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Cable rates go up come January

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

'Tis the season of holiday decorating, visits to Santa at the mall and Time Warner's announcement of the annual cable TV rate hike.

Under a social contract signed by Time Warner and the Federal Communications Commission, the cable company is permitted to raise rates annually.

"Yes, it has been pretty much once a year. But other cable companies raise rates more than one time a year," said Caren Collins, executive director of the Southwest Oakland Cable Commission.

Since 1990, the full cable service, purchased by most customers, has gone up 70 percent. In 1999, the increase over 1998 comes in at just under five percent.

Monday, three new channels were added to the cable lineup: The Food Network, the Fox News Channel and WFUM out of Flint.

"It's really a pretty moderate rate increase. And we certainly think that with the new channels, plus improvements to the existing channels, it's not really going to be that big of a thing," said Tom

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... and, um, I want a ...

Santa Claus kneels down to hear the Christmas wishes of Elizabeth Richmond during Tuesday evening's Novi Main Street Holiday Walk. The city hosted the walk through its

downtown-under-construction to kick off the holiday season. The event featured caroling, a band performance, tree lighting and of course Santa. More photos appear on page 10.

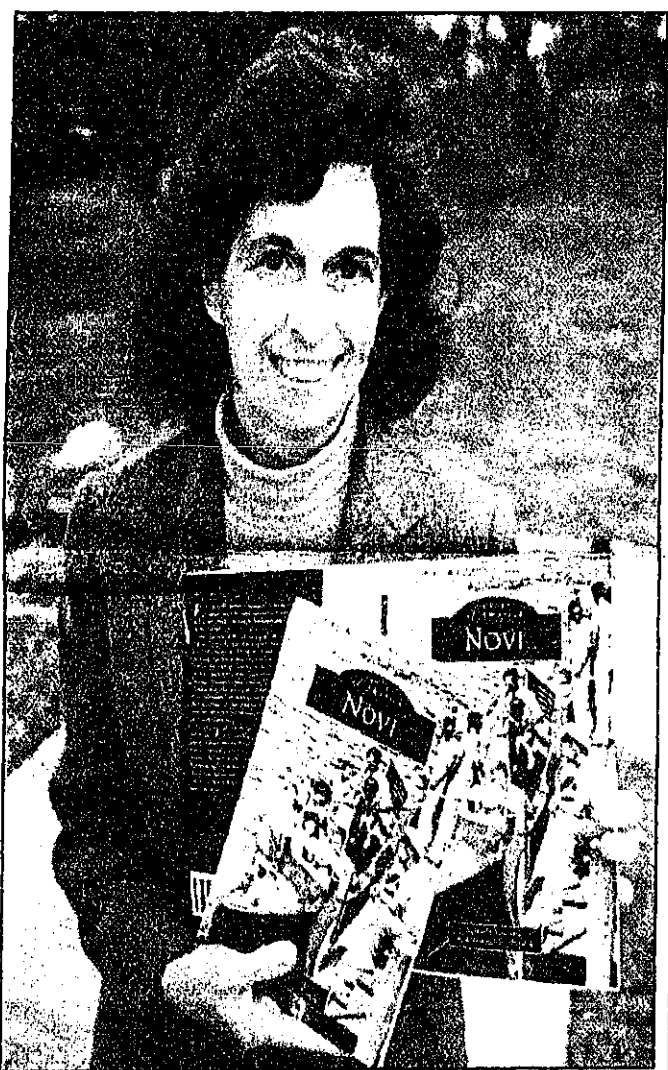


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Barbara Louie with her latest Novi historical publication.

Book looks at Novi historical photos

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Outsiders say Novi has no history.

The locals know better, but even they admit what's left is going, gone. Still, a fading way of life has left its traces in a new book by local historian Barbara Louie, with the help of her father, Samuel Popkin.

The recently released "Images of America, Novi" divides the city by its major roads, showing before and after shots of Grand River Avenue and each mile road.

On the sepia-toned cover is a group of merry-makers heading out for a boat ride on Walled Lake, in the glory days of the casino and

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No one home

Man, believed to be barricade with gun, was at the mall

By JEREMY McBAIN
Staff Writer

Novi police responded to a report of a 20-year-old Novi man barricaded in his home with a gun at Old Dutch Farms mobile home park on Napier Road around 4:30 p.m. Saturday.

After evacuating the park and spending four-and-a-half hours trying to make contact with the man — all the while surrounding the house with officers from the Novi, Wixom and Walled Lake police departments, as well as the Oakland County Emergency Response Team

and a large tank — police then discovered the man was not home, he was at a local mall.

As of Monday, police had not found him.

The events of the evening unfolded when the man's 20-year-old wife called police alleging that he assaulted her. She said he pushed her and pointed a knife at her. She said he then grabbed a gun and barricaded himself inside the bedroom. Officers at the Novi police department told the woman to get herself and her two children out of the house.

As she was leaving, she said she heard a

gunshot. Later, police could not find any evidence that a shot had been fired.

But when police arrived on the scene, the woman — who had gone to a neighbor's home across the street — told officers the man was still in the home and had a gun.

Novi police established a perimeter around the area and called in additional officers for backup. The wife was sent to a relative's home.

Police tried to make phone contact with the

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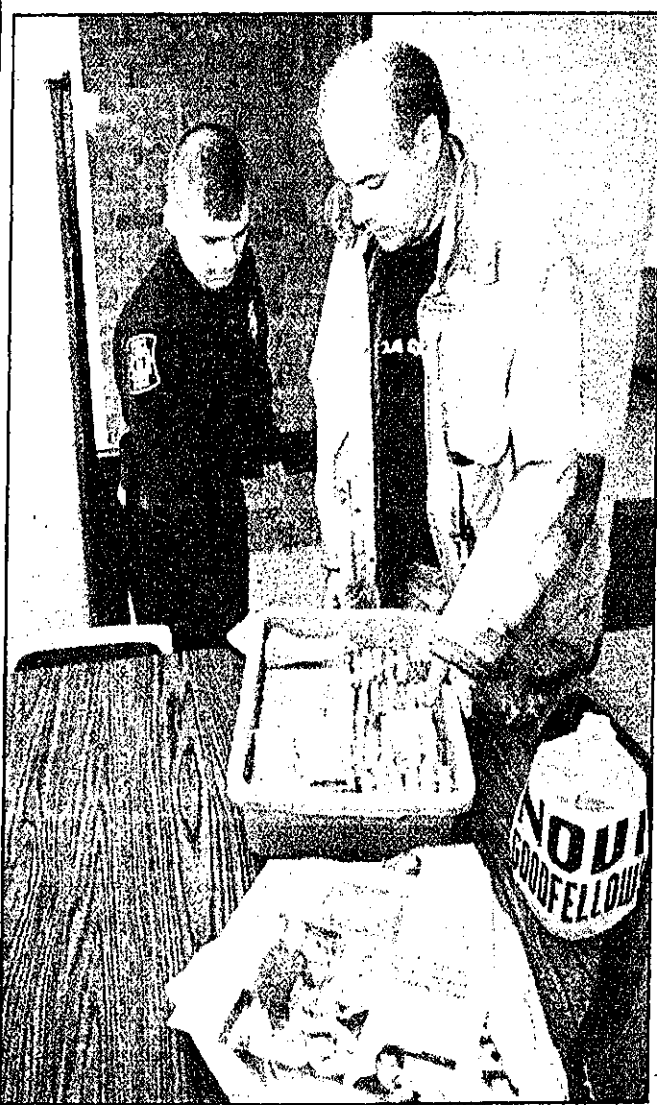


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A successful fundraiser

Novi Firefighter Scott Rich, left, and Bob Peterson, President of Novi Goodfellows, re-count and stack the monies they raised last Saturday during their annual Goodfellows Paper Drive. From their Novi area efforts, the group raised more than \$3,600 all which will go to local youngsters in need.

Case under review a year after murder

By JEREMY McBAIN
Staff Writer

After a year of investigating Tamara Pittao's murder, Novi police are waiting for the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office to give them further guidance.

Det. Dennis Jelley, of the Novi police department, said he submitted four large binders full of information on Pittao's murder to the Oakland County Prosecutor "a while back."

He said information was previously sent to the prosecutor's office but it was sent back with an order for further investigation that pointed out 80 tasks that needed to be done.

Jelley said he completed those 80 items two weeks ago.

While he stressed the investigation is not over until he has a confession or a conviction, Jelley said now he is just waiting for further instruction from the prosecutor.

While Jelley waits for a decision, the assistant prosecutor assigned to the case has been out on disability leave. This has left the case in limbo until the prosecutor's return.

Jelley said at one point the case was going to be reassigned, but because of the amount of background information in the case, this was determined to be a poor

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Novi grants license to city's first pawnshop

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Novi may be a shopping mecca, but until recently, one type of commercial opportunity was simply not found here.

But not any more. Last week, Gary Weinstein, owner of Weinstein Jewelers on Grand River Avenue, was granted the city's first pawnbroker license.

Weinstein said it's a service his customers have been requesting.

"It's a loan operation. I'm one who gets very sentimental about jewelry. You know the saying, a

diamond is forever. My term is, you should keep it forever," he said. "I'd much rather loan someone the money on it than offer to buy it out."

What Weinstein expects to see flowing in are wedding and engagement rings from broken relationships and inherited jewelry that doesn't tickle the fancy of the heir.

Along with taking a piece of jewelry on pawn for three months or more, Weinstein can sell it on consignment. He also holds a pre-

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Community Calendar

To have your organization's activities, regular meetings or special events listed in the Community Calendar, send information to Community Calendar, The Nov News, 191 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.

Thursday, December 3

Novi Rotary

The Novi Rotary Club meets at noon at the Novi United Methodist Church at 41671 Ten Mile Road. For information, contact Bob Limbriht at 380-6500. This meeting is the Rotary's monthly business meeting.

Monday, December 7

Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters

The Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters Club meets from 7:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile. For more information call Tom Lohr at 348-6019 (evenings). Visitors are welcome.

Tuesday, December 8

Novi Concert Band rehearsal

The Novi Concert Band rehearses at 7:30 p.m. in the band room at Novi High School. For information, call 928-9234.

Business Network International

The Novi chapter of The Business Network International meets from 7:30 a.m. at Kory's Fanny Island at Eight Mile and Haggerty roads. For information, call the BNI regional office at (734) 387-9839.

Civil Air Patrol

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

Beautification Commission

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

Chess Club

The Novi Chess Club will meet from 7-10 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. There is no charge to attend and all players are welcome. For more information, call Tim Sawiller, 344-4269 evenings after 6 p.m.

Optimist Club

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

Wednesday, December 9

Business Network International

The Greater Novi Chapter of The Business Network International meets from 7-8:30 a.m. at the Novi Hilton, 21111 Haggerty Rd. For information, call the BNI regional office at (734) 397-9839.

Seniors potluck

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

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.

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 (248) 446-0130.

Thursday, December 10

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. (248) 344-2167.

Parks meeting

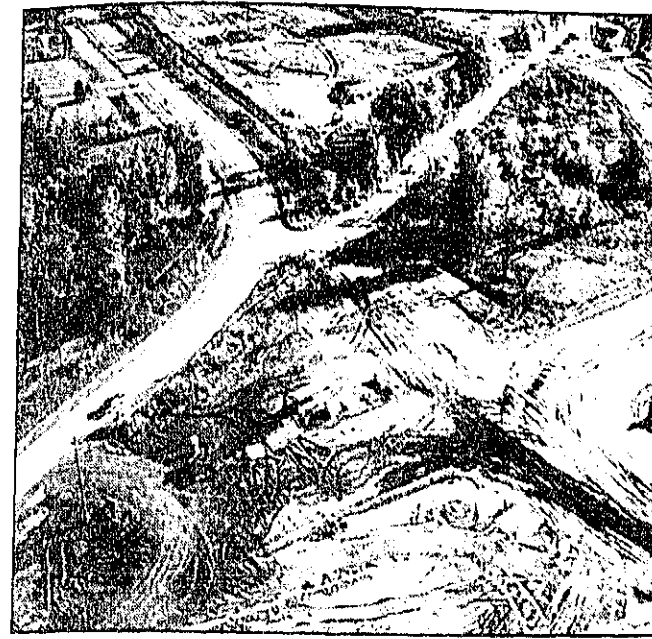
The Novi Parks and Recreation Commission will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Youth baseball

Novi Youth Baseball meets at 7:00 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center. The meeting is open to the public.

Novi Rotary

The Novi Rotary Club meets at noon at the Novi United Methodist Church at 41671 Ten Mile Road. For information, contact Bob Limbriht at 380-6500. A senior luncheon will be the feature of the meeting.



The Taft Road extension in progress was filmed via blimp.

New road will bear new name

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer

Just turn right on Kriewall Drive. Or is that left on Stopp Parkway? Or maybe head due north on Red Wings Drive.

In January, a group of citizens and city officials on the Taft Road Extension Committee will have an interesting choice to make. They'll select a name for the biggest new road the City of Novi ever built, from a list of 41 suggestions offered by residents, including the above mentioned. Plus, committee members may have a few ideas of their own.

It's the three mile, \$10 million question, based on the road's length and cost.

"The concept is to have one name from Twelve Mile all the way to Pontiac Trail. We want to encourage people who travel Novi Road to use this one now," said Novi Public Service Director Tony Nowicki.

As originally planned, the road was supposed to be a connector joining the existing Taft Road to Pontiac Trail. But due to engineering difficulties, the thoroughfare now being constructed is so far to the west of Taft Road, that the project's original name - the Taft Road Extension - just doesn't make sense.

By diverting north/southbound drivers from Novi Road, the new route is expected to cut down on commuter traffic around the residential lakes area, especially South Lake Drive. Because the link runs from Twelve Mile Road to Pontiac Trail via West Road, West Road will share the same new name.

Work began on the project in August and the road, whatever it will be called, is expected to be open in July 1999.

Suggestions submitted by residents who participated in the contest include those honoring both past local citizens, such as Ruby and Ira Fuerst, and present ones, including Leo Harwood, said Novi Public Information Director Lou Martin.

"We have some really outlandish stuff, including names from other countries. There were some really creative entries," Martin said.

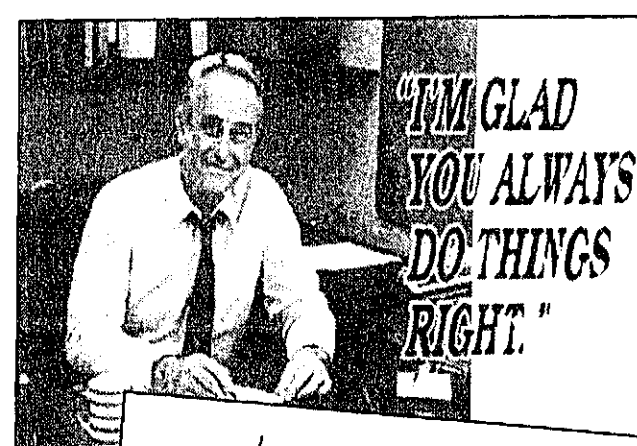
The progress has been documented by aerial photographs commissioned by the city. A photographer on the ground took the shots using an 18-foot long remote control blimp with a video camera attached. The blimp reaches a height of 450 feet.

Voters approved the work as a \$2 million project within the 1990 road bond package, but due to the need to bridge wetlands in the area, the costs soared. The project was then incorporated in the 1996 bond proposal.

Vacant land in the area will be opened up for the development of several industrial parks, due to the new street.

Included in the construction are the reconstruction of West Road and extensive wetlands mitigation.

"This is our biggest road project ever, when you consider the construction work and the wetlands mitigation," Nowicki said.



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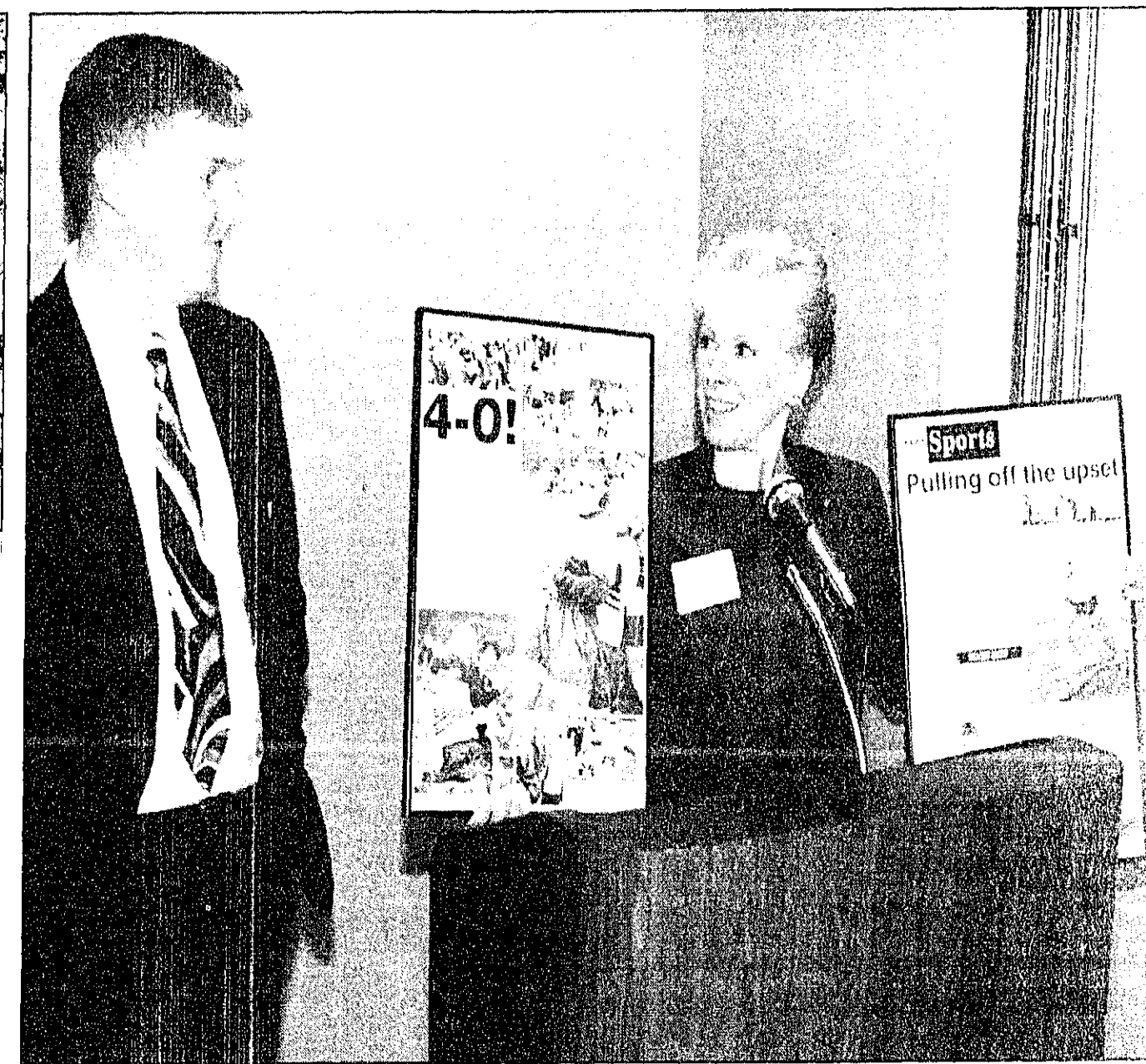
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Novi News Sports Editor Jason Schmitt, left, was joined by News photographer John Heider to present Novi High School Principal Jennifer Cheal with two framed front pages of the

newspapers from the school's recent state championships in soccer and cross country. The presentation was made during a noon banquet for team-members, coaches and administrators.

