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Cleanup under way at contaminated oil site

By STEVE KELLMAN Staff Writer

General Oil of Redford spends a lot of time overseeing clean-up efforts for client companies.

But these days General Oil is its own biggest client, and the company's largest clean-up project is now under way at its Northville oil-

blending plant.
The facility, at 175 Railroad Street, has made the Department of Natural Resources' list as one of the worstcontaminated sites in the state for the past two years.

The site came in at number 30 on the DNR's list of highest-ranking GENERAL

sites of environmental contamination, in its proposed list of Michigan Sites of Environmental Contamination for Fiscal Year 1995. It had been ranked at number 29 for Fiscal Year

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General Oil scores 43 out of a maximum 48 points on the state's Site Assessment Model score. The SAM score is based on contamination of soil, groundwater, surface water and air quality at a site, and its potential human impact.

Pollutants at the site include PCBs [polychlorinated biphenyls], petroleum byproducts, chlorinated solvents and heavy metals, several of which are known carcinogens according to DNR toxicologist Linda Larsen.

General Oil's current problems date back as far as 1950 when the

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Extent of Contamination General Oil problems Lake Success date back Contaminated

decades

By STEVE KELLMAN

The 175 Railroad Street site now under investigation by the state Department of Natural Resources was contaminated long before General Oil of Redford bought the property a de-The site's previous two owners ap-

parently disposed of the oily waste that now taints much of the site over a 25-year period ending in 1975, before such practices were considered harmful to the environment.

The site was originally operated by the Swain Corporation's Mergraf Oil Products Division, according to a chronology assembled by Swanson Environmental Inc. of Farmington Hills. Swanson has prepared several

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Gity of Northville

By STEVE KELLMAN Staff Writer

Northville

Rotary Well

A committee of local residents drafted by Northville Public Schools to review its facility use plans is recommending that the school system open Thornton Creek and keep its other elementary schools open in the next school year.

The Future Facilities Use Subcommittee met Dec. 15 to hammer out its recommendations and fine-tune its final report to the entire school board. Committee members plan to present their recommendation at the Jan. 10 school board meeting, which has been relocated to Northville High

The board could schedule an at-

tendance boundary hearing for tioned whether the school system resometime in February before setting new boundaries in February or

March. The 27-member committee was asked to review current building usage, determine demographic trends and future school building needs, examine future building usage and future grade level alignment and develop a five-year plan to implement its

recommendations. The committee first met Oct. 4 after neighborhood opposition to the district's plans to reconfigure attendance boundaries last year and open its brand-new Thornton Creek facility. The committee included many residents who had objected to the new boundaries and some who quesally needed five elementaries.

But after meeting more than 30 times, touring each school and analyzing various population projections, building studies and construction starts, the residents came to the same conclusion - that the Northville district is growing too fast to get by without five elementary schools for long.

The committee determined that while four facilities could hold the projected population next year, if one of the facilities was Thornton Creek. the schools would probably be over their optimum capacity within a year or two and the closed school would

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Man of the hour

What's it like being Santa, the most recognized and best loved person in the world? To find out we went right to the source and

asked the miracle man himself. Find his answers on page 1-B of today's Record.

Parents want evening classes and sibling rivalry seminars

By STEVE KELLMAN Staff Writer

Northville parents would love to attend parent education programs if they were conducted over a few sessions and were offered in the evening. or possibly in the morning.

mothers and fathers include discipline techniques, sharing and sibling

Those are a few of the findings from a recent survey of parents of elementary school students in the Northville school district. The survey,

distributed by the Northville Youth Forum and Northville Public Schools, was intended to determine what parents are looking for in terms of educational seminars and when they would be able to attend.

Robert Sornson, the school system's executive director of special ducation, said the idea (came out of an effort early this fall to unite the various organizations providing parent education programs. Their aim is to draw up a common calendar listing all the programs available, fill educational gaps and avoid duplication, he said.

The six-question survey asked parents what their concerns are about their children, where they get their parenting tips, where their child-rearing philosophy comes from, what format of program they would attend and if a babysitting service would help.

spondents cited "discipline" as one of their major areas of concern, with "sharing responsibilities," "sibling ri-valry" and "learning styles" cited nearly as often.

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Reward offered for stolen presents

By RANDY COBLE

One Northville Township family's Christmas spirit has taken a bad hit. but they're not taking it lying down.

The residents' home was burglarized on Dec. 17 and nearly \$30,000 in merchandise was stolen - including the family's Christmas gifts. In response, they have offered a \$2,500 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those involved.

The home is located in a subdivision between Five and Six Mile roads west of Northville Road and east of Haggerty. The owner's daughter returned home Friday afternoon and found the home "ransacked," reports said. She then called police.

The responding officer determined that the burglar had entered the home by smashing the window of a locked door. The home's garage door was found open, and the officer surmised that the individual had driven

a vehicle into the garage, loaded it with the stolen goods and left.

The missing property includes a large amount of Jewelry, cash and electronics equipment. Also taken were the family's Christmas presents, which were wrapped and lying under their tree.

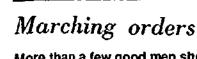
Anyone with any information about the incident can contact Northville Township Detective John Werth at 348-5815. All information will be kept strictly confidential.

Yuletide services planned by churches

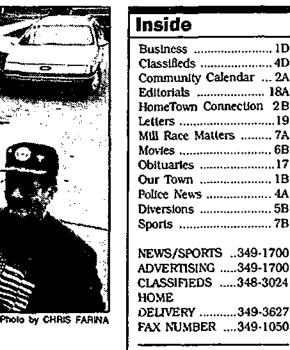
Northville community churches are planning a host of special services and events to celebrate Christmas, one of the most important days in the Christian calendar.

Here is a list of services area churches will hold.

 Christian Community Church. 41355 Six Mile: A candles and carols service will take place Friday at 6 p.m. There will be special music and a short Christmas message from Pastor Olis Buchan. The exterior of the church will be lined with more than 120 luminaries.



to cart off boxes of Christmas presents for the Marine Corps Toys for Tots program.



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More than a few good men showed up at the Continued on 7 American Legion half on Dunlap last Saturday

Community Calendar

Got an event you want people to know about? We'll be glad to include it in the "Community Calendar," Just submit li to the newspaper office, 104 W. Main St., by mail or in person: or fax items to 359-1050. The deadline is 4 p.m. Monday for that Thursday's calendar.

TODAY, DECEMBER 23

CHAMBER BOARD: The Northville Community Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meets at 7:30 a.m. today at the chamber office.

TOPS: Take Off Pounds Sensibly for all ages meets at 9 a.m. at the Northville Area Senior Citizens Center, 215 W. Cady. For more information call 420-0569.

Livonia republican women & Western Sub-URBS: The Livonia Republican Women and Western Suburbs meets at the Mayflower Hotel in Plymouth from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information or reservations, call 474-3088, or 459-0134.

NEW LIFE BIBLE STUDY: A neighborhood nondenominational Bible study offers two different classes this year, "Discovering New Life" and "Healing Joy and Hope." Classes run from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Northville on Eight Mile at Taft. Baby-sitting provided. Newcomers welcome any time. For more information call Sybil at 349-0006 or Judy at 348-1761.

HOLIDAY HOURS: City hall and the public library will be closed today.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

HOLIDAY HOURS: City hall and the public library will be closed today.

MIDNIGHT RIDER: A lovable man in a red flannel suit makes surprise deliveries to every house on earth. How does he do it?

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25

HOLIDAY HOURS: The public library will be closed today. Merry Christmas.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

HOLIDAY HOURS: The public library will be closed

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

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MONDAY, JANUARY 3

SENIOR BRIDGE GROUP: Area seniors are invited to play bridge today and Wednesday from 12:15-3:50 p.m. at the Senior Center, located at 215 W. Cady St. in the Scout Building.

SENIOR PINOCHLE: Area seniors are invited to play pinochle today and Thursday from 12:30-4:30 p.m. at the Senior Center, located at 215 W. Cady St. in the Scout Building.

BPW: Northville Business and Professional Women's Ciub will meet for social hour and networking at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. at Genitti's restaurant. For more information and reservations call Norma Knapp at 348-6834.

KIWANIS: Northville Kiwanis meets at 6:30 p.m. at VFW Post 4012, 438 S. Main St.

MOTOR CITY SPEAK EASY TOASTMASTERS: The Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters Club of Northville meets from 7 to 9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Northville, 777 W. Eight Mile. For more information call Charise Ryan at 420-2045. Visitors

NORTHVILLE MASONIC ORGANIZATION: Northville Masons meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Temple.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4

OPTIMIST CLUB MEETS: The Northville Optimist

Club meets at the Northville Senior Citizens Building. 215 W. Cady St., at 7:30 a.m. For more information, call Dave Vincent at 349-2932 or 553-4900.

SEXTOR VOLLEYBALL: Area seniors are invited to play volleyball and other indoor sports at 9:30 a.m. at the Northville Community Center, 303 W. Main St. For more information call the center at 349-0203 or Karl Peters at 349-4140.

ROTARY CLUB: The Northville Rotary Club meets at noon in the Boil Fellowship Hall at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville.

(last tuesday) TOWNSHIP PLANNERS: The Township of Northville Planning Commission meets at 7:30 p.m. at Northville Township Hall, 41600 Six Mile Road.

EAGLES: The Fraternal Order of Eagles No. 2504 holds a men's meeting at 8 p.m. at 113 S. Center.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5

KIWANIS-EARLY BIRDS: The Kiwanis Club of Northville-Early Birds meets at 7 a.m. at the Northville Senior Citizens Center, 215 W. Cady.

HIGH SCHOOL PARENT ADVISORY MEETINGS: The Northville High School Parent Advisory group meets at 9 a.m. in the library classroom.

WEIGHT WATCHERS: Weight Watchers meet at 9:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. at the Northville Community Center, 303 W. Main. Doors open 45 minutes before scheduled meeting time. For more information call

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CIVIL AIR PATROL: Civil Air Patrol, Mustang Cadet Squadron, meets at 7 p.m. at the Northville VFW Post 4012, located at 438 S. Main St. Everyone over the age of 13 is encouraged to view the activities.

SINGLE PLACE: Single Place meets at 7:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main. Donation \$4. For more information call 349-0911.

AMERICAN LEGION: Northville American Legion Post 147 meets at 8 p.m. at the Post Home, 100 W. Dunlap.

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN: This support group meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Seven Mile/Haggerty area. For more information call Beth at 344-9241 or Kelly at 531-7782.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

SINGLE PLACE SUNDAY MORNING GATHERING: Single Place will meet from 10-10:45 a.m. in the library lounge at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Ma!n St. The gathering is open to single adults, regardless of church affiliation, for fellowship and learning. For more information, call 349-0911.

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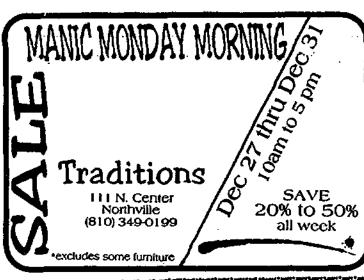
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News Briefs

FREE DETECTORS: Northville Eagles Aerie 24 and auxiliary will be joining with the city fire department in giving away smoke detectors to the elderly and needy. The devices are available now through the first week of January. Past Worthy President Curt Dombey said volunteers from the Eagles and the fire department will also install the smoke detectors for no charge. For information, call 349-2479.

