducts one-on-one and group counseling sessions at the Botsford Center for Health Improvement in Novi.*

# Take care with decorations

Whether the festive sparkle comes from inside or outside the house, a check of electric lights before installation can help give homeowners peace of mind during the holiday season.

Claudia Gabay, Detroit Edison's corporate lighting consultant, said safety should be the No. 1 concern when using seasonal lighting.

"With everything going on around the holidays, it's easy to forget to check decorative lights and other trimmings for safety hazards," Gabay said. "After a year in the basement or attic, cords can crack. A few minutes of checking for potential hazards can possibly prevent a fire or worse."

When lights have frayed wires, damaged sockets and cracked or missing insulation, they should be thrown away, Gabay said.

To reduce the possibility of electrical shock or fires, look for Underwriters Laboratory label before stringing lights and setting up other decorations.

Gabay warned that some light sets may be stamped with bogus UL labels and not designed for safe operation. If you're suspicious about a low price on light sets, she said, compare the UL label with another on a name brand set.

Home decorators also should make sure lights are used as they are intended by their manufacturers – either outdoors or indoors. Gabay noted that a touch test also can help expose potential danger.

"If indoor lights are too hot to the touch, I wouldn't use them," she said.

Gabay said the holidays can be safer for everybody by following these tips:

**INDOOR LIGHTING**

• Do not overload electrical circuits.

• Use no more than three sets of standard lights on each extension cord.

• Do not insert new bulbs or change fuses when light sets are plugged in.

• Keep lights away from carpeting, furniture and drapes.

• Turn off decorative lights before you go to bed or leave home.

**OUTDOOR LIGHTING**

• Use only outdoor extension cords with molded plugs and sockets.

• Keep all electrical connections off the ground and hang sockets downward to prevent water from seeping into them.

• Do not run lighting cords through door or window openings where they can be damaged.

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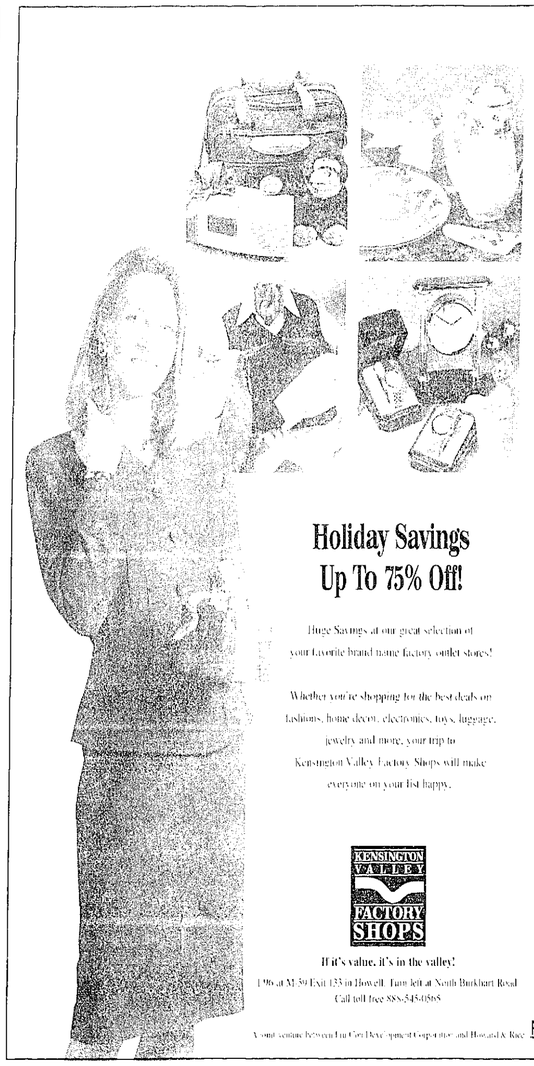

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Orchard Hills Elementary School students Michelle Siden and Alex Malkin get ready to tug on the wishbone of a turkey during their pre-Thanksgiving Day feast in teacher Michael Carter's classroom last Tuesday. Looks like both students' wishes should come true as the wishbone broke evenly down the middle.

Photos by JOHN HEIDER

Orchard Hills Elementary School student Kyle Simone tries a little whipped topping on his nose during teacher Michael Carter's in-classroom pre-Thanksgiving Day feast.

# Students fill Thanksgiving with history and provisions

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

You could follow your nose to Mr. Michael Carter's classroom last week.

Walking through the hallways of Orchard Hills Elementary on Tuesday, Nov. 25, were the scents of pumpkin pie and roasted turkey, all freshly prepared by a group of more than 20 second graders.

Ten loaves of bread, six pumpkin pies, cranberry sauce, yams, mashed potatoes, popcorn balls and a 17 pound turkey were the result of two days of cooking and baking in the classroom and the teacher's lounge.

"I tell them I want them to use all their skills," Carter explained. "It's an integration of everything."

About ten parents joined in the fun cooking, designing placemats, making pilgrim hats and Indian headresses, and sewing a quilt to bring the Mayflower Pilgrims' first Thanksgiving to life.

"It's the first time some of the parents have done this stuff, too," Carter said.

Dad Kevin Baird filled in for his wife at the last minute since he was already on vacation.

"There was a little bit of chauvinism involved," said Baird. "I was the only man here, so I had to carve the turkey."

Trinky Talbot was another parent helper and said even parents who couldn't attend helped to send along supplies.

"Everybody just kind of pitched in," she said. "It was just a lot of fun."

The kids threw themselves into the project.

Dianna Tuttle helped make cranberry sauce. "It was pretty easy. We baked them so they would, like, melt."

Many students said the final product resembled their traditions.

"I go to my grandma's and we play with all of my cousins. We get to sit at the big table but the grown-ups eat in the living room," said Jessica Powell.

At the other end of the school, Darlene Grabowski's first grade class was busy rehearsing for their big Thanksgiving Day production. Parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters were invited to watch the 2 p.m. re-enactment of the Pilgrim's voyage to the new world.

"They've blossomed since we started (rehearsing)," said Grabowski. "They really became actors and actresses."

Dressed in white paper bonnets and construction paper feathers, the students told the story of the 65 days and nights traveled over the sea to land in Plymouth.

Then they illustrated how the Indians and the Pilgrim's became friends. It was a lesson on sharing everyone could learn.

"I think everyone should be thankful they can live on this land and they are free in this country," said Andrew Christ.

Other students were thankful for their families.

"Because they love me and I love them," explained John Dwyer.

"I'm thankful for my dad," said Sophia Juncaj. "He takes me everyday to school."

# Jaycee's look for members

Would you like to become a member of the Jaycees? That's the question members of the Novi Chapter are asking young people between the ages of 21 and 39, both married and single, as they conclude their 1997 membership drive in December.

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Joining the Novi Jaycees includes membership in the Michigan Jaycees, the United States Jaycees, and Junior Chamber International. First year dues are $50, which helps defray the cost of the Novi and U.S. Jaycees newsletters.

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# OCC holds tuition to inflation for 3 years

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Students at Oakland Community College are guaranteed their tuitions won't rise faster than the rate of inflation or 3 percent for the next three school years.

The board of trustees made that promise Nov. 17 on a 5-2 vote. The rate of inflation is defined as the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' consumer price index (CPI), which has been running around 2.7 percent in the mid-1990s.

"I'm uncomfortable with three years," said board vice chair Janice Simmons of Rochester Hills. She cast one of the dissenting votes, along with board chair Judith Wiser.

Wiser, of West Bloomfield, pointed out that with tuition caps, students and their families will be eligible for state income tax credits. The 1995 law allows credits for tuitions paid to public universities and colleges that hold their tuition hikes below the CPI rate of increase.

Trustee Jeanne Towar of Royal Oak won an amendment providing that tuition rates will be hiked only "if sufficient revenue is not generated by other means." OCC gets about 22 percent of its revenue from tuition, 20 percent from state aid and nearly 60 percent from property taxes.

Currently, resident students pay $46 per credit hour. Assuming a CPI increase below 3 percent, they would pay $47.40 in fall of 1998, $48.40 in fall of 1999, and $50.30 in fall of 2000.

Michigan non-OCC residents pay $78 and would see their rates go to $80.30, $82.70 and $85.20 over the next three years.

The tuition hikes, if enacted, would produce about $500,000 of new revenue per year for budgets that will rise from a current $102 million to $112 million in 1999-2000.

OCC last raised its tuition in fall of 1994 and has kept rates flat since then. Voters in mid-1995 nearly doubled the property tax rate for seven years, helping keep tuitions down and pumping in $35 million a year for renovations and equipment.

Arguing for some tuition increase, trustee Sandra Ritter of Waterford said, "If we renew the millage, we have to show taxpayers that students are paying their share."

"The college has been able to hold down tuition rates by a combination of factors," said Chancellor Richard T. Thompson, "including careful ongoing review of staffing needs, prudent use of revenue from the 1995 millage, and cost-saving measures."

One measure, vocally opposed by employee unions, has been not to fill 60 job vacancies. Thompson also pointed to $300,000 worth of payroll reductions by attrition. His goal is to hold payroll at 80 percent of the "charter millage," the 0.82 mill property tax approved by voters when OCC was founded in 1964.

Without cost-cutting, OCC's budget, like those of most colleges and universities, would outstrip revenues every year. Reason: Colleges deal with a "higher education price index" (HEPI), which exceeds the CPI because colleges buy a different market-basket of goods compared to families.

Since 1994, the CPI has risen 11.79 percent while the HEPI has risen 12.58 percent, Thompson said.

Charles Neumann, math instructor who heads the OCC Faculty Association, said the union can support either a one-year or three-year cap on tuition. He added that OCCFA is providing 50 student scholarships currently and will add another this year.

On the other hand, Teamsters Local 214 representative Mike Khirallah, a clean on the Royal Oak Campus, complained that members are frustrated at not being able to reach a contract agreement nearly two years after winning a certification election.

And Rose Couture, representing classified employees in AFSCME Local 2042, said it would file class-action grievances against the college. Cases involve subcontracting bargaining unit work, transfers and job postings.

Literally, the OCC board resolution promised to cut tuitions 97 percent. It promised "tuition rates" would not exceed the CPI or 3 percent. "Everyone knows what we meant," said Ed Callaghan, vice chancellor for human resources and communications. The resolution meant tuition increases would be held to the CPI or 3 percent.

# *Term limits may have adverse impact on state colleges*

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

It's not unanimous, but the majority view is that Michigan's public universities will be hurt when legislative term limits take effect in 1999.

"You'll see some absolutely goofy appropriations bills in the next few years," predicted Sen. John H.H. Schwarz, R-Battle Creek, who chairs the Senate's Appropriations subcommittee on higher education.

Reason: While many new legislators know local government, farming or natural resources, few bring a background in Michigan's 15 public universities and 28 community colleges. Higher ed takes time to learn; state representatives now are limited to six years and senators to eight, under a constitutional amendment approved by voters in 1992.

"State universities have been fortunate that higher ed appropriations subcommittees have been supportive of them," Schwarz told a meeting of the Michigan Association of Governing Boards of State Universities (MAGB) in East Lansing Nov. 19.

"But the money is falling off (as a percentage of the state general fund). The trend will continue. Tuition and fees will make up the difference. If I could, I would flatten that (downward) curve," Schwarz said.

Some 65 of the 110 state representatives will be unable to run again in 1998. For senators, the turnover will come in 2002.

Schwarz predicted these effects:

• Legislative committees will be "trivialized and marginalized ... If you have a governor who knows as much as (John) Engler, it's going to be curtains; the Legislature will be like a complacent Trilby to his Svengali" (submissive and dominant characters in an 1894 British novel).

• "Lobbyists will be empowered far more, though I do not know any lobbyists that like this."

• "Legislative staffs will have an inordinate amount of power."

• Bureaucrats will have "extraordinary, arbitrary power."

Disagreeing was Ferris State University President William Sederburg, a former three-term Republican state senator, one-time State Board of Education member and pollster.

"The governor will be more significant in setting the agenda," said Sederburg..

"Lawmakers are good at responding intuitively to public mood swings but not at long-range policy setting.

"The percentage of the state budget going to higher ed has shrunk steadily, but there's no proof term limits will affect higher ed. I think it depends on executive leadership – on who sets the agenda."

Agreeing with Sederburg from the audience was Carl Pursell, an Eastern Michigan University regent who represented western Wayne County in both the state Senate and U.S. House.

"The Presidents Council (the 15 state university presidents) has an opportunity to develop an equitable (funding) formula," said the Plymouth Republican. "Rather than debating term limits and spinning our wheels, we should take the opportunity to do a professional effort."

"Carl Pursell is right," added Craig Ruff, panel moderator, president of Public Sector Consultants and once a top aide to Gov. Bill Milliken (1969-82). "We should expand the pie (chunk of appropriations going to colleges) rather than fight over carving it up."

Sen. Alma Wheeler Smith, D-Salem, joined Schwarz in deploring the effect of term limits – "a terrible thing. It will be a shift of power to the executive and lobbyists rely on that flow of information."

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## As We See It

# Police, apartments on right safety track

Novi police have a truly bright idea here, one worth pursuing. It is called the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program and every apartment complex in the city should be a part of this.

Of course, it involves the participation of the police department, apartment complex managers and the residents. It begins with safety meetings and a walk-through by the police to identify safety hazards, such as a row of bushes that muggers and rapists can easily hide behind.

It includes a Safety Social for residents, where they can get information on crime prevention techniques. This is a key aspect of the program, and it is one of the brightest innovations about it.

Finally, it includes the "Crime Free Lease Addendum," which states that if a tenant commits a crime on the property, he or she can be evicted. As things stand in Michigan law, apartment managers cannot evict if a tenant breaks the law, but they can evict if the tenant breaks the lease. Officers Patrick Fanning and Aaron Poyer are working through the program to inform apartment managers how they can protect their law-abiding tenants from those few who commit crimes by adding this provision to their lease agreements.

This aspect needs to be implemented with great care. But the Crime Free Lease Addendum should prove to be a very useful tool for both apartment managers and Novi law enforcement.

By making it a violation of the lease to violate the law, Novi police are giving apartment managers the techniques they need to take care of matters when they find they have inadvertently rented to a troublemaker.

Perhaps the best example is drug sales. Despite their best of efforts, apartment managers can find they have a drug dealer in their midst. And it makes life miserable for all the rest of the residents. If fact, it can chase out the law-abiding residents and cause a complex to deteriorate overall.

Managers from the inner city can tell you that police action by itself doesn't solve the problem. Police can arrest one dealer, and others living the apartment can take over the sales operation in the drug house. Or dealers can get out on bail and take up where they left off.

With the crime free provision in the lease, the manager can simply move them out.

Another good example is a sex offender. Again, managers don't rent to these guys intentionally, but when there is a peeping Tom in the neighborhood, it leaves all the rest of the residents uncomfortable, scared and in danger.

The lease provision allows managers to move 'em on out.

We mentioned our concern. Care is needed in the writing of such a provision and in its implementation. It wouldn't be fair if the lease provision allowed one tenant to get rid of another by making spurious accusations. Neighborhood disputes could turn into evictions if one tenant had the idea they could get rid of the other by accusing them of some crime.

So while the beauty of the provision is that it allows the apartment manager to take action without having to wait for the courts to send the lawbreaker off to Jackson, it could also create some injustice if one tenant tries to smear another.

Thus, we urge caution. But the lease provision should prove overall to be a very useful tool.

A second bright idea in the program is the Safety Social. The police are forever giving educational seminars on crime prevention, and that's good. They should. But the idea of a Safety Social goes a step further. Residents can get that crime prevention information, but they also get to meet their neighbors.

In apartment complexes, that is one the major points of vulnerability. Residents often don't know their neighbors. It then becomes a little hard for them to look out for each other. Once they meet and get to know neighbors, they can.

Only then will they realize that, for instance, their neighbor wasn't expected to move out week, so why are those guys carrying furniture from his apartment into that truck. Only then will they call police.

The program holds a lot of promise for the city. We'd like to congratulate the Novi police department on its bright idea and encourage apartment mangers throughout the city to participate in this program.

# Election's over, city eyes golf course again

Gee, what's going on here? This month, Novi City Council is expected to view a proposal from McKay Golf and Country Club of Lansing to conduct a study of the feasibility of constructing a golf course in the North Novi Park.

A golf course? You remember that idea don't you? You were supposed to have forgotten about it by now.

In January 1997, council decided to put out a request for proposals from consultants for the job. We are now learning that McKay's is the only response and council will be looking at the proposal shortly.

In the past ten months, nary a peep has been heard from council about this proposal. Why is that? Could it be that there was an election coming?

Nettlesome little things elections. Issues tend to be debated during them. Candidates express opinions and take positions. Worse yet, voters sometimes cast their ballots based on what those candidates say their positions are on those issues. Elections can really screw up a lot of good plans.

Maybe that is why the city has made its best effort to pretend the golf course plan disappeared. No public admission of any action on the golf course proposal was made during the intervening months. Council members and city officials contended plans had been put off for the time being.

Mayor Kathleen McLallen went so far as to say that plans for the construction of a golf course in the north end had been put off for five years.

Five years? Damn short live years.

The question is whether she's to blame for this coming back so fast. Heck no. It was someone else who brought it up this time. If they didn't move these things around a bit, someone might ... well ... be held, accountable. Couldn't have that now could we.