Delwal achieves world-class ranking

The Delwal Corporation, a long-time member of Novi's business community, recently achieved the highest international rating for the parts it manufactures for the automotive industry.

On Sept. 24, Delwal, located on Grand River Avenue, and its division Car-Tec Depot of Holland, earned ISO 9002/QS9000 certification. The ISO 9002 ranking designates a manufacturing product of international quality, explained Dick Van Putten, the company's quality systems coordinator, while the QS9000 certification is an ever higher standard set by Ford Motor Company, General Motors and the former Chrysler Corporation. The certification ensures that each part manufactured is made to a uniform standard.

"Companies work on this for years and years. It's a humongous standard, it's probably one of the toughest in the world," Van Putten explained. "Companies spend years attaining it and hundreds of thousands of dollars to get it done."

Delwal welds, assembles and stamps metal parts for the automotive industry, primarily for Ford.

Between the two locations - the 185,000 square foot Novi operation and the 105,000 square foot Holland division - the corporation has 265 employees.

Delwal also owns Tiple Tool and Speedcoat of Novi and Stockbridge Stamping in Stockbridge.

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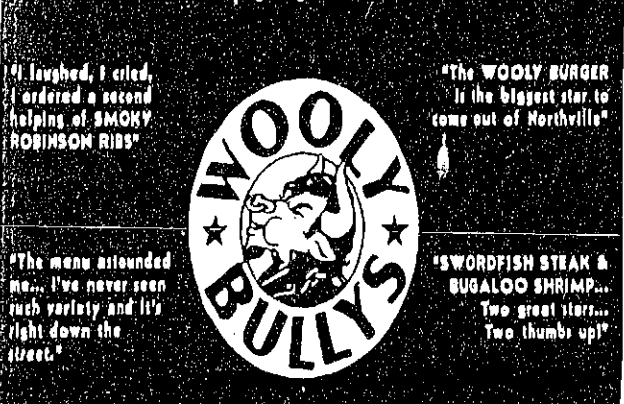
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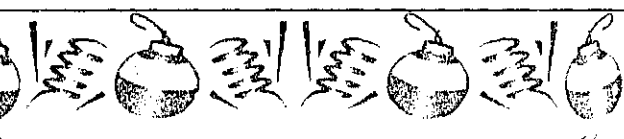
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Residents ANSWER City Manager's Challenge

"I Will Give the Ten Mile Task Force and Novi Residents 60 Days to Tell The City What Should Be Done to Ten Mile Road." Mr. Ed Kriewall, Novi City Manager
September 30th, 1998 - During a meeting with Ten Mile Task Force

As reported in the October 8th Novi News, the Novi City Manager has publicly challenged the Ten Mile Task Force and Novi residents to develop their own proposal for Ten Mile Road improvements. This challenge comes after 4 years and TWO UNSUCCESSFUL attempts to pass a 5-Lane wide proposal - a proposal that OVER 1,000 Novi residents and two separate City Councils thought too destructive to the community. After BOTH 5-Lane proposal rejections, City Council clearly directed that a more creative and community sensitive solution be developed. This assignment has NOW been given to the Ten Mile Task Force and residents of Novi.

This resident recommendation was originally developed by the Ten Mile Task Force after researching numerous design options. It was reviewed, modified, and ENDORSED by area residents from Village Oaks, Willowbrook, Meadowbrook Glens, Applegate and Old Orchard subdivisions during an open meeting on Tuesday, November 24th, 1998. It is recognized that the following proposal does NOT solve ALL the traffic issues that reside on Ten Mile Road. However, it is STRONGLY believed that this proposal is the OPTIMAL solution - one which balances the need to move traffic quickly and safely within the City of Novi while still respecting and protecting the integrity of the entire residential community. It is this sensitive balancing act which the 5-lane proposal does not address - as it only serves the need to move as many vehicles as fast as possible through this city, REGARDLESS of the total destruction to the community!

A BRIEF HISTORY

June of 1996:
Over 1,000 Novi resident signatures AGAINST the WIDENING of Ten Mile Road to 5-Lanes were collected within a two week time period and presented to the Novi City Council in July of 1996.

No five for 10
City pulls the brakes on road widening; residents relieved
Novi News - July 4, 1996

July 1, 1996:
In a UNANIMOUS vote, the Novi City Council REJECTED the proposal to widen Ten Mile Road to 5-Lanes. Council then directed the City Administration to seek alternative designs to that of 5-Lanes.

July 28, 1997:
JCK publishes: "DRAFT" Conceptual Design Analysis for Ten Mile Road Improvements. Although the City Council had previously requested alternative solutions to a 5-lane design, this report again recommended a 5-lane road. In fact, the report suggested that a better design would be a 5-lane road segment with 6-Lane wide intersections.

August 25, 1997:
A different (new member) Novi City Council AGAIN voted UNANIMOUSLY AGAINST 5-Lanes. For a second consecutive year, the Novi City Council strongly rejected the identical 5-lane proposal. As in the previous year, Council requested that the City return with alternative proposals.

Ten Mile sent back for more review
Novi News - August 28, 1997

DID YOU KNOW ?

- Both Average Daily and Peak Rush Hour (AM/PM) traffic volumes on Ten Mile Road were LESS in 1998 than in 1991 (Wayne State).
- The average speed of traffic on Ten Mile Road during Peak Rush Hours is 39 MPH (Wayne State University). On how many roads in Novi can you travel 40 MPH during Peak Rush Hour?... In Oakland County?
- The existing 2-Lane Ten Mile Road is currently operating at 80% capacity. Therefore, additional traffic can be accommodated should intersection capabilities be improved.
- Between 40%-50% of the vehicles taken during Peak Rush Hour are NOT work related (National Academy of Sciences and Engineering). Thus, if 40% of the traffic chose a DIFFERENT time to conduct their non-work related driving, existing roads would be adequate.
- The City of Novi does NOT have a working computer traffic model for planning and/or predicting traffic flow. The City is unable to do traffic simulations to determine what would happen if various roads are widened.
- Ten Mile, Nine Mile, Grand River, 13 Mile, 14 Mile, Haggerty, Meadowbrook (north of 10 Mile), Novi and Beck roads are ALL identified as FUTURE 5-LANE roads. Is this what the citizens of Novi want, a city segmented by 5-lane highways every mile?
- If 5-Lane proposal were to pass, the anticipated traffic noise heard within homes along Ten Mile would be equivalent to "Factory and shop areas (for work areas where speech or telephone communication is not required)" (Federal Highway Administration).

Ten Mile Task Force:

Formed in 1995, the Ten Mile Task Force is a group of concerned Novi residents who OPPOSE the widening of Ten Mile Road to 5-lanes. Contrary to popular belief that this is a NIMBY (Not In My Back Yard) group, the MAJORITY of members DO NOT have Ten Mile Road addresses. In fact, the Task Force is comprised of members from Village Oaks, Willowbrook, Applegate, Old Orchard, Meadowbrook Glens, and Whispering Meadows subdivisions.

Please Voice YOUR Support for the residents' Ten Mile Road Improvement proposal.

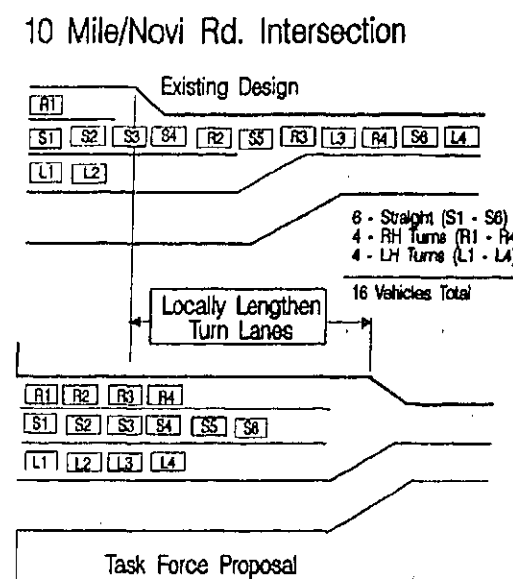
This ad was paid for by members of the Ten Mile Task Force, local subdivisions, and Novi residents

The PROBLEMS with TEN MILE

For those who regularly travel Ten Mile Road, it has become quite apparent that the MAJOR traffic congestion problem occurs at the Novi Road intersection during afternoon rush hour. Westbound traffic often backs up at this single intersection - a fact all engineering reports identify as a major impediment to traffic flow. There are two simple explanations for this congestion problem, NEITHER of which requires a 5-lane road system to correct.

- Since 1991, the time of GREEN traffic signal time for "through" traffic has been reduced by 25%. This reduction in traffic signal time is the result of creating a dedicated left-hand turn arrow. Therefore, there is now 25% LESS time to process non-turning vehicles through the intersection. Although a SAFER intersection, it is now a SLOWER intersection.
- Neither the left nor right turn lanes extend far enough from the intersection to allow turning vehicles access should they be stuck behind "through traffic" vehicles. As illustrated, vehicles R2 & R3 are unable to access the right turn lane while vehicles L3 & L4 are unable to access the appropriate left turn lane - thus adding unnecessary traffic in the "through" lane.

Ten Mile is faced with a UNIQUE problem for a road designated as an "arterial". In a 1-mile segment, there are 47 access points (driveways/subdivision roads). If this were a newly design road system, the FHWA guidelines would recommend a speed limit of 25 MPH to provide SAFE access. Unfortunately, there is NO MEANS to reduce the number of access points in this area, thus only a SPEED reduction can alleviate this situation.



The Resident's RECOMMENDATION

3-Lane Roadway with curb and gutter:

Adds continuous left-hand turn lane for improved safety when making left turns into the more than 47 driveways and subdivision entrances along Ten Mile Road between Haggerty and Meadowbrook roads.Reduces traffic accidents by approximately 25%. (Currently, 42% of traffic accidents along this segment of Ten Mile are rear end collisions).The 3-Lane with curb/gutter design (measuring 40 feet in total width) is ONLY 2 feet wider than the existing 38 foot 2-Lane road with open shoulder design. Thus, additional encroachment onto Ten Mile resident property is minimized.The 12 foot wide traffic lanes comply with new design standards.The curb and gutter design will assist in controlling the posted speed limit. (Open shoulder roads tend to create an appearance that the lane is wider. The wider the lane appears, the FASTER people tend to drive).Curb and gutter design can eliminate the "open ditch" design which currently exists, improving the aesthetics of roadway.

5-Lane Wide Intersections (Dedicated LH & RH Turns Lanes) and SCATS traffic signals

Design provides dedicated Left-hand and Right-hand turning lanes and a dedicated "through" lane.Increased length of BOTH LH and RH dedicated turn lanes at Novi Road intersection will have SIGNIFICANT improvement in allowing vehicles to be processed more efficiently (see above diagram).Assists in providing safer access to roadway from the commercial driveways located adjacent to the intersections.Coordinated SMART turn signals (SCATS) can adjust traffic light timing to better accommodate changes in traffic volumes.

3-Lane Bridge Over CSX Railroad Crossing:

Eliminates traffic congestion due to railroad crossing.Eliminates potential train/automobile accidents.Reduces traffic accidents from stopped vehicles (rear end collisions).Provides safe pedestrian traffic (sidewalk / bikepaths) over railroad crossing.

Speed Limit Reduction: From 45 MPH to a MAXIMUM of 40 MPH

Decreases traffic noise levels to those which are rated ACCEPTABLE under FHWA guidelines. Currently, traffic noise for a majority of homes along Ten Mile is borderline Acceptable/Unacceptable per FHWA guidelines.Reduction in speed makes for safer travel. Slower speeds would reduce both the number and severity of traffic accidents.Creates a "Path of Higher Resistance", encouraging non-residential traffic to other road systems (ie: Grand River).

Add Traffic Signal to 10 Mile / Cranbrook Subdivision Entrance

If correctly integrated with the SCATS system, signal can create safe traffic breaks which would allow traffic to SAFELY ingress/egress from subdivisions.Can assist safe school bus ingress/egress onto Cranbrook (which supports access to Village Oaks school).

Add RH Acceleration/Deceleration Lanes to ALL Subdivision Entrances

Removes a MAJORITY of the RH turning vehicles out of path of through traffic. Assists in reducing rear end collisions.Provides a partial lane for merging into traffic.

As We See It

Why Ten Mile instead of Grand River Avenue?

Novi News - September 4, 1997

In addition to the following proposal, area residents are confident that once planned road improvement projects to Grand River, Haggerty, Novi, Beck and the Beck-196 Interchange are completed, future non-residential traffic demands on Ten Mile Road will be reduced. Therefore, it would be logical to prioritize efforts on these road systems, ESPECIALLY Grand River, before acting on Ten Mile Road.

Obituaries

EDITH J. CLARK

Edith J. Clark, 51, died Nov. 26 in University Hospital in Ann Arbor. She was born Aug. 7, 1947, in Newberry, Mich., to the late Truman and Louise May (Shirley) Clark.

Ms. Clark had an associate degree in property management from Oakland Community College. Prior to her employment at Cranbrook Property Management in Southfield, she was manager of Highland Lakes in Northville. Ms. Clark was an active member of Meadowbrook Congregational Church in Novi.

She is survived by two sons, Timothy (Theresa) Hunsberger of Ypsilanti, Mich., and Thomas (Lois) Hunsberger of Farmington Hills; brothers, Eric Clark of Newberry, Louis and Martin Clark, both of Dearborn, Mich.; Charles Clark of Honolulu, Hawaii, and Harry Clark of Flint; sisters, Mary Bowler of Stoney, Mich., and Evelyn Johnson of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; and five grandchildren.

Services were held on Tuesday, Dec. 1 at Meadowbrook Congregational Church, with the Rev. E. Neil Hunt officiating. Arrangements were made by Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home, Northville.

ROBERT H. GLADDEN

Robert H. Gladden of Bloomfield died Nov. 19 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. He was 63. Mr. Gladden was born April 5, 1935 in Highland Park to Hugh W. and Winifred (Wendell) Gladden.

Mr. Gladden was a caregiver and a lifelong member of the area. He is survived by brothers, William and Donald of California; and sister, Mary Eggenberger of Cedar, Mich.

Services were conducted on Friday, Nov. 20 at Casterline Funeral Home Inc., with Dr. Douglas W. Vernon, First United Methodist Church, Northville, officiating. Interment was in Rural Hill Cemetery.

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Help in juggling home life and a busy work week

How to get your life organized both on and off the job is the topic of a workshop at the Novi Hilton next month featuring nationally-known author A. Roger Merrill. Merrill, who wrote "First Things First" with Stephen Covey, will present "First Things First: Balancing Work and Family" on Dec. 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The workshop is sponsored by the University of Michigan-Dearborn's Center for Corporate and Professional Development and the Franklin Covey Co.

Admission is \$209 for one to three participants. Group rates are also available. For further information, call (800) 842-2441.

Residents draft proposal for 10 Mile

By JAN JEFFRES

Staff Writer

Members of the Ten Mile Task Force were challenged by city officials in September to come up with their own proposal to alleviate traffic on that road.

They had 60 days to do the job and met the deadline, turning in a report to City Manager Ed Kriewall on Tuesday.

Warren Jocz, a leader of the Ten Mile Road Task Force, said that a group of about 70 residents modified and endorsed the group's proposal to reach a final consensus on how they'd like to see the thoroughfare improved from Haggerty Road to Novi Road.

"These people are well-educated. A lot of the stuff becomes common sense," Jocz said.

"I think the council members will respect this and see it as a viable alternative. I think Mr. Kriewall will say it won't qualify for a government grant."

Kriewall is at a conference this week and was unavailable for comment.

The task force is asking city officials to consider the following improvement plan for Ten Mile Road, which they suggest may decrease accidents by approximately 25 percent:

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Warren Jocz

- Three-lane roadway with curb and gutter, with a continuous left turn lane and sidewalks and bike paths. Lanes to meet current standards of a width of 12 feet.
- At the intersections, five lanes with turn lanes and SMART traffic signals.
- Reduce the speed limit from 45 mph to 40 mph.
- Add acceleration/deceleration lanes at subdivision entrances.
- Install traffic signals at Ten Mile and the Cranbrook subdivision entrance.
- A bridge over the CSX railroad tracks.

The above design would be two feet wider than Ten Mile Road is today, Jocz said.

"It is strongly believed that this proposal is the optimal solution, one which balances the need to

move traffic quickly and safely within the City of Novi while still respecting and protecting the integrity of the entire residential community," Jocz said.

Since 1991, traffic along this segment of Ten Mile during average daily and peak rush hour has slightly declined, Jocz said. The city's five-lane plan was based on a 1991 computer traffic model that anticipated 30,000 vehicles per day along Ten Mile Road by 2010.

But that model has never been updated, Jocz said, and may not reflect actual road conditions.

As part of the job, the task force reviewed all previous design options for the road, including a new Oakland County four-lane boulevard proposal.