CHRISTMAS ROPING: The Northville Chamber of Commerce is selling holiday cedar roping. Sixty-foot colls are available for \$18. For information, call 349-7640.

CO-OP CLASS: Northville Co-op Preschool will open a new Wednesday PM two's class in January. Those interested may call Nancy at

ARTS SERIES: The Northville Arts Commission will bring back its Michael Farrell Lecture series in 1994. Farrell, an associate professor of art history at the University of Windsor, will speak on the 17th century masters Rembrandt, Peter Paul Rubens and Jan Vermeer on Jan. 20, Feb. 17 and March 17, respectively.

All lectures will take place in the Northville High School Forum at 7:30 p.m. Season tickets are \$15, available in advance. Individual tickets sell for \$6 at the door. For information, call 349-6104.

LUMINARIES FOR SALE: Boy Scout Troop 903 is offering Christmas luminaries for sale, with 10 luminaries in a kit for \$4.50. Members of the troop have assembled about 1,000 of the luminaries, which are small candles anchored inside white paper bags. Money raised from the sale will be used to purchase a new trip trailer

for the 30-plus scouts in the troop. The luminaries will be available for purchase until just before

For information, call John Beemer, 349-3823.

DRIVERS NEEDED: Meals-On-Wheels, the volunteer drivers' service that takes prepared meals from Allen Terrace to homebound persons throughout the Northville area, is in need of new and substitute drivers. Meals are usually ready to be delivered by 11 a.m. Kitchen helpers are also needed, and come in to help around 10:30.

Those interested in volunteering should call Marcie at 349-9661 (10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday), or Judy at 348-1761.

Survey says parents are looking for new classes

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Somson said he expected discipline to be a major concern, and was pleased to see the next three topics as close seconds.

"Those are very positive concerns," he noted.

One thing that did surprise Sornson was parents' reliance on reading materials as a source of parenting tips and philosophy. Books and magazines were cited as the two largest sources of parenting tips, and were cited nearly twice as often as relatives, teachers or parenting workshops.

As for their philosophy on parenting, respondents cited reading and the way their parents raised them as the two largest sources.

"As I think about it, that's probably typical of Northville where there are a t of readers. Somson said.

Parents picked one- to foursession lectures as the programs

they would be most likely to attend. over longer lecture series and small discussion groups. While most said they would prefer evening programs. one-fourth cited mornings as a viable alternative. And three out of five parents said the availability of a babysitting service would make them more likely to attend.

Jacque Martin-Downs, prevention network coordinator with the Community Commission on Drug Abuse and member of a task force dedicated to parent education, said she was impressed that 430 parents of Amerman. Moraine, Silver Springs and Winchester students took the time to fill out and return the survey.

For a needs assessment to determine whether Northville parents even want training programs, it was an incredible response, she said.

The task force's initiative was to create programs for parents based on the needs that we have.

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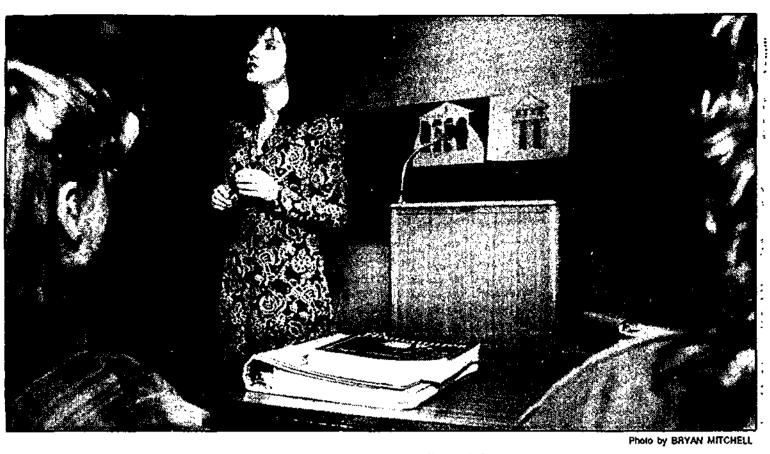
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Anastasia Batzer, a native of the former Yugoslavia, returned to Northville High School as a substitute teacher recently. Batzer: was an exchange student here 10 years ago.

Hard times in Yugoslavia taught a Northville teacher lifelong lessons

By STEVE KELLMAN Staff Writer

When Northville High School's new substitute teacher discusses foreign affairs, she knows what she's talking about.

Anastasia Batzer has seen Communism collapse and civil war break out in her homeland in the former Yugoslavia. She's driven through the war-torn Middle East on her way to visit a relative in Baghdad. And she's traveled throughout western Europe

while studying foreign languages. But Batzer also knows more than a little about Northville as well, having spent her senior year attending Northville High as an exchange student 10 years ago.

Now that she's earned a master's degree in English from Wayne State University, Batzer has returned to her alma mater away from home with hopes of becoming a full-time teacher.

Living with her husband Bill and two-year-old son Evan in Novi. the former Yugoslavian has found a new home here in Michigan.

Batzer, who grew up in a small town east of Zagreb, left five years ago before war broke out in her country. Her family remained behind in their hometown of Slavonski Brod, and watched as their house and neighborhood were leveled by Serbian bombs. They have since escaped to the United States as well.

The civil war, in which Serbians sought to assert their control over the break-away republics of Croatia and Bosnia, left neighbors pitted against each other, Batzer said.

"it all came as a huge surprise be-cause people lived together for years and years." she said. "it's a total mess, because it's impossible to divide the country into three different

Most of Batzer's own family is now on the outs in the former Yugoslavia,

since they were Communist hardliners, she said.

"That was the life in Yugoslavia," she explained. You were either a member of the party or your chances to succeed in life were greatly diminished You were either a Communist or you were nothing."

Batzer obtained a more liberal education in the former Communist country, graduating from the University of Philosophy in Zagreb with an English degree and Journalism credits. She has also worked for National Public Radio in Zagrebon a college radio station, and studied in Germany.

But she counts her year in Northville 10 years ago as her most intense

learning experience.
"I lived in Yugoslavia for 24 years so I'm emotionally attached there, of course," Batzer said. "However, I'm emotionally attached to Northville High School as well I was so happy to see some of my old teachers at the high school. They're still

Batzer has also been pleased to see, that today's students seem to be more aware of the world than they were a decade ago, at least in Northville. Tve noticed that the students:

level of awareness of the world has risen tremendously since the last time i was here," she said. "The last time, other students were asking me whether we had televisions and cars in Yugoslavia; this time they asked me what region I was from." Besides filling in for other teachers?

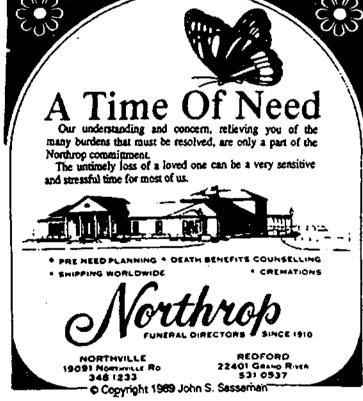
as needed. Batzer has given presentations on the history of Yugoslavia and the fall of Communism to Douglas Dent's humanities class.

At a presentation last week, she showed a videotape of the country she knew before her departure.

"It was kind of neat to see Yugosla: via before it was leveled," she said:









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Man collared for assault and resisting arrest

A 20-year-old Northville resident was arrested for assaulting a police officer and resisting arrest Dec. 17 after threatening the officer outside the

Highland Lakes clubhouse.
The incident followed a city police officer's response to a township police call for backup because of a large fight at the Silver Springs Drive club-house. When the officer arrived, there was no fight in progress but several people were standing around. He heard swearing from the woods around the clubhouse and saw the Northville man come out of the woods at him, with raised arms and clenched fists. The officer put the man on the ground and, with a township officer's help, placed him in

The man kicked the officer karatestyle as the two policemen were taking him to a township patrol car. He was put on the ground again and his legs were tied before he was placed in

SPEEDER GIVES OFFICER WRONG NAME: City police cited a 19-year-old Farmington Hills man for driving on a suspended license and lying to a police officer Dec. 17 after he was stopped for speeding on

Eight Mile. The man was clocked at 59 mph in a 40-mph zone at 1:30 a.m. when he was pulled over. He told the officer he did not have his license on him but gave the officer a name. When the officer ran a computer check, it said the listed driver was 6 feet tall though the Farmington Hills man was only 5-foot 8-inches.

The driver admitted lying to the police officer, and said he gave the officer his brother's name because his own license was suspended.

He was arrested and charged with driving on a suspended license, giving a police officer false information and driving 19 miles over the speed limit, and his car was impounded.

CAR KEYED, SUSPECTS SOUGHT: A woman parking behind Long's Plumbing. 190 E. Main St., last week stepped out of her car and heard a man in the next car say "Let's key her car to his friends. She thought nothing of it until she returned to the car and found the num-ber "41" scratched into the driver's side door.

The suspects were described as three white males in their mid-teens driving a newer-model blue Ford Thunderbird two-door.

WARRANT ARREST: City policie arrested an 18-year-old Northville man on a criminal bench warrant Dec. 19 after stopping him at Eight Mile and Novi roads that afternoon. The man was wanted by township police for disorderly conduct.

An inspection of the man's car revealed what appeared to be mari-Juana seeds and stems in the ashtray. Novi's drug-snifting dog was called in to search the car for more contraband but none was found.

The man was turned over to township police.

TOOL THEFT ON THAYER: Thousands of dollars worth of tools were reported stolen from a garage on Thayer sometime between Nov. 20 and Dec. 14. The Craftsman tools included several socket sets, a wrench set, files, pliers, screwdrivers and eight hammers and were valued at about \$2,000. Also stolen were dozens of drill bits, several vices, two chainsaws a router, plumbing tools and a Graco portable power washer valued at \$3,000.

LAWN JOB ON MORGAN CIRCLE: A front lawn on Morgan Circle was vandalized sometime between 8:30-8:45 p.m. Dec. 15. A witness saw a white Oldsmobile with one occupant drive southeast across he lawn, causing minor damage.

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OUIL: A township resident was arrested for operating a vehicle while under the influence of liquor on Dec.

Northville Township police stopped the 23-year-old man driving a Chevy Cavalier after observing the vehicle weaving in the road and repeatedly striking the curb while eastbound on Seven Mile. The responding officer reported that the man's eyes were bloodshot and watery and that there was a very strong odor of intoxicants present. The man failed field sobriety tests and was arrested.

The resident became uncooperative, the officer said, at the township police station. He refused to walk into the station or easily allow his handcuffs to be removed. While he insisted on taking a breathalyzer test, the man was uncooperative during processing procedures, the officer said. Breath tests showed the man had a blood alcohol level of .24 percent, over the legal limit.

ASSAULT: Police arrested a Farmington Hills resident for assault and battery on Dec. 16 and ticketed him and two other people for possession of marijuana at a township apartment complex.

A 23-year-old female called police and told them that as she was moving out of the apartment, the man, a friend of her roommate arrived. The man gave her some money the roommate owed her, the woman said, and told her "to leave peacefully or by force." The two argued, she said, and the man pushed her against a wall.