Indeed, the election polls have barely cooled off and this proposal is back on the front burner. It is certainly accurate to say that not all the ballots from the election have yet been counted and this proposal is back.

The city could be less blatant about it. The mayor, council and the city administration could at least act like they have enough respect for the voting public to assume it has a memory beyond that of the common amoeba.

They could pretend they give a rat's tail about whether the public wants this facility or not. They could ask for public input, whether there is an election going on or not, instead of avoiding it at every possible turn.

No, it looks like what city officials learned from the rejection of the community pool proposal is that they better not ask the public what it wants, because it might not give them the answer they want.

Might as well start shining your clubs, bags and shoes. A golf course is coming to a nature park near you.

# Meeting of minds is start

Michael Malott

A few random dispatches :

**FLAG FIGHT**

It was good to see that veterans and members of the Novi City Council are beginning to reach an understanding.

Vets showed up at the Novi Ordinance Review Committee meeting last week to discuss the city's restrictions on flag flying, contained in the city's sign ordinance. The result was that both vets and council members seemed to understand each other's points of view.

Vets, who fought for the country, hold the flag in special regard. So it is understandable that they don't want to see restrictions on the flying of American flags. Yet they do see that some businesses exploit the flag for commercial purposes. AMVET Duane Bell acknowledged that in the meeting.

Council members likewise acknowledged that the American flag should be honored and flown.Now, that still doesn't resolve the issue entirely. For instance, there is the huge flag flown by the car wash on Novi Road in the town center area.

Council member Robert Schmid saw that as a misuse of the flag. Bell on the other hand said: "At night when this thing is closed down and all you've got is the light shining on that, it's really something to look at."

Those are differences in interpretation, but at least they have the beginnings of a meeting of the minds. And that's a place to start.

**BAD BABYSITTING**

Did you realize that it is illegal to leave your kids with a neighbor. You can let a relative care for them. Or you can leave them with a licensed daycare operator. But putting your child temporarily into the hands of a friends or neighbor, regardless of how much you know or trust them, is against the law.

It was outlawed in the Child Care Act of 1973, which was set up to license and regulate daycare operations.

People do it all the time of course. It's called babysitting. It's been a standard practice for parents since I can remember. In fact, some local schools offer their students instruction in babysitting.

Now, I have never seen anyone charged or cited for a violation of this law. And I doubt many cops or day care inspectors even realize that is the law. Probably, they would use their discretion and not enforce it if they came across a typical babysitting arrangement.

State Rep. Dan Gustafson, R-Williamston, is trying to fix the problem by sponsoring House Bill 5208 that exempts from the regulations what you would normally think of a babysitting.

Nonetheless, this is typical of the occasional overreach of regulations adopted by government. You can almost imagine how the law got to be that way. Trying to bring the daycares under regulation, lawmakers probably were seeking to close possible loopholes.

But that is part of the danger of overreaching regulation - you put normal people doing normal things in the position of being lawbreakers.

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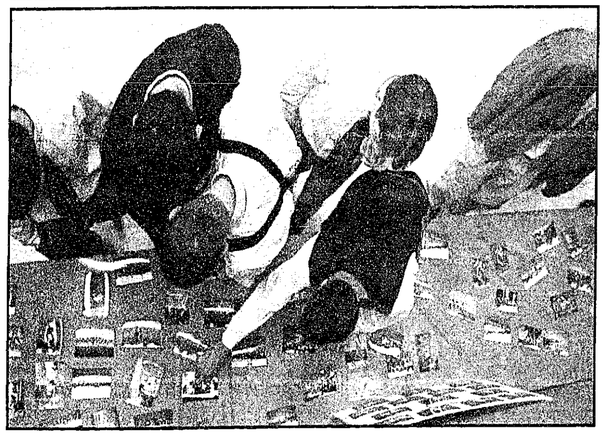
## In Focus

**By John Heider**



**Bird's eye view** Members of the Northville Highwarsity soccer team check out photos during the end-of-the-season awards and recognition banquet.

# The gifts that keep on giving

Jan Jeffres

I'm the kind of person lots of people hate, because they're jealous.

No, I'm not a natural blonde. It's just that I usually have my Christmas shopping done well before Halloween. The giving of presents is a strange and wonderful custom. To make it count, you've got to get out there and do the footwork.

Only wimps resort to gift certificates.

But early's not necessary better.

The Friday after Thanksgiving, I trolled through the shops in downtown Northville and Novi Town Center to eavesdrop on people. They're supposed to be out Christmas shopping then. I wanted to find out what what the everyone was doing and why.

I was hoping to be brought back to the mainstream, because although I purchase sooner, I come back with the kind of stuff most likely to go straight to the dust-bin.

Unfortunately, no one was talking. I just heard one conversation that even touched on the topic.

Young mother: What do we buy grandma?

Preschool daughter: I want a diamond.

Dad: Your husband will buy you that.

Then I started asking people, what are the worst gifts you've ever given? The idea was I'd find out what not to do.

I know what my own personal worst was. I call it "The Big Stinky."

I was looking in an ethnic art gallery for something exotic for my mother and saw - in a glass case - an old wooden milk jug, formerly belonging to a member of the Turkana tribe in Kenya. In the case, it looked rustically attractive, a real conversation piece.

Then, I got this prize home. The jug had been used to store unrefrigerated, unpasteurized milk in Africa for how many years? The thing reeked. I sprayed it with Lysol. That had no impact. For a month before Christmas, I hid it in a box full of cedar chips, room deodorizers and more shots of Lysol.

On Christmas day, it still had a rancid aroma. This little treasure spent a few more months back in the box before my mother could actually put it in her living room.

But nobody else had any stories about the crummiest gifts they've ever foisted on the unwary, maybe because their friends and relatives are too polite to tell them when their selections are out there in tacky-land.

Next, I asked people about the worst gifts they've ever received.

Now, that's a conversation starter. Apparently, it's better to give dubious goods than receive them. Underwear. Socks. Flashlight. Hot chocolate mix. A hair brush.

Kathy Kimble, who works at the Art Source in downtown Northville, is the only person I've ever met who actually got lumps of coal in her stocking. Don't imagine Santa Claus did this to her, it was her dad, who loved practical jokes. Also when she was a kid, he served her rocks with gravy for Thanksgiving.

"I think we were just kind of awestruck and never said anything," she explained.

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# Time to rethink college board selection

Phil Power

For decades, political insiders have been shaking their heads in wonder at Michigan's odd and virtually unique system of selecting members of major education boards. By state constitutional mandate, candidates for the State Board of Education and for the boards of the Big Three universities - University of Michigan, Michigan State and Wayne State - are nominated at party state conventions and elected statewide on the partisan ballot in November.

The usual result is that those so selected are virtually unknown and largely ignored by a news media preoccupied with other, sexier races. In turn, this lends a certain random quality to the outcome of elections, with winners generally riding on the coattails of Democratic or Republican candidates for governor or president.

That's too bad, because these boards, although largely unknown, have a considerable impact on Michigan public policy and shouldn't be selected merely on somebody else's coattails. The State Board of Education, for instance, oversees the contentious charter school experiment, while the U-M Board of Regents is at the center of the far-reaching lawsuit challenging the university's practice of using affirmative action in admissions decisions in order to achieve a diverse student body.

For years, however, this system has worked pretty well in practice. The key to making the process work has been sensible and far-sighted board members who, well in advance of their party's conventions, have recruited able candidates and worked to wire the conventions by selling their candidates to the party leaders and interest groups.

Sometimes the system doesn't work. Absent good early candidates and a prewired convention, the urge to play ticket balancing or interest group politics becomes uncontrollable. I remember sitting in on the Democratic Party's "Midnight Caucus" some years ago when people started talking seriously about how important it was to find a female Pole from the Upper Peninsula to run for the MSU board.

In recent years, the Republican Party has experienced considerable trouble with educational nominations, in large part because the political litmus test required of all candidates by Right to Life, the predominant interest group in the GOP, is an unquestioned anti-abortion position.

Two years ago, for instance, Judy Frey, an experienced civic worker from Grand Rapids, was recruited by Gov. John Engler to run for the U-M board. Engler even gave her nominating speech. But Frey lost the nomination to Mike Bishop, an unknown lawyer from Rochester Hills whose main claim to fame was serving as president of his fraternity while an undergraduate at U-M.

The issue was abortion. Frey was pro-choice; Bishop, whose late entry into the race was orchestrated by Right to Life and the religious right, was pro-life.

Sen. John Schwarz, the leading legislative authority on higher education, is angry about it. "Judy Frey was treated shabbily, shamefully, by my party," Schwarz says, arguing that it is "not only wrong but absolutely wrong" to choose university trustees solely on the bases of their ideology on abortion or the services they have rendered to powerful party interest groups.

And Schwarz, who chairs the Senate Appropriations subcommittee on higher education, wants to do something about it. It's tough, he admits, to change the Michigan Constitution, which specifies that university boards shall be elected statewide.

But at a recent meeting of the Michigan Association of Governing Boards of State Universities, Schwarz proposed a legislative statute specifying primaries rather than conventions as the means of nominating candidates for state university posts. Legislation to that end could be passed to take immediate effect without going through all the trouble of amending the Michigan Constitution.

Schwarz's idea received a mixed reception. Carl Pursell, a veteran Republican legislator and now serving as (an appointed, by the governor) regent of Eastern Michigan University, predicted "his bill won't fly."

But Sen. Schwarz has performed an important public service by bringing into sharp focus an important aspect of the soft underbelly of Michigan politics. His ideas deserve a fair and robust hearing.

*Phil Power, a member of the University of Michigan Board of Regents, is chairman of HomeTown Communications Network, Inc., the company that owns this newspaper. He welcomes your comments, either by voice mail at (313) 953-2047, ext. 1880, or by e-mail at ppower@oceonline.com.*

# Novi residents answer call for help

## Letters

To the Editor:

On Nov. 13, you published a letter I'd written concerning a Novi firefighter and his family whose house had burnt due to an electrical fire. I would like to personally thank all of the wonderful people who responded in their time of need.

As of Nov. 20, we had received over two dozen donations of everything from toys to clothes to furnishings. You name it and it was donated. And people are still calling with their support, best wishes and offers. I believe at this time we have collected enough goods to supply them for quite a while.

The responses were overwhelming. I was touched to see that so many people in this city and surrounding areas care about their fellow man.

I hope that if someone else is ever in need, we will be able to help him or her as much as all of you helped our friends. You all deserve a huge pat on the back and a "job well done" for your efforts and should be very proud of yourselves. Have a wonderful holiday.

Any and all items that couldn't be used have or will be donated back to charity for another needy family to receive.

Alan and Denise Hulsland

## Residents merit tax refund

To the Editor:

Recently, *The Novi News* has had a number of articles that should have been placed side by side - or at least on the same page.

November ballot issue on sidewalks asked Novi taxpayers to pay $4.5 million in future taxes; Novi officials gave $4 million for the Beck and I-96 interchange - an MDOT expressway exit and entrance.

For 17 years, Novi taxpayers paid for special education and other state-mandated services; Novi community school system is getting a reimbursement check for $1.7 million [Northville, $3.77 million], plus they will be paying 3.54 percent less into the Employees Pension Fund.

Novi taxpayers voted no in June on a $5.5 million school property improvement bond; Novi taxpayers may be again asked for the $5.5 million (more or less).

When is the humble Novi taxpayer going to be factored into these financial "Shell games?" When is the Novi taxpayer going to get a reimbursement check? When is the Novi taxpayer going to get a tax reduction? Probably about the same time this Novi taxpayer finds an extra $4 million in their dresser drawer.

Joseph G. Toth

## Golf course wrong for park

To the Editor:

I saw in the Nov. 27 *The Novi News* that only one firm responded to the city's request for a feasibility study for a golf course at the former Novi Tree Farm. I find this odd when the necessary research has already been done. A thorough study would evaluate public opinion, environmental impact as well as the financial aspect.

Public Opinion: Responses to public hearing, 90 percent opposed; those addressing council, 90 percent opposed; results of for and against petitions, 90 percent opposed; results of *The Novi News* city-wide survey, 90 percent opposed; letters to the editor, 90 percent opposed.

The figures are actually higher but I would verify if I were doing the feasibility study. Represented in the 90 percent opposition are taxpayers who after defeating several Parks and Recreation bond issues supported one that they thought would provide open spaces; not a golf course.

Currently, we bus our children to Proud Lake to experience nature.

Not enough can be said regarding the environmental impact of the proposed golf course. One of the most telling statistics came from the consultant who formulated the golf course plan.

The consultant was asked if there would be ten acres of buildable land left after the plan was in place. The answer was, "No, we're using almost all of it." How can this be with hundreds of acres? This becomes clear if you compare the map of the golf course with the map of the North Novi Detention Basin. Hundreds of acres will be under water much of the year.

No, a golf course will not improve this environment, even if you clear the land using green bulldozers.

A recent feature story in the *Detroit News* Sunday magazine outlines how golf courses are destroying the environment. How many tons of fertilizer, herbicide and pesticide can you expect to spread before the wetlands are destroyed.

As Novi's wildlife habitat master plan outlines, the Novi Tree Farm is one of only two rare reserve areas for wildlife in the city. The area currently functions as an ecosystem. If the highlands are cleared and the lowlands are tainted with chemicals the ecosystem will be destroyed.

Then there's the all important financial aspect. The Parks and Recreation Commission cited that they would expect $160,000 left after expenses. However, this is before retirement of the debt. The projected cost of the project is $6,235,000.

This means at 5 percent the interest for the first year would be approximately $311,750 for a first year loss of $151,750 with no debt and retirement.

Wouldn't it be cheaper to just negotiate low cost greens fees for seniors and other golf course supporters from one of the 30 existing golf courses within minutes of the city.

Of course, the loss doesn't take into account the cost of improvements such as the roads, utilities, parking or other "miscellaneous" costs.

But I guess the city could just subsidize the project with road funds as was done with the ice arena.

Clearly, public opinion is against the plan.

Clearly, the plan will harm the environment.

Clearly, the course would likely not support itself.

The new council should remove the golf course from the Parks and Recreation master plan.

Mark Adams

# School law is tougher than state's

Tim Richard

"No B-B gun, Ralphey. You'll shoot your eye out!" In the seasonal classic movie, *A Christmas Story*, young Ralph is told by his teacher, his mother and even a male Santa Claus he can't have a Red Ryder B-B gun.

Here is a true story that is a little more chilling, stemming from a March 1996 incident at Davis Middle School in Hillsdale. Jim Meyer and Chris Crall, students at Davis, brought a B-B gun onto school property. Another student told administrators, who called the cops.

The state Court of Appeals record doesn't indicate whether they fired at anything or anyone. Nor does it indicate whether Jim and Chris had been problem kids where this incident could be called "the last straw." "After an investigation and a disciplinary hearing," said the court, the boys were expelled.

Their parents and guardians sued. A trial judge issued an injunction prohibiting Hillsdale School District from enforcing the expulsion. The school district appealed and, last month, won in the Court of Appeals.

There are some intriguing points.

First, the school policy. It prohibits "dangerous weapons" in school buildings, buses and grounds within 1,000 feet of a building. Dangerous weapon includes a firearm. "For purposes of application and enforcement of this policy, a B-B gun is considered to be a firearm," says the policy.

Whoa, said the parents and trial court. The school policy is lifted mainly from state law, but the law doesn't include a B-B gun on the weapons list. Hillsdale School District added the B-B gun sentence itself.

The appeals court upheld the school. "School boards enjoy broad discretion in fashioning rules ... Indeed such power is basic to the operation of schools ... Thus, it is beyond question that defendant had the authority to prohibit B-B guns on school property ..."

So the rule seems to be that a school district, a creature of the state, may fashion a local rule more restrictive than state law.

Second, the punishment. The policy says the board "shall permanently expel a pupil from attending a school in the School District ... if the pupil possesses a weapon in a weapon-free school zone. Such expulsion is mandatory."

Here, I think, we run into trouble. It's the same kind of trouble we as a state have run into with the Legislature's incessant cry for "tough new laws" and mandatory life sentences without parole.

A kid who violates the policy is booted not just from Davis Middle School but any school in the district. Permanently. He can't transfer to another building. As a practical matter, his parents must pay for a private school, make travel arrangements for him to go to another district, or move out of town.

Now, suppose an adult had brought a B-B gun onto school property. He would not be violating MCL 380.1311, the law on which the school policy is based. Maybe the local cops could nail him under the disorderly conduct ordinance; the judge would have some discretion in punishing him.

The points are 1) the punishment against the kid is harsher and 2) the kids' judges have no discretion.

Something is amiss. I seem to recall a U.S. Supreme Court appeal, In Re Gault, in which a minor was punished more severely than an adult for the same transgression.

B-B guns can be dangerous. I would fault the makers of *A Christmas Story* for failing to have Ralphey's dad, played by Darrin McGavin, show the kid how to make a backdrop with a stack of newspapers or straw so his shots wouldn't ricochet.

The movie dad lets Ralphey into the yard with no instruction whatsoever. Ralphey fires at a metal target, and he does get hurt.

Meanwhile, it would behoove local school districts not to copy Hillsdale's mandatory permanent expulsion policy. Someone may take a case beyond the Court of Appeals - and win.