Originally, city engineers proposed five lanes for the road, but homeowners living along Ten Mile

and in Willowbrook, Village Oaks, Meadowbrook Glens, Cranbrook Applegate and Old Orchard subdivisions protested that this would destroy the residential character of the neighborhood and pose a safety hazard.

The city has qualified for a federal grant for the five-lane design that strongly met with residential disapproval. But Jocz said the object is not to design a road that will win grants, but to find a solution that will meet traffic needs.

"If the project doesn't merit government funding, we're not going to force it. We've been trying to solve how we can qualify for a grant for government money and not how we can solve traffic on Ten Mile Road," he said.

These alternatives were reviewed by the task force, including designs by the city and the Oakland County Road Commission:

- Five lanes with a bridge over the CSX railroad tracks.
- Four lanes with Smart traffic signals.
- Three lanes with reduced speed.

A two-lane boulevard with traffic "calming" techniques.

A five-lane to three-lane design with intersection improvements.

"If you're willing to condemn homes along Ten Mile, the four-lane would be better than five lanes," Jocz said.

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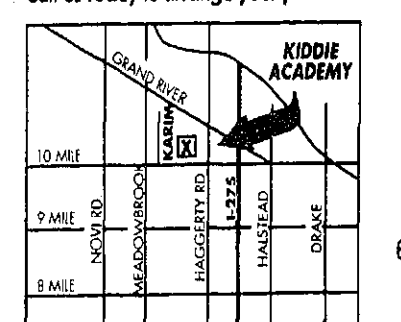
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Northville to get tough with Novi over drain

By CHRIS C. DAVIS

Northville Township officials gave themselves the legal green light Thursday to force the City of Novi to help pay for erosion restoration near Eight Mile and Meadowbrook roads.

The board of trustees, along with Wayne County and the Michigan Department of Agriculture, are hoping to convince Novi officials to agree to pick up a portion of the cost of repairing a culvert that passes under Eight Mile Road. It's a project that Novi officials said at an earlier date they wanted no part of.

The township's engineers have

come to the conclusion that the erosion problems experienced by Quail Ridge property owners can be directly attributed to poor drainage design by Novi developers.

Earlier this year, Novi officials stood their ground, saying they would not voluntarily partner up with the township in paying for the reconstruction of the drain.

Former township public services director Bill Anderson led the charge, spurred by complaints from neighbors living on the east side of Woodcreek Boulevard.

Consultants hired by the township came to the conclusion the water which flows from the north

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Jared Buckley,
Northville Township resident

side of Eight Mile into the Quail Ridge drain experiences rate-of-flow problems because of lack of planning by developers. The devel-

opers, the consultants say, failed to provide adequate areas for water to percolate into the ground, creating a virtual freeway for the fast-mov-

ing water to flow. In addition, the consultants also say the design of the culvert which passes under Eight Mile has too substantial a dropoff in too short a linear span. The result — a mini-waterfall and all the erosion problems that come with it.

Quail Ridge resident Jared Buckley addressed the board Thursday evening, speaking to the severity of the problem and the need to correct it as soon as possible. Buckley said neighbors have half-jokingly dubbed the situation as "the damn dam problem."

"I can only say [the township board] that it's most important that the work gets done," Buckley said.

"It doesn't matter what causes the problem. It's more important that the problem gets fixed."

Buckley also presented a petition signed by 51 percent of the residents in a special assessment district in and around Quail Ridge, who agreed to pick up their portion of the expense for repairing the drain and culvert. The total bill for the township's portion was pegged at \$85,000. The city of Novi will pick up approximately \$303,000.

Northville Township public services director Dan Weaver could not be reached, neither could Novi public works director Tony Nowicki.

SWOCC seeks consumer feedback

As part of the negotiations for a new cable TV franchise agreement with Time Warner, a series of workshops will be held to solicit feedback from the public.

The Southwest Oakland Cable Commission, which serves Novi, Farmington and Farmington Hills, is hosting the focus groups to determine what customers in the communities want in terms of public, educational and government access as well as a new service.

This will include discussion of the latest advances in cable technology, public, educational and government access and non-entertainment uses of the system, including video, voice and data services," noted Novi Mayor Kathleen McAllen.

"You will have an opportunity to ask questions and provide your views on current cable services and potential future services."

All focus groups will be held at the SWOCC studio, 24021 Research Drive, Freeway Industrial Park, Farmington Hills. Reservations are required. The workshops are based on interest groups.

Arts, cultural and heritage organizations: Tuesday, Dec. 8, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Public-access users: Tuesday, Dec. 8, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
City and county government: Wednesday, Dec. 9, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Education: Wednesday, Dec. 9, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Community service and non-profit organization: Thursday, Dec. 10, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Youth and seniors organizations: Thursday, Dec. 10, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
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Photos by JOHN HEIDER

Sexy specs

They'll make passes at these glasses

By CHRIS C. DAVIS
Staff Writer

John Lennon had the tortoise shells, Buddy Holly had the horn-rimmed thing, and Franklin Roosevelt had his specs, too.

Now, Northville optometrist Gary Reggish wants to give clients of Urban Optiks a change to sport the everything-old-is-new-again look of our 32nd president at a special sale next week.

It's a private showing next month being scheduled for Urban Optiks' clients of actual eyewear dating back to the early 20th century. And while Reggish is the first to admit the glasses he'll be showing aren't the least expensive, he'll also say that finding frames made of the materials like the ones he has is a rare find in 1998.

Understanding the reason behind the trunk sale requires a small history lesson. Cable temple glasses — those eyeglasses where the temple wraps around the ear in a hoop — became all the rage in America at a time when the world's economies had slowed down and the Great Depression was at its peak. Jewelry, Reggish said, simply didn't exist in the quantity it did today.

"That lack of jewelry set up a supply versus demand situation," Reggish said. "With no jewelry and people having no money to pay for jewelry, the price of gold dropped dramatically."

But simply because gold was cheaper and work was hard to find didn't mean people of the time didn't have need for corrected vision. As a result, Reggish said the federal government began subsidizing the optical industry, thereby

"We approach eyewear like a hairstylist would approach your hair."

Gary Reggish,
Urban Optiks optometrist

allowing a sort of temporary merge between jewelers and eyewear-makers. The result? Many frames of the mid-1930s were made of gold and had intricate patterns woven into them. The nosepieces on many of the eyeglasses were made out of ivory.

Reggish said the most common question he's asked when he talks about the trunk sale has to do with how he acquired all the frames from the Depression, and some dating back even earlier than that.

When the Depression ended, lens companies had many frames left over that didn't sell. Fast-forward 50 years, and Reggish said the owner of Urban Optiks went on a treasure hunt, trying to hunt down manufacturers of the Depression-era glasses.

The store hit the jackpot with Bausch & Lomb. Urban Optiks purchased Bausch & Lomb's remaining stock of the glasses, and has now packaged them under the fitting name of "Retrospecs."

"We've got the only collection of these glasses anywhere in Michigan," Reggish

said. "This really is an exclusive show." The eyeglasses admittedly aren't cheap. Reggish said the ones he'll be showing start at around \$400 and work their way up into greater than \$3,000.

But, Reggish said, today's customer is no longer viewing eyewear as a medical necessity. Rather, he said, it's being approached as a fashion accessory worn on the most conspicuous part of the body every day. With that being the case, Reggish said clients at Urban Optiks take their glasses very seriously.

"You wear these things smack dab in the middle of your face," Reggish said. "We approach eyewear like a hairstylist would approach your hair — you want something that compliments the shape and features of your face, and we can find that."

Where glasses of days gone by may have been made of gold or white gold, most frames these days are constructed of copper beryllium or titanium. Though they may sound very heavy, Reggish said these two metals are light and extremely durable.

And where contact lenses may have been the fashion in eyewear for a time, Reggish said glasses are making a big comeback.

"Glasses used to be merely functional," he said. "Everywhere you look today, people are wearing glasses again. They're cool again."

Urban Optiks trunk show is slated for Dec. 4 at Mill Race Village. A strong bond, and cocktails will be served at Archon House while the show is ongoing. For more information, call Urban Optiks at (248) 347-9038.



Susie Falzarrano polishes a display case at Urban Optiks.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Construction of new middle school meets schedule

Thanks, in part, to the unusually warm weather of late, construction of the new Novi Middle School is continuing right on track.

"If we keep the weather as it is, we will be golden," said Jim Koster, assistant superintendent for business and operations.

Construction on the outside walls to the building is complete and the crews are finishing up the roof, he said.

Work on the inside of the building is moving along nicely. "You can see changes there weekly, inside," Koster said.

Koster still expects a July completion to the project. If all goes well, it will be ready for new students to move in at the start of the

school year in 1999. The new school is located on Wixom Road, at Eleven Mile Road.

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The Log Book

The following is a complete list of the emergency runs of the Novi Fire Department for the week ending Nov. 29. Each incident is listed by type, location, time and the Engine and Squad number which responded to the call.

MONDAY, NOV. 23

Brush fire, Novi Road and Fourteen Mile, 1:09 a.m., Engine 2.
Field fire, 29856 Montmorency, 1:49 a.m., Engine 2.
Medical, 41803 Lamier, 7:47 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 39607 Homayton, 2:28 p.m., Squad 1.
Injury accident, Nine Mile and Jaggerly, 6:17 p.m., Engine 3, Squad 3.
Woods fire, Novi Road/River Oaks, 6:39 p.m., Engine 1.
Woods fire, 23382 Portage, 11:17 p.m., Engine 3.

TUESDAY, NOV. 24

Medical, 1452 Nardere, 5:50 p.m., Squad 4.
Medical, 27155 Sheraton, 6:04 p.m., Squad 1.
Fire alarm, 47601 Grand River, 6:41 p.m., Engines 1, 4.
Medical, 705 South Lake, 7:30 p.m., Squad 2.

Investigation, 47300 Somerset, 8:08 p.m., Engine 4.
Medical, 41550 Grand River, 11:23 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 24641 Old Orchard, 11:38 p.m., Squad 1.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 25

Medical, 21384 E. Glen Haven, 3:09 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 26200 Wyoming, 6:57 a.m., Squad 4.
Medical, Novi and Twelve Oaks, 9:23 a.m., Squad 1.
Fire alarm, 42400 Arena Drive, 12:27 p.m., Engines 1, 3.
Chemical spill, 22285 Roethel Drive, 1:12 p.m., Engine 3.
Medical, 46750 Grand River, 1:48 p.m., Squad 1.
Injury accident, 196 Ramp at Novi Road, 6:12 p.m., Squad 1.
Fire alarm, 42400 Arena Drive, 6:52 p.m., Engines 1, 3.

THURSDAY, NOV. 26

Medical, 25680 Abbey, 6:26 a.m., Squad 4.
Medical, 24131 Pheasant Run, 9:36 a.m., Squad 3.
House fire, 30974 Springdale, 9:42 a.m., Engines 1, 2.
Medical, 43455 Ten Mile Road, 1:04 p.m., Squad 3.

Open fire, 44117 Wyngate, 5:09 p.m., Engine 3.
Medical, 26200 Wyoming, 10:39 p.m., Squad 4.

FRIDAY, NOV. 27

Injury accident, Novi Road/ West Oaks, 6:35 a.m., Squad 1.
Fire alarm, 40399 Grand River, 8:17 a.m., Engines 1, 3.
Medical, 41935 Twelve Mile Road, 11:56 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 27550 Novi Road, 1:27 p.m., Squad 1.
Fire alarm, 22285 Roethel, 1:44 p.m., Engine 3.
Injury accident, Haggerty/ Fourteen Mile, 2:33 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 47250 Ten Mile Road, 4:37 p.m., Squad 4.
Investigation, Eight Mile/ Meadowbrook, 4:58 p.m., Engine 3.
Medical, Twelve Oaks Mall, 6:04 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 42400 Arena Drive, 6:15 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 39535 Homayton, 7:01 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 24017 Willowbrook, 8:33 p.m., Squad 3.
Service, 42975 Grand River, 9:15 p.m., Station 1.
Injury accident, 43610 West Oaks, 9:35 p.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 196 at Novi Ramp, 9:48 p.m., Engine 1.

SATURDAY, NOV. 28

Medical, 45182 West Road, 3:20 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 22058 Siegal Court, 3:30 a.m., Squad 3.
Fire alarm, 40399 Grand River, 8:38 a.m., Engines 1, 3.
Fire alarm, 42400 Arena Drive, 9:31 a.m., Engines 1, 3.
Fuel spill, Twelve Mile/M-5, 12:26 p.m., Engine 1.
Trash fire, Duomo/ Elm Court, 12:28 p.m., Engine 2.
Fire alarm, 47601 Grand River, 4:01 p.m., Engines 1, 4.
Tarp fire, 45049 Pontiac Trail, 7:11 p.m., Engine 2.
Medical, 42400 Arena Drive, 10:31 p.m., Squad 3.

SUNDAY, NOV. 29

Medical, 628 Fleckermouse, 9:35 a.m., Squad 4.
Injury accident, Novi Road and West Oaks, 4:14 p.m., Squad 1.
Fuel spill, Nine Mile/ Novi Road, 5:08 p.m., Engine 3.
Fire alarm, 41721 Onaway Court, 6:29 p.m., Engine 3.

Library Briefs

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
Our December selection is "The Awakening" by Kate Chopin. The group will meet Monday, Dec. 7, at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room.

SENIOR BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
The December selections for senior booklovers are "Tuesdays With Morrie" by Mitch Albom and "Old Friends" by Tracy Kidder. The senior group will meet Thursday, Dec. 10, at 12:30 p.m. in the Mayor's Chambers at the Novi Civic Center.

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
The Novi Library Board of Directors meets Monday, Dec. 14, at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room. Community members are welcome to attend.

INTRODUCTION TO THE INTERNET
Our basic introduction to the Internet contains a brief history, terminology, searching techniques and online safety tips. All ages are welcome at the class, which meets Tuesday, Dec. 8, at 7 p.m. Please register in advance for classes by phone or in person.

KIDS ONLINE: SEARCHING, SAFETY & SITES
This child-oriented introduction to the Internet focuses on kids' search engines, the importance of online safety, and sites that kids love. The class meets Wednesday, Dec. 9, at 4 p.m. For children aged 8-12; parents are welcome.