The responding officer went to the apartment in question to interview the man. After arriving at the apartment, the officer said he smelled marijuana. The man, a 32-year-old female Livonia resident and the roommate — a 25-year-old — told the officer they had been smoking the substance, police reports said. The officer found two grams of marijuana

in the apartment, along with several

"roaches" and rolling papers.
After Issuing tickets to all three for the marijuana, the officer discussed the assault charge with the man. He said the woman attempted to strike him while they were arguing and he bear-hugged her to prevent it. The man stated he did not strike the woman. He was arrested for assault and battery at that point.

OUIL: Township police arrested a 67-year-old Plymouth resident for operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol on Dec. 10.

Police responded to a report of an injury accident on Five Mile near Northville Road. The officer found the man sitting in his 1985 Oldsmobile with blood on his head and the windshield spidered. The man stated that he had "missed the curve," reports indicated.

The officer asked for the man's driver's license, and the man began to pat his pockets, the officer said. and search in the rear of the vehicle for something. The officer asked what he was doing. The man replied "I'm looking for my lighter." The officer at that point noted a strong odor of in-

toxicants coming from the man.

The man said he had drunk six

beers in the past four hours. The responding officer also noted that two traffic signs in the area had been run over, one of which was later found underneath the man's vehicle.

The individual failed field sobriety tests and was arrested. Tests indicate he had a blood alcohol level of .15 percent, above the legal limit.

OUIL: Township police arrested a Sterling Heights resident for operating a vehicle while under the influence of liquor on Dec. 11.

Police stopped the 27-year-old man at the intersection of Six Mile and Haggerty after observing his 1982 Pontiac weaving and hitting the shoulder of the round. The responding officer said the man's eyes appeared bloodshot and glassy and that there was a strong odor of intoxicants present. The man said he had no driver's license and gave the officer proof of insurance for another

As part of a field sobriety test, the man was asked to recite the alphabet. He responded at first that he didn't know it," but later said he did. He recited it through the letter U, the officer said, and stopped.

The man was arrested and reports said he became uncooperative during processing procedures at the township police station, including a refusal to take a breathalyzer test.

CHILD NEGLECT: Township po. lice ticketed a woman for child neglect on Dec. 12.

Responding to reports of a child left unattended in a vehicle in the parking lot of Meijer's, officers found a one-year-old infant in the back seat of a four-door-model Ford. The vehicle was not running, and the child had no clothes on its legs or feet, reports said.

Due to the cold weather and reports that the child had been left alone for at least 15 minutes, officers unlocked the vehicle and placed the child in a patrol car. The vehicle's owner was paged. Ten minutes later. reports said, the mother of the infant came to the officers.

She spoke little English, reports said, and was ticketed for the incident. The infant was returned to her and both were released.

Citizens with information about the above incidents are urged to call Northville City Police at 349-1234 or Northville Township Police at

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Grant earmarked for Fish Hatchery repairs

By STEVE KELLMAN Stall Writer

Backhand smashes and baseline winners should become a common sight around Fish Hatchery Park next year, since the state Department of Natural Resources recommended granting \$100,000 to re-build the park's crumbling tennis

The grant, which must be matched by \$33,000 in local funds, is for rebuilding the five courts as part of the recently-passed Fish Hatchery Park Master Plan.

Northville Parks and Recreation Director Traci Johnson said she hopes the city, township and Friends of Northvile Parks and Recreation can pitch in to cover the local match.

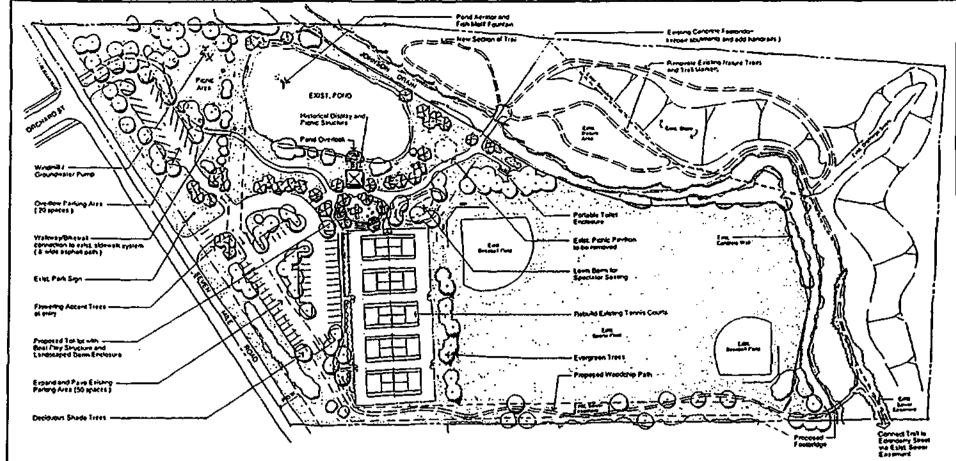
Johnson received formal notification of the recommendation Dec. 17. The project, along with all other Recreation Bond projects approved by the DNR for the 1994 construction season, still must be approved by the state Legislature. If approved, the grants could be in the parks department's collers by May or June and construction could begin soon

The parks department had aplied for \$228,000 in grant money to fund the tennis court reconstruction and other park improvements, but Johnson said she was happy to receive anything after Northville's nine-year losing streak in receiving Recreation Bond grants.

we'll take every dime we can get," she

The parks department had estimated the cost of the tennis court project at \$120,000, she said, "but you never know until you bid it out."

Johnson noted that the parks department has been allocated Community Development Block Grant funds to build a tot lot at the park.



That's not what we applied for but A \$100,000 grant will be matched by \$33,000 in local money to renovate the five tennis courts (lower left) at Fish Hatchery Park.

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and she said the two projects will be constructed at the same time.

Another summer under construction. I love it," said Johnson, who is still overseeing the completion of the Northville Community Park at Beck Road.

"i already have my hard hat," she

The tennis court improvements are the first part of a multi-phase improvement project outlined in the Fish Hatchery Park plan. Other, longer-range improvements include new landscaping, reestablishment of nature trails, reconfiguration and paving of the parking lot, construc-tion of a new pond overlook and

picnic structure and lighting.

The DNR grant request was written by township grant coordinator Maureen Osiecki, who also wrote a successful \$6,500 DNR grant request for planting trees at the Northville Community Park, Johnson said.

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Teen is arraigned on charges stemming from fatal car crash

By RANDY COBLE

An 18-year-old Southfield man faces charges of negligent homocide stemming from a Dec. 1 traffic accident which took place in Northville Township.

Michael Rowe was arraigned Dec. 16 in 35th district court on the high misdemeanor, which carries a maximum penalty of two years in prison and/or a \$2,000 fine. Rowe entered a not guilty plea and was released.

Eighty two-year-old Redford resident Wanda West died shortly after the Dec. 1 incident from injuries sustained in the head-on collison. The crash took place at the intersection of Six Mile and Summit Drive. Robert West, the woman's husband, was driving westbound on Six Mile in a 1992 Mitsubishi Galant when it collided with Rowe's 1986 Ford Tempo.

That vehicle, traveling east on Six Mile, failed to yield before making a left hand turn onto Summit - crossing into the path of the Galant, police

Robert West suffered broken bones and was hospitalized. Rowe and his passengers, 15-year-olds Michael Toole and Karen Decatur, were treated for minor injuries and released from Providence Medical Center in Novi and St. Mary Hospital in Livonia, respectively. Neither Decatur nor Wanda West were wearing seatbelts at the time of the crash, police said.

Rowe was not ticketed at the scene for the incident. Police said that any charges must come from the Wayne County Prosecutor's office, where reports of the incident were sent for review and where the decision on the negligent homocide charge was

An individual familiar with the case said that Rowe had a "perfect" past driving record and that it was unlikely he would receive any jail time if convicted. Rowe's pre-trial exam was scheduled for Wednesday. after press time.

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PART I. That Ordinance No. 84-18, known as the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Novi, is hereby amended by the amending of the Zon-Map as indicated on ZONING MAP NO. 516, attached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance.

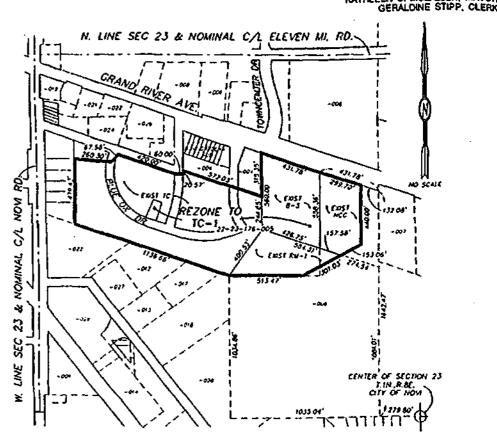
PART II. CONING PROVISIONS REPEALED. Any Ordinance or parts of any Ordinance in conflict with any of the provisions of Ordinance are hereby associated.

this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

PART III. WHEN EFFECTIVE. The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety and is hereby ordered to take effect fifteen (15) days after final enactment. It shall be published within lifteen (15) days of adoption. The effective date of this Ordinance is December 23, 1993.

MADE AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Novi, Michigan, this 13th day of December, 1993. Copies of the Ordinance Amendment may be purchased or inspected at the office of the City Clerk, Novi, Michigan, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., local time.

KATHLEEN S. MCLALLEN, MAYOR



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ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 516 CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I, Geraldine Stipp, Clerk of the City of Novi, do hereby certify that the above Ordinance was approved and adopted by the Council of the City of Novi, at a Regular Meeting thereof, duty called and held on the 13th day of December, 1993, and was ordered to be given publication in the manner prescribed by law.

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Frank Drew for their donations in addition to membership renewal. Thanks also to contributing members: Bob and Debi Lopez, Stan and Hazel Coon, Terry and Linda Heaton, John and Carol Sassaman and Art and Diane Rockall. Final membership thanks to sustaining members: Mr. and Mrs. E.R. Langtry and C.R. Ely and Sons, Inc.

An additional thank you to the Baseline Questers and the Silver Springs Questers for their recent donations toward the restoration of Northville High School composite pictures. Martha Nield, Historial Society coordinator of the activity, indicates that the 1938 composite has been located thanks to the Marburgers and Fran Gazlay. Sponsors are still needed for this project. Each picture requires about \$300 for complete restoration, but smaller donations are gladly accepted.

Upcoming this week is the organization's traditional Wine Tasting night. This year Dennis and Sharon Cassady will feature wines of the Southwest. They are returning to this area for the holiday from their new home in Arizona and look forward to renewing old acquaintances. Cost is \$12.50 for members, \$15 for non-members. The tasting takes place at Cady Inn on Dec. 29. Details and reservations are available through Bruce and Barb Dingwalli, 349-6372, or the Cassadys after Dec. 25 at 348-2095.

As promised in last week's column, this week a little history on the village blacksmith shop/country store. The building which stands today at Mill Race is a replica of the Hirsch Blacksmith Shop which stood on the northeast corner of Main and Hutton. Hutton during our community's history has been known as Wheelbarrow Avenue, Atwater, Hutton and a few other names.

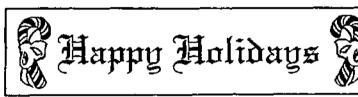
It was labeled Wheelbarrow supposedly because residents would wheel their trash along it to the village dump (today's Ford Field).

The first community use of the property which later held the blacksmith shop was for the village's first stone school. Built about 1840, the one-room building served until the larger graded schools were built in the mid 1860s. It was overcrowded from the beginning. After the school closed it was used as an outbuilding for the blacksmith shop which operated by 1869 under Hutton and Bedford. John Hirsch took over operation before the turn of the century.