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**STATE OF MICHIGAN**
**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT**
**FOR THE COUNTY OF OAKLAND**

CASE NO. 97-000863-CH
HON. FRANCIS X. O'BRIEN

GEORGIANNA S. TEUDLE, Plaintiff
v
SHELLEY HACKNEY, et al, Defendants
SOFIROFF & ABRAMCZYK, PC
By: Keith A. Sofiroff (P42364)
Attorneys for Plaintiff
28400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 444,
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(248) 642-6030

**EX-PARTE ORDER UNDER MCR 2.105(I) PERMITTING SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION UNDER MCR 2.106 AND ORDERING DEFENDANTS TO ANSWER**

At a session of said Court, held in the Courthouse, Oakland County, Michigan, on: November 7, 1997

PRESENT: HON. Robert L. Templin, Visiting Circuit Court Judge

Plaintiff having filed its Complaint and Motion under MCR 2.105(I) for an Order Permitting Service of Process by Publication under MCR 2.106 and for an Order to Answer, and the Court otherwise being fully advised in the premises;

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED**, that Defendants Estate of Herminio Rodriguez, Jr., Estate of Marie L. Rodriguez, all unknown, unascertained, undetermined, unborn heirs, devisees, legatees and assigns of Herminio Rodriguez, Jr. and Estate of Marie L. Rodriguez, including those who are legally incompetent to act on their own behalf shall answer or take such other action as may be permitted by law at the offices of the Clerk of this Court at the Courthouse, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Dept. 404, Pontiac, Michigan 48341-0404 on or before twenty-eight (28) days after the last date of publication. Failure to comply with this Order shall result in a Judgment by Default against said Defendants, which shall convey title to the Plaintiff of the following described real estate situated in the City of Royal Oak, County of Oakland, and State of Michigan, to-wit:

Lots 313, 314, and 315, including the adjoining one-half of the vacated alley at the rear thereof, J. A. BERRIDGE SUPER SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 34, Page 27 of Plats, Oakland County Records, Tax Roll Number: 25-14-327-018.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED**, that service of process of this Order and Summons and Complaint hereto/ore filed, may be made upon said Defendants by publication of a copy of this Order once each week for three consecutive weeks in a newspaper in circulation in Oakland County, Michigan, and by sending a copy of this Order to said Defendants at 35395 Pound Road, Richmond, MI 48062, and to Shelley Hackney, n/k/a Shelley Rodriguez, at Macomb Community College, 14500 East 12 Mile Road, Warren, Michigan 48093-3896 by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, before the date of the last publication.

ROBERT L. TEMPLIN,
HON. VISITING CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

(11-27-97 NN 809656)

**CITY OF NOVI**
**NOTICE OF ADOPTION**
**ORDINANCE NO. 97-153.03**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 97-153-02 OF THE CITY OF NOVI TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF AN INCREASED TOTAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE FILING OF AMENDMENTS WITH THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY; TO PROVIDE FOR A REFUNDING ESCROW FUND AND MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO; TO PROVIDE FOR INSURANCE ON THE BONDS; TO PROVIDE AN ADEQUATE RESERVE FUND FOR THE BONDS; AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE REFUNDING BONDS AND THE SYSTEM.

THE CITY OF NOVI ORDAINS:

Section 1. Amendments to Ordinance 97-153-02. The City enacted Ordinance No. 97-153-02 on October 6, 1997 for the purpose of authorizing the issuance of Water Supply and Sewage Disposal System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 1997 (the "Refunding Bonds"). Except as specifically amended by this Ordinance, Ordinance 97-153-02 shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 2. Definitions. The following definitions shall hereby be amended:

(i) "Refunded Bonds" means a portion of the Outstanding Bonds as shall be finally identified in the Sales Resolution referred to herein, but preliminary refers to those Outstanding Bonds maturing in the years 2000 to 2012, inclusive, aggregating the principal amount of Five Million Dollars ($5,000,000).

(k) "Sales Resolution" means this amending Ordinance adopted by the Issuer respecting the amendment of Ordinance 97-153-02 and the sale of the Refunding Bonds.

Section 3. Bond Details. The Bonds hereby authorized shall be designated WATER SUPPLY AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 1997, shall be payable solely and only out of the Net Revenues, as set forth more fully herein, in an aggregate principal amount of $5,225,000, consisting of bonds of the denomination of $5,000, or integral multiples of $5,000 not exceeding in any one year the amount maturing in that year, dated as of December 1, 1997, numbered in order of authentication, and shall mature on July 1st in the years 1999 to 2012, and bear interest at the rates and be sold at the yields or prices as set forth in Exhibit A hereto.

The Bonds shall be subject to optional redemption prior to maturity at the times and prices and in the manner as described on Exhibit A attached hereto. The Bonds shall be issued in book-entry-only form as described in the Preliminary Official Statement.

Section 4. Amended Treasury Filing. The City Manager, Finance Director and/or the City Clerk are each authorized and directed to file with the Michigan Department of Treasury an amended application for prior approval of the issuance of the Bonds together with revised requests for such waivers as each shall deem necessary or appropriate.

Section 5. Bond Purchase Agreement. The offer of the Underwriter as set forth in the proposed bond purchase agreement (the "Bond Purchase Agreement") presented to this City Council to purchase the Bonds in the principal amount of $5,225,000 at a purchase price of $5,167,371.55, which is the par value of the Bonds, less original issue discount of $11,125.95, less underwriter's discount of $46,502.50, plus accrued interest on the principal amount of the Bonds, is hereby accepted and the Mayor, City Manager, Finance Director and City Clerk are each authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Bond Purchase Agreement on behalf of the City.

Section 6. Transfer Agent/Escrow Agent. Michigan National Bank, Farmington Hills, Michigan is hereby approved as Transfer Agent for the Bonds and as Escrow Agent under the proposed escrow agreement (the "Escrow Agreement") presented to the City Council.

Section 7. Escrow Agreement. The Escrow Agreement providing for payment and redemption of the Refunded Bonds (the "Refunded Bonds"), is hereby approved. The Mayor, City Clerk, City Manager and Finance Director are each authorized to execute and deliver the Escrow Agreement substantially in the form presented to the City Council with such changes and completions as shall be necessary in order to accomplish the refunding of the Refunded Bonds in accordance with law.

Section 8. Debt Retirement Fund. Upon delivery of the Bonds, the accrued interest, if any, shall be deposited in the Debt Retirement Fund for the Bonds and the Outstanding Bonds, and the balance shall be used as described below. The sum of $5,101,600.52 from the Bonds, and the sum of $145,475 from funds on hand in the Debt Retirement Fund, representing the interest due on the Refunded Bonds on January 1, 1998, shall be both paid to the Escrow Agent and invested by it as provided in the Escrow Agreement for payment of principal, interest and redemption premium on the Refunded Bonds. These amounts may be subject to adjustment in order to provide for payment of the Refunded Bonds as determined by the verification consultant and as determined by bond counsel in order to comply with Federal income tax law, present or proposed.

There shall be paid into the Debt Retirement Fund for the Bonds and the Outstanding Bonds, Net Revenues from the System in the amounts and at the times described in the Outstanding Ordinance, as amended.

Section 9. Preliminary Official Statement. The Preliminary Official Statement relating to the Bonds dated November 14, 1997, and its use by the Underwriter is hereby authorized, approved and confirmed.

Section 10. Final Official Statement. The Official Statement dated November 24, 1997, relating to the Bonds, a draft of which Official Statement has been presented to and is on file with this Council, is hereby authorized and approved. The Mayor, City Manager and Finance Director are each authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Official Statement on behalf of the City. The Mayor, City Manager and Finance Director are each authorized to approve, execute and delivery any amendments and supplements to the Official Statement necessary to assure that the statements therein are, and as of the time the Bonds are delivered to the Underwriter will be true, and that it does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact and does not omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

Section 11. Municipal Bond Insurance. The purchase of municipal bond insurance from Financial Security Assurance Inc. is hereby approved.

Section 12. Tax Covenant. The City hereby covenants that, to the extent permitted by law, it shall take all actions within its control necessary to maintain the exclusion of the interest on the bonds from adjusted gross income for federal income purposes under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") including but not limited to, actions relating to the rebate of arbitrage earnings, if applicable, and the expenditure and investment of bond proceeds and moneys deemed to be bond proceeds.

Section 13. Bond Reserve Fund. Funds shall be transferred into the Bond Reserve Account in the Bond and Interest Redemption Fund from funds of the System legally available therefor, so that said Bond Reserve Account shall total a sum equal to the lesser of (a) such amount as is equal to the largest annual debt service requirements on the Bonds and the Outstanding Bonds or (b) 10% of the principal amount of the Bonds and the Outstanding Bonds. In the event that the interest in said Bond Reserve Account is greater than the lesser of (a) or (b) above, such excess amount shall be promptly transferred to the Receiving Fund.

Section 14. Other Actions Necessary to Issue the Bonds. The officers, administrators, agents and attorneys of the City are authorized and directed to execute and deliver all other agreements, documents and certificates and to take all other actions necessary to complete the issuance and delivery of the Bonds in accordance with the Bond Purchase Agreement, Ordinance No. 97-153-02 and this Ordinance.

Section 15. Publication and Recordation. This Ordinance shall be published in full in the Novi News, a newspaper of general circulation within the geographic limits of the City qualified under State law to publish legal notices, promptly after its adoption, and shall be recorded in the Ordinance Book of the City and such recording authenticated by the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk.

Section 16. Effective Date. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 6 of Act 94, this Ordinance shall be approved on the date of first reading and accordingly, this Ordinance shall be immediately effective upon its adoption.

Adopted and signed this 24th day of November, 1997.

(12-4-97 NR/NN 810383)

# Obituaries

### JUDITH ANNE MCDONALD

Judith Anne McDonald, 46, died Nov. 24 at her residence in Novi. She was born Sept. 26, 1951.

She is survived by her husband, Brian; daughters, Melissa and Meghan; sons, Patrick and Michael; parents, Raymond and Geraldine McGahan; Charles and Marie McDonald; parents of her husband; sisters, Barb, Edie, Mary, and Dorothy; brothers, Ray, Craig, and George.

Services were held on Saturday, Nov. 29 at Our Lady of Victory Church in Northville. Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Arrangements were made by O'Hara Chapel/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi.

Memorials to the Judy A. McDonald Memorial Fund, c/o O'Hara/Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River, Novi, MI 48375 would be appreciated.

### ANN ELIZABETH LIEN

Ann Elizabeth Lien died Oct. 23 at her residence in Novi. She was 88. Mrs. Lien was born June 27, 1909 in England, to Amos and Rebecca (Oliver) Earl.

She moved to the area in the 1930s. Mrs. Lien and her husband owned and operated a chrome plating company where she officiated as corporate vice president. Her memberships included St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Northville, the Ladies Guild, and Meadowbrook Country Club.

Mrs. Lien is survived by: daughter, Donna Leavenworth of Buchanan, Mich.; sisters, Aletha Fickes of Flushing and Kathy Birckel of Saginaw; two grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George, in September 1966. They were married in July 1930. Also preceding Mrs. Lien in death were one son, one brother, and one sister.

Services were held on Monday, Oct. 27, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Northville. Pastor Thomas Lubeck officiated at the service. Interment was in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi.

Arrangements were made by Casterline Funeral Home Inc. of Northville.

Memorials to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 201 Elm St., Northville, MI 48167 would be appreciated.

### DR. ROBERT J. BARBER

Dr. Robert J. Barber D.D.S. of Northville died Nov. 26 at the age of 65. He was born in Plymouth on Dec. 21, 1925, to Abram and Alice Marion (Perkins) Barber.

Dr. Barber was a 1949 graduate of the University of Michigan Dental School. He practiced dentistry in the area from 1949 to his retirement in 1990. His memberships included: the Michigan Dental Association, American Dental Association, the Michigan United Conservation Club and the AMVETS. Dr. Barber also served in the Army and saw duty in Korea.

He is survived by his wife Joan of Northville; son, John T. (Barbara) of Brighton; daughters, Anne (Nathan) Alda of Ventura, Calif., Carolyn (Thomas) Paslowski of Grass Lake, Mich., and Amy Barber of Westland; two brothers, William A. of Pickford and Richard Y. of Roscommon, Mich. and seven grandchildren.

Services were conducted on Monday, Dec. 1, in the Church of the Holy Cross of Novi with Father Leslie F. Harding officiating.

Interment was in Yerkes Cemetery, Northville.

Arrangements were made by Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home in Northville.

Memorials to Arbor Hospice or the American Cancer Association would be appreciated.

### HELEN B. HEPWORTH

Helen Betty Hepworth, 73, of Farmington Hills died Nov. 24 at Angela Hospice in Livonia. She was born July 11, 1924, in Canada.

She is survived by daughter, Judith A. (Gary) Klenfolk of Novi; sons, Robert, William (Lisa) and Patrick (Juanita); seven grandchildren; and dearest friend, Ronald Andrejewski.

Mrs. Hepworth was preceded in death by her husband Robert.

Services were held on Wednesday, Nov. 26, at Church of Holy Family, Novi, with Father John Riedle officiating.

Arrangements were made by Heeney Sandquist Funeral Home inc., Farmington.

Memorial contributions to the Alzheimer's Association would be appreciated.

# Jaycee's gather donations

In Novi, you can count on the Novi Jaycees preparing holiday baskets for the needy.

For over 20 years on the Saturday prior to Christmas, the Jaycees have delivered baskets filled with clothing, toys, canned food and perishable food to over 40 families in the Novi area who would otherwise have no holiday in their home.

This year, the Jaycees are asking area residents and business owners who would like to make a cash donation to send their donation prior to Friday, Dec. 5, to the Novi Jaycees, P.O. Box 249, Novi, MI 48376. Call 348-NOVI and a member of the committee will return your call.

# Twelve Mile home ravaged by early morning fire

A Twelve Mile Road house rented by a family of seven, including five children, was partially destroyed by fire Saturday.

The Novi Fire Department got the call at 6:03 p.m.

No one was home at the time and the fire, which started in the living room, left about $40,000 to $50,000 in damage to the property, said Fire Chief Art Lenaghan.

"There was extensive damage from heat and smoke.

There was a partial basement and it burned through the floors and walls," he said.

"There was structural damage to the floor joists."

While arson is not suspected, arson investigators from the Oakland County Sheriff's Department were called in to help determine the cause of the fire.

They are expected to determine the cause and also estimate the damage.

The residence, occupied by the Frank O'Shea family, is at 41505 Twelve Mile Road, on the south side of the road and west of Dixon Road.


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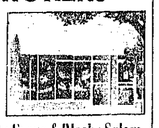
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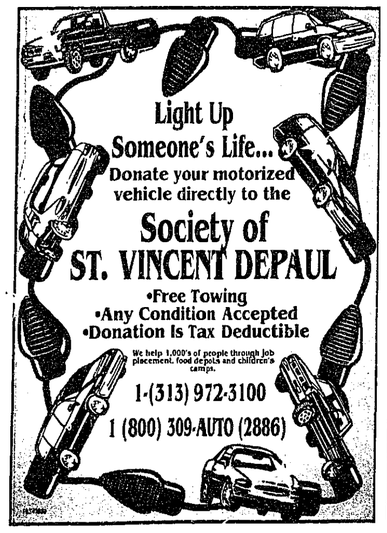
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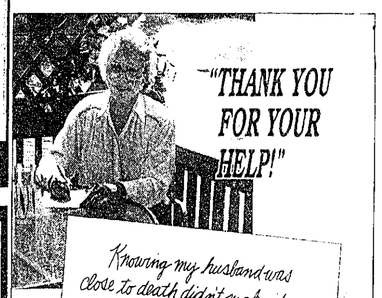
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**MONDAY, DEC. 8**
10:00 a.m. — INFO TV-12 News
10:30 a.m. — The Cutting Room Floor
11:00 a.m. — Christian Singles Today
11:30 a.m. — Cosby and Company
12:00 p.m. — Motorsports: NASCAR History and Culture
12:30 p.m. — [con't]
1:00 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete
1:30 p.m. — Women on the Move: Michulican
2:00 p.m. — Financial Strategies
2:30 p.m. — Farmington Hills Hockey Mite Tier 2 Grizzlies versus Flyers
3:00 p.m. — [con't]
3:30 p.m. — Farmington Hills Hockey Mini Mite Tier 1 Firellies versus Penguins
4:00 p.m. — [con't]
4:30 p.m. — Good Health: Nursing Homes
5:00 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y
5:30 p.m. — Lawyers Roundtable
6:00 p.m. — School of Ministry of Mission
6:30 p.m. — Bagels and Talk with Tracy
7:00 p.m. — Critter Connection
7:30 p.m. — INFO TV-12 News
8:00 p.m. — Women on the Move: Angela Hospice
8:30 p.m. — A Little Christmas Magic
9:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection
9:30 p.m. — Groove Session: Don Wildman Nelson

**TUESDAY, DEC. 9**
10:00 a.m. — Legislative Forum
10:30 a.m. — Specs Profile
11:00 a.m. — Law Talk: Joseph Antonini
11:30 a.m. — [con't]
12:00 p.m. — Summit University
12:30 p.m. — [con't]
1:00 p.m. — Drawing Men to Christ
1:30 p.m. — [con't]
2:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection
2:30 p.m. — Iditarod
3:00 p.m. — [con't]
3:30 p.m. — Farmington Hills Hockey Mini Mite Tier 2 Blaze versus Redwings
4:00 p.m. — [con't]
4:30 p.m. — Home for Life: Cabinet
5:00 p.m. — INFO TV-12 News Magazine
5:30 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen
6:00 p.m. — The Light to the Nations: I Can't Do It
6:30 p.m. — Window to Washington
7:00 p.m. — Fitness Motivators
7:30 p.m. — Financial Strategies
8:00 p.m. — Mountain Ski Series: Ski TV Why You Should Ski
8:30 p.m. — Ask the Pharmacist
9:00 p.m. — Let's Talk with Ben Marks
9:30 p.m. — [con't]