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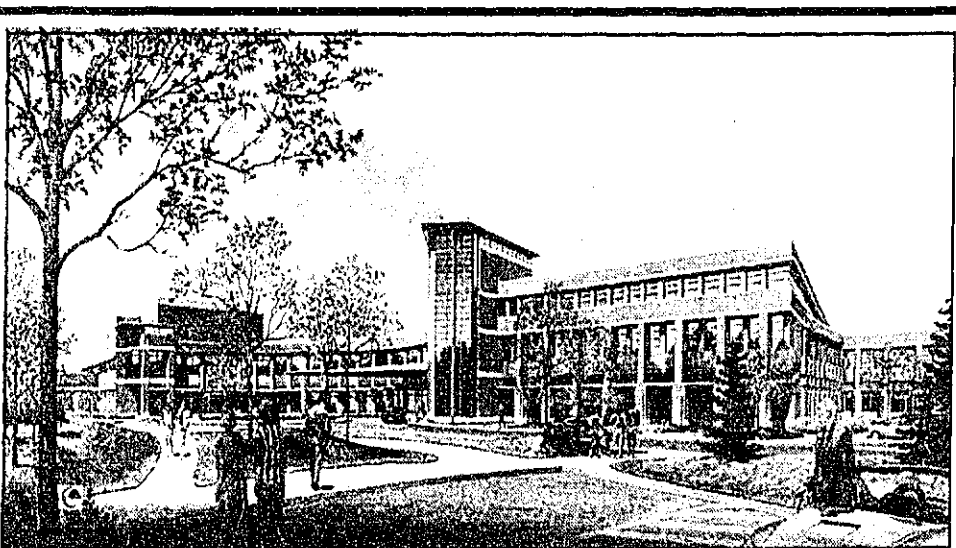
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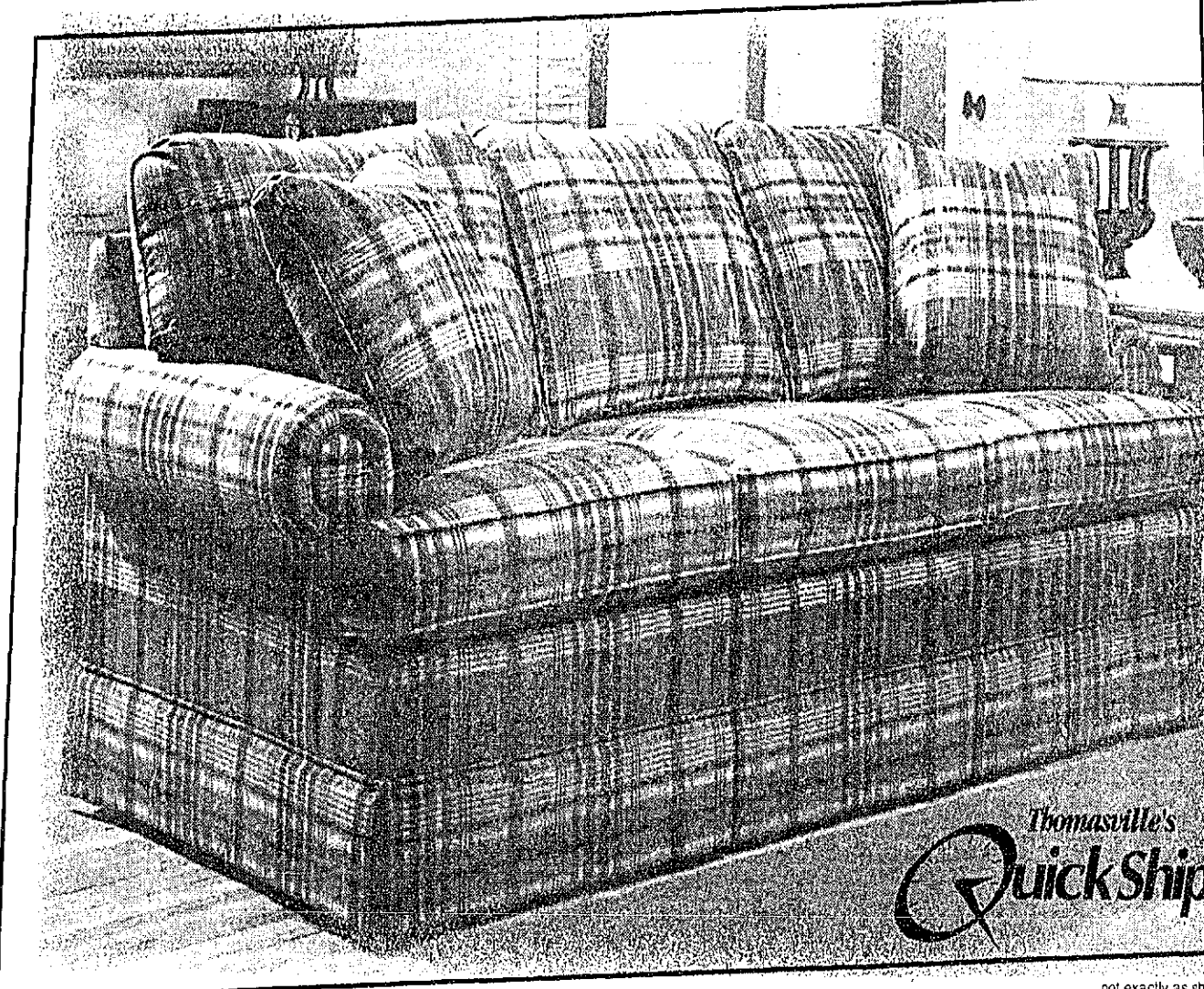
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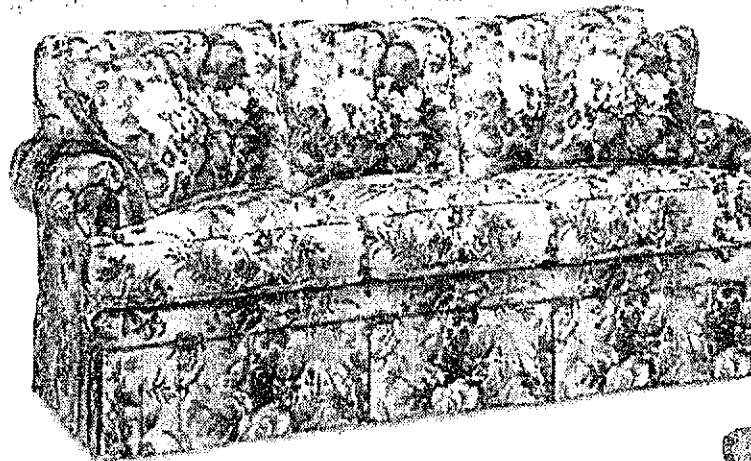
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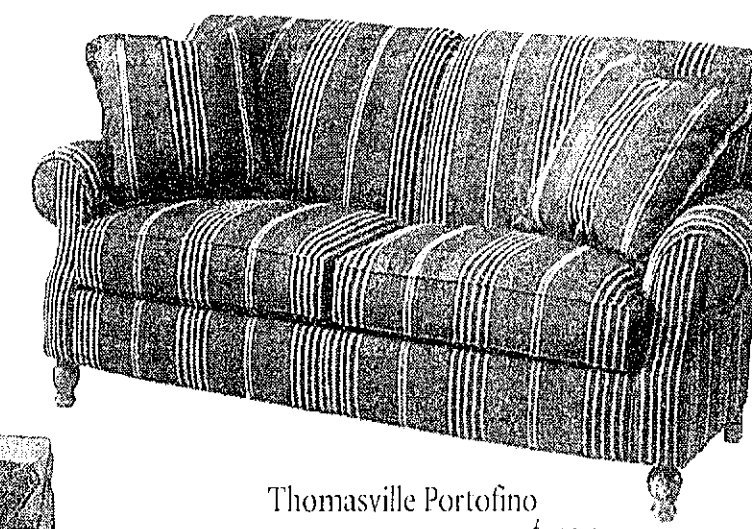
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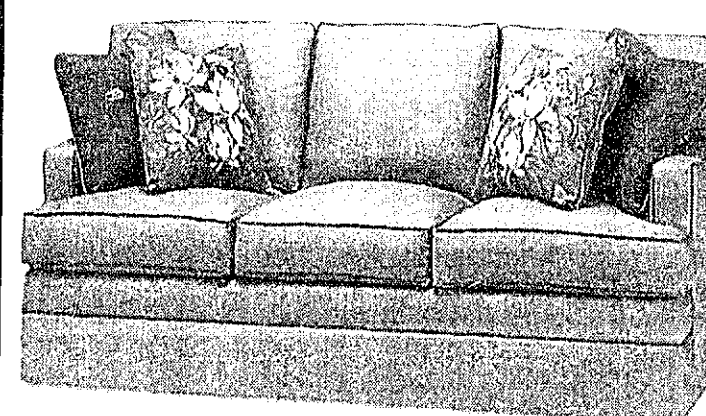
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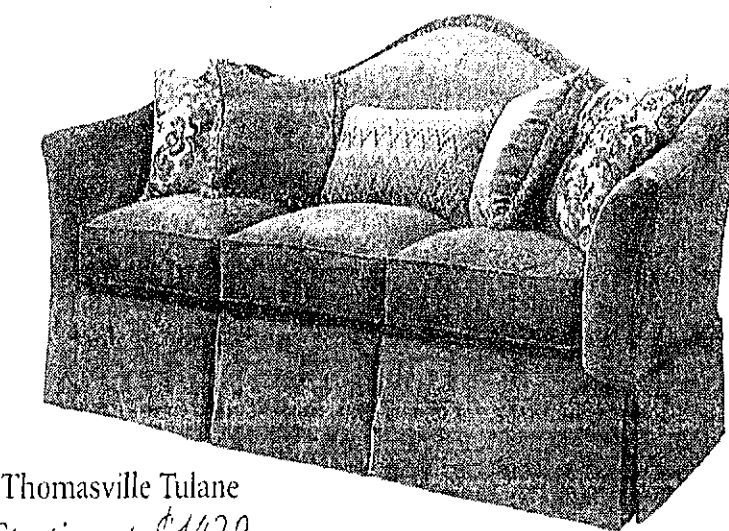
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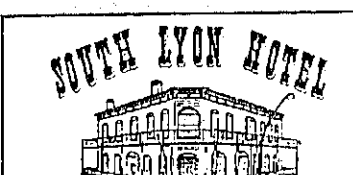
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man, but discovered his wife had taken the phone with her when she left.

She informed the officers that her husband had a cellular phone. Police tried to contact him on that phone, but found it was turned off.

Over the next four hours, the Novi police evacuated 50 people from their homes in the park. They also contacted a variety of law enforcement agencies, as well as psychologists, nurses and an ambulance for assistance.

Around 8:30 p.m., just as the police departments were making preparations to go into the home, the man called his wife with his cellular phone.

According to his wife, he was not even inside the home, but at a local mall.

LI. Tim McNamara, of the Novi police, said at no time was just knocking on the man's door a viable option.

"Safety is the utmost concern," he said. "To go up and knock on the door would be foolish."

McNamara said that according to the man's wife, he was inside his home with a gun.

"We have to go by what we are told," he said. "She told this to our 9-1-1 operators."

He added a "ton" of things can happen in the time it takes for the police to get to the scene. In the case of this incident, it took officers 20 minutes to arrive.

McNamara said in all situations like this, there is a procedure to follow, and to keep the officers and the public safe they have to follow the procedure. In this case, procedure was followed to the letter.

"Our concern was that he was in there, armed," McNamara said. If he had actually been in the home, police would have been at the scene much longer.

"We were not ready to go in literally. We would have used a bull-horn and thrown a phone into him," he said. "As long as there wasn't a victim in there we can wait him out."

He added, "Ninety-nine of one hundred of these end up this way. But, we put a lot of people in motion to make sure no one gets hurt."

McNamara said the officers did enter the home after the excitement died down and found three long guns inside. There were no indications of a gun blast inside the home.

The investigation into the man's alleged assault of his wife is still open and police are continuing to search for him.



Officers from Novi, Wixom and the Oakland County Sheriff's Department wait with the residents of Novi's Dutch Farms mobile home park on Napier Road Saturday evening while police surround a home where a gunman was believed to be holed up.

Time Warner set to hike rates at the turn of the year

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Bjorklund, Time Warner Cable vice president and regional manager.

Time Warner is not raising the cost of Broadcast Basic, that remains at \$10.50 a month. Standard cable will go up from \$18.52 per month to \$19.94 per month, a 7.6 percent increase. Full service cable, used by most local couch spuds, was \$29.02 per month but will increase by 0.48 percent to \$29.44.

Customers have already griped about the higher rates to SWOCC, but until the new figures go into effect on Jan. 1, the commission can't actually submit a protest to the FCC, Collins explained.

On Tuesday, Jan. 12, SWOCC will hold a public hearing to gather opinions from users on the past performance of Time Warner and the future cable needs of residents of the three cities. The 7 p.m. session is at the Novi Civic Center.

Bjorklund said the rate hikes are the result of the company's investment in new programming, improvements to customer service and continued investment in the system's technology.

"We fully realize how important it is to keep our rates as reasonable as possible, especially with the threat of impending competition," Bjorklund said.

Bjorklund said consumers have been asking for The Food Network, which features chefs talking viewers through cooking techniques.

"If you're into cooking, this is a big channel," Bjorklund said.

The Fox News Channel features future political talk shows than other cable news channels.

"They tell you all the news and you make up your mind," Bjorklund explained.

Due to FCC regulations, Time Warner was obliged to pick up WFUM, a PBS channel that carries

similar broadcasting as Channel 56.

In October, Time Warner introduced the Cat Pack, which offers customers for \$19.99 a month HBO, HBO Family, Cinemax, Flix, Showtime, Showtime Extreme, The Movie Channel and the Sundance Channel. Some 16,000 cable customers in the area have taken the package.

SWOCC oversees the cable franchise held by Novi, Farmington and Farmington Hills with Time Warner and is currently renegotiating the contract.

SWOCC has jurisdiction over the basic rate, but for questions over an increase to the expanded rate, a protest must be made to the FCC.

In 1994, SWOCC succeeded in getting a refund for customers, after complaining to the FCC about a rate hike. Last year, the FCC originally ordered Time Warner to reimburse customers for a rate

hike, but reversed itself after the cable company appealed the decision.

Time Warner will make other changes in the price schedule, beginning next year. The monthly charge for a basic converter will go down to 0.52 cents, from the 1998 rate of 0.69 cents. Addressable converters will now cost \$1.83 per month, they were \$2.03 per month. Remote control monthly charges will go up from 0.26 per month to 0.35 cents per month.

Hourly service fees will also see some hefty increases. Unwired installations, formerly \$25.41 per hour will now be \$37.76 per hour. Service charges for reconnecting installations were \$18.61 per month but will now be \$27.66.

For non-standard installations, service fees jumped from \$29.54 per hour to \$43.91 per hour.

MONTHLY SERVICE RATES			
Time-Warner Cable monthly service rates, paid by Novi customers from 1990 to '99.			
Date	Basic	Standard Service	Full Service
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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
Jan. 1999	\$10.50	\$19.94	\$30.44

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As We See It

Holidays remind us of need for civic service

It's always nice to see people supporting local charities, especially this time of year.

For instance, the Novi Goodfellows held their annual fundraiser this past weekend and report they sold some \$3,600 worth of newspapers. The money will go to youngsters in need in the local area.

Toys for Tots is another great program that gets underway this time of year. Rebecca Yarbrough reports that last year the southeast Michigan area gathered up some 300,000 toys to make sure every child had a gift for Christmas.

Those who want to participate by donating toys this year should not have a hard time finding drop-off locations. There are 12 collection sites in Novi (listed on page 14 of today's edition) or you can call Yarbrough at (248) 477-6449.

Such programs, of course, need more than just donations. They'll be looking for volunteers to help them prepare and distribute their gifts too.

The holiday season brings charities and the need to give to the less fortunate to the forefront. But this should

serve as a reminder of needs that exist all year long, not as a replacement for year-round community service.

Volunteers can be very hard to come by. Just ask those who run volunteer, community service programs. A few occasionally have an overabundance of help, but that's a rarity. Usually, every civic organization and charity has room for more help.

We're lucky in Novi. We have a dedicated core of active participants in local civic organizations. Not every community has as much volunteerism.

But it is still primarily a core of the city population. On the whole, volunteers are a relatively rare breed.

If you would like to volunteer, it really doesn't take much to get involved. Look around. There are a number of civic groups locally you can join to work in your community. Got an area of special interest? There's a civic organization for just about every interest.

The holidays serve as a reminder of the need for community service. They encourage and celebrate the art of giving.

But we'd do well to remember those needs exist all year long.

Game time is over; make MEAP mandatory

Game time is over. Enough 11th graders have skipped the state tests. They've acted out their juvenile rebelliousness and thumbed their noses at the principal. Now it's time for officials, parents and students to get serious.

The Michigan Educational Assessment Program high school proficiency tests have a serious state purpose. It is to make sure kids did more than sit in a classroom X number of hours; it's to make sure they learned what they need to function after graduation as college students, as workers and as citizens.

It's no secret that many high schools in Michigan have been diploma mills. That's why the state designed proficiency tests in math, reading, writing and science. Setting the standards, during years of work, were employers, college admissions people, school officials and parents.

The tests are here to stay. Michigan is not going back to the flabby old days of local standards. Michigan's tests have won high praise from Dr. Willard Daggett, the New York State, internationally known guru of teaching for real-world employability. Daggett warns against "nay-sayers" who would sabotage state testing.

Daggett notes that a major goal of MEAP high school tests has been to emphasize multi-step problem solving rather than one-step calculations and memorization. Another goal has been to integrate academic disciplines rather than test them in isolation.

In particular, Daggett praised the communications tests (reading and writing) for "requiring the complex cognitive skills of analysis, synthesis and evaluation within real-world problem

situations."

So why doesn't the state just pass a law requiring able-bodied kids to take the MEAP proficiency tests? In part it has to do with the Headlee amendment to the state constitution that requires the state to pay for anything it mandates. In part it has to do with right-wing paranoia about any kind of state requirements.

What can everyone do to make sure kids take the proficiency tests?

- The Legislature could adopt the House bill, languishing on the agenda, to require college officials to consider an applicant's MEAP test scores.

- The Legislature could have adopted the amendment, rejected by the Senate, requiring that a high school senior wishing to take vocational courses in a vocational academy or community college, to have at least minimal passing scores (level 3) on MEAP tests.

- School boards could exercise their highly-touted "local control" by printing test scores on diplomas.

- At graduation time, school boards could award colored tassels on mortarboards or colored stoles to graduates who passed MEAP tests.

- Parents could and should refuse to let kids "opt out" of MEAP tests. They need to make kids realize that the educational system can't function unless there is accountability; that the schools themselves can't evaluate their own effectiveness without accountability; that meeting and, hopefully, exceeding state standards should be a source of personal satisfaction.

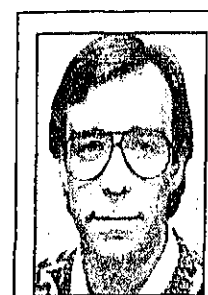
Game time is over. MEAP high school proficiency tests are here to stay. Take them.

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Novi police did the right thing



Michael Malott

You can give Novi police a hard time about the way things turned out Saturday evening. (I'm sure they're already heard it from all their cop buddies, all those officers who were called in to help out that night.)

Believing a gunman had barricaded himself in a mobile home at the Old Dutch Farms park on Napier Road, Novi police surrounded the home, evacuated the area and sealed it off for four and half hours. They called in support from other departments, including the Oakland County Emergency Response Team. They even had a tank there.

It turned out no one was home. The guy was at the mall.

(There wasn't even a poker game going on in the area.) You can hassle Novi cops about it all you want about it, but the reality is that they handled the situation properly. Novi cops did the right thing given the circumstances, given they information they had at the time.

Based on what they were told — which by all rights should have been pretty good information, should have been reliable — they believed they had a man holed up there with a gun and no way to talk to him.

The incident started out as a simply domestic scene.

The husband and wife reportedly argued. The wife said she was threatened with a knife. Then the husband supposedly grabbed a gun. As she left with her children, she said she thought she heard a shot. She went across the street to a neighbor's home, where she kept an eye on things until police arrived. When they got there, she said she believes he was still inside.

That's all police knew for several hours. The wife told police she'd already removed the telephone from the home. The husband had a cell phone, but when police tried to call it they found it was not turned on.

Finally, the husband called his wife on his cell phone. He was calling from the mall.

Police had to go slow. No one was hurt. Once they arrived, no one was in immediate danger. They had to proceed slowly to avoid endangering anyone.

Of course, there are some really interesting questions about the incident that still need to be answered. Why did police find no evidence inside the home that a shot had been fired, no spent shell and no hole in the wall? Was it some other loud noise that the wife heard? How did he get out of the house while it was under her watchful eye? And why haven't police been able to find the guy since the night of the incident?

So Novi police had a barricaded gunman who wasn't home.

And while you can't fault their procedure, it still doesn't mean you can't razz 'em about it a bit.

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

In Focus

By John Heider



Santa Claus bends to listen to Colin Orchard, 3, and his holiday wish list Tuesday night during the Main Street Holiday Walk.

Kids are the ones who will pay



Chris Davis

More random thoughts and observations on life...

- For just a second, forget about the legal fees and finger pointing in the Northville Township / Northville High School lawsuit. Take a deep breath and read this next sentence very carefully. Ready? The kids are the ones who will pay the price for so-called "grown-ups" not being able to settle this issue. Got it? Good. Now end this stupid thing and get on with school and town-

ship business. Your children are watching.

- I was spoon-fed a real dose of reality a few weeks back. As many of you may know, my fiancé is the head athletic trainer at Rochester College. She showed me the mini-profile of her in the game program distributed at the Rochester / Madonna U. basketball match. Instantly, I noticed that the printers had inserted the wrong state for her "HOMETOWN" listing. It re-awoke me to something I was taught long ago: when you're talking about written material, there's no such thing as a "small" error. A mistake in a newspaper is like a zit on a beauty queen's nose — the tiny imperfection will detract attention from the bigger picture.

- I knew it was going to happen eventually — I received a jury questionnaire in the mail last week. It wasn't a summons, but it was clear that I was at least a candidate for serving as a juror. I'm not thrilled at the prospect, but I'm not going to be like a lot of people. I know and make up some ridiculous excuse for not being able to serve on a jury. Do your duty — if you're called to serve and you can serve, serve. If it was you who was waiting in jail for a trial, you'd want people to drop what they're doing to listen to your case.