Photographs and other memorabilia from the Hirsch years served as inspiration for the construction of the building at Mill Race. The original building was destroyed about 50 years ago. It served as an automobile repair shop under Fred Wendt early in this century. The reproduction houses a working blacksmith shop and the village country store. The village country store features unique handcrafted gifts and items produced by the Northville Historical Society for the continuance of Mill Race Village as a monument to this community. Next week: Wash Oak School.

CALENDAR

Wednesday, Dec. 29 Wine Tasting, Cady7:30 p.m.



Churches schedule Christmas services

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On Sunday, youth specialist Sam Farina will speak on "The Family of the '90s," at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

 First Baptist Church of Northville, 217 N. Wing: Singing and special music will be featured at the 6 p.m. Friday service. A short Christmas message will be included. The Sunday 8:30 a.m. service has been canceled, and a single, combined worship service will take place at 11 a.m. Sunday school is set for 9:30

a.m.
• First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main: Four Christ-mas Eve services will be held. The 5 p.m. service will feature a children's pageant, the 7 p.m. will be a youth service, the 9 p.m. theme will be lessons and carols, and the 11 p.m. service will feature candlelight and communion.

• First United Methodist Church of Northville, 777 W. Eight Mile: Three Christmas Eve services are planned. At 5 p.m. is family worship, at 8 p.m. is the festive worship service and at 11 p.m. will be the communion service. All three will feature candlelight, meditation and choirs.

A single service, the Blessing of the Toys, will be held Sunday at 10 a.m. Metropolitan Seventh Day Adventist, 15585: A carol sing service will take place at 4 p.m. on Saturday, the usual worship day for this denomination.

 Open Door Christian Church, 145 N. Center: A Christmas Eve service is planned for 7:30 p.m. featuring worship, special music and communion. Our Lady of Victory, 770 Thayer: Three Christmas Eve Masses are planned, at 4 p.m., 7 p.m. and midnight. The choir will perform at 11:30 p.m. leading up to Midnight Mass. Christmas Day Masses are at 9 and 11 a.m. Communal penance will take place at 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

 St Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 201 Elm: Three Christmas Eve services will take place, at 6, 8, and 10 p.m. The 10 p.m. service will feature candlelight. One service will take place on Christmas, at 10 a.m.

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Long-buried toxins surface at oil company site

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now-defunct Mergraf Oil Co., then owner of the site, reportedly began dumping petroleum products into unlined retention basins known as lagoons. The two largest lagoons. where most of the contamination has since been found, were located north of General Oil's facility while three smaller ones were located southeast of the facility, one of them under the Jack Doheny Supply Co. building at 777 Doheny Drive.

The contaminants seeped into the ground over time, and more petroleum products and industrial solvents were added over the years until the ground was saturated.

By the time General Oil purchased most of the Mergraf Oil site in 1982, the lagoons had been buried and thousands of gallons of sludge had reportedly been removed, but the contamination remained just below the surface.

Several years later, oil from under the northernmost lagoon began leaking out of an embankment to the west and into Ford Pond and the Middle Rouge River, and the hunt was on for its source.

While refusing to admit responsi-bility at first, General Oil placed floating booms in Ford Pond to contain the oil leaking out of the embankment, and the company has main-tained the booms ever since. The company has also commissioned two series of soil and groundwater tests through Swanson Environmental Inc. of Farmington Hills, and Swanson is beginning the third phase of testing now.

"We've moved ahead and kept the free oil off the surface of the pond, and are moving on to the next phase." said General Oil President Tim Westerdale.

But for Steve Kitler, an environmental quality analyst with the DNR's Environmental Response Division in Livonia, the case has been an exercise in frustration.

There has been progress, but it's been painfully slow, said Kitler, project manager for General Oil.

Kitler noted that the site is a complicated one, marred by years of construction at the site and characterized by a porous geology that allows contaminants to travel quickly once they get into the ground.

The site's complex, it has complex geology, because a lot of things have been done there to disturb it." he

now known as Lake Success, the ground around the site has been torn up for railroad construction and the unlined lagoons, as well as for the removal of some of the contaminated

soil in the past.

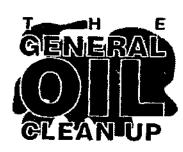
Kitler added that the site has "a high potential for human exposure." due to the fact that groundwater and surface water are both being

impacted.
Unlined lagoons are a bad idea anyways, but there's a lot of sand and gravel in this area," he said. "There's a lot of oil bound up in the soil, and there's also free oil floating on top of the groundwater. . . There's also solvents and PCBs that have dissolved into the groundwater.

There could be direct contact problems, particularly down at the pond. There is surface water impact, obviously, and there is drinking water affected . . . It's got a lot of serious problems in a small package."

But part of the problem has appa-

rently been friction between the two major players in the clean-up, General Oil and former site owners



Stuart-Ironsides Inc. of Illinois.

Kitler noted that Stuart has been hesitant from the beginning to admit responsibility for the clean-up.

They are not as convinced of their liability in this scheme," he said. "But according to Act 307, our state environmental response act, any owner or operator after the release takes place

"And it's our understanding that Stuart actually used those lagoons before they sold the site to General

General Oil and Stuart-Ironsides inc. have jointly prepared plans for a trench to be constructed between the embankment and the pond and head off the oil before it reaches the

While Ford Motor Co. has declined to assist the companies in their clean-up efforts other than to allow access to the property. Westerdale characterized Stuart as "very On the edge of a former gravel pit cooperative . . . They stepped right up and were willing to put up some money as a previous owner." But the alliance has not always

been an easy one, as the companies' various consultants have objected to each others' designs and the trench project has been repeatedly delayed. The delays resulted in a Nov. 10 letter from the DNR to the companies warning that the state was considering building the trench on its own and seeking payment from the parues after the fact.

"Whatever agreements General Oil and Stuart have between themselves is not our concern. We're interested in the final product," Kitler said.

Really, I think our patience is running out on the project."

The DNR finally received final specifications for the trench early this month, and company officials said at a Nov. 19 meeting that the the trench could be installed by the end of the

But the trench is just the next phase in the project, and far from the last. Still to be determined is the full extent of contamination and how the site will be decontaminated.

While state legislators are now in the process of allocating \$1.5 million to clean up the site. Kitler said, "that may be just a drop in the bucket." Also, he said, those funds will not be available until Fiscal Year 1995.

Kitler recently requested a DNR inspection for the federal Environmental Protection Agency's national priorities list that resulted in a series of soil and groundwater tests Nov. 30 by DNR specialists from Lansing. The specialists used a van-mounted auger to collect soil borings from between 15 and 30 feet deep and took water samples from the groundwater and the Northville Rotary Well just 500 feet west of the site.

If General Oil makes the national priorities list. Kitler said, it could receive Superfund cleanup funds.

"We're concerned by how extensive the contamination is and how expensive it will be to clean it up," he explained. The state has limited finance capabilities, because this could range in the 10 and 20 million dollar range. We're not confident that we can undertake a project that big . The EPA may have to step in.

The General Oil site sits just north of the Ely Fuel Co.'s storage facility at 118 Railroad Street, a site that has had its own contamination problems, though not nearly as severe as



Photo by STEVE KELLMAN

A technician with the state Department of Natural Resources' Lansing office performs soil borings between the General Oil facility and the vacant Ford Valve Plant on the site of an abandoned oil lagoon. The van-mounted auger being used is collecting soil samples at depths of 22-24 feet.

Company head pledges cooperation

By STEVE KELLMAN

General Oil President Tim Westerdale likes to relate the joke about how It takes 100 people to clean up a federal Superfund site.

"Ninety-nine attorneys and one guy with a buildozer," he explains with a smile.

But Westerdale, as owner of a contaminated piece of Northville property that's currently being eyed as a potential Superfund cleanup site. has little to laugh about these days. The Redford-based oil reclamation firm purchased the site in 1982, unaware of the extent of soil contamination by its former owners, and has since come under a Department of Natural Resources mandate to clean up the site or face legal action from the state.

Westerdale noted the trony in his company's ownership of a polluted piece of property.

"It's a lesson, certainly, for ourselves in proper investigation of

sites prior to purchase," he said.

The 30-year-old firm, with its main office in Redford, reclaims lubricating, cutting and machine oils and performs consulting work for other firms. General Oil boasts a growing workload in the field of oil reclamation, Westerdale said.

We do get involved in waste analysis and handling other people's waste problems . . . Now we have ourselves as a client, he said.

some knowledge of the previous activities at the site before purchasing the property, their preliminary test wells turned up no problems. Wes-terdale said. While they tested the lagoon just north of their facility, he added, they were unaware of another lagoon further north. The most concentrated contamination on the site, and the source of the oily liquid seeping into Ford Pond, appears to be the northernmost lagoon.

Stuart Oil has invoices showing the removal of some 63,750 gallons of

oil-soaked sludge from the lagoons shortly before the property changed hands in 1982.

"It looked preity convincing that they'd solved the problem," Westerdale said.

But he added that his company has been anytous to cooperate with DNR officials ever since learning of the problems, and points to the company's willingness to install bright yellow booms in Ford Pond to collect oil leaking into the pond and fund the studies at the site.

Westerdale said his goal throughout the project has been to keep it from becoming bogged down in

You know that once it becomes litigious, legally driven, the one thing that suffers is the environment," he

There's been a lot of money spent but precious little cleanup done on a lot of these sites . . . I will not let that happen here, he promised.

Although DNR officials are now

pressing the company and former property owner Stuart-Ironsides Inc. to install a trench on the far shore of Ford Pond, DNR files in Livonia attest to the lack of direct attorney involve-

ment in the case so far. Already the company has sunk six figures into the testing and cleanup efforts, Westerdale said.

Westerdale added that he has high hopes for the cleanup effort, though he admits that the real work has just begun.

"Clearly, there's some additional remediation that has to be done after the trench is in," he said. But he noted that a range of high-technology techniques are available for on-site treatment, from blo-remediation to skimming contaminants from the groundwater. That will be addressed in the third phase of General Oil's investigation, he said.

"I would love to have this site be one where we can all learn some things, including the D.N.R., Westerdale said.

Rotary Well tested regularly to assure continued purity

By STEVE KELLMAN

The Northville Rotary Well has long been praised as a source of crystal-clear water and has even been rumored to have medicinal

But these days, local officials just hope it isn't harmful to the public health.

The covered well, on South Main Street just around the corner from the vacant Ford Valve Plant, sits a scant 500 feet from one of the worst-contaminated sites in the state, a site known to be leaking oil into a nearby waterway.

Fortunately for the popular wellhead and those who drink from it, the 47-foot-deep well ran dry in 1988 and was redrilled to a fresh aquifer some 120 feet below the surface. The new well appears to be deep enough to avoid any potential contaminants, and regular testing over the past two years has shown no sign of a pollution problem.

Department of Natural Resources officials first contacted the city's Department of Public Works in March, 1992, due to concerns over a potential contamination plume extending from the General Oil site to the east. While some DNR officials originally favored closing the well down altogether, the DNR and city agreed to quarterly monitoring of the well's water quality instead.

DPW officials were already collecting water samples from the well water every three months and sending them to the state's Department of Public Health in Lansing to test for bacteria. Begining that March, the DPW also sent in samples to be tested for a 62-item list of contaminants associated with petroleum products.

So far, the results have come back negative, not even showing trace amounts of any of the chemicals.