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 10**
10:00 a.m. — Life Matters
10:30 a.m. — Excellence en Route
11:00 a.m. — Patterson and Company
11:30 a.m. — The Capitol Report
12:00 p.m. — School of Ministry and Mission
12:30 p.m. — They Way, The Truth, and The Life
1:00 p.m. — Study in Scripture
1:30 p.m. — AMVETS
2:00 p.m. — Restoration Now
2:30 p.m. — Christian Singles Today
3:00 p.m. — A Little Christmas Magic
3:30 p.m. — Groove Session: Don Wildman Nelson
4:00 p.m. — Critter Connection
4:30 p.m. — INFO TV-12 News Magazine
5:00 p.m. — The Show Me Show with Tatiana: Det. Fox
5:30 p.m. — Mountain Ski Series: 1997 World Powder 8 Championship
6:00 p.m. — What's Cooking: Fun Kids Lunch Boxes
6:30 p.m. — [con't]
7:00 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete
7:30 p.m. — Cosby and Company
8:00 p.m. — Novi Street Beat Live
8:30 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y
9:00 p.m. — Comical Mystery Tour
9:30 p.m. — Rock Soup: She's So Huge

**THURSDAY, DEC. 11**
10:00 a.m. — Fitness Motivators
10:30 a.m. — The Happiest People Alive
11:00 a.m. — Abundant Life Arabic Ministries
11:30 a.m. — People Who Make Things Happen
12:00 p.m. — Bagels and Talk with Tracy
12:30 p.m. — Madonna Magazine
1:00 p.m. — Praise, Praise, Praise
1:30 p.m. — That's Italian
2:00 p.m. — Rock Soup: She's So Huge
2:30 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y
3:00 p.m. — The Secret Place
3:30 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete
4:00 p.m. — Law Talk: Joseph Antonini
4:30 p.m. — [con't]
5:00 p.m. — Shaarey Zedek Productions
5:30 p.m. — [con't]
6:00 p.m. — A Short History of Novi's Farms
6:30 p.m. — Fifties Festival Car Show
7:00 p.m. — [con't]
7:30 p.m. — Farmington Hills Police Journal
8:00 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen
8:30 p.m. — Christian Singles Today
9:00 p.m. — Law Talk: Joseph Antonini
9:30 p.m. — [con't]

**FRIDAY, DEC. 12**
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# Season can be tough for some

The holidays are a time of sadness for people overwhelmed with memories of someone special who has died.

"Holidays, especially the Christmas season, can be a very difficult and emotional time for those who have suffered a loss due to death. Usually those most affected are people who have experienced a recent loss and will be spending the holidays without a friend or family member for the first time," says Gerald Shiener M.D., psychiatrist at The Detroit Medical Center.

Dr. Shiener says it takes some people longer than others to accept a loss and recover, so grief shouldn't be ignored or rushed.

He says those trying to cope with grief should avoid spending the holidays alone and turn to supportive friends and family members to make the holidays an easier time.


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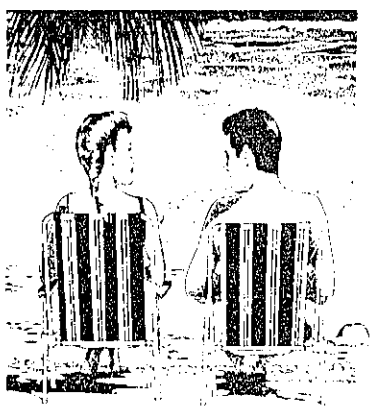

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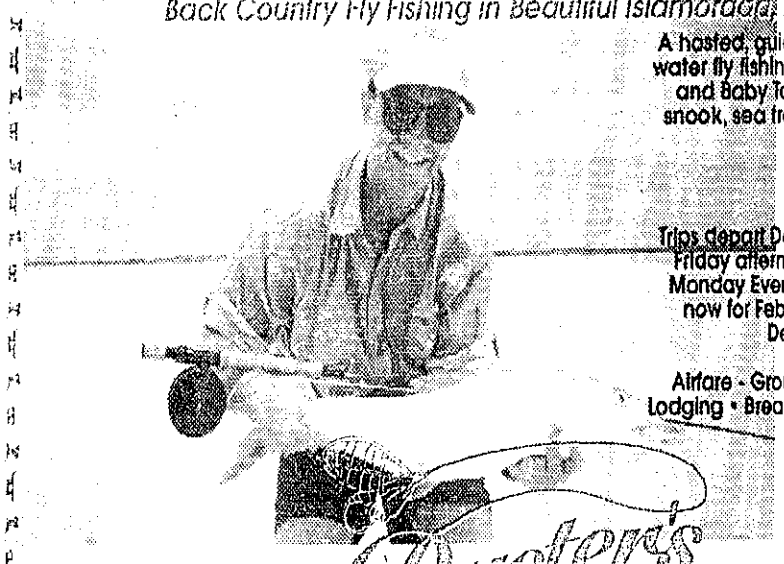

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Northville's Brickscape Gardens also offers a wide selection of artificial trees for the Christmas season.

# Tree Spree

## 'Tis the season when families pine to spruce up their home for the holidays

He was a cement worker who emigrated from Italy in 1955.

Two years later Paolo DiRado got into the Christmas tree business with a few of his Italian buddies.

"They all did cement work together and would go in on a tree lot," Joe DiRado said of his father's seasonal business.

Joe estimates that his father has sold well over 20,000 trees in the more than 40 years he has operated in Dearborn and Detroit.

"I decided to make an extra dollar," the elder DiRado said in broken English. "I buy for $2 each and sell for $7 to $9."

Most of the time, DiRado said problems arise because people don't think the trees look that big on the lot. Once home, it's a different story. Sometimes, the customer will come back and ask him to cut the tree down.

Once, a few years ago, DiRado had three young women come in to buy a tree. They picked out the biggest, bushiest tree on the lot. DiRado tried to tell them it would never fit through a regular-sized door, that they'd have to have double doors to get it into the house. A short time later the girls' father came back with the tree and exchanged it for a smaller one.

"We got lots of laughs out of that one," DiRado said.

In the four decades that DiRado has sold trees, he's found that the best days are the cold ones. In fact, the colder the better.

"People buy quicker," he said.

It seems most people come from a mall or store directly to the tree lot and are not dressed appropriately.

"Sometimes they look at the trees from the greenhouse and point at the one they want," said Joe.

When DiRado first started selling trees, they were more natural and untinted. Tinting, which contains a preservative to help with needle retention and adds a more seasonal shade of green to the tree, didn't start until about 1965.

"It took a while for people to get used to it," DiRado said.

There is a wide range in the shades of green among the many varieties of trees available and most are not what people consider to be Christmas green.

Many families have come to know DiRado over the decade he has been associated with his son's business, Brickscape Gardens on Brickscape Drive in Novi. One little girl gets her parents to bring DiRado tobacco because she knows he smokes a pipe. Others have brought cookies.

It's kind of like bribing Santa, but DiRado doesn't even have to unwrap a tree to know whether it's a good one.

"He's unbailed so many trees over the years, he can just tell," Joe said.

One of Joe's tips on buying a tree from a lot is to get to know the people who are selling the trees.

"You really want to trust the people you are buying it from," Joe said.

Bending a needle or two is still a good way to tell if a tree is fresh, but Joe also suggests pinching a few bud tips.

"Sometimes there's an indication there how much water is still in the tree," Joe said.

Once you've selected a tree and brought it home, keep it someplace cool, not in the sun.

"Right before you put it in water, make a fresh cut in the bottom and put it in the receptacle," Joe said. "There are also additives you can get (to put in the water)."

Veteran Christmas Tree salesman Paolo DiRado checks out a just-off-the-truck shipment of Michigan Scotch Pine and Norway Spruce trees which arrived at Brickscape Gardens this past week.

### A Christmas tree in the making

Once upon a time, all Christmas trees were cut from natural stands (or straight out of the forest). These wild trees looked nothing like today's professionally-grown and sheared trees.

Today, of the 33 million trees sold every year, over 90 percent are shipped or sold directly from U.S. Christmas tree farms.

Typically, the growing process begins in a nursery where seeds are planted and the trees are grown till they become 2-year-old seedlings. The seedlings are then transplanted to Christmas tree farms.

Growing Christmas trees is a year-round job. It takes an average of seven years for a tree to reach sale height. During that time, the tree must continue to be shaped and pruned to produce the fully shaped trees that are delivered to retail lots.

The Christmas tree also may face many hazards during its growth period – too much or too little sun or rain; destruction by insects, disease, hail or fire; overgrowth of brush, vines and weeds; even theft.

Finally, selected trees are tagged, cut, bundled and loaded onto a truck or railroad car for the journey to a retail lot.

*–Michigan Christmas Tree Association*

**Story by CAROL DIPPLE • Photos by JOHN HEIDER**

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# Members from the community visit day care center

By JEANNE CLARKE
Special Writer

A program entitled "World of Work Occupation Volunteers" was presented at A Growing Place last month. Many individuals and civic groups came in and talked with the children, one of which was Dr. Studer of Briar Pointe Veterinary whose presentation was about "Paws for a Cause" and the care of animals. The Novi Fire Department presented the children with coloring books and fire chief hats; Officer June Mullinex of the Novi Police Department arrived with "Mugsy," and the Community EMS gave the children a tour through an ambulance and demonstrated how to make a 9-1-1 call correctly.

Throughout November, Thanksgiving plans were much in evidence with turkey games, Harvest Bingo, walls covered with attractively designed Pilgrims, turkeys and more. In addition, youngsters made turkey noodle soup, Pumpkin bread, crafts that included attractive Indian necklaces, and laminated placemats with a Thanksgiving theme to take home.

"The ABC's of Christmas" will be presented by the nursery children on Tuesday, Dec. 16, at 6:30 p.m. In addition to the program in December, the youngsters will be making gifts, cards and ornaments. They will also be learning holiday songs and fingerplays.

Holiday parties are scheduled for Dec. 18 and 19. The children will continue with the study of "Christmas Around the World."

School will close at the end of the day Dec. 19 and resume on Monday, Jan. 5, 1998.

The Preschool/Daycare will have a holiday party complete with a sing-along and refreshments on Dec. 18. Parents, siblings and grandparents are invited.

This group will have a holiday break starting Dec. 22-27. It will reopen Dec. 29-31. The preschool will again close Jan. 1, but will reopen Jan. 2. For additional information, call 471-2333.

### NOVI YOUTH ASSISTANCE

Novi Youth Assistance has been named as one of the recipients of the proceeds from the Novi Choralaires Concert. The group works with both parents and children in the area to combat juvenile delinquency.

The Choralaires will perform on Friday, Dec. 5, at Farmington Methodist Church; Saturday, Dec. 6, at Faith Community Presbyterian Church; and Sunday, Dec. 7, at 4 p.m. at Holy Family Church on Meadowbrook Road. Tickets are available at the Novi Parks and Recreation Office or at the time of the performance for $5.

This concert is a gift from the Choralaires to the community and a way of traditionally starting the Christmas season. Attendance at the event has grown every year.

The Youth Assistance program was recently honored by the Novi Rotary Club with a Mayor's Proclamation presented by Mayor Kathleen McLallen.

## Novi Highlights

The group also received a Certificate of Appreciation from the American Legion Auxiliary for its assistance in the annual Girls State program.

A new community program, PLUS, is now being organized by caseworker Claudia Walter. It was delayed due to a lack of leadership and volunteers to act as mentors. At its first meeting, Mary Schuslerbauer of Oakland County and several volunteers discussed the aims and goals of the PLUS program, which is being chaired by Deb McFarland.

The annual Bowl-A-Thon will be held on Friday, March 7. For further information or to arrange individual or team bowling, call the office at 347-0413.

Don't forget to drop off your extra pennies at the office for the holiday project, helping needy children in Novi. Other canisters are located at the high school and several business locations.

### ANOTHER WAY CENTER

An Open House at new location of the Another Way Pregnancy Center, a Victorian-style house in the heart of downtown Farmington, will be held on Saturday, Dec. 6, from 2-5 p.m. The center was originally located on Ten Mile near Haggerty in the First Baptist Church, but due to lack of space, a move was in order. Space was needed for board meetings, Bible studies and training sessions. The new location provides a home-like atmosphere in which to interview the women who come for help. A dedication service and prayer was given recently by Pastor Gary Elfner.

The mission of Another Way Pregnancy Center is to reach out, not only to teens, but to all women facing unplanned pregnancies. The program offers information, material assistance, spiritual help, emotional support and lay counseling. Another Way will provide these services for anyone regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, age, marital status or income level.

Several churches have helped with special projects. For instance, St. Patrick Church in Union Lake presented a Starlight Cafe program to benefit Another Way. The youth group from Grace Countryside Church in White Lake helped with the renovation of the new "home." During the summer months, Another Way held a fundraiser called Walk Another Way III and raised $5,974 from the walkers and sponsors. Call 471-5858 to become a board member or participate in management.

The center needs donations of cribs in good, safe condition with slats no more than 2 3/8 inches apart. Also, medium and large diapers are also needed.

### MEADOWBROOK CHURCH

A holiday sale "Treats and Treasures" will be held at the Meadowbrook Congregational Church on Saturday, Dec. 6, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The church is located on Meadowbrook between Eight and Nine Mile roads. Available will be "attic treasures," such as antiques or maybe something new like china and glassware.

To save time during the busy season, holiday cookies will be made available for sale along with other specially baked goods. Also available will be Christmas decorations and holiday arrangements. Jewelry will also be available. Cutlery will also be on sale, which will include a new bagel slicer. There is no charge for admission to the sale.

The traditional Harvest Dinner was held Nov. 23 with a holiday program presented by the children. On Nov. 27, the church had their Pilgrim family and a "Fishing Man" at their traditional Thanksgiving eve worship service.

Christmas decoration crafts with a hot soup lunch will be included in the Dec. 7 Christmas Workshop, which will follow the worship service.

There will once again be a small tree designated as the "Tree of Warmth," which will accept gifts of hats, scarves, socks and mittens, or gloves. These items will be given to those in need.

During the Advent season, the church school will be sponsoring a service project benefiting the children of Indian Trails Mission in Mesa, Ariz. Students will be filling white boxes with non-holiday and non-perishable gifts for children ages 4-12.

*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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## Church Notes

Several holiday events are planned at the **DETROIT FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**, 21260 Haggerty Road north of Eight Mile in Northville.

First there will be a children's Sonshine Choir presenting the musical adventure "Mission Possible" at the 8:30 and 11 a.m. worship services on Sunday, Dec. 7. Seating is limited.

The Detroit First Church Sanctuary Choir will present "O Come Let Us Adore Him" at both the 8:30 and 11 a.m. services on Sunday, Dec. 14.

On Sunday, Dec. 21, at both 8:30 and 11 a.m. there will be "A Family Christmas Service."

The Christmas Evening Candlelight Service will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 24.

Rev. Robert Hoskins, director of distribution for the Book of Life program, will be the guest speaker at **NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY**, 41355 Six Mile Road in Northville Township, on Sunday, Dec. 7.

Rev. Hoskins ministered as an associate pastor for two years before going into evangelism. As an evangelist he held crusades in Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, and Africa. Both Rev. Hoskins and his wife, Kim, are from missionary families.

The Book of Life program, which includes a plan to reach entire nations with the Gospel through the public school systems and was developed for children's evangelism, is a harmony of the Gospels in story book form that chronicles the life of Jesus and includes study questions.

The public is invited to hear Rev. Robert Hoskins at both the 9 and 10:45 a.m. services.

For more information, call 348-9030.

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**, 201 Elm Street in Northville, will present the third "Live Nativity" on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 12 and 13, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

The performance will be held in the gym and refreshments will follow in the parish hall. The first 200 children will receive a free gift. Admission is free.

For more information, call the church at (248) 349-3140.

**MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**, 21355 Meadowbrook Road in Novi, is holding a Treats and Treasures sale on Saturday, Dec. 6, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Holiday cookies and other baked goods, Christmas decorations, jewelry, attic treasures, cutlery and more will be featured. There is no admission fee.

For more information, call the church at (248) 348-7757.

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY**, 24505 Meadowbrook Road in Novi, has planned an informal evening for inactive Catholics who are interested in returning to the Church on Thursday, Dec. 4, from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

For more information, call (248) 349-8847.

All Come To Share (ACTS) at **NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**, 41671 West Ten Mile, meets on Wednesdays, beginning with dinner at 5:30 p.m. and followed by classes, Bible study and movement, and by chancel, cherub and bell choirs for all ages.

The Advent and Christmas Celebration Schedule continues with "Better Watch Out" on Dec. 7; a children's program, "Emmanuel – God With Us," on Dec. 14; and "Divine Contact" on Dec. 21.

For more information, call (248) 349-2652.

**CHURCH OF TODAY, WEST**, which meets at Village Oaks Elementary School, 23333 Willowbrook in Novi, has services at 9 and 11 a.m. on Sunday.