- I repeat: the kids are the ones who will pay the

price. (Just wanted to make sure you got the point.)

- Another excerpt from the Bachelor's Guide to Living: you're in big trouble if nachos and Coke are the first things that comes to mind when assembling a grocery list.

- Looks like Novi city leaders are looking at widening Ten Mile Road again. I can't say as I blame them — it's a major thoroughfare in the center of town. I suppose I'd be a bit more inclined to give support to the project if it weren't for the fact that Grand River Avenue — an even more important road — was only two lanes wide right now. Before those folks living between Meadowbrook and Haggerty lose even more of their property, it's time to make Grand River the road it should be.

- I stopped by my credit union in Novi last week and saw a woman bring her two dogs inside the place. These weren't seeing-eye dogs — they were regular house pets. Is good taste on permanent vacation? Unless you're in a veterinary clinic or a pet supply store, do everyone a favor and leave Fido or Mittens at home.

- If they were really being honest, most people in Northville and Novi would tell you they really don't need anything for the holidays. That's a fact. There are a lot of wants, but very few needs. Might I suggest a new holiday tradition — make a contribution to a loved one's favorite charity this year, rather than giving another gift. For me, it's the Boy Scouts and the Salvation Army, but you find the ones that suit your style.

- If you're one of those college football fans who flies a flag, the following rules are now in effect: you may fly your flag on Friday and during the day on Saturday, but your team must win in order to fly on Sunday. No exceptions. That's been the policy on my parents' street for years, and I'm putting out a plea for our legislators to make it a law.

Chris C. Davis is a staff writer for the Novi News and Northville Record.

Thurber ranked with productive citizens



Phil Power

Don Thurber's funeral last Saturday was at old Christ Church, on E. Jefferson Avenue in Detroit.

But his love was public service, a blazing commitment that lasted his entire life.

When President Kennedy asked him to raise money for the National Park Service, he established the National Park Foundation that recently raised more than \$1 million to refurbish Isle Royale National Park. He was a key fundraiser for the restoration of Orchestra Hall and the building of the Center for Creative Studies. He was executive assistant to U.S. Sen. Blair Moody, a consultant to Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall and an advisor to Secretary of Commerce Elliot Richardson. He was a regent of the University of Michigan.

I remember years ago going to his home in Grosse Pointe — elegant, tasteful, discreet — for a party to introduce Richardson, then considering a run for president, to the movers and shakers of the Michigan Democratic Party. It seemed as though everybody who was anybody was there, drawn by Don's infectious enthusiasm and prodigious work of acquaintances.

Don was a member of a remarkable and small group, mostly men, members of distinguished families who felt to their bones the obligation to use their talents in disinterested, valuable public service. It seems as though their stature and standing freed them from the ego needs that cheapen the careers of so many, liberating them to devote their talents to benefit their entire society.

Educate public about 'hospice care'

To the Editor:

In the wake of the defeat of the physician assisted suicide ballot proposal (Proposal 13), and more recently, the shocking and saddening video of Jack Kevorkian injecting life-ending chemicals into a man suffering from Lou Gehrig's disease, hospices all across the country face an important and daunting challenge: we must redouble our efforts to educate the public about the "hospice alternative."

We have a jewel of nature, but not much.

I agree with what Brad and Marilyn Bach wrote in a previous letter to the editor "Let nature be natural in this one place."

If the City of Novi is really looking for improved "quality of life" and prestige? Look no further, this North Novi park land will give us both for many years, generations to come. Why? Because we will have something that nature built.

I encourage all Novi residents to go out and visit your park land for just 15-45 minutes — walk around — sit and listen to the silence — you will feel refreshed.

As the sign along side this old tree farm put states, "Purchased with municipal funds to enhance our quality of life." That it does. Not just for the future, but today. Go see for yourselves and be sure to take your children so they can romp in the woods — even have a leaf light. Remember those?

It's great. It's free and it's here today.

After revisiting the lovely park land, I am now more than ever opposed to the golf course plan.

Let's not allow this wonderful place of nature to be replaced with yet another golf course.

George C. Forsythe

Expand list of interest groups

To the Editor:

In the Thursday, Nov. 26 edition of The Novi News, an article on Page 10A titled "Input sought on cable" included a statement, "You will have an opportunity to ask questions and provide your views on current cable services and potential future services."

I am a resident of Novi who purchases cable service each month. I purchase video access to sports, news, and family entertainment programs. I would like to purchase through a cable service company high speed Internet access and local dial tone (telephone service). These are services presently available to residents of other municipalities but not available to Novi residents.

I reviewed the cable "interest groups" in that article: arts, culture and heritage organizations; public access users; city and county government; education; community service and non-profit organizations; youth and senior organizations; business and business organizations; and diversity and religious organizations.

These interest groups appear to be limited to those services provided to users of the current cable service company. The interest groups don't seem to include any for purchasers of cable services. These interest groups don't include for purchasers of cable service...

an opportunity to ask questions and provide your views on current cable services and potential future services" unless you are a user of the services provided by the current cable company who falls within these narrowly defined interest groups.

Accordingly, regarding the negotiations for a new franchise agreement with Time Warner, I suggest that the commission add two additional interest groups:

- Current and Potential Future Services — the purpose of this group is for the commission to learn from the purchasers of the Time Warner products what we request with respect to video, voice and data services. This includes an evaluation of the current services that are provided by Time Warner and an assessment of the services to be provided by Time Warner in the future.

- Alternative Cable Service Providers — the purpose of this group is learn from other cable companies what can be provided with respect to video, voice and data services.

I believe the commission would have a representative response to these two additional interest groups if these groups met between 7 and 9 p.m. on a weekday and between 1 and 3 p.m. on a Saturday. Holding these meetings during the weekday appears to exclude all purchasers of cable service who work during the day.

I have friends that purchased high speed Internet access through Cox Communications in California. They say it is equivalent to the fastest telephone Internet connections (T-1) and costs \$30 a month. It also includes their local dial tone.

Why can't I, living near "automation alley," expect the same from my cable company?

Wesley B. Colnery

Course would improve Novi life

To the Editor:

I read the front page article, the editorial, and the letter to the editor on the potential golf course in the North Novi Park in last week's newspaper. The reporting and opinions prompt me to again offer a differing view.

Firstly, there's nothing unusual with a city Parks and Recreation Department offering programs which are profitable. Whether we're a "rich" or a "poor" community, we still have residents who are fiscally hurt by never-ending property tax increases. This is particularly true for the disabled or elderly on a fixed income.

Also, the editorial implies that everything the city government considers which is controversial should be taken to a vote by the residents. The point raised by Kathy Mutch and Butch Wingfield was misunderstood or ignored. The services offered by a city aren't restricted to those which will be used by the "majority" of the citizens. Take the sports park at Eight Mile and Napier for instance. What percentage of our residents use that facility? Even though it's a line and very functional recreational park, there won't be many adults or seniors using the playing fields. Does that mean we shouldn't have built them? No, we need that type of facility. There's nothing to say that every park in the city must offer recreational opportunities only to the young and physically fit and active. There are a lot of people who would get outside and enjoy the park as a golf course who would otherwise stay inside or visit the Senior Center. Maybe not 51 percent of the voters, but more than enough to support the golf course.

Lastly, our elected city officials and appointed commissioners aren't trying to antagonize their constituents. They're honestly trying to improve our quality of life, for as many of the residents as they can. Please let them do their job.

Keith Bond

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Louie pens second history book

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amusement park. "I like the book. I have to keep looking at it. It looks better each time I see it," Louie said.

Published by Arcadia Publishing of Charleston, South Carolina, and printed in Great Britain, the volume is available — just in time for the holidays — in local bookstores for \$18.99.

Last spring, Louie bumped into a representative of the publishing company at a local history conference and suggested the book.

Not only did Arcadia jump at the idea, but they presented Louie with a tough deadline. Louie, who works full-time as a librarian at the Burton Historical Collection in the Detroit Public Library's main branch, had three months this summer to get the work completed.

This is Louie's third publication. She also wrote a history of Novi, "No. 1 On the Trail," and a co-authored "Step By Step Through Northville."

Most of the photos in the latest offering came from the office of Novi Public Information Director Lou Martin, who is duly thanked in Louie's book. Others were uncovered in the Burton Historical Collection and the Northville Historical Society. Martin inherited a file drawer full of photos, many of them duplicates of decades old originals, from his predecessor.

"Barbara was able to take a look at them and say 'I know what this is, I know what that is,'" he said.

"She was like a kid in the candy

store. She saw those photos and said, 'I didn't know those existed.' Pupkin, a West Bloomfield resident, took the snapshots of Novi as it appears in 1998.

Now that the books out, old Novi photographs seem to be spilling out of attics and drawers all over town.

"People keep telling me, 'I have pictures, you should have called me,'" Louie said.

In researching the project, Louie was most fascinated learning about the Walled Lake Casino and amusement park. If Novi's no longer a popular resort, some of that spirit lingers, she said, with the Michigan 50s Festival.

Louie's favorite place in town is not what you'd expect, not the old township hall or the Fuerst farm or the Rogers Mansion. It's a site scheduled for demolition — the Grand River railroad bridge. She also expects the old train depot there may not be long for this world.

"I like them because you can really imagine what they were like back when they were in use," she said.

The local historian believes it's important to save as many traces of early Novi as possible.

"Whatever's still standing, I think it's important to keep," she said.

A lot of people say it gets in the way of projects, but they can keep the old buildings still standing and work around them."

She's impressed by efforts made by Preservation Novi and City

Council Member Kathy Mutch to save local landmarks, such as the old Novi Methodist Church.

"The fact that it was successful is really remarkable, because a lot of projects like that don't succeed," Louie said.

"They're on the right track."

Louie formerly was a librarian at the Novi Public Library, but she took a job three years ago to the Burton Historical Collection. There, she assists researchers looking into everything from the history of Detroit to their own family trees.

"This is very interesting. You find people who have traced their own families to the 1500s. That's incredible to me as an achievement," she said.

"As an archivist, working with an old document 200 years old and holding it in my hand is really

exciting to me."

Throughout her book, you'll find traces of Novi families, too. The Harwood family, who still live in town. The Tolstons, who owned the Walled Lake Casino.

And the Cotters and Crawford, who remain well-known in Novi.

On page 22 of "Images of America, Novi," the bottom photo shows a tiny girl perched on the seat of a tractor at the former Cotter farm on Grand River. She grew up to be Novi Special Recreation Coordinator Kathy Crawford.

Crawford hasn't seen the book yet, but she has vivid memories of a childhood in what was once a rural town.

"For a long time, I've thought I would write a little story about growing up in Novi. Nobody else I know of grew up on a farm in Novi," she said.

NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 98-052

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Frank Korny is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow the outdoor sale of firewood at 4695 West Thirteen Mile Road, from December 9, 1998 to March 1999. Mr. Korny's property is located on the south side of Thirteen Mile Road.

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

The request will be considered at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 9, 1998, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Official and must be received prior to December 9, 1998.

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REQUEST FOR BIDS — NOTICE TO BIDDERS NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL - BID PACK #2 FLOOR COVERING, LOCKERS, VISUAL DISPLAY BOARDS

The Novi Community School District invites the submission of Sealed Bids for: TILE, CARPET, RESILIENT FLOORING, VISUAL DISPLAY BOARDS, LOCKERS, SHELVING

On or about Monday, November 23, 1998, bidding documents will be made available. Call A.J. Elkin Construction Co. at (248) 337-5800 to confirm availability. A Fifty Dollar refundable deposit must be payable to "Novi Community School District" is required to obtain construction documents at A.J. Elkin Construction Co.

Bids will be received until 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, December 16, 1998 at A.J. Elkin Construction Co., 30445 Northwestern Highway, Suite 250, Farmington Hills, MI 48333-9061.

All bids will be publicly opened and read at Novi Community School District Board Room, 25345 Tall Road, Novi, MI 48374 on Wednesday, December 16, 1998 at 3:00 P.M.

Specifications and Bid Form may be obtained only at A.J. Elkin Construction Co., main office. The right to reject any and/or all bids is reserved. Any bid submitted will be binding for sixty (60) days after the date of the bid opening. Bid Security in the amount of 5% of the proposal amount is required for all bids over \$14,473. All bidders must be able to furnish a Labor and Material Payment Bond and Performance Bond each in the amount of 100% of the proposal sum.

(11-25-98 & 12-3-98 NN 664930)

One year later, Pittao murder still under review

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Jelley said the prosecutor assigned to the case will be back next Monday.

In the meantime, the killer of Tamara Pittao continues to walk free, a year after the crime.

Tamara Pittao, a 30-year-old Novi woman, was found dead Nov. 26, 1997, in her Pavillion Court Apartment by Novi officers. Her family called police when she hadn't arrived for Thanksgiving as expected.

Police said an autopsy revealed that the cause of death was blunt force trauma to the head and neck.

Tamara, 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.

The daughter was in the custody of her father at the time of the Tamara's death.

Relatives, friends, co-workers and neighbors were all questioned by police in order to gain insight about the final days and hours of her life.

At that time, police confirmed that Daniel Pittao, husband of Tamara, now 39, was a suspect.

He was interviewed by the Novi police, but refused a second interview. Investigators said they spoke with him only briefly on the day Tamara was found.

It was believed that Tamara knew her attacker. There was no sign of a forced entry at her apartment.

The Pittaos were in the process of a divorce and a personal protection order was on file at Oakland County Circuit Court, ordering Daniel Pittao to stay away from Tamara. The 1970 and divorce papers were filed after the couple separated the previous summer.

Daniel was also charged with one count of domestic violence after he allegedly assaulted Tamara in Davidsburg on July 4, 1997.

Jelley said Daniel has not been cleared as a suspect in Tamara's death.

The couple's daughter currently is in the custody of Tamara's relatives in Illinois.

As for the length of time the investigation has taken, Jelley said cases like this take time to investigate properly.

"If you don't get it right the first time, you don't get a second chance," he said.

NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS PHOTOGRAPHY

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for the Photography according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Bid packages are available at the Office of the Purchasing Director.

Sealed bids will be received until 3:00 p.m. prevailing eastern time, Tuesday, December 29, 1998, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows:

CITY OF NOVI
CAROL J. KALINOVIK, PURCHASING DIRECTOR
45175 W. Ten Mile Rd.,
Novi, MI 48375-3024

All bids must be signed by a legally authorized agent of the bidding firm. ENVELOPES MUST BE PLAINLY MARKED.

"PHOTOGRAPHY" BID

AND MUST BEAR THE NAME OF THE BIDDER.

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(12-3-98 NR, NN 667372)

NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS HOUSE DEMOLITION

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for a House Demolition according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Bid packages are available at the Office of the Purchasing Director.

Sealed bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. prevailing eastern time, Tuesday, December 29, 1998, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows:

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS BID PACKAGE NO. 1 — REBID

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Attention: Robert J. Velasquez,
Project Manager

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of Northville Public Schools for the following bid category on this project until 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 8, 1998:

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Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 8, 1998 at the

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501 West Main Street
Northville, MI 48167

On the day following the public opening, bid results will be posted in the A. J. Elkin Plan Room. Bidders shall not call Northville Public Schools for bid results.

PLAN DISTRIBUTION
On or about Thursday, November 18, 1998, bidding documents will be made available by the Construction Manager.

Documents will be available for examination at the following locations:

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Construction Association of Michigan
Daily Construction Reports Plan Room

Documents may be obtained from the office of the Construction Manager. Bidders may obtain one (1) complete set for a refundable deposit of FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00). All bid documents remain the property of the Owner and shall be returned in good condition within ten (10) days of the bid date to receive refund. Check shall be made payable to Northville Public Schools.

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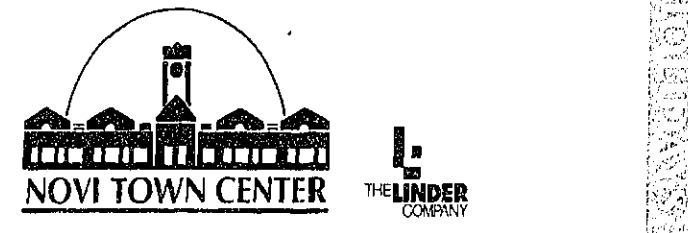
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Novi Rotary plans
senior luncheon-2B

MESSIAH CONCERT:

Musical talents join forces at
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DOLL WINDFALL:

Surprise donation
to benefit hospice-3B

DIVERSIONS:

Child actors present
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Jim Berry and his father Joe, owner of Joe Berry Stables at Northville Downs, take the halter of "Brute Selection," a four-year-old gelding.

horse tales

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In well-below freezing wind chill temperatures, a jockey takes a horse out for an early morning spin around the track at Northville Downs.

Rise and shine comes early for grooms and trainers in the Joe Berry Stables at Northville Downs and the days are long.

Grooms, most of whom live in one-room accommodations on the second floor of the barns, begin their day at 7 a.m.

The majority of the work taking care of Berry's 17 horses is done in the next four hours before lunch.

Berry employs two trainers and five grooms.

The trainer's job is on the race track jogging each of Berry's Standard-bred horses five miles every day. The trainer uses a jog cart, which weighs about 125 pounds, for the 20-minute routine. Race bikes, which weigh about 40 pounds, are used when the horses race in the evening.

From beginning to end, one horse's entire morning routine takes about three hours. The grooms will clean the stall during the horse's 20-minute jog.

"I try to work everything like a clock," Berry said. "When the horse comes back in he's got a nice clean stall. It's all timing."

Following a morning jog, the horse is given a shower and cools down for about an hour. Berry's barn is the only one with an inside shower. If the weather is too cold or the horse did not get an entire five-mile jog in because of inclement weather, he may only get a sponge bath.

"They get spooky sometimes (when the weather's bad)," said head trainer Silvio Valentini. After the cool-down, grooms paint leg tightener on the horses every day before wrapping them and pack their hooves so they don't get hard.

There are also three blacksmiths on the grounds in the morning.

Berry, who's been in the business 36 years, was a Northville resident for 25 years until he moved to Livonia six months ago. He's in the barn every day and every night.

"I come here to check the barn whether I'm racing or not," Berry said. "My help lives in the tack rooms."

Berry has a small office opposite the barn where the grooms can pass the time watching television while the horses race or cold down at night.