"We haven't had any confirmation that it's being impacted and there may be clay layers protecting it from the contamination above, but it's definitely threatened."

> STEVE KITLER **DNR** analyst

Steve Kitler, an environmental quality analyst with the DNR's Environmental Response Division in Livonia, noted that the problems at General Oil still pose a threat to the

We haven't had any confirmation that it's being impacted and there may be clay layers protecting it from the contamination above. but it's definitely threatened," he

Kitler noted that a groundwater monitoring well was recently in-stalled between the contamination site and the Northville Rotary Well, and test results are due back soon. The results would show whether the plume is moving in the well's direction.

"I think if that one comes up clean, then a lot of worries will go away, he said.

The Northville Rotary Well sits on the site of a natural spring that dates back to the turn of the century. When the spring ran dry in the early 1960s, the Northville Rot-ary Club hooked the fountain at the site to the city's water system and then drilled a new well in 1968. Rotary also raised the funds to drill the current well in 1988 when the first one ran dry.

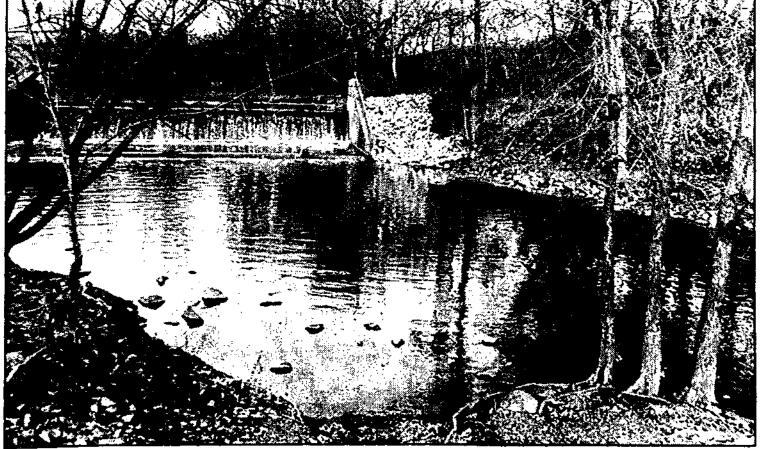


Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Floating booms on the river near Ford Pond attempt to collect oil seepage at the site of the contamination.

Aerial photos lead to tainted lagoons

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reports for the DNR on behalf of its client, General Oil.

D.A. Stuart, now Stuartironsides inc. of Illinois, purchased the site in 1971 and General Oil bought the property from Stuart in 1982, according to Swanson's chronology.

According to the 1991 chronology, "these lagoons were reportedly used for the discharge of waste water from Mergraf Otland Stuart Oil's oil recovery operation . . . The lagoons were closed by pumping out and properly disposing of the liquid in the basins, removing and disposing of the oily sludge that had accumulated in the basins, backfilling with clean fill and regrading."

What the property owners did not know was that the problems they had buried back in 1975 would resurface years later.

*In 1983, a petroleum-based product was noted to be sceping from the east bank of the mill pond located on Ford Motor Co. property," another Swanson report noted. "A 1990 hydrogeological in-vestigation conducted by NTH Consultants Ltd. (NTH) for Ford Motor Co. concluded that the petroleum seep originated from points east of

the Ford property. Jim Bakun, a geologist with the DNR's waste management division. has been involved with the General Oil site from the start. He noted that when oil first began to seep into Ford Pond, Ford Motor Co. was seen

as a potential source of the contamination because of previous problems that the former valve plant had with a diesel pipeline at the site. But chemical analyses of the oil did not match Ford's and investigators soon began searching for another

Old aerial photographs from Ford's own NTH site investigations upped off DNR personnel to the true source when they showed the existence of two large man-made lagoons to the east of the Ford plant, on what was then Mergraf Oil's property.

Since then, Bakun has obtained a series of photographs that document the lagoons' use as early as 1963 and show how their size had grown over the years before the last one was closed in 1975.

The photos also showed three more lagoons -- two small ones just southeast of what is now the General Oil facility and another under the current site of the Jack Doheny Supply Co. building at 777 Doheny

The photographs were instrumental in convincing General Oil officials that the oil seep may be coming from their site, Bakun said.

When we presented them with the aerial photos, I wouldn't say they admitted it but they acknow ledged that the contamination probably came from those lagoons,"

"If we hadn't gotten the aerials, we wouldn't have gotten as far as we had." Bakun says now.

Northville builder taken to court

By STEVE KELLMAN

The state attorney general is taking court action to prevent a Northville excavator from building without

According to the excavator in question, the charge is due to a misunderstanding stemming from his legal troubles with a neighbor.

I'm not in the building business," said excavator Matthew Johnson Monday, "I'm not a contractor."

The attorney general's office began investigating Johnson early this year after he was sued by neighbor Gilbert Spaman for failure to complete a basement-building project. John-son's license had been issued and had lapsed several times since September, 1986, according to the Michigan Department of Commerce. The license had lapsed May 31, 1989. before being reissued Jan. 14, 1991. and lapsing again May 31, 1991. He currently is unlicensed.

Sparnan took the on-again, offagain residential builder to court after he agreed to dig a basement under Spaman's house and failed to complete the work in what Spaman considered a timely or professional manner. Spaman said he asked Johnson to dig the basement in October, 1992. and paid him \$15,000 of the \$19,000 price before the work was completed.

You know, you're talking over the fence . . . It tends to luil you into a state where you feel comfortable because it's your neighbor," Spaman said. Your neighbor wouldn't do anything wrong, would he?"

But Spaman's neighbor failed to complete the work, and the work he did complete was sub-par, the disgruntled homeowner said.

"He didn't do a very good Job." Spa-man said, accusing Johnson of poor workmanship and falling to obtain inspections when required. Also, Spaman said that when he hired another excavator to complete the job, they found that a basement wall had not been mortared and waterproofed properly.

"He had hidden where he hadn't done things correctly," the homeowner said.

Johnson blames the job's problems on inclement weather and Spaman's desire to see the job completed

"So we had some rain, what can I say," the excavator said. "My problem over there was weather delays . . . When you press forward in inclement weather, you don't get good workmanship, and that was one of the problems.

Spaman countered that he signed contract with Johnson Oct. 5, 1992, stating that Johnson would perform the work within 45 days, but he was given much longer.

"I fired him in March," Spaman said. "I don't think we had that much inclement weather.*

Spaman noted that he's spent an additional \$10,000 to finish the work started by Johnson and perform remedial work.

"I learned the hard way." Spaman said. My mistake was having paid him that much. . . You try to be helpful, but when things turn bad you lose your leverage.

Spaman filed a civil suit against Johnson in Plymouth's 35th District Court May 13. The district court awarded Spaman a default judgment in the amount of \$10,000 and court costs June 14 when Johnson failed to show for the hearing that day.

Chapter 13 bankruptcy March 17. but Spaman was not notified of the action until months later. Under U.S. Bankruptcy Code, a Chapter 13 bankruptcy is where the individual promises to repay as many debtors

as possible from available income. Spaman contested the payment plan that Johnson had filed and obtained a creditor's hearing. When Johnson failed to show for two creditor's hearings in a row in September and November, his application for bankruptcy was dismissed Nov. 17 and Spaman was awarded attorney

As for the attorney general's re-straining order prohibiting him from performing residential building without a state license. Johnson said that since Spaman was the contractor on that job, he was not required to have a builder's license.

"He pulled the permits and our agreement was specifically that I'm not a contractor . . . I came in there as a supplier, Johnson said.

"I have no problem with the restraining order that they've proposed because it simply mirrors state law."

Spaman said the majority of his work is performed on larger commercial projects where he is not required to be licensed. "I don't intend to be in the building business without a license, and I haven't been in the past," he said.

But according to a spokesperson for the state's Bureau of Occupa-

Meanwhile, Johnson had filed for tional and Professional Regulation, an excavator hired to perform work over \$100 for a homeowner must be licensed, whether the homeowner is considered the contractor or not.

Attorney General Frank J. Kelley recently sought restraining orders against Johnson and four other builders from around the state to keep them from building without the necessary state license. Michigan's Occupational Code requires all restdential builders and all maintenance and alteration contractors to be

"While licensing does not guaran-tee perfect work, it does afford the consumer some additional protection in the event that a project is not completed satisfactorily," Kelley said. Anyone who is considering a building or remodeling project should take great care before entering into a contract or making an initial payment. Check to make sure your builder is licensed and ask for

Construction costs have soared over the past few years, so it is more important than ever to be sure you are dealing with a reputable builder who will give you value for your hardcarned dollars."

Consumers can check whether a builder is licensed by dialing the state's Bureau of Occupational and Professional Regulation at 1-900-555-8374. The call costs \$1.50 for the first minute and callers can typically check three builders' licenses within that period.

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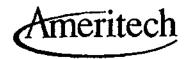
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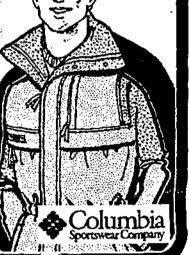


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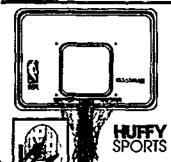
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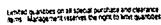
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Education reformer: Change needed in American schools

By SHARON CONDRON Staff Writer

If education reformer Dr. Willard Daggett were handing out report cards today, educators in America wouldn't be making the grade.

Contrary to American students' high performance on local standardized acheivement tests. Daggett told an audience of mostly educators Dec. 13 that the academic performance of students in this country pales in comparison to their counterparts in European and industrialized Asian

The doctor spoke before a halffilled Fuerst Auditorium of teachers. administrators, board of education members, and parents from both Northville and Novi schools.

The night session followed an earlier meeting with teachers and staff at Novi High School. It preceded a staff presentation at Northville High

"It doesn't matter how you cut it, you're at the bottom of the barrel." Daggett said after showing the audience how poorly American students performed on international math and applied science tests.

The test was given to advanced placement students from suburban schools like Northville and Novi, Dag-

These are your best and brightest," he said as he unveiled the low scores students here achieved in algebra, biology, chemistry and physics.

On some tests, more American students were tested but acored worse than fewer students from other countries. The same held true on the ilip side. Fewer American students were tested on other exams, but their scores were still significantly lower than those of their counterparts in industrialized Asian nations.

cream of the crop from America's surburban schools took the algebra portion of the international test. Fortythree percent gave correct answers. In comparison, 12 percent of Japan's students were tested and achieved 76 percent of correct answers.

The statistics were similar across

Daggett's two-hour speech pitted the tests scores of American students against those of their global counterparts as his basis for change in the American public education system.

But test scores weren't the only unit of measurement he used to show deficiencies in the American public education system.

He talked about industry and reminded the audience that the United States has lost its competitive edge in the automotive, electronics, textiles, steel and airlines industries.

He blamed educators here for losing that edge in the global marketplace because American students are graduating from two- and four-year colleges without the communication and technical skills they need to compete and succeed.

Daggett said the biggest challenge educators face in the '90s is that lesson plans being taught in today's classroom have remained unchanged since the 1930s. He said academics here are outdated and American teachers and curriculums haven't kept pace with the changing technology in the workplace.

The result is that American students are "functionally unemploy-

able," he said. Daggett talked about the pressures today's industries are putting on the backs of educators to turn out higher skilled graduates who can perform in the technologically advanced workplace. He talked of global competition and of the need for dustrialized Asian nations.