The Lesson for Dec. 7 will be "Joy," delivered by Minister Scott Kalechstein.

For more information, call the church at (248) 449-8900, or check out its web site at: http://www.cotw.com

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE**, 777 West Eight Mile Road in Northville, has returned to three worship services at 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m.

Over 350 members of the vocal and instrumental choirs accompanied by organ, keyboards, percussion and narration will present "No Other Name" on Sunday, Dec. 7, at 5 and 7 p.m.

For more information, call (248) 349-1144.

## Kudos

Melissa and Rebecca Roemer

Novi residents **MELISSA, 13, AND REBECCA, 11, ROEMER** were among dozens of middle school youth from Nardin Park United Methodist Church who walked to raise money for drug awareness programs. Members of the Farmington Hills congregation supported the youth as they raised the money through pledges made for laps the students walked around the exterior of the church during an October morning service.

The youth group raised over $1,253 for drug awareness programs including the New D.A.R.E. Program where trained Novi police officers take alcohol and drug awareness into the classroom.

The youth created T-shirts and discussed drug awareness in the communities as they prepared for the walk. The funds raised were divided between the communities represented by the middle school youth who attend the Sunday class including Novi, Farmington Hills, West Bloomfield, Canton, Milford and Walled Lake.

Photo submitted by Susan Kyle Browne

## Sweet rewards

Attending the Alzheimer's Association Chocolate Jubilee on Nov. 23 at the Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn were (left to right) Linda Byers, Novi; Ken Whipple, Bloomfield Hills; Ray Byers, Novi; and Linda Nielson, Northville. The event included a patron luncheon featuring a guest speaker, 14-year-old Lindsay Smalley, whose father has Alzheimer's disease. The afternoon fundraiser included a silent auction and sampling of the delicacies of over 30 chocolatiers. The event raised over $350,000 to provide support and education services in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

## Symphony society to hold competition for soloist

The Plymouth Symphony Society will give up to $600 in awards to young instrumental soloists and invite one outstanding soloist to perform with the PSO.

Applicants must meet the entry requirements for the District 12 Solo and Ensemble Festival of the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association. Entry forms must be signed by the instrumental music director of the student's school. Solo pianists are not eligible.

The competition is set for Monday evening, Dec. 15. Applications are available at the Plymouth Symphony Office, 319 Penniman in Plymouth.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for area young people," chairperson Peggy Price Heiney said.

Talented youths in the Plymouth, Canton, Belleville, Northville and Novi communities are invited to apply.

For details, call (313) 451-2142.

## AAUW Northville-Novi branch hosts storyteller at next meeting

Corrine Stavish, a storyteller of folklore, will entertain the members of the Northville/Novi branch of the American Association of University Women at the group's Tuesday, Dec. 9, meeting.

The group will gather for refreshments at 7 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 East Main Street.

Stavish will give her presentation following the refreshment period.

The storyteller has graduate and undergraduate degrees in performing arts and is on the faculty at Lawrence Technological University.

Stavish gives lectures and workshops in addition to her performances.


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## Engagement

### Dr. Donald Ellis III/Kristen Jenvey

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Jenvey of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristen Anne, to Dr. Donald Ray Ellis III, the son of Donald and Alana Ellis of Novi.

The bride-elect graduated from Stevenson High School in 1992. She graduated from Madonna University in December 1996 with a degree in psychology.

The groom-elect is a Novi High School graduate. He received a doctorate degree in May from Michigan State University and is currently in his residency [family practice] at St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Rapids.

An August 1998 wedding is planned.

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## On Campus

**PAUL A. HARDING** of Novi will be among the students graduating from the Oakland Police Academy on Friday, Dec. 5, at 8 p.m. in the Oakland County Commissioners' Auditorium, 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac. Oakland County Sheriff John Nichols will be the principal speaker.

For further information about the Oakland Police Academy, call Richard Tillman, director, Basic Police Training, at (248) 340-6663.

**KELLY KEARNEY** was presented The Department of Chemistry Prize at the Honors Convocation held in October at Kalamazoo College.

The Chemistry Prize is awarded to students who have excelled in their first year's work in chemistry.

Kearney is a sophomore and a Novi High School graduate. She is the daughter of Myles P. and Patricia J. Kearney of Novi.

Novi students at Michigan State University who were named to the Honors List for summer semester '97 are: **KAREN ELIZABETH ERNE**, junior, accounting; **CHRISTOPHER MARK HANSON**, freshman, no preference; and **SPENCER LIAO**, freshman, economics.

These students were recognized for their academic achievement of earning a 3.5 or better grade point average for the semester.

Degree candidates for summer semester '97 at Michigan State University are the following Novi students: **JUSTIN MATTHEW GILBERT**, bachelor's degree, mechanical engineering; **LAURIE KAY GRABOWSKI**, bachelor's, child development; **ROBERT R. HARRISON**, bachelor's, hospitality business; **STACIE M. HRAVATIC**, bachelor's, education; **DANIELLE E. LENZI**, two bachelor's degrees, both with honors: child development and general business administration prelaw; **BARBARA LYNN LOWES**, bachelor's with honors, child development; **KELLY A. NAUGHTON**, bachelor's, psychology; **SARA DIAN PUTNAM**, bachelor's, environmental studies and applications; and **TAMMY LYNN WIECHERT**, master's degree, rehabilitation counseling.

**PAUL SMITH IV**, a sophomore majoring in criminal justice, was accepted into Michigan State University's Honors College. The college meets the needs of academically-gifted freshman and sophomores by providing a four-year program in any major field of study.

Students are admitted on the basis of a strong academic record, letters of recommendation from teachers and a written statement on why they wish to participate in the program.

Smith is the son of Paul III and Beth Smith of Novi. He is a graduate of Heritage High School.

Novi student **JEFF ZIMMERMAN**, a junior at St. Mary's Preparatory in Orchard Lake, was named to the Honor Roll. He earned a 3.7 or better average for the second card marking of the first semester.

**RYAN ARNOLD** pledged Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity at Mount Union College in Alliance, Ohio.

Arnold is a sophomore and a 1995 graduate of Fayetteville-Manlius High School. He has also been a member of the indoor track team.

Arnold is the son of Chris and Linda Arnold of Novi.

## News to share?

Have you recently become engaged? Newly betrothed? Or are you proud new parents? Are you celebrating a big anniversary?

Send the information and picture if you have one to *The Northville Record/Novi News*, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167, or stop by the office and pick up a birth, engagement or wedding announcement form and we'll see to it that your happy news appears in the paper.

There is no charge.

## Singles

**SINGLE PLACE**, an adult ministry for single people at First Presbyterian Church of Northville, meets on Thursday evenings in Fellowship Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Every Sunday, the group worships at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary followed by brunch at the Northville Crossing Restaurant, 18900 Northville Road, at 12:30 p.m.

Sunday evenings, Single Place meets for coffee and cards at 6 p.m. at Tuscan Cafe, 150 N. Center Street.

On Thursday, Dec. 4, the Single Place Auction will be held at 7 p.m. Bring gifts and homemade treasures fully marked with instructions if necessary. Admission is free and proceeds will go towards Single Place Ministry.

On Thursday, Dec. 11, "Getting through the Holidays" will be the topic of Harold Ellens at 7:30 p.m. or an open forum will be offered on "Rules of How To Conduct a Proper Relationship" with speaker Tony Valenti at 7:50 p.m. Following the evening's presentations, the group will meet at Wooly Bullys at 9:30 p.m.

On Fridays, the group meets at 5:30 p.m. at Bennigan's, 40441 E. Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

A Walk in the Park is scheduled every Saturday at 10 a.m. in Heritage Park between Ten Mile and Eleven Mile roads in Farmington Hills.

For more information about any of the Single Place programs or to register, call (248) 349-0911.

**SINGLE PARENT GROUP**, 17000 Farmington Road in Livonia, meets the first and third Tuesdays of the month in the Calvin Room at Ward Presbyterian Church from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Free child care is available. There are activities for children and parents to enjoy every month.

The Uniquely Single Group for those who have never been married meets the fourth Tuesday, also in the Calvin Room, from 7 to 9 p.m.

New Start for widows and widowers meets every other Thursday in room A-15 from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

For more information call the Single Point office at (313) 422-1854.

**SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES** of Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Road in Livonia, invites you to join over 450 single adults every Sunday morning at 10:45 a.m. for fellowship and encouragement.

Rev. Paul Clough delivers messages to help singles in their life struggles. Coffee, donuts, conversation and Christ are always present.

SPM has a program and activity for every age group and life situation.

Single Parents meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7 p.m. in the Calvin Room. The group offers support, fun, fellowship, vacations and other activities. Free child care is available.

Single Point also offers other groups which are open to all singles.

The Don Francesco's Musical Ministry will perform on Friday, Dec. 5, in Knox Hall at 8 p.m. A free will offering will be accepted. Child care will be available.

Indoor volleyball meets on Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. in Knox Hall.

For details about Single Point Ministries call (313) 422-1854.

**FARMINGTON SINGLE PROFESSIONALS** is a non-profit group for singles ages 25-40 who share common interests and want to form new friendships. Membership is not limited to the Farmington area. The group participates in over 350 activities per year.

Every Monday night the group meets at the Maples of Novi on Fourteen Mile Road for euchre, pinochle and dinner at 6:30 p.m. The cost is $7 for members and $8 for non-members. Cash bar and munchies are available.

Upcoming activities include wallyball at 6:40 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Racquetball Farmington on Nine Mile west of Farmington Road; billiards on Dec. 5 and 26; whirlyball on Dec. 6; and laser tag on Dec. 13.

A Single Mingle will be held on Friday, Dec. 5, at 8 p.m. at Botsford Inn and on Friday, Dec. 26, at 8 p.m. at the Marriott Hotel in Livonia.

Registration for co-ed volleyball leagues is now starting.

The fifth annual New Year's Eve party and dance is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 31 at 8 p.m. a Botsford Inn.

For details call the FSP hot line at (248) 851-9909 or www.fsp.org

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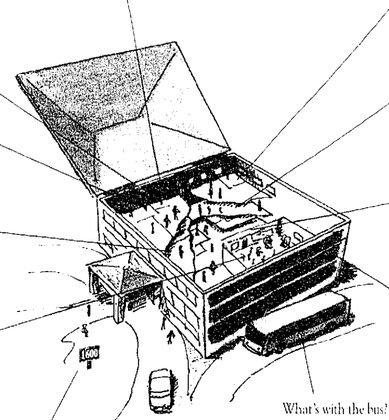

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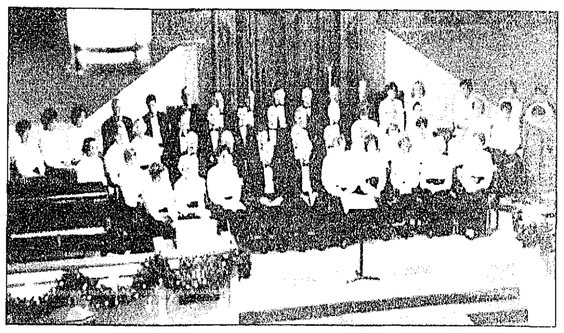
## Symphony, choir together for concert



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The Northville Concert Chorale to perform "Messiah" at the First Presbyterian Church.

The Northville Concert Chorale and the Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra will combine to perform Handel's oratorio *Messiah* on Sunday, Dec. 7, at 7 p.m. The oratorio will be conducted by Dr. Darlene Kuperus, minister of music for the church. Soloists include soprano Karen Roberts of Brighton, alto Sue Hauseman of Novi, tenor Michael Ryan and bass Timothy Haggerty, both of Ann Arbor.

The annual *Messiah* concert is part of the Fine Arts Series of the First Presbyterian Church, located at 200 East Main Street in Northville, which sponsors concerts throughout the year as well as a yearly juried Art Show. Tickets are $10, $8 for seniors and students, and $30 per family. A Christmas reception will follow the concert in Bell Fellowship Hall.

For details, call (248) 349-0911.

## 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

**OLIVER:** Auditions for Novi Theatre's full-Broadway production of *Oliver* will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 16, and Thursday, Dec. 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 West Ten Mile Road in Novi.

There are speaking roles and soloist and chorus parts for adults and children. Those interested in auditioning should call for details on attire and preparing a song for the audition.

Rehearsals for adults will take place on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 8:30 until 10 p.m. and on Saturdays. Children will rehearse on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 until 8:30 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Fees are $30 for adults and $125 for children. Fees cover the cost of music, scripts and costumes (rented or built) as well as theater, dance and choral instruction for the children.

For details, call (248) 347-0400.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**NOVI CONCERT BAND:** Jack Kopnick will direct the Novi Concert Band's Holiday Concert and Sing-A-Long on Thursday, Dec. 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center on Ten Mile Road just east of Taft Road. The concert is free.

For details, call (248) 932-9244.

**BARNES & NOBLE:** Upcoming events include a discussion and demonstration centering around Martha Stewart's latest book, *Martha Stewart's Healthy Quick*, on Thursday, Dec. 4. Participants will have an opportunity to win an autographed copy of the book and a subscription to *Martha Stewart Living*. Hosted by the Barnes & Noble staff; space is limited and reservations are required.

Barnes and Noble is located at 17111 Haggerty Road at the corner of Six Mile and Haggerty roads.

For details, call (248) 348-0696.

**BORDERS BOOKS:** The Chenille Sisters will perform a new children's musical comedy on Saturday, Dec. 6, at 2 p.m. at the store at the Novi Town Centre on Novi Road just south of I-96.

For more information, call (248) 347-0780.

**NOVI THEATRES:** The Performance Plus and Children's Annex actors, about 60 in all ranging from 8-years-old through college age, will present *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens on Dec. 12 and 13 at 7:30 p.m. and on Dec. 14 at 3 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 West Ten Mile Road in Novi.

Tickets are $8 for adults and seniors and $7 for children under 12. Tickets purchased in advance are discounted $1.

For more information, call (248) 347-0400.

**WOODWORKING:** The Metro-Detroit Woodworking Show is scheduled for Dec. 5, 6, and 7 in the Main Hall at the Novi Expo Center, on Novi Road just south of I-96.

The show will feature machinery, power and hand tools, supplies, demonstrations, seminars, free workshops and more, for the woodworking enthusiast, home builder, wood turner or carver at all levels of expertise.

For details, call 1-800-826-8257.

### THEATER

**GENITTI'S HOLE-IN-THE-WALL:** An interactive comedy, "Cash, Check or Charge?," is on stage at Genitti's Little Theater through Dec. 31.

The comedy depicts the mad rush for holiday shopping along with everything else that could go wrong for the holidays.

The interactive children's mini lunch show, *Genitti's Weird Science*, offers performances on Saturdays at 11:30 a.m.

Genitti's is located at 108 E. Main Street in Northville.

For reservations, call (248) 349-0522. Reservations are required.

### MUSIC

**MR. B'S FARM:** Mr. B's Farm is located at Novi Road north of Ten Mile.

For details, call 349-7038.

**OXFORD INN:** The Oxford Inn is located at 43317 Grand River in Novi.

For details, call (248) 305-5856.

**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 a variety of entertainment acts nightly except Sundays.

Weekday performances are from 8:30 to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday performances are from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Tuscan Cafe is located at 150 Center Street in Northville.

For details, call 305-8620.

**BRADY'S FOOD & SPIRITS:** 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 in Farmington Hills.

For details, call (248) 478-7780.

**FRIGATES INN:** Frigates offers live music every Wednesday at 9 p.m. featuring either the 2XL Band or John D Lamb. The Tim Flaherty Trio with emcee Dan McNall will host an open blues jam every Thursday from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. All musicians are welcome. Dance with The Globe at 9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

Frigates Inn is located at the corner of Fourteen Mile and East Lake Drive in Novi.

For details, call (248) 624-9607.

**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. to 1 a.m. the Sunset Grill hosts an open blues jam. Rock 'n' roll is featured on Saturdays during the summer from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

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

For details, call (248) 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.

Strolling musicians David and Francesco entertain diners on the accordion, mandolin and guitar from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. Thursdays. On Friday and Saturday Ron DePalma performs.

For details, call (313) 261-2430.

### MUSEUMS

**MOTORSPORTS:** The Motorsports Museum and Hall of Fame features 75 racing vehicles of all types, covering a 90-year time span. Highlights include a 1965 Novi Indy Special, 1960 Miss U.S. unlimited hydroplane, racing motorcycles, Indy cars, stock cars, sports cars and drag racers.

The museum is located in the Novi Expo Center. Admission is $4, $2 for seniors and children. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

For details, call 349-RACE.

### NEARBY

**ARTS AND CRAFTS:** The Plymouth Parks and Recreation department will host its 24th annual Christmas Arts and Crafts Show featuring 50 crafters on Dec. 6 and 7 at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street in Plymouth. Show hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

Admission and parking for both shows is free.

For details, call (313) 455-6620.

**HOLIDAY CONCERT:** The Schoolcraft College Community Choir will present two performances of *Alleluia, Rejoice!*

The program will feature "Christmas Cantata" by Daniel Pinkham and a variety of seasonal compositions by Brahms, Rutter and Britten. There will be a Christmas carol sing-along intermission with audience participation encouraged.

The 50-voice ensemble is directed by Livonia native Donald Stromberg, who is in his seventh year as conductor.

The traditional holiday program will be presented on Sunday, Dec. 7, at the First Presbyterian Church, 701 W. Church Street in Plymouth, at 4 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door for $4 each.