"When a horse races, you're going to be here for a couple of hours after he races on the track," he said.

Following a race, the horse needs to be walked for half an hour to 45 minutes, then another hour for them to cool down.

Not just anybody is allowed in the restricted barn area for security reasons. Visitors have to be licensed by the racing commission or have received special permission. Trainers can get fined \$300 for having someone in the stable area that is not authorized to be there.

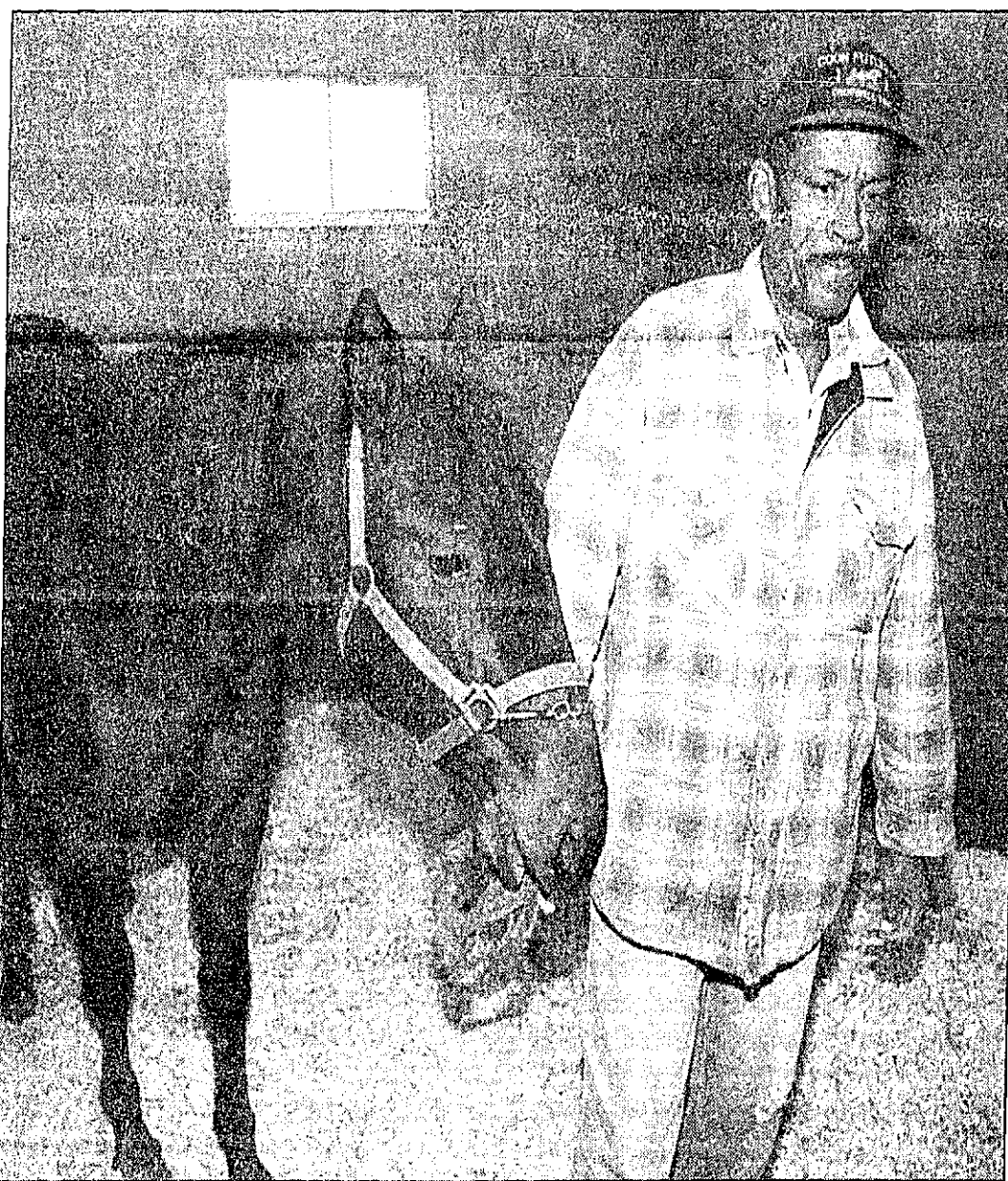
"I have the best horses on the grounds, by far," Berry said. Although Standard-bred horses race starting at 2 years of age until they are 14, Berry's horses are all between 2 to 5.

Berry owns the horse that holds the track record at Hazel Park and his four-year-old mare Energetica won the \$100,000 race at the Michigan Parimutuel on Nov. 6 at Northville Downs.

Berry has developed a good eye for buying horses.

"Never take a horse from someone smarter than you," Berry said.

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Left: Roy Howard, who works for Joe Berry Stables, has been a horse groomer for 35 years. Above: Fresh from a training run and cleaning, a horse peeks its head out of a stall at Joe Berry Stables at Northville Downs on a recent Wednesday morning.



A horse gets ready to go on a five-mile morning jog.

Story by Carol Dipple
Photos by John Heider

Novi Rotary plans annual senior luncheon

By JEANNE CLARKE
Special Writer

The Novi Rotary Club's annual seniors Christmas luncheon will be held Dec. 10 and is open to seniors in the Novi area, including those in nursing homes. For seniors planning to attend, please register at the Novi Senior Center so bus transportation can be arranged, leaving from the Senior Center at 11 a.m.

A reminder to all seniors - check with the center regarding transportation. It is advisable not to drive cars to the Novi Middle School as there is limited parking, which would require a long walk. For special transportation needs, contact Gerry Stupp at 442-2292.

The program will feature a musical presentation by students from the middle school. Lunch will be served following the concert, with a special gift bag given to attending seniors.

A special program held in November, with approximately 15 representatives from as many professions, met at the high school. Interested members of the senior class met with the groups and learned more about many vocational fields.

The Rotary Club will once again include a scholarship to a trade school, which it offers each year. Included in the list of scholarships presented annually by the Rotary Club will be a scholarship to a trade school.

Two special events are being held this month. The first one is scheduled for Dec. 7 at the Huron River Hunting & Fishing Club, as it has been for the last three years, and the holiday family dinner on Wednesday, Dec. 16 at 6 p.m. The evening will consist of a spaghetti dinner and your own homemade Sundaes. Those attending are asked to bring an unwrapped toy or book for the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots.

The Rotarians are hard at work on their big fund raiser of the year and will be selling raffle tickets on a 1989 Corvette. The raffle is under the leadership of Steve Muldoon. Funds are given to charitable causes such as Christmas in April and the Rotary Park. Future plans of the club include major additions to the park.

WHITEHALL HEALTH CENTER

Vicki Theu, activities director and her assistant, Fran Simo have

Novi Highlights

planned many holiday activities for the residents. However, they would like to do more but are in need of volunteers who play piano and/or a musical instrument to provide a sing-a-long for the residents. This would be on a weekly or monthly basis, with music selected by the residents.

In addition, more evening and weekend activities for the residents are also being considered and once again, adult volunteers are needed. A training period would be offered to the volunteers, enabling them to feel comfortable in leading a group by themselves. Many residents participating in activities need volunteer help, especially those with hearing or eye problems. If you, your family or your civic group would be interested in volunteering, please contact Vicki Theu at (248) 349-2200.

Another area in need is the mending of residents' clothing. Arrangements could be made for picking up a bundle, doing it in your own home, then returning it

at a given date.

Residents are looking forward to attending the Rotary Christmas party on Dec. 10; transportation will be arranged by the Rotarians. The gathering will include lunch, entertainment and gifts during the program.

Scheduled for Dec. 5 is a performance by The Center Stage Dance Co., a variety show by the Novi Theater group on Dec. 17; visitation from Orchard Hills School students on Dec. 21; a Christmas party sponsored by St. James Church on Dec. 27.

The residents have been having in-house fund raisers to make money to help with gift buying for an adopted family. They currently have a raffle going on for a Red Wings hockey puck autographed by Doug Brown.

They recently had a bake sale and are presently engaged in "Cans for a Cause" fund raiser - collecting pop cans/bottles which can be returned for additional funds.

NOVI CO-OP PRESCHOOL

Preschool personnel and parents are holding their Christmas party Dec. 3, at which time they will exchange ornaments and cookies. In addition, they will make a Christmas craft that will be given to the children at their Christmas parties, when Santa Claus makes his appearance.

The school has been busy this fall with pumpkin-picking at Meyer Berry Farm and a nature walk at Maybury State Park. They enjoyed learning about the trees and birds living in the woods, the leaves changing in color, and that trees give sap for pancake syrup.

Games were played, the favorite being the shaving of their dad's face.

In November, they learned about raccoons, Native Americans, and the colors of black and yellow Thanksgiving. During this month they also had VIP nights, with each section having their own evening, from Nov. 2-5. At this time they invited dads, brothers and sisters, grandmas and grandpas to visit the school and meet their friends and teachers. They also prepared snacks for the evening.

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At the October raffle held at the general meeting, the prizes awarded included Novi Hilton Weekend, Marquis Theater package, Toys R Us gift certificate, and a tub of cookie dough.

On November 25, the children enjoyed a Thanksgiving buffet - food items brought in by the children to share.

Anyone wishing more information about the preschool can contact its president, I. Haynes at 615-1085.

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

An Emmanuel service was conducted the night before Thanksgiving and the community was invited to share in the service. Several churches and their choirs were part of the program.

Those attending were asked to bring a can of food that would be given to the Novi Emergency Food

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Church Notes

FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 44400 West Ten Mile Road in Novi, will be leading monthly worship services for the residents of Whitehall Nursing Home, 43455 West Ten Mile Road on Sunday, Dec. 6, at 2:30 p.m. Following the service the youth of Faith Community will be singing Christmas Carols for the residents. The children will then return to Faith Community for a "Thanksgiving Party for Jesus."

The Men's Group of Faith Community will be having their annual Christmas Luncheon and ornament exchange at Country Epicure on Thursday, Dec. 10, at noon. Babysitting is available. For more information on either event, call (248) 349-5666.

The Sixgate Civil Air Patrol Squadron will be holding a parade at **HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL CHURCH**, 40200 Ten Mile Road in Novi, on Sunday, Dec. 6, at the 11 a.m. service to celebrate the 50th anniversary of their founding.

Sunday School is held during the 11 a.m. service. Holy Cross has a 7:45 a.m. service. Please call the church office weekdays at (248) 349-1175 between 9 a.m. and noon for additional information.

The Meadowbrook Academy for Religious Studies at **MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**, 21355 Meadowbrook Road in Novi, will offer a six-week course beginning Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m. entitled "Bible 101 - Introductory Bible Study." This will be a beginning overview of the Bible. For those who have done little or no bible study in the past, this is a great place to start. Call the church office to register.

The Christmas Workshop will be Sunday, Dec. 13, from 11:15 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is \$7 per person or \$20 per family. The community is welcome. Call the church office to register.

The Treasures and Treasures Sale, sponsored by the Women's Service Club, will be held on Saturday, Dec. 5, 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 available. There is no admission fee.

The Novi Chorale will be presenting a concert on Saturday, Dec. 5, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the Novi Parks and Recreation office, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, or at the door the night of the performance. For details, call (248) 348-7757.

The Fine Arts Series at the **NORTHVILLE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**, 200 East Main Street in Northville, will close its 1998 concert series with its

annual performance of Handel's "Messiah" on Sunday, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m. The Northville Concert Chorus will perform the choruses sections and will be accompanied by the Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra. The Northville Concert Chorus is open to any singer who wishes to participate.

The Open Forum continues the series "Unplugging the Christmas Machine: A Look at Ways of Putting Love and Joy Back into the Season" on Sundays at 11 a.m. on Dec. 6 and 13.

During this three-week seminar, topics will be: "How can I reduce the stress of preparing for Christmas?" "How can I make our celebration more spiritual and less materialistic?" "How can I get my husband to be more enthusiastic about Christmas?" "How can I get my wife to relax and enjoy the celebration?" and "How can I help my children see that Christmas is more than just presents?"

The seminar will use the book "Unplugging the Christmas Machine," which is in its 15th printing and is still the undisputed guide to creating a joyful, stress-free holiday season.

The Open Forum is open to everyone and Church School will be meeting at the same time as the Open Forum. Call the church at (248) 349-0911 for details.

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH, 39200 West Twelve Mile Road in Farmington Hills, has a Men's and Tots group which meets every Monday morning from 10 until 11:30 a.m.

Sunday worship services include traditional services at 8:15 and 11 a.m., and a Contemporary Worship of Family Learning Hour at 9:45 a.m. The 11th annual Advent Musical will be on Sunday, Dec. 6, at 6:30 p.m. The program features more than 50 musicians of all ages, including the Children's Choir, the Children's Bell Choir, Adult Hand bells, and the Adult Choir. Soloists and members of the Contemporary Worship music groups will also be participating.

For admission, bring a canned food item for the pantry of St. Andrew-Reformer Lutheran Church in Detroit.

On Sunday, Dec. 13, the Children's Christmas Pageant will be held at 4 p.m.

The Not-So-Silent Night is the theme of this year's Sunday school Christmas Pageant. Featured will be the children of Hope singing holiday favorites and performing a skit in costume.

For more information, call the church at (248) 553-7170.

Hospice gets surprise gift geared to doll collectors

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

The second annual Angela Hospice Cookie-Craft Walk will have plenty of baked goods and crafts, but an unexpected donation will make this a sale not to be seen again in the near future.

The second annual fund raiser will include hundreds of Ashton-Drake porcelain dolls when the doors open at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 5, at the Angela Hospice Center. The event will remain open until it's sold out.

Volunteers and friends of Angela Hospice make a variety of cookies and holiday craft items for the walk. When the doors opened last year, people were already standing in line and the cookies were sold one hour later, according to Carolyn DiCenzo, chairperson of the cookie-craft walk.

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WALLED LAKE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
3390 Main St. (248) 349-2485
Children's Church 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Nursery Available - All Welcome

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST
11000 Plymouth Rd. (248) 349-0911
Plymouth Michigan
Church Services 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Wednesday Meeting 7:30 p.m.

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA
23025 Oakwood (248) 349-0911
Farmingington Hills Michigan
Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Adult Bible Study 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Pastor: Duane C. Gier - 349-0911
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GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
9 Mile & Meadowbrook
Wisconsin Lutheran Synod
Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.
Thursdays 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.
Bible Study 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.
Religious Education 3:45-5:00 p.m.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH
773 Royal Northville
Catholic Diocese of Detroit
Sunday 7:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Church 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Religious Education 3:45-5:00 p.m.

CHURCH OF TODAY WEST (Unit)
Meadowbrook Elementary School - Walled Lake
(South of 13 Mile on Meadowbrook Road)
(248) 489-8000
Services at 10 AM
Children's Church 10 AM
Minister Barbara Clevering

NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY
41355 Six Mile Road - Northville (248) 349-9030
Sunday School 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Friday 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
Pastor: Chris L. Beckman - 349-9030
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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE
349-1147 8 Mile & I-96
Worship Services 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Nursery & Children's Services (see below)
Summer Worship 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. (June-Aug.)
Dr. Douglas W. Vernon, Rev. Thomas M. Beagan, Rev. Arthur J. Sanford

ORCHARD HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH, SBC
23455 New Rd. (between 9 & 10 Mile)
Bible Study 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Worship Services 10:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Adult Bible Study 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. A. J. Sanford - 349-2565
We Will Love You With the Love Of The Lord

MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
21355 Meadowbrook Rd. (between 9 & 10 Mile)
Morning Worship 10 a.m.
Church School 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
349-7757
Minister: David L. Hunt
Minister of Music: Ray Ferguson

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL
10 Mile between I-96 & I-24
Phone 349-1175
Sunday 7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Sunday 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist
11 a.m. Sunday School & Nursery
The Rev. Lesko E. Horing

WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Dr. James M. McGuire, Senior Pastor
44000 Six Mile Road - Northville MI 48063
Services 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 a.m.
Sunday School & Nursery Provided
6:00 p.m. evening service
Worship Service Booklet at 9:30 AM on WMLM (FM 103.5)

ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH NOVI
4255 E. Main St.
Rev. M. J. McGee, Pastor
Sunday 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Sunday 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Sunday 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. M. J. McGee - 349-7778

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY
24000 Meadowbrook Rd. (between 9 & 10 Mile)
Morning 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. M. J. McGee - 349-7778

WORLDWIDE HARVEST CHURCH
"A Place to Grow"
Sunday Worship Service 11:30 AM
Location: 10000 Plymouth Rd.
The Center for Music & Worship
10000 Plymouth Rd. (between 9 & 10 Mile) Farmington Hills, MI
For more info, call (248) 349-8100

ST. ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
(810) 684-3817
400 N. Main St. Walled Lake
9 am Worship Service & Church School
The Rev. Leslie Haring, Vicar

NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Sunday Education 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m. (with nursery)
Sunday Fellowship 11:00 a.m.
Our Lady of Providence Chapel
16110 Birch Rd. (between 5 & 6 Mile Roads)
Pastor: Rev. Robert J. Glick - 734-458-8181

IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Meeting at Hickory Woods Elementary School (Novi Road between 13 & 14 Mile Roads)
SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:30 a.m.
WORSHIP SERVICE - 11:00 a.m.
Helen Ford, Pastor
(248) 374-5900

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A performance of "Messiah" at First Presbyterian Church in Northville is scheduled for this Sunday, Dec. 6.

Concert brings talents together for "Messiah"

The Northville Concert Choral and the Michigan Student Orchestra will combine to perform Handel's oratorio "Messiah" on Sunday, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m. The oratorio will be conducted by Dr. Darlene Kuperus, minister of music at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville. Soloists include Karen Roberts of Brighton, Karen Curran of Northville, Susan Hausman of Novi, Michael Ryan of Dexter and Gary Moss of Ann Arbor. The concert will feature Parts I and II of the renowned oratorio and will conclude with audience participa-

tion in singing the famous "Hallelujah" chorus. The annual "Messiah" concert is part of the Fine Arts Series of the First Presbyterian Church, located at 200 East Main Street in downtown Northville, which sponsors concerts throughout the year as well as a yearly juried art show. Tickets are \$10, \$8 for senior citizens, and \$30 per family. A Christmas reception will follow the concert in the church's Ball Fellowship Hall. For tickets or more information, call (248) 349-0911.