American educators to respond to the needs of kids over adults.

"It is businesses that says we have a problem with what we are teaching," he said. "Nowadays the math, science and language arts skills that are needed for entry-level employment are higher than those needed for higher education."

The reformer attributed the students' lack of skills to the educators' refusal to change the curriculum to meet the changing needs of industry.
*American schools have not kept

up the rate of change like the Euro-pean schools have," he said.

After a luncheon meeting at the Detroit Chamber of Commerce earlier Monday, Daggett shocked the audience when he told them Detroit school administrators were respond-

ing to the demands of the industry.
Vocational graduates of Detroit schools had starting salaries that were higher than those of U-M graduates," he said as the crowd exchanged looks.

Daggett also concluded that the educational success of students in other countries can be attributed to a longer school day and year. American students attend class fewer days during the year than do most in Ja-pan. Korea and other European nations. Moreover, fewer students graduate from American schools than do others in other countries.

*About 72 percent of the 18 yearolds graduate here with shorter days and school years. There are significantly higher percentages of graduates in other countries like Japan and Korea coming from schools with longer school days and years."

The length of the school day and year aren't the only obstacles American students face, he said. Here, edu-cators are expected to provide athletics and other social programs. Those are things that aren't being taught in industrialized Asian nations classrooms.

Instead, students abroad are en-

teaching what you were taught and teaching what's on the MEAP and on the ACT. You're getting your students ready for college, but what about relevancy?

Daggett criticized board members necessary to compete in the for getting bogged down with adminitechnology-driven world we live in. he strative concerns rather than focusing on what's best for kids. And he Local educators aren't the only chastised parents for the lack of disones to blame for turning out poor students. Daggett said. State-level cipline American students show in comparison to other students areducators, board of education memound the world.

"Kids here come with less discip-'It isn't entirely public education's line and have less respect for teachfault," he said. "You teachers are ers," he said.

*Boards of education need to remember to put the child in front of the adult and then it will be easy to change American education." he

Daggett's solutions to the educa-tion riddle weren't as plentiful as his criticisms.

The doctor said reform starts at the grassroots level with parents and taxpayers.

You can't change schools until you convince the public they need to changed, he said.



Education reformer Dr. Willard Daggett talks with Novi Schools' Rita Traynor.

New federal jobless benefits available

Jobless Michigan workers who hausted their state Jobless benefits have used up all of their state unemployment benefits may now be enutled to as many as seven weeks of

federal jobless benefits. estimates that some 15,500 unemployed workers in Michigan may immediately qualify for federal Emergency Unemployment Compenstaion (EUC). The EUC program thad ended on Oct. 2, 1993, but was extended by Congress and the Administration last week.

We have identified those who ex-

mailing them EUC applications over the next two weeks," Edwards said. On average, about 2,000 claimants MESC Director F. Robert Edwards a week have been using up their reg-

ular state benefits." EUC claimants may be compensated retroactively for weeks of unemployment since Oct. 2. The extension, however, does not provide any additional benefits to those who previously used up their federal EUC entitlement.

ceive the same weekly amount they received in state unemployment benefits," Edwards said. "And while some states qualify to pay up to 13 weeks of EUC, we can pay up to seven weeks in Michigan because of our low unemployment rate."

To be eligible for EUC, claimants must be unemployed, must exhaust their state Jobless benefits and apply ously used up their federal EUC for EUC before Feb. 5, 1994. The nittlement program will issue EUC benefits through April 30, 1994.

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Man does a good deed for the day not once but twice

By STEVE KELLMAN Staff Writer

They say this is the season for giving, but for one Novi resident the holidays have become the season for giving back.

Lee Mamola, Novi architect, Rotary member and all-around good guy, was out jogging through downtown Northville last Saturday with his running club when he ran by Northville City Hall and stumbled across a lost wallet. "I literally kicked the wallet out of the gutter," he said.

Though it appeared abandoned, Mamola stopped to glance through it out of curiosity and was surprised to find several credit cards and other forms of identification inside.

He promptly returned the wallet to its rightful owner. Northville resident Lauren McCarthy, who had not even noticed it missing. The wallet apparently had dropped out of her car when she dropped her son off at day care the day before.

"He really saved my life," McCar-

hy said. That was not the end of Mamola's samaritanism. On Tuesday morning, while walking out of the Novi Post office after dropping off some mail, he looked down and made another find.

"There was a wad of \$20s and \$10s on the sidewalk." Mamola recalled. "I didn't count it but judging by how thick it was, there must have been at least \$200 there. . . It was enough of an amount that I thought it must be important, especially this time of year."

Mamola picked up the cash and returned to his car, wondering what to do with his find.

"Honestly, I did think about what I could do with the money," he said. But realizing that it might be for Christmas presents and thinking about how he would feel if someone walked off with his cash, he decided to wait for its rightful owner to appear.

Sure enough, a few minutes later a distraught-looking woman stepped out of the post office and scanned the sidewalk before rummaging frantically through her car. Mamola approached and established that the cash was hers, and returned it to the grateful woman. He never learned her name.

Mamola said he still expects to make one more find.

*People say things happen in threes, and I'm still waiting for that third wad of money," he said.

Education Notes

SCHOOLCRAFT OFFERINGS: Schoolcraft College is offering the following activities and events:

Project Plano: Now in its 17th year, this piano preparatory program offers a "group plus private study" format for elementary age Igrades 1-4) and transfer students starting in January. Group lessons provide, master teachers, learning with peers, playing for others, class parties, ear training, transposing, reading and more. Private lessons provide one-on-one learning and performance coaching.

• Pest Control Training: This three-day course teaches the principles necessary to become a certified applicator in general pest control in Michigan. The classes will meet from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Jan. 3, 4 and 5: The fee is \$125.

● Time Management: Time management strategies for increasing profits and productivity are discussed in this five-week course. Learn to schedule and conduct well-run meetings, eliminate time wasters, conduct time audits, work smart, set goals, and manage paperwork. The course will meet Wednesday evenings from 7 to 10 p.m. beginning Jan. 5. The fee is \$129.

For information call 462-4430.

MADONNA UNIVERSITY: Madonna University announces the following activities:

 Madonna will host an art exhibit of Origami, Japanese folded paper designs, beginning Thursday, Jan. 13, and running through Monday.
 Jan. 31, in the Library Wing Exhibit Gallery.

The gallery hours are Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. The display is free and open to the public. For information, call 591-5187.

Group recommends school facility uses

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soon have to be reopened.

The disruption of changing attendance boundaries and childrens' schools within two or three years was not considered worth any potential cost savings.

"This is one of the monumental steps, I think, that this board is going to take," said committee member David Bolitho, the district's assistant superintendent for administrative services, before the members reached a consensus on the elementary school issue.

Bolitho noted that even if Thomton Creek is opened and a smaller school like Moraine is closed next year, the shuttered school will probably have to be reopened in two years and the boundaries redrawn again.

The assistant superintendent is familiar with the task of redrawing boundaries, having done so last year for Thornton Creek's expected opening only to have the school board vote to keep the school closed for the year.

Committee member Dennis Curlew, after reviewing five-year growth projections for the district by the Lansing-based Stanfred consulting firm, said he expected growth in the community to come in above Stanfred's predictions.

"What we're thinking is that we'll probably see another growth spurt that will probably come up to the higher numbers that Stanfred suggests," Curlew said. "Even if Stanfred is right, we'll be a little over our optimum by 97-98.

"if we open up five schools, we'll handle it and have a little extra room. With four schools, you won't quite make it. I don't think."

The committee had set optimal student population levels at 477 or 504 students for Winchester, depending on whether the self-contained special education program at Winchester is moved, and 345 for Silver Springs. 530 for Thornton Creek, 477 for American and 292 for Moraine.

Committee member Barb Bennett, who performed several statistical analyses of potential student population by school, noted that the four-school scenario leaves some buildings above the committee's optimal limits. Like others, she predicted that the district's future growth will be higher than has been forecast.

"Our MEAP (Michigan Educational Assessment Program) scores are some of the best in Southeast Michigan, and with the governor putting out school district report cards, developers are going to be handing those out," she said.

"There's no question that we could operate with four schools next year if Thornton Creek was one of them. It's the next year... I would not be comfortable closing Moraine without opening it in two years."

Other committee members thanked Bennett for her exhaustive statistical analyses.

Fellow member Mary Rupley said that in reviewing the data, she changed her mind about keeping one school closed next year.

"I actually thought we could do it ... but then I started to look at how you are going to set up boundaries when you don't know where growth is going to occur," she said as she passed out hand-colored boundaries that she had drawn up as an

"When you have schools opening next year at 97 percent, 100 percent, and 101 percent (optimum capacity), there's no room for error," she said. "That was my justification for saying we should open all five elementaries." Bolitho finally asked the committee, "Is there anybody here that can-

"When you have schools opening not live with the contention that we ext year at 97 percent, 100 percent, open five elementary schools next death of the content of the cont

When no one spoke up, the matter was passed by consensus without the members having to vote individually.

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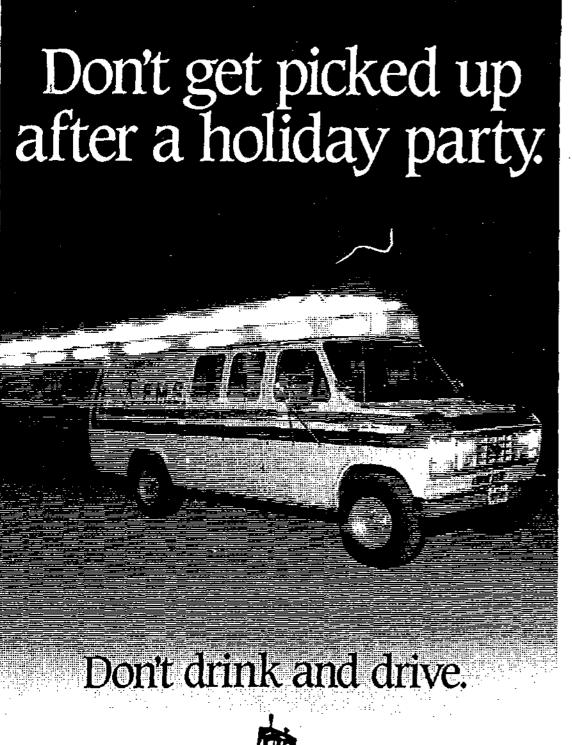