A second performance will be held on Saturday, Dec. 13, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile Road in Livonia at 8 p.m. Donations will be accepted during intermission.

For details, call (248) 349-8175.

**MADRIGAL DINNERS:** Schoolcraft College's 21st Annual Madrigal Dinner will be held on Dec. 11, 12 and 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the College's Waterman Center, 18600 Haggerty Road in Livonia.

Members of the culinary arts department will prepare the wassail feast, while the Madrigal Singers under the direction of Steve SeGraves, the Good Neighbors All and members of the music department will provide entertainment.

Tickets are $35 and proceeds benefit student scholarship funds.

For details or to make a reservation, call (313) 462-4417.

**CHORALE CONCERT:** The Madonna Chorale will present a Christmas Chorale Concert at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 7, in the Felician Sisters' Motherhouse Chapel at I-96 and Levan Road in Livonia.

The Madonna Chorale consists of Madonna students and local community members and is conducted by adjunct assistant professor Dr. Ann L. Renas.

The concert will include a "Ceremony of Carols" by Benjamin Britten, accompanied by harp, the "Infant Savior" by Dietrich Buxtehude, performed with strings and organ, and traditional Christmas carols with some audience sing-alongs.

Admission is by donation to the music scholarship fund.

For details, call the music department at (313) 432-5713.

**HOLIDAY ART FAIR:** The Michigan Guild of Artists and Artisans will present a holiday art fair of 130 juried contemporary artists in Oakland Community College's Building H on the Orchard Ridge Campus, Orchard Lake Road and I-696. The event takes place on Dec. 6 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Dec. 7 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission for adults is $4, children under 12 are free and there is no charge for parking.

Media include glass, wood, photography, painting, jewelry, clay, fiber, enamel, paper, sculpture and more.

For details, call (313) 662-3382.

**HOME TOUR:** The Milford Garden Club will host its annual Christmas Home Tour on Dec. 5 and 6 from 6 to 10 p.m. Tickets are $6 and are available at in Your Dreams on Center Street in Northville.

For details, call (248) 685-9281.

**MADRIGAL CHORALE:** Novi resident Virginia Fallis and the Madrigal Chorale of Southfield will perform their annual Holiday Concert on Friday, Dec. 5, at 8 p.m. at the Southfield Presbyterian Church, 21575 West Ten Mile Road, and on Saturday, Dec. 6, at 8 p.m. at Old St. Mary's Church in Detroit's Greektown.

Musical highlights will include Berger's "Magnificat," Dawson's "Mary Had a Baby," Rutter's "Candlelight Carol" and traditional carolling.

Tickets are $10 per person, $8 for students and seniors.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT:** The Plymouth Community Chorus will present its annual Christmas Concert at 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 5, and Saturday, Dec. 6, and at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, at Plymouth-Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road in Canton. Selections will include many traditional Christmas favorites.

Tickets are $8 and can be obtained by calling (313) 455-4080.

**JAVA AND JAZZ:** Oakland Community College is presenting a four-part jazz series on Fridays at 8 p.m. at the Smith Theatre on the Orchard Ridge Campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills. The series includes Alexander Zonjic and Friends on Dec. 5; the Sheila Landis Quintet on Jan. 23 and Johnny Trudell on Feb. 20.

Individual performances are $12 each.

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Catholic DWF, 40, 5'5", blonde hair, hazel eyes, N/S, loves the outdoors, weekend getaways, log cabins and animals, seeking spontaneous, independent SWM, to share life. Ad# 6006

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Hardworking SWC mom, 31, 5'6", loves country living, horseback riding, nature, animals, fishing, camping and reading, seeking romantic, honest, trustworthy SWCM, 30-45. Ad# 2395

**EASY TO TALK TO**
Pretty, full-figured DW mom, 32, 5'9", blonde hair, blue eyes, one child, home owner, seeking SWM, 25-40, who has a good sense of humor and appreciates country living. Ad# 8154

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**DARE TO CARE**
Self-employed DWC mom, 33, 5'7", brown hair/eyes, enjoys bowling, golfing, playing euchre, seeking SM, 30+, for friendship. Ad# 8741

**ANYTHING IN COMMON?**
Catholic SWF, 26, 5'7", N/S, from Brighton, enjoys movies, hockey, reading, long walks, quiet times, seeks honest, caring, humorous SWM, 25-35. Ad# 5769

**RIGHT DIRECTION**
Professional SW mother of three, 43, 5'2", enjoys movies, reading and computers, seeking professional SWM, 37-45, N/S, children okay. Ad# 5555

**HAS EVERYTHING BUT YOU**
Petite, educated SWF, 39, 5'1", N/S, blonde hair, blue eyes, enjoys picnics, travel, golf, rollerblading, Royal Oak area, seeking a college-degreed, professional SWM, 35+, N/S. Ad# 7270

**SPEAKS HER MIND**
SWF, 37, 5'6", blonde hair, hazel eyes, employed, enjoys sports, car racing, movies, bowling and dancing, seeks sincere S/DWM, 35-40. Ad# 8087

**ACTIVE LIFESTYLE**
Self-employed DWCF, 60, 5'2", from Brighton, enjoys travelling, animals, sports, being outdoors, seeks friendly SWCM, 55-65, for friends-first relationship. Ad# 1924

**ALL THIS AND MORE!!!**
Attractive DW mom, 29, 5'5", blonde hair, green eyes, enjoys fishing, bowling, golfing, dogs, dancing, seeks honest, hardworking, handsome SWM, 31-40, who wants to settle down. Ad# 1222

**JOYS OF LIFE**
WWWCF, 39, 5'4", outgoing, friendly, likes bowling and horseback riding, taking walks, seeks honest SWM, 36-43, who has a strong belief in God. Ad# 1030

**WHISTLE OF THE WIND**
Self-employed DWC mom of one, 39, 5'6", blonde hair, green eyes, N/S, light drinker, interests include walking, bike riding and good conversation, seeks compatible SWCM, under 52. Ad# 1122

**SINCERELY**
DWF, 58, 5'3", enjoys choir, crafts, cooking, dining out, movies, seeks SWM, 60-75, for companionship. Ad# 1221

**GIVE ME A CALL**
DWC mom, 28, 5'5", employed, lives in Grattan, enjoys camping, bowling, fishing with children, seeks SWM, 25-33, for friendship first, possibly more. Ad# 5910

**ADORABLE**
Full-figured, employed DW mom, 36, 5'2", who enjoys camping, planting flowers and reading books, seeking honest, sincere and non-judgmental SWM, 30-45, who likes children and quiet time. Ad# 1234

**ATTENTION GENTLEMEN...**
DWC mom, 48, 5'9", blonde hair, brown eyes, outgoing, friendly, enjoys reading, movies, walking, basketball, seeks humorous, honest DWCM, 45-55, with similar interests. S. Lyon area. Ad# 1004

**GOD LEADS MY LIFE**
Born-Again DWC mom, 41, 5'4", slender, blonde, professional, lives in Brighton, likes youth ministry, Bible study, art and a little of everything, seeks SWCM, 39-55 with same interests. Ad# 1985

**GOOD VALUES**
DWCF, 59, 5'3", loves the outdoors, golf, swimming, fishing, biking, walking movies, dancing, picnics, babysitting, skating, seeks moral, honest SWM, 45-57. Ad# 1727

**CELEBRATE LIFE**
Professional, full-figured DWCF, 52, 5'6", brown hair/eyes, enjoys country music, dancing, theater, bowling, traveling, skating, seeks SWCM, 50+, with similar interests, for companionship. Ad# 1859

**A POSITIVE ATTITUDE**
Catholic DW mom 41, 5'3", resides in the Ann Arbor area, desires more children, enjoys an active lifestyle including bowling, seeks SWM, 38-45. Ad# 8760

**FRIENDS FIRST**
DWC mom of two, 34, 5'4", brown hair, hazel eyes, affectionate, trustworthy, caring, likes movies, reading, puzzles, seeks SWCM, 30-40, with like interests, for long-term relationship. Ad# 2244

**INTELLIGENT**
Friendly, professional DW mom, 33, 5'9", enjoys children, animals, the outdoors, seeking family-oriented, Catholic SWM, 32-40. Ad# 5228

**I'LL BAIT THE HOOK!**
Cute SWCF, 22, 5'7", blue-eyed blonde, enjoys barbecues, family times, reading, fishing, going out, relaxing at home, interested in meeting an honest, trustworthy SWCM, 23-30. Ad# 7588

**THE BRIGHT SIDE**
Personable SWF, 37, 5'7", from South Lyon, employed, seeking SWM, for friendship, possibly more. Ad# 4144

**ONCE IN A LIFETIME**
Professional, fun-loving SWCF, 30, 5'2", N/S, humorous, enjoys rollerblading, swimming, water skiing, the outdoors, walks, looking for an active, intelligent, outgoing, childless SWCM, 25-35. Ad# 1515

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**YOU JUST MAY BE THE ONE**
Catholic SW mom of three, 22, 5'10", outgoing, down-to-earth, lives in Howe, seeks marriage-minded Catholic SWM, 22-35, who loves children. Ad# 2221

**FRIENDS FIRST**
Kind-hearted SWCF, 50, 5'5", from Ann Arbor, enjoys dancing, camping, family and friends, spectator sports, wants to meet SWCM, 45-52, N/S. Ad# 7473

**DINNER AND A MOVIE?**
Catholic WWWF, 65, 5'2", from Oakland County, enjoys the theater, dancing, crafts, home life, swimming, seeks SWM, 64-70, for companionship. Ad# 8439

**FALL IN LOVE**
Outgoing, honest SWCF, 38, 5'2", blue-eyed blonde, enjoys soccer, sports activities, seeking SWCM, 35-45, for friendship. Ad# 8910

**READY FOR A FAMILY**
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Cheerful SWCF, 38, 5'4", full-figured, never married, participates in choir, Bible study, enjoys golf, bowling, walking, bike riding, animals, seeks warm, caring SWCM, 34-49. Ad# 1359

**ARE YOU MY TEDDY BEAR?**
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**SINCERE HEART**
Catholic DWF, 48, 5'5", honey blonde, green eyes, fun-loving, from Brighton, seeks faithful S/DWM, 46-53, to enjoy life with. Ad# 2149

**LOVES ANIMALS**
SWF, 49, 5'3", blue-eyed blonde, sincere, down-to-earth, intelligent, likes the outdoors, nature, the mountains, beaches, cooking, movies, seeks kind-hearted, honest, handy SWM, 45+, for friendship, possibly more. Ad# 5111

**LIFELONG RELATIONSHIP**
Outgoing DWC mom, 32, 4'10", full-figured, N/S, employed, interests include country music and hockey, seeks honest, caring SWCM, 30-45, N/S. Ad# 9420

**WAITING TO HEAR FROM YOU**
Protestant DWF, 53, 5', 110lbs., N/S, educated, warm, fun, witty, enjoys dining out, cooking, day trips, music, seeks professional SWM, N/S, for possible long-term relationship. Ad# 3334

**LET'S GET AWAY...**
DWCF, 45, 5'4", blue-eyed blonde, hobbies include bowling, golf, rollerblading, casinos, dining out, movies, seeking honest, loyal SWCM, 43-53, for monogamous relationship. Ad# 3485

**STILL SEARCHING**
DWCF, 42, 5'2", 160lbs., blue-eyed blonde beauty, financially stable, has no children at home, great sense of humor, seeks DWCM, 38-44, who is nurturing, kind, sensitive and honest, to have 'em with. Ad# 4967

**REAL NICE PERSON**
WWWCF, 64, 5'2", pretty, talkative, married, sight smoker, lives in South Lyons, likes geese, walks, TV, movies, dining out, cards, seeks compatible, trusting, humorous SWCM, 62-70. Ad# 4060

**KNOW HOW TO SHARE?**
Chipper SWF, 25, 5'7", long black hair city likes movies, dancing, family times, good friends, seeks SWM, 24-28, no kids, preferably never married. Ad# 7557

**NO HEAD GAMES**
Easygoing Lutheran SWF, 35, 5'2", N/S, enjoys cooking, collecting cook books, seeks fun-loving, caring, honest SWM, 35-40, for friendship first. Ad# 1142

**MUTUAL RESPECT**
Born Again SWCF, 45, 5'5", shy and reserved earth, caring, from Brighton, enjoys camping, fishing, walks, nature, animals, seeks warm, sincere, honest SWCM. Ad# 1951

**ONE SPECIAL PERSON**
SWCF, 27, 5'3", blue-eyed blonde, cheerful, professional, lives in Novi, likes sports, crafts, flowers, skiing, seeks upbeat, confident WWWCM, 26-33, with similar interests. Ad# 2576

**LOOKING FOR YOU**
Protestant DWF, 41, 5'10", N/S, easygoing, full-figured, enjoys swimming, walking, bowling, cards, animals, traveling, seeks honest, loyal SWM, N/S. Ad# 8008

**ANY CHEMISTRY?**
Catholic SWF, 35, 5'8", tall, slender, educated, active, N/S, likes travel, dancing, fitness, elegant evenings, seeks lively, humorous SWM, 30-43. Ad# 2213

**A BRAND NEW START**
Bashful DW mom, 34, 5'6", blue-eyed blonde, enjoys movies, going out being outdoors, seeks nice SWM, to share thoughts and interests with. Ad# 5560

**LOOKING LONG-TERM?**
Honest, upbeat DWC mom, 39, 5'6", fit, lives in South Lyons, enjoys her job, golf, boating, travel, music, animals, seeks confident, humorous, attractive SWCM, 33-41. Ad# 7997

**LOVES TO CUDDLE**
Baptist SWF, 50, 5'3", brown eyes, warm, caring, cheerful, enjoys traveling, dining, plays, walking, reading, movies, seeks honest, sensitive, educated SM, with similar interests. Ad# 6283

**LET'S MEET**
Non-denominational DWF, 26, full-figured, friendly, extroverted, likes walks in the park, picnics, movies, seeks understanding, affectionate SM, with a good sense of humor. Ad# 1011

**QUIET AT FIRST**
Catholic SWF, 33, shy, outgoing, enjoys reading, collecting dolls, walking, bike riding, looking for outgoing, humorous, caring, loving SM, N/S. Ad# 9863

**SPOIL ME!**
SWCF, 47, caring, fun-loving, attends Christian activities, enjoys golfing, reading, boating, sewing, traveling, seeks kind, honest SM, to spend time together. Ad# 6636

**HAS COMMON SENSE**
Catholic SWF, 38, humorous, friendly, enjoys playing hockey, hunting, fishing, rollerblading, tennis, seeks attractive, enjoyable SM, who is fun and serious-minded. Ad# 2229

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SWM, 36, 5'11", outgoing, kind-hearted, handsome, enjoys outdoors, animals, movies, seeks SWF, under 37, to share same interests. Ad# 4735

**HELLO SUNSHINE**
SWM, 29, 5'10", enjoys bowling, movies, going out, seeks SWF, age unimportant. Ad# 4545

**MAN OF INTEGRITY**
Catholic SWM, 34, 5'6", N/S, friendly, employed, likes road trips, movies and dining out, seeks never-married Catholic SWF, 30-37, without kids, for nice relationship. Ad# 2263

**RETIRED PROFESSIONAL**
Protestant DWM, 63, 6', N/S, light drinker, energetic, fit, caring and romantic, likes sports and traveling, seeking N/S SCF, under 64, to share a possible relationship. Ad# 2358

**SOMEONE TO SHARE WITH**
DWCM, 27, 6', 160lbs., sandy brown hair, blue eyes, talkative, personable, extroverted, from Saginaw, participates in death ministry, enjoys music, seeking down-to-earth SWCF, 21-32. Ad# 4224

**A MATCH MADE IN HEAVEN**
Shy DWC dad, 34, 6'3", 215lbs., brown hair, green eyes, from New Hudson, enjoys movies, exercising, the outdoors, seeks S/DWCF, 28-45, for friendship, possible long-term relationship. Ad# 3698

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Outgoing, Friendly SWCM, 44, 6', lives in Walled Lake, traveling, working at home, long walks, roller coasters, seeking a outgoing, family oriented SWCF, 36-46. Ad# 2094

**TRUE BELIEVER**
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**A MUSIC LOVER**
SWCM, 45, 5'9", medium build, from Brighton area, likes dancing, bowling, dining out, seeking a SWCF, under 55, N/S, for possible relationship. Ad# 1468

**ANYTHING IN COMMON?**
Professional, easygoing DWC dad, 52, 5'10", employed, enjoys sports, playing cards, dining out, seeking SWCF, 42-53. Ad# 8787

**ONCE IN A LIFETIME...**
Faithful SWCM, 29, 5'1", 260lbs., brown hair, enjoys basketball, baseball, volleyball, movies, dining out, walks, seeking honest, caring SWCF, 19-25, to develop a serious, loving relationship. Ad# 1964

**ALWAYS ON THE GO!!!**
Catholic DW dad, 40, 6', 175lbs., brown hair/eyes, enjoys rollerblading, biking, golfing, fishing, snow skiing and reading, seeks active, spontaneous Catholic SWF, under 45. Ad# 7126

**HOPE YOU'LL CALL!**
Catholic SW dad, 28, 6', South Lyons resident, enjoys romance, camping, fishing, hunting, family, seeks Catholic SWF, 22-34. Ad# 2869