In Service

TIMOTHY M. O'DONNELL was recently promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Commander USNR. He graduated from Brighton High School in 1984, received his bachelor's degree in mathematics from the University of Michigan in 1988, and his master's degree in business administration from the Michigan State Eli Broad Graduate School of Management in 1994. LCDR O'Donnell served aboard the aircraft carrier USS Lexington (CV-16) during the Gulf War and later, the guided missile cruiser USS Chancellorsville (CG-162). O'Donnell resides in Novi with his wife Maribelle and son Timothy, and is currently employed as a senior manager with Deloitte & Touche Consulting Group/ICS. He is the son of Carol and Bill O'Donnell of Brighton.

Singles

SINGLE PLACE, an adult ministry for single people at First Presbyterian Church of Northville, meets 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.

On Dec. 3, Single Place will have their annual Holiday Auction at 7 p.m. Admission is free. Bring treasures to be auctioned before 7 p.m. All proceeds go toward the Single Place Ministry.

On Dec. 10, the topic will be "Effective Arguing" with Ken Kirsland at 7:30 p.m. or an open forum on "Dating Do's and Don'ts" with Tom Valenti at 8 p.m.

The next is \$3. On Sunday evenings, Single Place meets for coffee and cards at 6 p.m. at Tuscan Cafe, 150 N. Center Street in Northville.

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

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

SUBURBAN SINGLES meets at Bonnie Brook Country Club, Telegraph Road south of Eight Mile in Redford, on Wednesdays at 8 p.m. The event is open to the public ages 21 and up. No jeans allowed. Cost is \$4 or \$3 before 8:30 p.m. Every Sunday the group meets at Bonnie Brook from 7 to 11 p.m. Cost is \$4 or \$3 before 7:30 p.m. For information, call the Suburban Singles hotline at (313) 842-0443.

SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES of Ward Presbyterian Church, Six Mile Road west of Haggerty in Northville Township, invites you to join over 550 single adults every Sunday morning at 11:30 a.m. for fellowship and encouragement.

SPM has a program and activity for every age group and life situation, including Single Parents, Uniquely Single for never been marrieds, and New Start for widows and widowers.

Talk Talk Talk It Over hosts speakers on a variety of topics on the second and fourth Friday of each month.

For details, call (734) 422-1854.

Church plans holiday activities

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bank located at the church. In addition, the offering was also given to the Food Bank.

The annual Advent Workshop under the direction of Janice Church, Education Committee; Joyce Butler, Fellowship Committee; and Barb Pappas, Worship Committee, was recently held at the church. This workshop was a family event and crafts made by the children included: Advent calendars, decorated cookies, and special presents and ornaments for their parents. In addition, entire families joined in for the strolling of the church's Ball Fellowship Hall.

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Children present holiday classic

Novi Theatre's Children's Annex will perform the holiday classic tale of "The Nutcracker" on Dec. 4 and 5 at 7:30 p.m. and on Dec. 6 at 3 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center Stage.

This version of "The Nutcracker" is a play by June Walker Rogers that tells the story portrayed in the traditional ballet. The director, Mary Kay Davis, combined the play with six dance numbers using classic Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker" music and choreographed by Carrie Wickert.

The play begins with a lively part at the home of Clara, played by Alison Sansom, where she receives a wooden nutcracker from her mysterious Godfather Dross, played by Scott Schwarlose. After the party, a magic settles over the house causing the Nutcracker, played by Josh Glomb, to come to life and take Clara on an adventure through Candy Land on his quest to recapture the crown stolen by the Mouse King, played by Karen Janik.

On their journey they encounter the whimsical battle of the Toy Soldiers and the Mice, the evil Snow Queen and her loyal Flakes, and Candy Canes guarding the gates to Candy Lane. The Sugar Plum Fairy, played by Hannah Menoff, and her Flowers, honor the Nutcracker and Clara in the well-known Tchaikovsky number "The Waltz of the Flowers."

For additional details, call (248) 347-0400.

THE NUTCRACKER

- Who: Novi Theatre's Children's Annex - actors ages 10 to 14
- When: Friday and Saturday, Dec. 4 and 5, 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 6, 3 p.m.
- Where: Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi
- Tickets: \$7 in advance, \$8 at the door and available at the Novi Civic Center (248) 347-0400

Detailed and colorful costumes are the work of designer Petty Schwarlose. Set design was done by Timothy Amrhein and lighting design by Kristeen Willis, both from the Hilberry Theatre.

The Novi Civic Center Stage is located at 45175 West Ten Mile. All reserved seats are \$7 in advance or \$8 at the door and are available at the Novi Civic Center.

For additional details, call (248) 347-0400.



"The Nutcracker" cast includes Karen Janik, Mouse King, Alison Sansom, Clara, and Josh Glomb, the Nutcracker.

CAST LIST

Molly Alpert	Chelsea Cracraft	Laura Hirshfield	John McCambridge	Alex Springer
Gavin Ambrosi	Alison Davies	Katie Hoeg	Caitlin McCormick	Eric Strawser and Erin Strawser
Jillian Angelocci	Kimberly Davies	Adrienne Hoving	Katie McAllen	Heidi Tobe
Emily Barton	Sara Fukui	Sara Hulan	Manybeth Miles	Shannon Wagner
Stephanie Bayless	Josh Glomb	Carolyn Inamura	Hannah Niendorf	Rachel and Rebecca Whitehart
Al Blakeney	Hilary Gonzales	Karen Janik	Sarah Pylar	Alleigh Wickert
Laura Brudzynski	John and Rebecca Grech	Ashley King	Alison Sansom	Dawn Wilfong
Tahlene Carlin	Alex Grougan	Genna Lampinen	Scott Schwarlose	
Sarah Celeski	Ben Landry	Christina Shooltz	Caitlin Shull	
Camille Chidsey	Ben and Emily Harpe			

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

CHOIR: Schoolcraft College Community Choir will hold auditions for new members on Tuesdays, Jan. 12 and 19, in room 530 of the Forum Building on the campus located on Haggerty Road in Livonia between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads 7 p.m.

To schedule an audition, call Shari Clason at (248) 349-8175.

MUSICAL: Auditions for Novi Theatre's production of "The Wizard of Oz" will be on Dec. 8 and 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 West Ten Mile Road in Novi.

There are many chorus, lead and supporting parts available for actors ages 7 to 97. Come prepared to dance, sing and act.

All actors must pay a participation fee of \$125 once cast. Audition packets can be picked up at the Novi Civic Center beginning Monday, Nov. 9, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays.

For details, call (248) 347-0400.

SPECIAL EVENTS

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: The Novi Choralaires will present Christmas Celebration concerts on Dec. 4 at Farmington Methodist Church, 33112 Grand River in Farmington at 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 5 at Meadowbrook Congregational Church, 21355 Meadowbrook Road in Novi at 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 6 at Church of the Holy Family, 24505 Meadowbrook Road in Novi at 4 p.m.

Tickets are \$7 for adults, and \$6 for seniors and children and may be purchased at the Novi Parks and Recreation office at 45175 West Ten Mile Road in Novi or at the door.

Proceeds will benefit the After School Recreation Program and the Novi Homebound Seniors. For details, call (248) 347-0400.

BORDERS BOOKS: Ongoing

events include the Toddler Time stories for children 3 and younger on Mondays at 10 a.m.; Children's Hour for children three and younger on Tuesdays at 10 a.m.; and Toddler Time for children three and younger on Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

Bill Anderson, historian and author of "The True Story of the Von Trapp Family in Their Own Words" will be talking about his longtime friends, the Trapp Family, and signing copies of his new book on Saturday, Dec. 5, at 1 p.m.

Borders Books and Music is located in the Novi Town Center. Call (248) 347-0780.

BARNES & NOBLE: Children's special storytimes are Tuesday at 11 a.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Upcoming events include: pianist Jeffrey Michael on Dec. 18 at 7:30 p.m.

Barnes and Noble is located at Six Mile and Haggerty roads in Northville. Call (248) 348-0609.

THEATER

GENITTI'S: Afternoon performances of "Clueless at Christmas" will be held on Dec. 11 and 18 at 11:30 and 1 p.m.; Dec. 19 at 2:30 p.m.; and Dec. 20, 21, and 22 at 11:30 a.m.

It's a murder mystery done in Genitti's interactive comedy style along with a seven-course Italian lunch.

Genitti's is located at 108 East Main Street in Northville. Call (248) 349-0522.

MARQUIS: Performances of a musical adaptation of the classic tale of "Cinderella" will be at 2:30 p.m. on Dec. 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, and Jan. 2, and 3.

General seating tickets are \$6.50.

Group rates are available. No children under the age of three will be permitted.

The Marquis Theatre is located at 135 E. Main Street in Northville. For details, call (248) 349-8110.

NEARBY

MADRIGAL DINNER: School-

craft College will present its annual Madrigal Dinners Dec. 10, 11 and 12 at the college's Waterman Center at 18600 Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile roads in Livonia.

Pagentry begins at 7:30 p.m. where royalty and their guests dine on the bounties prepared by the award-winning culinary arts department and hear the joyous sounds produced by members of the music department and visiting minstrels.

Cost is \$35 per person. Call (734) 462-4417.

FREE CONCERT: Schoolcraft College will feature selections by Debussy, Ravel and Franck in a free noon concert performed by violinist Stephen Shippis and pianist Anton Nel on Dec. 9.

Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile roads.

Call (734) 462-4400, ext. 5218.

HOLIDAY PLANTS: The Agriculture-Greenhouse/Floral Programs at Oakland Technical Center, 1000 Beck Road in Wixom, has poinsettias, wreaths, roping, Christmas cactus and hanging baskets available for the holidays.

Special holiday hours are Saturday, Dec. 5, and Sunday, Dec. 6, from 8 to 11 a.m. and Wednesday, Dec. 9, from 5 to 8 p.m.

Garden center hours are 7:45 to 9:45 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Call (248) 960-5454.

MICHAEL WINSLOW: Star of Police Academy 1-7 "Man of 1000 Voices" Michael Winslow will be at the Farmington Civic Theatre at 33332 Grand River on Saturday, Dec. 5, at 7 and 9:30 p.m.

Call (248) 473-7777.

CHRISTMAS WALK: The Friends for the Development of Greenwood, a Livonia City sponsored, non-profit organization, presents its annual walk on Saturday, Dec. 5, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Seven decorated homes will be open for viewing.

The cost is \$7 per person in advance or \$8 the day of the event. All proceeds from the Christmas Walk benefits Greenwood - Livonia's historical village.

Tickets are available at Livonia's City Hall, Department of Community Resources and at all Livonia libraries. Call (734) 425-4855.

CRAFT SHOW: The Women's Club of St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church will hold their Ninth Annual Craft Show on Saturday, Dec. 5, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

There will be hourly raffles, a bake sale, and over 75 crafters. Lunches are available. Strollers are welcome and the facility is wheelchair accessible.

Admission is \$1. Seniors are 50 cents and children 12 and under are free. The church is located at 565 S. Lilley Road in Canton. Call (313) 981-1333.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: The 125-voice Plymouth Community Chorus is presenting its Christmas concert "Joy" on Dec. 4, 5 and 6 at Plymouth-Salem High School located at 46181 Joy Road in Canton.

Tickets can be purchased locally at "The Northville Record" office at 104 W. Main Street in Northville. Call (313) 455-0800 for tickets, as well as the Chorus's audio tapes and CD.

HOLIDAY PROGRAM: Schoolcraft College Community Choir has scheduled two performances of a traditional holiday program "Gloria."

The 50-voice group will perform at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 6, at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 W. Church Street in Plymouth. Tickets are \$4.

The second performance will be at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church of Livonia, 30900 Six Mile Road in Livonia. Donations will be accepted during intermission.

Donald Stromberg will direct "Gloria," selections from "A Ceremony of Carols," and a variety of seasonal compositions by Bach, Beethoven and Victoria. Audience participation is encouraged during the Christmas carol sing-along at intermission.

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This DW mom, 34, 5'7", with dark hair and eyes, has a wide variety of interests including golfing, boating, and snowmobiling. She has hopes of meeting a SWCM, 30-40, who's ready to have some fun! Ad# 8733

SIMILAR INTERESTS?
Never-married, Catholic SWF, 26, 5'1", who enjoys dancing, movies, music and dining out, is looking for a Catholic SWM, 25-31, N/S. Ad# 4444

AFFECTIONATE
Active, professional DW mom, 39, 5'7", with blonde hair and green eyes, who enjoys walking, movies, dining out, skiing and ice skating. She is looking for a SWCM, 31-45, N/S, for friendship first, possible relationship. Ad# 4098

GENUINE INTENTIONS
Attractive, outgoing, Catholic SWF, 28, 5'3", with blonde hair and blue eyes, who enjoys sports, exercise, the outdoors, quiet conversation and more. She seeks a humorous, confident, Catholic SM, 28-34. Ad# 2570

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Be sure to contact this shy, sweet, sincere DWCF, 40, who would like to meet a good-hearted SWM, over 40, to share companionship. She likes golf, gardening, classic movies, outdoor activities and dining out. Place that call, you'll be so glad you did. Ad# 1269

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HI, I'M WAITING ON YOU
What a lady! She's a SWF, 36, who's interested in meeting a SWM, under 44, for a possible long-term relationship. She enjoys life, going to the movies, good conversation and meeting new people. Ad# 1212

GIVE ME A JINGLE

Professional DW mom, 34, 5'9", who enjoys family times, boating, snowmobiling, sledding and more, is seeking a SWM, for true friendship and more. Ad# 9610

GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR
Trustworthy WWCF, 65, 5'1", who enjoys country music, karaoke, dining out, movies and more, hopes to find a nice, trustworthy SWCM, 62-73. Ad# 1533

SET UP A TIME & DAY
SWF, 19, 5'11", an employed student, who enjoys the outdoors, movies, bowling and more, is in search of a SWM, 19-25. Ad# 3194

HI, I'M WAITING ON YOU!
Affectionate SWCF, 47, 5'5", with blonde hair and blue eyes, is seeking an outgoing SWCM, 38+, for a possible relationship. Ad# 8989

NEW TO MILFORD
Catholic DW mom, 51, 5'6", is a slender blonde professional who loves nature, cooking and dining out. She is looking for companionship and love with a SWCM, 50-60. Ad# 1143

BE A FRIEND

Blue-eyed blonde DWCF, 60, 5'7", who enjoys walking, dancing, bowling and playing cards, would like to meet a SWCM, who loves life. Ad# 3693

GENUINE INTENTIONS
Friendly, attractive WWWF, 57, 5'5", is looking for a SWM, 57-62, for good times. She enjoys gardening, music and nature. Ad# 2868

INQUIRING MINDS

Professional, Catholic DWCF, 46, 5'3", who enjoys the theater, walks in the country, dining out and the outdoors, is seeking a SWCM, over 40, who loves life. Ad# 3665

FRIENDS TO START
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LET'S SPEND THE TIME
SWF, 47, 5'2", with blonde hair/blue eyes, is seeking a SWM, 45-50, who likes to travel, spend time with family and more. Ad# 2528

BROAD-MINDED
Catholic DW mom, 51, 5'6", who enjoys Bible study, walking, dancing and dining out, would like to meet a SWCM, under 70. Ad# 1932

MY SOUL MATE
Family-oriented, fun-loving DWCF, 56, 5'2", 120lbs., who enjoys dancing, dining out, quiet evenings at home and more, is seeking a DWCM, 50-60, for a meaningful relationship. Ad# 2514

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SEARCHING

SWM, 35, 6'3", 180lbs., with brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys outdoor activities, movies and the theatre, dining out. Seeking a SWF, 27-45, who is honest and sincere. Ad# 3010

SOLID VALUES

Sweet-natured SWM, 36, 6'1", who enjoys spending time with friends, music, movies and outdoor activities, is interested in meeting a SF, 26-40, for a possible long-term relationship. Ad# 4617

FINE CHOICE

DWCF, 51, 5'7", who enjoys the outdoors, choir, movies and dining out, seeks a sincere, kind DWCM, 50-58, with similar interests. Ad# 6127

SOMEONE SPECIAL

DWCF, 52, with blonde hair, who likes biking, cross-country skiing, dancing, music, writing poetry, and children, is seeking a kind, thoughtful SWCM, for companionship. Ad# 9983

TWO STEP WITH ME

Sensitive, never-married SBCM, 40, 6', 200lbs., who enjoys nature, classical music and dining out, seeks a never-married SF, age unimportant, for friendship first, maybe more. Ad# 7733

GIVE ME A CALL

SWM, 23, 5'6", with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys skiing, hunting and fishing, is seeking a friendly, down-to-earth SF. Ad# 1922

WORTH A TRY

Family-oriented, Catholic DWCM, 43, 5'10", 155lbs., who enjoys sports, movies and quiet times, seeks a SWCF, 45 or under, with similar interests. Ad# 4334

KINDRED SPIRIT

Professional, Catholic SWM, 30, 6'1", with blond hair, who enjoys mountain biking, water sports and dining out, would like to meet a fun-loving SWCF, 24-32. Ad# 1451

ROMANTIC AND EXCITING

SWM, 43, 5'9" 175lbs., handsome, educated, honest and caring. He knows how to treat a lady, and is looking for a slender, educated lady 35-45, who knows what she wants. Take a chance, I am. Ad# 2104

DESERVING

SWM, 20, 6', 200lbs., with brown hair and eyes, enjoys going to movies, sports and listening to music. He is seeking a SWF, 18-24, for a possible relationship. Ad# 2019

HELLO LOVE

Friendly, outgoing SWM, 45, who enjoys working out, outdoor activities, long walks and boating, wants to meet a kind, caring SWF. Ad# 7079

HELLO LOVE

Outgoing, friendly DWCM, 32, 6'1", who enjoys reading, outdoor sports, quiet conversation and bowling, is seeking a SWCF, 25-36, with similar interests. Ad# 1707

MAKE AN EFFORT

Get in touch with this semi-retired Catholic DWCM, 55, 5'10", who would like to spend time with a SWF, 35-50. Ad# 4321

LIKE TO MEET?