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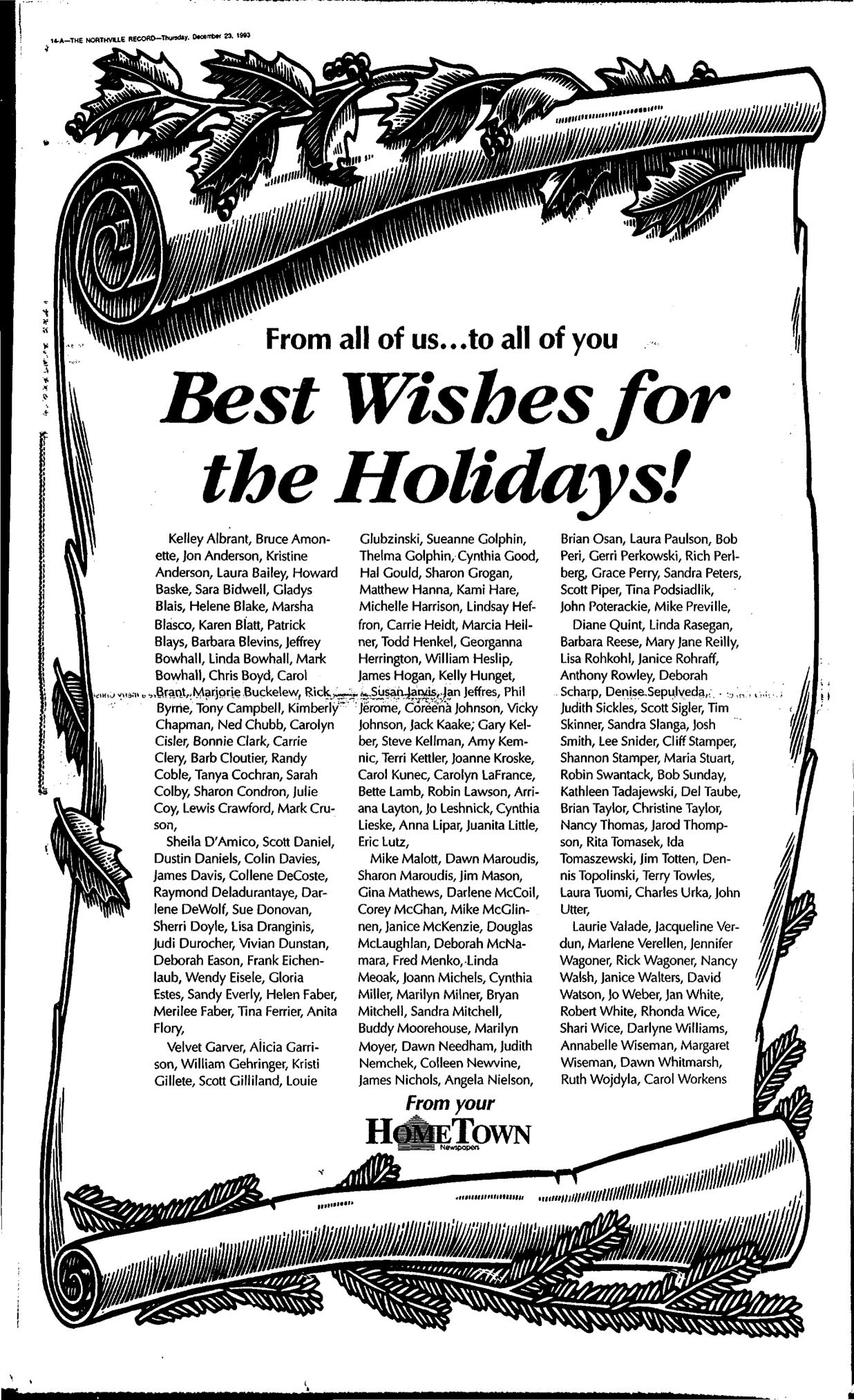




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Christina Chase, a Cooke Middle School student, speaks at the ACORD "Holidays From Around the World" activity.

ACORD celebrates the season in rich diversity

By STEVE KELLMAN Stall Writer

Not everyone celebrates the holiday season with a candlelight Mass and a Christmas tree.

Northville's ACORD (A Community Organization Recognizing Diver-sity) group recognized that fact at its Dec. 14 meeting with its annual *Holidays From Around The World*

The series of presenters at the evening event illustrated how other cultures and religions celebrate the holidays with examples from the Jewish faith, the country of Korea and the African-American celebration of Kwanzas, among others.

Connie Orr and friends illustrated Kwanzaa, or First Fruit, the holiday established in 1966 and based on African harvest celebrations to teach African-Americans about their

"Kwanzaa is a cultural recognition that's done in conjunction with Christmas," Orr explained. "It's a time for our families to get together and focus on the seven principles that, really, we all should be living by ... It's a time to stop and reflect how we should be living our lives."

Those seven principles are unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity and

Brothers Reggie and Rickie Torrence, together with Leigh Richards and Christina Chase with her mother Charlene, demonstrated how the seven principles are celebrated over the seven days of Kwanzaa between Dec. 26 and Jan. I.

Sisters Holly and Heather Qualman shared how the holidays are celebrated in their native Korea. where elders are venerated and the new year is a bigger holiday than Christmas. According to Holly, 12. the new year's celebration involves children bowing down to their grand-parents to show respect and being rewarded for the display.

The Qualmans also presented traditional Korean foods like kim chi. a spicy marinated cabbage dish, and kim bob, a dish like sushi but without the fish. As Holly explained, "You take dried laver, a type of seaweed, and then you spread rice on one side and you have these Korean vegetables that go in it and you roll it up in strips and slice it . . . It's really good? The Qualmans' father, ACORD

President Al Qualman, noted that the

"Because the United States is a melting pot of so many different cultures, we can enhance our meaning of Christmas by seeing what other people in our community do and how other cultures celebrate." Al Qualman ACORD president

"Holidays From Around The World" celebration gives ACORD members and the community a chance to learn

from other traditions. 'it's really important to see what other people do for the holidays," Qualman said. "Because the United States is a melting pot of so many different cultures, we can enhance our meaning of Christmas by seeing what other people in our community do and how other cultures celebrate.

We can learn so much from them, and share with them."



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Date: Thursday, December 9, 1993 Time: 6:00 p.m. Pace: 4100 Str. Mile Road 1. Caltiso Order: Supervisor Baja called the meet-

1. Call to Order: Supervisor Baja called the meeting to order.
2. Roll Call: Present: Karen Baja, Supervisor, Sue A. Hisband, Clark, Mark Abbo, Trustee, Barbera Strong O'Brien, Trustee. Berbera Strong O'Brien, Trustee. Absent: Rick Engelland, Tressurer and Russ Fogg. Trustee. Moved and supported to does the meeting. Roll Call Vote: Motion carried.
3. On-Going Litigation. There was a discussion of on-poing Brigation.
4. Possible Land Acquisitions, Possible land acquisition was discussed.
5. Adjournment, Moved and supported to adjourn the dosed meeting. Motion carried. Closed meeting adjourned at 7x43 pm. THAS IS A SYNOPSIS. A THUE AND COADPLETE COPY is on life at the Northville Township Clarks. Office, 41500 Sx Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48167.

SUE A. HILLEBRAND.
(12-23-93 NR)

(12-23-83 NFQ***

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS **SNOW PLOWING**

The Western Townships Utilities Authority is requesting proposals from interested firms to provide snow removal services to its Middle Rouge and Lower Rouge Equalization basins and pump stations. The contract will be awarded for March through December 1994. Multi-year contracts will be considered. The contract will be based on a per-push price.

Proposals must be received by 4:30 p.m., January 24, 1994. Interested parties may receive the full RFP or additional information by calling WTUA, 453-2793. Publish December 21, 1995

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF NORTHVILLE PHONE - 349-1300

TRASH PICK UP IN THE CITY WILL NOT BE DELAYED DURING THE WEEKS OF CHRISTMAS OR NEW YEARS They will be on their regularly scheduled days

(12-23-93 NR, NN)

DELPHINE C. DUDICK, CMC CITY CLERK

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION **ORDINANCE 93-28.31**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council has adopted Ordinance 93-28.31, an Ordinance to amend Section 34-375 of the Novi Code of Ordinances to provide for the distribution of connection charges established for connection to the Hayes-Novi Sewer Extension.

The provisions of this Ordinance become effective fifteen (15) days after adoption. The Ordinance was adopted on December 13, 1993 and the effective date is December 28, 1993. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk.

(12-23-93 NR, NN)

GERALDINE STIPP, CITY CLERK

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS LAWN AND LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES

The Western Townships Utilities Authority is requesting proposals FOR lawn and landscape maintenance services to its Middle Rouge and Lower Rouge equalization basins and pump stations. The contract will be awarded for March through December 1994. Multi-year contracts will be considered.

A full RFP and additional details may be obtained by calling WTUA, 453-2793.

Publish: December 23, 1993

PROPOSED ADVERTISEMENT JANITORAL SERVICES

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

The Western Townships Utilities Authority is taking proposals for the cleaning contract for the Middle Rouge Equalization Basin and Pump Station and occasional work at the Lower Rouge Équalization Basin and Pump Station adminis-trative areas. The cleaning contract will be awarded from March through December 1994; multiple year contracts will be considered. Proposals must be received by 4 p.m., January 24, 1994.

A complete Request for Proposal may be obtained by calling WTUA, 453-2793.

CITY OF NORTHVILLE 215 W. MAIN STREET PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 1994 — 8:00 P.M. PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS:

Article 16 — General Provisions
Add Section 16.19 — Home Occupations
Article 3 — First Density Residential District
Amend — Section 3.02 — Uses Permitted by Right
Article 4 — Second Density Residential District
Amend — Uses Permitted by Right
Article 22 — Definitions 22.1.58
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For further information contact the City Building Department

(12-16-93 NR)

State's 1993 deer hunt was a big one

An estimated 214,000 white-tailed deer were harvested in Michigan by firearm hunters during the Nov. 15-30 season, ranking this year's harvest the seventh best in history and comparable to the 1986 firearm deer season.

Department of Natural Resources officials also reported that the 1993 firearm deer season was the safest ever recorded.

"it appears that DNR estimates were essentially on target," noted Director Roland Harmes. "And I'm very pleased that we're nearing our ultimate management goal of 1.3 million

We also must not overlook the fact that 1993 was the safest firearm deer hunting season on record," Harmes continued. "All those who volunteered their time to teach vital hunter safety and education courses deserve our heartfelt appreciation and commendation.

DNR Wildlife Division Chief George Burgoyne explained that the deer harvest is estimated by a survey of southbound traffic transporting harvested deer, and by monitoring hunting activity and success throughout the 16-day season.

The 1993 firearm deer harvest

represents about a 15 percent reduction from last year, and the number of antierless licenses issued this year was reduced from 254,916 in 1992 to 190,482 in 1993, as fewer antieriess licenses are needed to control deer numbers when the herd becomes smaller." Burgoyne noted.

The DNR also reports that the herd has been intentionally reduced about 25 percent from the peak of two million deer four years ago. The reduc-Uon was designed to limit damage to agricultural crops, reduce deervehicle accidents and maintain a herd in balance with available habitat, food and cover.

DNR biologists believe some local reductions in herd size may have resulted from the starvation of deer during the 1991-92 winter, and from decreased fawn survival during the cold summer of 1992. There were also fewer hunters affeld in 1993.