**ALL THAT AND MORE**
DWCM, 40, 5'11", outgoing, friendly, lives in Highland Township, enjoys boating, water skiing, horseback riding, seeking adventurous SF, 25-44, with similar interests. Ad# 7329

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**HAPPY WITH LIFE!**
Catholic DWM, 52, 5'10", 170lbs., open, honest, enjoys biking, dancing, animals, being outdoors, from Brighton, seeks athletic SF, under 45, who is young-at-heart. Ad# 4888

**A SOUL MATE**
Catholic WWWM, 56, 5'8", resides in Brighton, enjoys choir, sports, music, exercising, quiet times, good conversation, good friends, seeks WF, age unimportant, for a lasting relationship. Ad# 6699

**FOLLOW YOUR HEART**
Never-married, Catholic SWCM, 33, 5'9", animal lover, from the Livonia area, enjoys movies and sporting events, seeks Catholic SWCF. Ad# 8978

**CONTACT ME**
DWC dad, 37, 6', laid-back, reserved, secure, employed, lives in Fenton, seeks genuine, employed, stable SWCF, 33-43. Ad# 3700

**LET'S TALK OVER COFFEE**
SWM, 25, 5'7", dark hair, blue eyes, N/S, enjoys movies, camping, hunting, travel, seeks honest, slender SWF, 19-27, with similar interests. Ad# 7900

**PICK ME!**
SWM, 20, 6', enjoys sports, movies, seeking humorous, easygoing, dependable SF, for possible relationship. Ad# 7080

**THE SEARCH IS OVER**
SWCM, 31, 6'2", dark hair, blue eyes, easygoing, great sense of humor, lives in South Lyons, interests include the movies, sports, concerts, seeking physically fit, muscular SCF, 18-44. Ad# 3718

**HERE'S TO NEW BEGINNINGS**
Protestant DW dad, 41, 6'2", 205lbs., brown hair, hazel eyes, good-looking, enjoys sports, camping, the outdoors, seeking Protestant SWF, under 41, who is caring and family-oriented. Ad# 1212

**STRAIGHTFORWARD TALK**
Pleasant, childless SWM, 32, 6'2", never married, new to Michigan, likes movies, sports, concerts, looking for nice, childless SWF, 18-44, 5'7"+, for dating, possible relationship. Ad# 2122

**BEST THERE IS**
Young-at-heart DW dad, 41, 6', 180lbs., red hair, outgoing, friendly, enjoys conversation, fishing, camping, seeks SW mom, 25-41, for possible relationship. Ad# 4373

**MR. NICE GUY!**
SWM, 19, 6'5", redhead, hazel eyes, enjoys dining out, dancing, going to the beach, seeks SWF, 18-24, with mutual interests. Ad# 5495

**SERIOUS ONLY**
Catholic SWM, 34, 5'10", 180lbs., brown hair, green eyes, employed, enjoys traveling, dining out, movies, music, would like to meet Catholic SWF, 22-35, N/S, who is marriage minded. Ad# 9763

**ALL ALONE**
Warm-hearted SWM, 32, 6'1", 175lbs., never married, likes kids, having fun, seeks SF, 18+, with a good sense of humor. Ad# 1117

**IRRESISTIBLE YOU**
SWCM, 29, lives in Whitmore Lake, looking for SWCF, 18-35, who is outgoing, fun-loving and employed. Ad# 5237

**ROMEO AND JULIET**
Protestant DWM, 34, 5'7", reddish-brown hair, green eyes, attractive, employed, seeking loyal, compassionate, caring SWF, 26-37, with inner and outer beauty, for friendship first. Ad# 5934

**ALL TOGETHER NOW?**
DWC dad, 32, 5'8", 140lbs., dark hair, hazel eyes, fit, goal-oriented, sincere, respectable, loving, likes fishing, motorcycles, seeks loyal, mature SHCF, 28-36. Ad# 3806

**NEVER MARRIED**
Friendly, humorous SWCM, 20, 5'10", enjoys sports, rollerblading, seeking SWF, 18-25, for friendship first. Ad# 5664

**ALONE TOO LONG**
Personable SWCM, 40, 5'10", from Hamburg, enjoys movies, watching TV, golfing, biking, seeking sincere, honest SWCF, 32-38. Ad# 6633

**CALL & WE'LL TALK**
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# 'Midnight' features unusual mix of characters

Academy Award-winner Clint Eastwood directs Academy Award-winner Kevin Spacey and acclaimed talent John Cusack, as well as an outstanding ensemble of supporting actors, in the filmed adaptation of author John Berendt's best-selling novel about a sensational murder trial in the genteel town of Savannah, Georgia, and the havoc it plays with a subtle and intricately structured way of life.

In "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil," John Kelso (Cusack) is a young writer from New York who has been sent to Savannah on behalf of *Town and Country* magazine to cover a very prestigious Christmas party. This elegant, lavish and stylish event is given each year by Jim Williams (Spacey), one of Savannah's most prominent and colorful citizens.

Williams is an antiques dealer, collector and restoration specialist who has built his wealth through the reconstruction and sale of the numerous 18th- and 19-century homes which elegantly frame the city's historic squares. His own home, Mercer House, is located on the corner of Monterey Square and was built in 1860 by General Hugh Mercer, whose great-grandson was popular songwriter Johnny Mercer. The house is an elegant, stately Southern mansion.

John Kelso's assignment seems straightforward. He will simply immerse himself in Savannah's gracious Southern atmosphere and describe the colorful history of Mercer House. He will highlight the party preparations and Jim Williams' exclusive guest list. Finally, he will attend the elegant black-tie event and report on the festivities.

Unfortunately, things don't quite work out that way.

In a sequence of events set in motion following his courtly Christmas party, Jim Williams is arrested for murder. Claiming self-defense, Williams has shot and killed his live-in lover, Billy Hanson (Jude Law), who, it seems, had a history of irrational, often violent behavior.

John Kelso's *Town and Country* magazine article soon evolves into a book about a startling murder trial in an unexpected setting, with Kelso the outside observer, though not quite the objective eye he hopes to be.

Williams, now jailed, sets up his office in his cell and calmly continues to do business. He is certain that a jury of his peers, aware of Billy Hanson's explosive, unconventional behavior, will find Williams innocent on the grounds of self-defense. But Savannah is wrestling with the question of who Williams' peers might actually be. Are they the neighbors who hoped each year for the richly engraved invitation to Williams' annual Christmas soiree, or are they a far less conventional group?

Over the coming months, Savannah provides the stage for a morality play generated by Williams and reflected through some of the city's more eccentric inhabitants. The situation becomes increasingly entangled, as gossip and Savannah's unique approach to social disorder and problem solving leave their stamp on events.

Williams' attorney, Sonny Seiler (Jack Thompson) is the man leading the defense. The case is a daunting proposition for Sonny during football season, since Seiler is a rabid fan and the proud owner of Uga, bulldog mascot to the University of Georgia football team. University of Georgia victories and losses on the gridiron have a way of influencing Seiler's effectiveness in the courtroom; fortunately, a win over Notre Dame comes at a pivotal moment in the trial.

Joe Odom (Paul Hipp) is a free-spirited ex-attorney who enjoys house sitting for absentee Savannah homeowners, charging tourists to walk through the period properties he's temporarily occupying and celebrating the process at all hours of the day and night with liquor, song and lodging for his friends. Odom is an observer of Jim Williams' life, friends and behavior, both before and after "The Incident," as it comes to be described.

Mandy Nichols (Alison Eastwood) helps Kelso sharpen his perspective on Savannah's social climate and wildly divergent citizens. One of the tenants in Odom's part-time residence, Mandy meets Kelso in a quest for ice at 2 a.m. and invites him to the party. She is an independent, clever girl, whose honesty, attractiveness and down-to-earth advice are a great help to Kelso as he tries to unravel the many layers of Savannah's social structure.

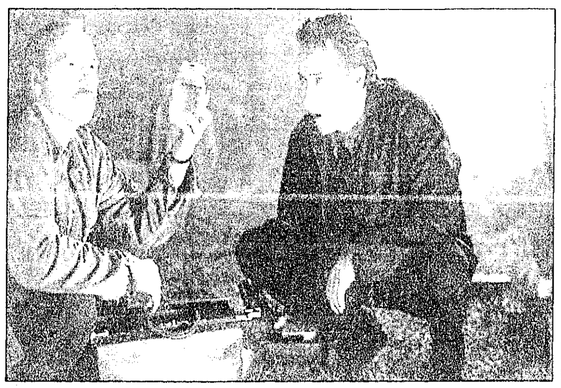
Then there is Minerva (Irma P. Hall), a voodoo priestess brought in by Williams to help bolster his defense. John Kelso discovers that Minerva conducts her business just before and after midnight in Savannah's Bonneventure cemetery, all of which somehow seems appropriate. What better place to influence the outcome of a trial than the cemetery's mystery-shrouded garden of good and evil?

And finally, there is The Lady Chablis, a transvestite singer-performer whose completely unique viewpoint on Savannah's social and personal activities forms a startling counterpoint to everything else that John Kelso hears and sees. Through the flamboyant chatter and occasional pungent, witty truth told by The Lady Chablis, Kelso comes to understand more than he'd expected about the souls of men and women — and what will by Jim Williams' fate.

"I read the John Hancock script," director Clint Eastwood explains, "before I read the book. It was an interesting, well-written script which I thought would make a good film project.

"I haven't ever done a film like this, which is part of its appeal to me. I think it's an unusual mix of characters and I've always been drawn to character-driven stories.

"Savannah is a unique location and the people in 'Midnight' are very eccentric," Eastwood concludes. "The story goes in a lot of different directions, but the characters give you an insight to a lifestyle and an attitude which I think most people would find both interesting and entertaining. I certainly did."



Jim Williams (Spacey) and John Kelso (Cusack) star in the film, directed by Clint Eastwood.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## Grapplers set to take off

By JASON SCHMITT
staff writer

Wrestling can be a lonely sport to 14-19 year-olds especially for a coach at the beginning of the season. Just ask Novi coaches Brad Huss and Dan Fritz.

Novi is coming off a very successful year which saw eight wrestlers qualify for regional competition and four go to the state meet. But unfortunately six of those guys – including Luke Watanabe and Skip Becker – are long since graduated, leaving the coaching staff scrambling to fill the holes.

Well, one would think that would be the case.

"I think on paper we look pretty good," Huss said. "We have quite a lot of experience this year. When you have 12 weight classes that you have 500 kids in better look. You're going to be pretty good."

Huss did point out, however, that his team may not show the early-season brilliance it did a year ago.

"We're not going to be as good as we were at the beginning of last year, but hopefully we'll get to that point.

"It's a different lineup, but we feel last year's sophomores and juniors are ready to make the jump."

Huss said he and Fritz have a lineup that in time, could gel and compete in the very competitive Kensington Valley Conference.

Junior Claudio Acosta-Alanis has impressed the coaches early and should be the pick at 103 pounds.

"We expect good things out of Acosta for he is just a freshman and has maybe 100 pounds right now and it's tough to give up weight at that class," Huss commented.

The next three weight classes will see a shakeup with sophomores Brian Dodds and Dan Alig sharing time at 112. Alig, the first Novi freshman to place at the state meet, will also wrestle at 119.

At 125, sophomore Nate Mitchell and junior transfer Andy Randazzo are vying for a starting position.

Senior Ryan Reiter and sophomore Aaron Platt are duking it out for the 130 pound class. Reiter returns with over a 500 record last year, but Platt has been wrestling well early.

The same holds true at 135. Sophomores Matt Luschas and Yousif Quamruzzaman will wrestle it out and share time at this spot.

There's no question who will wrestle at 140. Mark Chiarella returns after qualifying for the state meet last year. His coach believes this senior is one of the top contenders on this year's team.

John Szwast jumps up a few weight classes this year and will wrestle 145 in his senior season.

Huss said the remaining weight classes will be the strength of the team, leading off with junior Chris Christoff at 152.

Seniors Jeff O'Sullivan and Nick Wendt are at 160, and both are strong enough to make it a long way in the state tournament.

Seniors Andy Kalik and Nate Plecha are coming off a successful football season and ready for a run at 171 and 189.

Senior John Talbot and Brett Faulkner anchor the team at the 215 and heavyweight positions.

"Really that's got to be our strength at the top of the lineup," Huss said. "I like the fact that we have some experience back there."

Actually, Huss likes the experience he sees throughout his line up.

"I don't see any divisions where you give up pins, but the thing is I don't know if I see a lot of pinners either."

That's something Huss and Fritz will need if Novi wants a conference title.

Hartland, the defending conference champion, is again near the top.

"South Lyon is good, Milford is good, Brighton is good, Howell is good. That's legit, there are five or six teams that will compete for the championship," Huss said. "We'll find out a lot today. I've heard Northville is pretty good this year."

The Wildcats open up the 1997-98 season at home against Northville today.

Photo by AL WARD

Senior Andy Kalik is one of the wrestlers coach Brad Huss said would lead the team.

## Novi trio makes Hometown's all-area teams

### *Kenny, Copp make first team*

Much like the abundance of talent found on HomeTown's other all-area teams this fall, girls hoops had its ups and downs and had a plethora of talent of its own.

Although there weren't any district championship trophies handed out to any of the area teams, there was by no means a lack of talent.

Novi had one of its best seasons ever, going 16-4 in the regular season and finishing runnerup to Howell in the Kensington Valley Conference (KVC). The Wildcats went on to defeat Churchill and Northville in the district tournament before bowing out to eventual regional champion Plymouth Canton.

Northville boasted an impressive 13-7 regular season mark in a very deep Western Lakes Activities Association conference this year.

Milford ended the year with an overall record of 15-8, its best season since 1990 when the Redskins went 15-6. Milford reached the district finals after an exciting overtime win against Walled Lake Central but couldn't pull out the win in the final against Waterford Kettering.

Compiling a squad whose playing days may extend on to the collegiate level, Hometown's East and Central offices came up with the first-team all-area squad. It looks something like this:

**DAWN HOUCK**
**Lakeland Junior**

While Lakeland has a somewhat disappointing season, Houck was able to maintain her scoring average while at the same time increasing her stats in almost every other category.

Houck led the Eagles with 14.0 points per game and scored double digits in 15 of 20 games. Her high game of 27 points was accomplished twice.

Houck led the team in rebounds from the guard position with 5.7 per game and averaged more than two assists per contest.

"She's just an all-around very good player," Lakeland coach Paul Gmelin said. "She's just one of those special players who comes around once in a while. She's extremely dedicated. She's the first one to practice everyday and the last one to leave."

Houck also led the team in steals with 3.3 per game.

**CHRISTIE SCHUMACHER**
**Milford Sophomore**

Milford coach Don Palmer said the stats could speak for themselves when it comes to talking about Christie Schumacher.

The sophomore forward led the Redskins with 15.7 points a game and had more than 200 rebounds as Milford went on to its best finish in seven years. Schumacher shot 39 percent from the floor and 75 percent from the line for the Redskins.

"When she got the ball in the scoring area she usually scored and when she played well we usually won," Palmer said. "When she wasn't on the floor our chances of winning were minimized."

Next year it will definitely be her team to orchestrate," Palmer said. "We're going to ask her to do more and we have confidence in her."

Photo by HAL GOULD

Continued on 9 Novi senior Jessica Kenny led the Wildcats to one of the best seasons in school history.

## Sullivan on 2nd team

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**BETH QUINEY**
**Milford Senior**

Quiney was second in scoring to Christie Schumacher but Quiney has been the best athlete on the Milford basketball team for the past three seasons in terms of quickness, running and jumping.

Quiney scored close to 200 points, averaging 8.3 per game and brought down over 100 rebounds. She shot 14 3-pointers and was 34 percent from the floor.

**JULIE FLIS**
**Northville Senior**

This senior complemented the outside presence of Lauren Metaj with a strong inside game. Flis averaged 10.4 points per game while pulling down nearly four rebounds per contest.

Coach Pete Wright said before to the season started he didn't know who would step it up and handle a bulk of the scoring. But Flis surprised her coach and continued to improve as the season went on.

"She offered us an option to score and she really shot the ball well," Wright said. "She worked extremely hard over the summer. There were some other girls I thought would step up and score, but Julie really did a nice job for us."

**WENDY JACOBS**
**South Lyon Senior**

South Lyon took a major blow when Brooke Raths was put on the sidelines for the season and Jacobs was there to lead the seniors through the trying season.

Jacobs led the Lions with nine points per game and eight rebounds. She also led the team with 37 blocked shots and 60 steals. She hit 42.7 percent from the floor and 64 percent from the line.

## Novi only team to grab two first-team spots

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**LAUREN METAJ**
**Northville senior**

One of the best point guards in the state, Metaj returns to the all-area first team for the third-straight season after leading her Mustangs to a 14-7 record. The numbers don't lie, Metaj led the area in points (14.9), steals (4.2) and assists (4.3) and ranked high in all-other categories.

Metaj finished her career as the leading scorer in school history with 1,177 points, scoring at least 200 points each year.

Metaj has earned numerable post-season awards including third-team all-state honors last year. She made the Western Lakes' first team her junior and senior year after earning all-division honors her first two years. Metaj has yet to decide which college she will attend next year.

"Lauren's going to be hard to replace," said her coach Pete Wright. "She does everything for us and I think she makes everyone else around her better."

**JESSICA KENNY**
**Novi Senior**

The most valuable player on a team full of most valuable players, Kenny has been here before. She is a three-year member of Hometown's first team and repeat member on the KVC first team.