Spontaneous DW dad, 36, 6'2", who enjoys water sports, snowmobiling, dining out, cultural events, the theatre and quiet times home, seeks a SWF, 27-40. Ad# 5252

BE MINE FOREVER

Handsome DWCM, 43, with blond hair and blue eyes, 6'2", 220lbs., enjoys dancing, travel, dining out, movies and boating, seeks a compassionate SF, 36-45. Ad# 2424

HOP-ING TO MEET YOU

He's just a regular guy who works, loves and enjoys the great outdoors. This Catholic 38-year-old SWM, 6', from the Fenton area, is in search of a never-married SWCF, under 30. Ad# 8276

YOUR DREAM

SWM, 41, 5'8", friendly, caring, open, honest, good listener, passionate and giving, happy with life, romantic, fun-loving, genuine, young-at-heart, spontaneous, physically fit, seeks SWF with similar attributes. Brighton area. Ad# 2329

AWAITS YOUR CALL

Professional SBM, 34, 5'6", 230lbs., is searching for a SWF, over 23. Ad# 8915

MY ONE TRUE LOVE

Never-married SWCM, 25, 6'2", 180lbs., with sandy brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys working out, church activities, dancing and clubbing, is seeking a fun SF, 21-28, with similar interests, who loves the Lord. Ad# 3273

A MATCH MADE IN HEAVEN

Fall in love with this devoted SWM, 24, 6'2", 170lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys outdoor activities, music, and photography. He is in search of a compatible SWF, 19-26. Ad# 1129

GIVE ME A CALL

SWM, 23, 5'6", with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys skiing, hunting and fishing, is seeking a friendly, down-to-earth SF. Ad# 1922

READY FOR ACTION

SWM, 19, 6', is student, who enjoys spending time with friends, movies and sports, would like to spend time with a fun-loving SWF, 18-25. Ad# 5579

STARTING OVER

Employed SWCM, 40, 5'10", hopes to meet a caring, employed SWCF, 35-45, for friendship first. Ad# 1157

GOOD TIMES

Outgoing Catholic SWM, 20, 5'8", who enjoys sport, would like to meet a Catholic SWF, 18-22. Ad# 4521

INTERESTED?

Outgoing DW dad, 28, 6'4", who enjoys movies, dining out, quiet times and the outdoors, is seeking a SWCF, 22-37, who is compatible. Ad# 8080

CALL ME & TELL ME

What you're going to do with your life. I'm a Catholic SWM, 25, 6', with short blond hair and blue eyes looking for a cute, never-married Catholic SWF, 19-30, without children at home for friendship, maybe more. Ad# 2342

LET'S TALK

This green-eyed blonde SWM, 27, 5'7", is searching for a SWF, 18-30, N/S, who enjoys going out with friends and quiet evenings at home. Ad# 1111

THE RIGHT TRACK

Get in touch with this nice SWCM, 29, 5'10", if you are a petite/medium-built SWCF, 22-33, that also enjoys traveling, animals, hiking, the outdoors, movies, cooking and more. Ad# 1969

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Movies

Smith/Hackman roles hit the mark in action-thriller

An intelligent, fast-paced action thriller, "Enemy of the State" is the story of a rogue government agent's efforts against an innocent man who unwittingly possesses information implicating him in the death of a U.S. congressman.

A chance encounter with an old friend destroys attorney Robert Clayton Dean's (Will Smith) fast-track career and happy home life when he inadvertently becomes entangled with a corrupt intelligence official.

As an administrator on loan from the State Department to the National Security Agency, Thomas Brian Reynolds (Jon Voight) appropriates the vast resources of his department to commit the perfect crime and conceal a political cover up of immense proportions. Dean's only hope to reclaim his life is through a man he's never met, a mysterious underground information broker and ex-intelligence operative known only as Brill (Gene Hackman).

Touchstone Pictures presents A Don Simpson/Jerry Bruckheimer Production, a Tony Scott film, "Enemy of the State," starring Will Smith, Gene Hackman and Jon Voight.

Directed by Tony Scott from a screenplay by David Maroon, the picture is produced by Jerry Bruckheimer and executive produced by Chad Oman, James W. Skotchdopole and Andrew Z. Davis. Buena Vista Pictures Distribution distributes.

For Bruckheimer the casting process had never before been quite as auspicious an occasion. "This is one of the best casts we've ever put together," he said. "We were able to assemble an exceptional group of talent, selecting the best from the 'finest established actors of one generation to the younger, up-and-coming of Generation X who are just beginning to receive notoriety for their work."

Bruckheimer has always been credited with an astute sense for hiring talent on the rise. His films have helped to catapult many fresh faces into Hollywood stardom, from Tom Cruise in "Top Gun" to Will Smith in "Bad Boys." Bruckheimer and Scott are particularly keen on touting the newer faces in the film: Loren Dean ("Gattaca"), Barry Pepper ("Saving



Will Smith (above) stars as attorney Robert Clayton Dean who unknowingly possesses information about the death of a U.S. Congressman in Touchstone Pictures' action thriller "Enemy of the State." Academy Award winner Gene Hackman (above, left) stars as a mysterious information broker known only as Brill, who comes to the aid of Dean (Smith), the innocent victim of a political cover-up. On the run from a rogue government agent's effort to eliminate him, Dean (Smith) turns to former girlfriend Rachel Banks (Lisa Bonet, bottom left) for help. The film is produced by Jerry Bruckheimer and directed by Tony Scott.

Lebenzon, composers Trevor Rabin and Harry Gregson-Williams, stunt coordinator Chuck Picerni, Jr., technical advisors Martin Kaiser and Steve Uhrig, special effects coordinator Mike Melandus and costume designer Markene Stewart.

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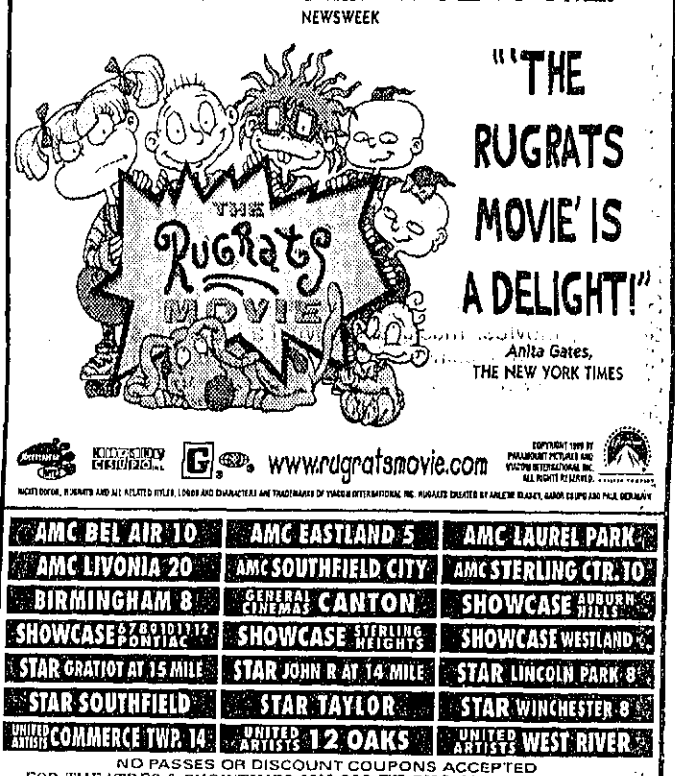
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Novi proves to be the class of all-area team

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

If it's not already a foregone conclusion in these parts, let us reiterate just how good Kensington Valley Conference (KVC) cross country is.

It's simply the best. Make no mistake about it. The last four Class A state champions have come from the KVC, and in the two years prior to that, Lakeland was runner-up. After consecutive state titles by Lakeland (1996-97), Novi stepped up this year and took the crown away from a clearly-favored Rockford team.

"No other conference could ever make that claim," Novi coach and Class A coach-of-the-year Bob Smith said. "The coaches really don't have to say that anymore. Everyone in the state knows the KVC is awesome."

Along with his team's hard work, Smith credits state powers Lakeland, Milford and Brighton for pushing his team to the title. "We may not always win, but we always run with the best," he said. "Because we see that high level of competition every meet, we were never intimidated. Our coaches, we help each other indirectly by modeling our programs after each other."

Without a doubt, Randy Wilkins' program at Lakeland has been a model for all coaches to follow. The Eagles sixth-place finish at the state meet extended its streak of top seven finishes to 16-straight years now.

"I've been the only coach here since 1974 and I like to think that we set the pace for everybody to follow," Wilkins said. "I think our conference is, without a doubt, the best all-around confer-

ence in the state, when you take everything into consideration."

The 1998 all-area cross country team is so balanced that all of the area coaches agreed it could run against the rest of the state and probably win. Let's first take a look at HomeTown's all-area first team, which reflects just how talented the area runners are.

Kevin Avenius Novi Senior

"He quickly became the team of cross country in Novi," says Smith. "When people think of cross country in Novi, they think of Kevin."

Avenius won his second consecutive KVC title (16:05), leading his team to an easy win at the league meet. He helped his Novi team to an unblemished record in the regular season. The "Cats" only defeat came at the Gabriel Richard Invitational, to Rockford Avenius didn't run at that meet.

The senior finished second at the Ann Arbor Pioneer regional (15:55) and seventh at the state meet (15:28), earning him all-state honors for the second-straight year.

"It was his raw talent that carried him," his coach said. "You can't deny him his pure, natural ability. This confidence just carried over to the rest of the team."

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He was an all-state runner last year, but dropped to 32nd this year (15:55).

"I don't think he lived up to his own expectations, but as a co-captain, he really tried to be a good leader for us," his coach Randy Wilkins said. "He had a good season and he always ran well for us at the end of the season."

Ottesvig was eighth at the regional meet at Holly and 11th overall at the Kensington Valley

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Senior Dan Christopherson earned HomeTown all-area honors for the first time this season.

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Novi's depth shows up

In an area filled with top-notch cross country talent, HomeTown's second team was no slouch either. All of the runners took part in the state championship race at Brookline, and two of them ran sub-16 minute races.

Experience is plentiful on this team, as six seniors and one sophomore comprise the squad.

Conference (KVC) meet (17:08).

Mike Burns
Novi Senior

Really the last soul of the state champion Novi team, Burns provided that consistent fifth runner every team in the state lacked. He turned in numerous top-notch performances, which were often

overhauled by his teammates. "Mike was truly the hidden star for us," Novi coach Bob Smith said. "On other teams, he'd be the No. 1 runner. To his credit he kept focused the whole way through."

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Health Column

Doctor offers sore throat explanations

Certainly one of the most common reasons that a patient sees a physician is because of a sore throat. In fact, sore throat is the fourth most common reason why someone goes to a doctor.

In spite of this commonness though, sore throat and its treatment plan confuses many patients. There are many misconceptions about the condition and proper treatment.

From a physician's viewpoint, diagnosing the cause of the sore throat is most important. Many patients think of any bad sore throat as being a strep throat. This is not true. A strep throat is a bacterial infection caused

by a particular type of bacteria called streptococcus. It is significant because in some cases, a strep infection may lead to rheumatic fever and damage the heart. In some cases, a strep infection can also lead to a fiery, red rash which is known as scarlet fever.

Fortunately, streptococcal infections are generally very easy to treat with simple antibiotics. They can also be quickly diagnosed with an office visit and simple lab tests. It is important to note that the sooner the diagnosis is made, the quicker appropriate antibiotics can be started.

Sore throats can also be due to a variety of non-streptococcal causes. These can include other bacteria, as well as viruses. In about one out of three cases, the exact cause of the sore throat is not found. The types of bacteria can be many and varied and include other types of strep, chlamydia, mycoplasma, the now very rare diphtheria as well as gonorrhea.

Viruses which can cause sore throat include the flu virus, herpes, the virus which causes mononucleosis as well as others.

An important fact that many people do not know about viruses is that bacterial antibiotics

such as penicillin have no effect on a virus. Antibiotics generally only play a role in bacterial infections. A few anti-viral medications exist but they are not as common and are used only in certain circumstances.

Other rare infectious causes of sore throat also need to be considered. They can include allergies, congestion, local irritation and tumors.

Raymond Hobbs M.D., is an internal medicine and geriatrics physician at the Livonia Health Center. For information or an appointment, please call (248) 888-9000.

Health Notes

Healthy Solutions seminars

Healthy Solutions are offering a seminar series over the next few weeks.

On Friday, Dec. 4, Val Wilson describes "Macrobiotic Cooking"; learn the basics of macrobiotics and healthy eating habits. A macrobiotic recipe will also be discussed and the dish available to taste.

Monday, Dec. 7, Cindy Klement, NC, discusses "Medicinal herbs"; learn the historical uses of herbs from relieving headaches to stopping heart attacks.

Monday, Dec. 14, Karen Farrell presents "Aromatherapy"; discover the many uses of essential oils, including beauty, work, physical fitness, home care, pet health and gardening.

All seminars are free. Please call (248) 305-5785 or stop in healthy solutions to reserve a seat (space is limited). You may show up the night of the seminar, however a seat may not be available.

Speakers Bureau

Interested in a speaker to present a health care topic to your club or community organization? We would be happy to arrange one for you through Providence Hospital and Medical Center's professional speakers bureau. Just call us at (248) 424-3279.

Cancer Support Group

Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi every Tuesday from 6:30-8 p.m. Call (248) 424-5543 for more information.

Post Partum Depression

Sessions are held on the third Monday of

each month at 7 p.m. in Southfield. For more information, call (248) 424-3209.

Focus on Living

"Focus on Living," a self-help group for cancer patients and their families, meets the first Wednesday of each month at St. Mary Hospital.

Co-sponsored by the American Cancer Society, "Focus on Living" is a self-help group that gives participants an opportunity to discuss their concerns, obtain answers and gain support from others who share the same experiences.

The goal is to improve the quality of cancer patients' lives through this sharing of information and experiences. Registration is not necessary, and there is no charge to attend the meeting.

For more information, call (313) 655-2922 or toll free 1-800-494-1650.

Child Health Clinics

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Hot Flash Study

Women who suffer from multiple daily hot flashes associated with menopause are being sought to participate in a nationwide study to assess the safety and effectiveness of an investigational hormone replacement skin patch to treat hot flashes. Women may be eligible if they are between the ages of 45 and 65, have not had a menstrual period in six months, or a hysterectomy. For more information, call 493-6580.

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• Healthy Cooking Demos: "Best Beef Recipes." Tired of the same old recipes? This session will give you just the right seasonings. Meets at 7 p.m. There is a \$6 fee and preregistration is required. Botsford's Health Development Network on Grand River, Novi. Call (248) 477-6100 for information or to register.

Novi lands another pair on 2nd team

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Nikole Aman South Lyon Sophomore

Aman finished ninth at the Kensington Valley Conference (KVC) meet in 20:49, putting her on the second team all-league and 16th at regionals at 20:14.

She recorded a personal best time at the state meet, finishing 17th in 19:50.9. She turned in another good time at the Gabriel Richard Invitational finishing 10th at 20:16.

Brittany Albright Novi Sophomore

Albright reached the peak of her 1998 season at the league meet, where she finished eighth overall in a time of 20:48.

She was a very respectable 17th at Oakland County (20:51) and finished 22nd at the regional meet in Ann Arbor. Her personal-best time of 20:01 placed her 129th at the state meet in Brook-

lyn. She also came away with the championship at the Walled Lake Western freshmen/sophomore race. She won the most improved runner award at her team's banquet.

"Depending on how healthy we were, our lineup was very interchangeable with Brittany, Alaina (Chippone) and Cat (Waller)," Novi coach Norm Norgren said.

Cat Waller Novi Junior

Waller missed qualifying for the state meet by under a second, but had a very consistent year for her Novi team.

She finished 25th at the Ann Arbor Pioneer regional and 17th at the Oakland County meet. Her time of 21:41 at the KVC meet placed her 19th overall.

"She came on just fine for us, seeing as how she missed all of last year with injuries," Norgren said. "When you're injured and are unable to run in the off sea-

son, you hurt your team. But she was able to come back from her injuries this season."

Amanda Sprader Northville Senior

Adding to an already deep Northville senior class, Sprader was an all-division runner in the WLAA this season, finishing in a time of 21:50.

She ran a 21:52 at the Ann Arbor Regional as Northville's No. 3 runner.

"When we needed a big meet from Amanda, we got it," Cronin said. "She proved to be real consistent for us this season."

The senior finished in the top 10 at the Ypsilanti Lincoln and Walled Lake Western Invites.

Martha Smith Milford Sophomore

After running in the sixth spot for the Redskins a year ago, Smith's role expanded this season. She finished 26th at the

Oakland County meet and 25th at the KVC meet. The sophomore was 60th at the regional meet in a time of 21:52.

"We were left with some big voids from last year and she filled one of them for us," Milford coach Brian Salyers said. "She really goes out and runs a race from start to finish. She improved on her composure this year and really benefited from her experiences last year."

Stephanie Morrison Milford Sophomore

She has what her coach affectionately refers to as "break-neck determination."

"She just goes after it," Salyers explained. "Some of her early-season runs really sparked the team and her tenacity is what sets her apart from other girls."

Morrison finished 22nd at the conference meet and 37th at the Holly regional. She claimed 47th place at Oakland County.

Burns, Avenius make second team

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on many teams this year.

"I see all sorts of talent for him," Smith said. "Once we figured out how to get him healthy, he responded. He had the strongest finish of all our runners this year."

Avenius finished 54th at the state meet (16:13) after placing 17th overall at the Ann Arbor regional. He finished 15th at the KVC meet, giving Novi seven of the top 15 runners in the race.

Brad Rutkowski Milford Senior

Despite fighting off an ankle injury that kept him sidelined for six weeks, Rutkowski came back to finish the season strong. He helped lead his team to its first regional championship in 10 years by finishing 18th overall (17:06).

At the state meet, the senior finished in a personal-best time of 16:38. That time was good enough for 108th place. He was 10th at the

KVC meet (17:05) and was injured for the Oakland County meet. He was the first three-year captain at Milford.

"His performances weren't indicative of how he ran," Salyers said. "He's at a top level, he just wasn't healthy this season. His presence had a great deal to do with our team's success this year."

Eric D'Andrea Milford Senior

D'Andrea starred in both soccer

and cross country this season. He finished 89th overall at the state meet (16:30) after taking 15th at the Holly regional (17:01).

"Eric is quiet, but he listens and implements what he hears," Salyers said. "He has an unquenchable thirst for success."

D'Andrea was trampled at the KVC meet and could not finish, but did finish 20th at the Oakland County meet. He finished second at the Hanson Invite (16:32).

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