Kenny, a 5-foot-10 guard, played a big role in the Wildcats' success this year. She averaged 10.2 points per game, and ranked second on the team in assists and steals.

But it was the small things that made her so valuable to her team.

"Defensively she was a leader by example," said Novi coach Dennis Cichonski. "She has earned the recognition of her teammates, coaches and other players throughout the league.

Kenny led the 'Cats in minutes played this year.

"Because she could do so much on the floor," Cichonski said. "She is a great decision maker for us."

**KATIE COPP**
**Novi Senior**

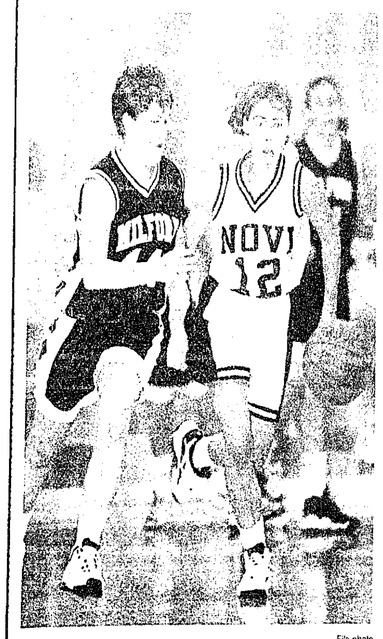
Statistically, few others compared to Copp on the hardwood. She led the team in scoring, assists, steals and rebounds.

Copp stepped it up when center Kristen McGlinnen went down with an injury early in the season. Although only 5-foot-10, Copp played like the biggest player on the court and often manhandled opponents on the boards.

She averaged 10.6 points and 6.7 rebounds per game this year. She earned all-KVC second-team honors both last year and this year.

"Katie has developed into an excellent player," Cichonski said. "She's very hard on herself and is probably her own worst critic.

"She made a comment that she wanted her senior year to be her best year yet, and she has followed through with that."



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Kristen Sullivan's defense helped pave the way for Novi.

## *Sullivan finds way onto second team*

HomeTown Newspapers' all-area second team provides quite a supporting cast for our first team members.

Beth Quiney's athletic ability provided the Redskins with a heavy one-two punch along side Milford's leading scorer Christie Schumacher.

Lakeland's sophomore Martha Digsby was given a great responsibility on the floor, bringing the ball back on the floor and calling plays for the Eagles.

After losing its best player, South Lyon needed someone to take the reigns and lead a young team of juniors and Wendy Jacobs did a fine job filling that position as the lone senior on the team.

Novi's Kristen Sullivan played a strong role in the Wildcats' run for a district championship.

Stepping forward and playing a vital role for Northville, Julie Flis surprised many, even her coach, enroute to earning a spot on this team.

These five girls have proven they could take on most any opponent on their own with the performances they've given with their respective teams. Here is a closer look at HomeTown's second team talent:

**MARTHA DIGSBY**
**Lakeland Sophomore**

Lakeland's most improved player scored 4.7 points per game this season. Digsby accepted the point guard position even though it isn't her natural position and, according to coach Paul Gmelin, by the end of the season Digsby was holding her own.

"She finds the open man and handles the ball better than average," Gmelin said. "I wish she'd get a little more confidence because right now that's all she's lacking. She's got all the God-given talents to be a successful basketball player."

Digsby had the responsibility of taking the ball out of bounds for the Eagles and started calling plays for Gmelin out on the floor.

"She's the kind of player who will take the shot at the end of the game when the game's on the line," Gmelin said. "A lot of kids will shy away from that but she seems to want the responsibility and I really like that in her."

**KRISTEN SULLIVAN**
**Novi Senior**

With each member of the 1997 Wildcat basketball squad playing a vital role in the team's success, Sullivan's role was crucial.

The senior shooting guard posed an outside threat which opened up the inside for Katie Copp and Kristen McGlinnen. An improved drive to the basket made her a bigger threat for opponents.

The speedy Sullivan helped Novi break the press. She also had the unappreciated task of guarding the opponents' top players.

"This was her best season," coach Dennis Cichonski said. "She really worked hard on her drive and that was one of the areas she wanted to work on so she wouldn't be just a perimeter threat."

Sullivan was third on the team with 8.4 points per game and she connected on 24 three pointers.

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### 1997 ALL-AREA BASKETBALL

**FIRST TEAM**

| NAME | POSITION | YEAR | SCHOOL |
|---|---|---|---|
| DAWN HOUCK | GUARD | JR | LAKELAND |
| CHRISTIE SCHUMACHER | FORWARD | SOPH | MILFORD |
| LAUREN METAJ | GUARD | SR | NORTHVILLE |
| JESSICA KENNY | GUARD | SR | NOVI |
| KATIE COPP | FORWARD | SR | NOVI |

**SECOND TEAM**

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## Health Column

# HIV children suffer in more ways than one

Janet R. Gilsdorf

Since 1981, more than 8,000 individuals infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, have been reported to the Michigan Department of Public Health.

At a rate of 87.5 infected individuals per 100,000 persons, Michigan ranks 34th in the country. This low rate reflects the fact that AIDS was late, and slow, to come to Michigan.

Although the majority of infected individuals are adults, a few are children: 54 HIV-positive infants and toddlers between the ages of newborn and 4 years old have been reported in Michigan, 32 between the ages of 5 and 12, and 50 between the ages of 15 and 19.

Children become infected in a variety of ways. Most of them are born to HIV-infected mothers and acquire the virus around the time of birth. Others are recipients of HIV-contaminated blood products. Very few children or adults have been infected by this route since screening of donated blood began in 1985. Children also may acquire HIV infection through sexual abuse by HIV-infected adults.

HIV-infected children often live in complex social situations. Their biologic parents usually are infected themselves and live fairly disorganized lives characterized by unemployment, poverty, unstable housing and single parenthood. These parents may also suffer from drug and/or alcohol abuse, and may be unable to care for their children.

A fairly high proportion of HIV-infected children are placed in either foster or adoptive families. Irrespective of the social situation, many families living with HIV experience a significant amount of social isolation.

In spite of widespread educational efforts, a considerable amount of fear continues to exist about the potential spread of the HIV virus.

Because this virus is spread primarily by sexual contact or by significant blood exposure as may occur through the use of shared needles during illicit intravenous drug use, the probability of the spread of the HIV virus from a child to either another child or to an adult is extremely small. Unfortunately, the children of HIV-infected persons often suffer from the social stigma that is targeted toward their parents.

HIV infection affects children in unique ways compared to adults. For reasons that are not entirely clear, some infected children experience severe immune system failure very early and may develop the symptoms of AIDS – including growth failure, central nervous system disease, or opportunistic infections such as pneumocystis pneumonia – as early as 4 months of age. Other infected children may remain either totally or relatively asymptomatic with only minor immune system failure for up to 10 years. In general, however, children usually manifest the symptoms of AIDS sooner after they acquire the infection than adults.

HIV-infected children are more likely to develop severe infections from the viruses and bacteria that cause only minor infections in healthy children. Compared to adults, children are less likely to develop either AIDS-related blindness from cytomegalovirus infection or Kaposi's sarcoma, a common malignancy among HIV-infected adults. These children, however, commonly have poor growth and either fail to meet the normal developmental milestones – such as sitting, walking or talking – at the appropriate ages or they may lose these abilities as their central nervous system infection progresses.

The treatment of HIV infection in children is more complicated and fraught with more unknowns than is treatment of adult patients. Many of the newer antiviral drugs, which hold promise in slowing the progression of HIV infection for adults, have not been adequately tested in children. Currently, the appropriate dose of these newer drugs is not known for very young children.

In spite of all the questions about therapy, there are many important things that can be done for children infected with the HIV virus. Many of the opportunistic infections such as pneumocystic pneumonia, toxoplasmosis and mycobacterium avian intercellulare may be prevented through prophylactic antibiotics.

Furthermore, other childhood infections may be prevented by the use of routine immunizations, although vaccines containing live viruses such as oral polio, mmr (measles, mumps and rubella) and chicken pox are either not used at all or used only cautiously in HIV-infected children.

In addition, optimal nutrition for HIV-infected children reduces the probability of growth failure. The progression of HIV diseases may be slowed through the use of new combinations of antiviral drugs, although information on this for children is minimal so far.

Finally, families may be given social, emotional and economic support as they struggle to provide comfortable and meaningful lives for their children who are living with AIDS.

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# 'You' need to be more informed on health

Your health care team may include your family physician, a specialist, a nurse, a nutritionist, and a pharmacist. But the team has one more player – you. When you are well and when you are sick, you will play a vital role in maintaining your health.

It is now generally accepted that the patient who is informed becomes empowered to take responsibility for personal health and will be an active partner in the health care team.

The American Hospital Association formalized this concept in 1973, when it published the Patient's Bill of Rights, which states: "The patient has the right to receive from his physician complete, current information concerning his diagnosis, treatment, and prognosis in language the patient can reasonably be expected to understand."

The way to make informed decisions is to obtain all of the facts. But information comes from a variety of sources including your physician or the other health professionals involved in your care. In addition, any large bookstore or library today has a collection of consumer health magazines and books. The media also lay a role in attracting the public's interest in health topics.

In addition to traditional sources of health information, the Internet now offers thousands of sites containing a wide variety of medical information, including descriptions of diseases, wellness sites, and health support groups. A recent search of the topic diabetes using the Alta Vista search engine resulted in a listing of 50,000 sites on the World Wide Web.

But given all the sources of information, how do you as health consumers determine which source is offering quality information? Of course, your first recourse should always be your health professional. But what about all the print and electronic forms of health information?

If you are planning on purchasing your own book or magazine, or you are surfing the Internet, always check the source of the information. Government agencies or university sources are generally good sources of health information. If it is a person, check his or her credentials for letters which indicate they have an appropriate health related degree such as D.O., M.D., R.N., etc. Remember, anyone can make information available on the Internet, whether they are qualified or not.

Another way to obtain information is through your local library. Some public libraries offer health information sources in their collections. There are also a few consumer health libraries sponsored by hospitals in southeastern Michigan.

The materials housed in these libraries are selected by trained librarians based on specified criteria so you can be somewhat assured that the information provided is qualified.

The Consumer Health Library at Botsford General Hospital consists of about 500 books, 30 videos and a full-text database of health information from pamphlets, books and articles written in easily understood non-medical terms. In addition, the Botsford Library has computer access to the Internet.

The consumer collection is backed up by a large medical collection which is housed in the same facility. The library is staffed by medical librarians who are trained to assist you in finding information from the most appropriate source to answer your questions. The Botsford Library is open Monday through Thursday 7 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., and Friday 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Regardless of where you get your health information, always discuss it with your doctor or other health professional. It's your life – and good decisions are based on good information.

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## Health Notes

### Blood Donors Wanted

Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, in conjunction with the American Red Cross of Oakland County, is recruiting donors for its holiday blood drive on Friday, Dec. 12, from 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the hospital's Conference Center.

Some areas of the country use more blood than they collect and Southeastern Michigan is one of those areas.

Hospitals of Southeastern Michigan provide some of the most advanced medical procedures in the country. As a result, blood and blood product needs of patients in Southeastern Michigan is greater than our inventory. Therefore, our blood supply must be supplemented by other Red Cross regions.

During the next several weeks special circumstances will interrupt our blood supplies from other regions. We need blood donors to overcome this deficit.

Blood donors must be at least 17 years of age, weigh more than 110 pounds and be in good general health. The donation process takes a little more than an hour.

Community members can pledge a blood donation by calling the office of Community Health at (248) 360-3314. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are encouraged to prevent lengthy waits.

Marty Agents, Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital blood bank group leader, urges area residents to become donors. "The importance of donating blood during this critical time cannot be stressed enough. We need your blood donation to overcome a blood shortage. Collections from O donors must increase to meet our needs," he said.

### Referral service

Are you new to the community? Do you need to find a doctor and can't determine the best way to start your search?

The Physician Referral Service of Providence Hospital and Medical Centers is available to assist individuals in finding a physician who can meet the specific needs or criteria of the individual.

The service is free of charge and can be reached by calling 1-800-968-5595.

The staff of Physician Referral Services can help locate physicians by specialty or location, finding an office close to your home or work. They can even match individuals with physicians who participate in particular insurance plans. Callers can also receive information on support groups, health education classes and lectures.

For referral services, call 1-800-968-5595.

### Low Impact Aerobics

Improve your overall fitness level through a 55-minute workout utilizing lower-impact aerobic movements. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5-5:55 p.m. $50 fee and preregistration required. Botsford Center for Health Improvement-trace, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. For information and to register, call (248) 473-5600.

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### Walking Clubs

Botsford General Hospital sponsors two free walking clubs. Laurel Park Mall (Six Mile and Newburgh roads) beginning at 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday, and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Free blood pressure provided by Botsford for walkers on the fourth Monday of every month, 8-10 a.m. Livonia Mall (Seven Mile and Middlebelt roads) beginning 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday, and 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Free blood pressure checks provided by Botsford for walkers on the third Wednesday of every month from 8-10 a.m. For more information, call Botsford's Health Development Network at (248) 477-6100.

### Caregivers Program

"Caring for Dementia Patients," a free program for individuals caring for adults with Alzheimer's disease or closed-head injuries, co-sponsored by Botsford's Geropsychiatric Services and the Detroit Area Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.

Topics covered include overview of dementia, managing difficult behaviors and coping skills for caregivers. Held on Monday evenings, 6-7:30 p.m. Free. Botsford General Hospital's Conference Room 2-East B, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. For information and registration, call (248) 471-8723.

### Diabetes-Cize

A 10-week comprehensive exercise program co-sponsored by Health Development Network and Botsford Cardiovascular Health Center. This program will help people with diabetes better control blood sugar levels and improve cardiovascular fitness. For information, call (248) 477-6100.

### Diabetes and You

This six-week class explores all areas of diabetes self-car. Preregistration and fee required; some insurances cover class fee. Classes are held at Botsford General Hospital, Farmington Hills, and the Botsford Center for Health Improvement, Novi.

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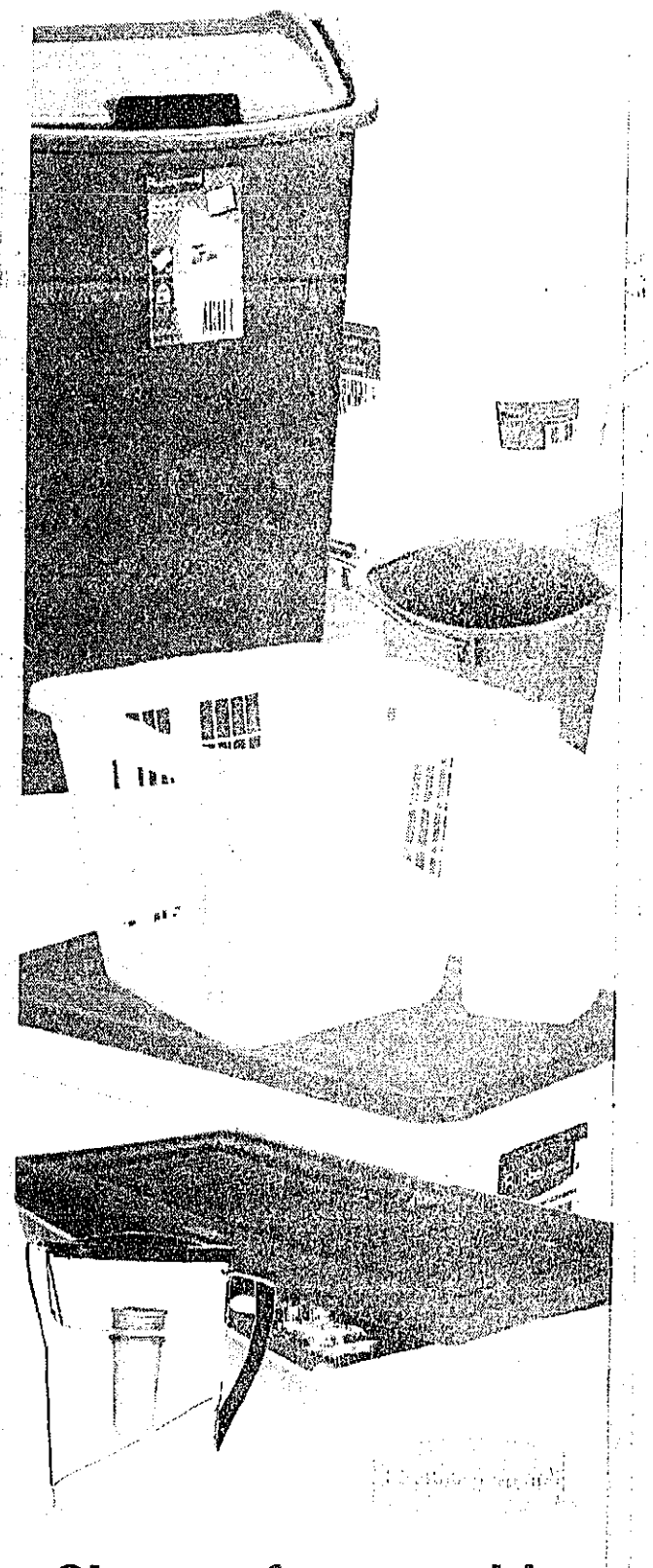

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