Deer hunting continues in Michigan, as the archery season resumed Dec. 1, and continues through Jan. 1, 1994. The muzzleloading season ran from Dec. 3 through Dec. 12 in the Upper Peninsula, and from Dec. 10 through Dec. 19 in the Lower

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEED SYNOPSIS

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Date: Thursday, December 9, 1993
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: 41800 Str Mile Road
1. CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Baja called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL: Present: Karen Baja, Supervisor, Sue A. Hillabrand, Clerk, Mark Abbo, Trustee, Girl Briton, Trustee, Russel Fogg, Trustee, Barbara Strong O'Brien, Trustee. Also Present: The prese end approximently 45 visitors. Absent: Rick Engeland, Tressurer.
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:
4. BREF PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CUES-TIONS: Ms. Anna. Sarkisian: updated the board members on the Ubrary statu.
5. AGENDA: Approval of Agenda and Consent Agenda (Allached), Moved and supported to amend the consent agenda under H. Obsciostres, 1 world like to add two disclosures which came in after the printing of this egenda. One for Mr. Richards and one for mysell, terms H.3 and 4. Mr. Richards respectfully requested that consent agenda lam H.1 be removed to the regular agenda for discussion immediately following consideration of the consent agenda. Supported histed and supported to approve the agenda. Roll Call Yote: Motion carried. H. Disclosures: 1. Bif Richards Memo. Mr. Richards voiced his position regarding recent disclosure streaments.
8. PUBLIC HEARINGS: Hone.
7. PETITIONS, REGUESTS, AND COMMUNE.
CATIONS: a. Pettion from Wayne County for Special Assessment district for Sanitary Sewer. Moved and supported to expende and supported to remarks.
9. PUBLIC HEARINGS: Hone.
7. PETITIONS, REGUESTS, AND COMMUNE.
CATIONS: a. Pettion from Wayne County for Special assessment district to be created for Wayne County. Red Call York: Nays: Briton, Hillsburd, Baja, (does not meet the Inters of the ordinance). Motion talls on tied york.

RESOLUTION REGARDING WAYNE

not meet the intent of the ordinance), Moon tests on tied vote.

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Lien. Moved and supported to receive and approve the Oaks of Northville Final Waiver of Lies, Motion the Cess of Notify Bell in all winner of Len. Motion carried. g. Wooly Bully Outdoor Equor License. Moved and supported to approve the request for License License/Cutdoor Service Permit for Wooly Bullys. Moved and supported to amend the motion there consingency that comespondance be received by the Director of Public Salety by the end of the day tomorrow without update will be received. Roll Cell Vote: Nature CP Public Salety by the Director of Public Salety by the Public Salety Director Description. row written update will be received. Roll Call Vote: Nays: O'Brien (wished to have the Public Safery Director present to address this issue). Motion cerried. It. Sale of Surplus Water and Sewer Equipment. Moved and supported for the sale of the sewage pump station equipment as recommended in the memo. Motion cerried. It Recommendation to purchase Set Spreeding Machine for Water and Sewer Department. Moved and supported to accept the recommendation of Mr. Anderson for the purchase of the sate spreeding mechanism from Western Hoppin Spreeder as supplied by Schiener Truck Equipment Incorporated for the amount of \$0,200,00. Roll Call Vote: Motion cerried. Moved and supported to take item 10 (b), (m), (n), (o), (g), 11 (a), (b), (c) in that order, Motion cerried. Its Motiony exception of Francis ra: Shelley Pond Subdivision, Moved and supported to take a recommendation to Wayne Courty first the Township endorses the revision to the abandonment. Township endorses the revision to the abandonment of Francis to only be the lest 200 feet of 8. RoS Cas Vote: Motion ceried, m. Designation of Meeting Deree, Times and Please, Moved and supported to attopped to adopt as fisted. Moved and supported to attend to read to reserve and according desired to attend to read to reserve and according desired. In Designation of Francial Institutions for 1994 as lested. Roll Cell Vote: Motion certed, n. Designation of Francial Institutions for 1994 as lested. Roll Cell Vote: Motion certed, n. Mr. Richard Wide — Sankary Saver Smoot: Read, Moved and supported to table and consust with stall. Mr. Wise will be notified when this is to be back on the agenda. Motion certed, q. Amende Budget Resolution, Moved and supported to approve the request of the Library to increase their budget in the amount of \$7.504.43 for the reasons as stated by Mrs. Rai in her explanation. Roll Cell Vote: Motion certed. Moved and supported to accept the amended budget resolution 93-275. Roll Cell Vote: Motion certified. Township endorses the revision to the abandonmen

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Any Other Business That May Properly Be Brought Before the Board, None.

15, Extended Public Comments, None.

16. Adjournment Moved and supported to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, Meeting adjourned at 11:32 p.m. THIS IS A SYNOPSIS. A TRUE AND COMPLETE COPY may be obtained at the Northville Township Clerk's Office, 41600 Six M4e Road, Northville, Michigan 48167, SUE A HILLEBRUND, CLERK

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Obituaries

EDWARD A. SALMETO Edward A. Salmeto died Dec. 9 in Farmington Hills. He was 73.

Mr. Salmeto was born in Detroit on Jan. 7, 1920, to Anthony and Magdalen (Jankowiak) Salmeto.

Mr. Salmeto had lived in this area his entire life. He retired from United Block in 1983. He was a truck driver for 30 years and a member of Michigan Teamster Joint Local No. 43. He served in the United States Army during World War II.

Surviving Mr. Salmeto are his daughter. Carmen McSweeney of Northville: three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; his brothers, Alfred Salmeto of East Jordan, Mich. and Robert Salmeto of Northville: and his sisters, Marie Wild of Inkster, Catherine Johnson of Westland and Betty Jane Calka of Farmington Hills. Mr. Salmeto was preceded in death by his son. Jacques Salmeto.

Services were held Dec. 11 at the Northrop Funeral Home in North-ville. Rev. Ernest Porcart from Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church officiated.

Memorials to the American Diab-

etes Asociation would be appreciated by the family.

CLAIRE I. HINES

Claire I. Hines of South Lyon died Dec. 15, 1993, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. She was 66. Mrs. Hines was born in Detroit on

July 19, 1927, to John and Jessie (Griswold) Thomasson. She lived most of her life in the area, graduating from Northville High School. She was a homemaker and was ac-

tive at Wesley United Methodist Church in Whitmore Lake.

Mrs. Hines is survived by her husband, Beryle, and daughters Sue Ellen Hines of South Lyon and Jo Ann Williams of Manchester. There is one

Ason, John Thomas Hines, died in

Services were held Dec. 18 at Casterline Funeral Home, the Rev. Robert Eastlick of Wesley United Methodist Church officiating.
Interment took place at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi.

Family members would appreciate donations to the Multiplesclerosis Foundation or to Wesley United Methodist Church.

Court needs a new judge, report says

By RANDY COBLE Staff Writer

The wheels of justice may spin a mite faster at the 35th district court if the state Legislature follows the Michigan Supreme Court's recommendation to add a third judge to the busy facility.

The high court's administrative office recently released its report on Michigan's judiciary system, one that studies the legal system's resources and identifies areas where additional judges are needed.

Thirty-fifth district court, located in Plymouth Township, is one of them, the report said. It recommends that the state approve a third judge for the court. That's a move which received formal support from the governments of the five communities within the court's jurisdiction: the cities of Northville and Plymouth and the townships of Northville, Plymouth and Canton.

If Lansing lawmakers authorize the third jurist, voters in the five communities will take to the polls 11 months from now - in November 1994 — to elect a new judge. The state Legislature is expected to act on the report's recommendations by

The report cites an average perjudge caseload for 35th district court that is in almost all cases well above the average for judges statewide. That's the reason, it continues, that a third judge is necessary: the extra body would spread the work out and bring the per-judge caseload within range of the state average.

While the (35th district) court's caseload average is high overall, the higher than average drunk driving caseload (it has) is particularly significant," the report said, "especially in light of the accelerated timeframes for these cases required by state law."

The court's overall caseload," It added, "readily reflects a need for an additional judgeship."

The report recommended that only six new district court judgeships be created in Michigan, four additional circuit court spots and 12 new court

of appeals judgeships.
"In recognition of the extraordinary fiscal difficulties faced by state exceeded state averages, the report and local governments today, there-said. Caseloads in point: port said, "a new judgeship has been recommended only where the need is

already critical."
The 35th district court now has two judges, a magistrate, an administrator and 30 other court workers. Adding another judge is an idea that has blown hot and cold in the area for years. Under state law, all five communities must support a third judge-

ship or the state won't authorize it. A third judgeship which Lansing approved in 1990 did not receive local approval before the authorization period expired. Last year all five communities supported the funding for an additional judge, but the state

Legislature didn't approve it.

The report cited an increase in the number of cases the court must deal with as evidence of the need for another judge. The caseload increase, it speculated, was due to a variety of factors, not the least of which is the population boom the five-community area has experienced in the last quarter century.

The court area's population has grown by leaps and bounds. It was 55,203 in 1970; measured 100,315 in 1980; and hit 113,787 in 1990, according to official census figures. More people meant new highways to be opened or expanded, the report said, and lots of economic development. Both factors contributed to the court's caseload increases, it

The crime rate is not abnormally high." the report said, "but continues to increase with population growth."

Combined with that are changes in state law that will create some new cases for judges to adjudicate as well as put judges under a time limit for

Some drunk driving offenses are an example the report referred to. Drunk driving cases represent a big slice of 35th's docket. Numbers in the report bear this out.

Last year, the report states, each 35th district judge saw about 20,186 new cases, compared to an average of 11,196 per district judge statewide.

From 1988 to 1992, it added, new filings at 35th increased by 15 per-- 9 percent alone from 1991 to

Judges assigned to the 35th saw fewer felony cases than the average statewide (99 per year versus 298), the report said, but had many more misdemeanor cases (1,143 to

Of those misdemeanors, the report added, each 35th district judge had 551 dealing with drunk driving. That's much higher than the state average of 223 per district judge.

 Judges at 35th district court saw 14 drunk driving felony offenses last year, the report said, as opposed to an average of 11 statewide

in other case types, the court also

 There were 4,015 non-traffic cases per 35th judge and 2,963 per judge

◆ The court reported 759 general civil cases compared to 625 statewide. ● Some 901 civil summary cases were reported, compared to 542 statwide and 550 small claims cases versus 439 statewide.

• Traffic misdemeansor filings per Judge were 4,377 compared to 2,015 statewide, and traffic civil cases were 11,707 per judge compared to 6,218 statewide.

The ball now bounces into Lansings court for a decision.

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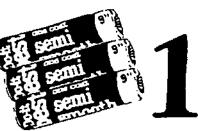


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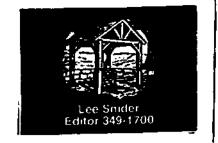
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RECORD OPINION



Our Opinion

Compost operation will benefit township

Northville Township trustees have wisely indicated their willingness to enter good-faith discussions with Browning-Ferris Industries over a proposed composting operation.

Trustees Dec. 9 concluded a nonbinding agreement in principle with BFI, assuring the waste management company that the township was interested in coming to terms over a compost facility at Six Mile and Napler.

We endorse this far-sighted action and think that residents who voiced concerns over the operation should rest easy.

If implemented, the BFI plan would establish an 80-acre composting site on land just across the street from the firm's Arbor Hills Center for Resource Management. The center is in Salem Township, but the compost operation would be located within the boundaries of Northville Township.

BFI would pay the township a host fee and provide residents and township officials with free compost product, a nutrient-rich soil additive.

The host fee is one of the points that still has to be negotiated, but BFI has proposed turning over 3-percent of the operation's gross revenues to the township.

Grass clippings and yard waste would continue to be picked up at the curb and transported to the site. Curbside pickup of compostables has been in place this year. The materials are currently taken to Arbor Hills, but the present composting facility there is quite small, occupying only about three acres of land.

Residents attending a recent public hearing expressed concerns over the



composting program, fearing the operation would generate foul odors that would compromise their quality of life and undermine their homes' property values.

Large compost piles, called windrows, do, in fact, emit noxious fumes, but the odors in this case could be expected to dissipate within 500 to 1,000 feet, BFI officials say. The nearest home is %-mile away from the proposed compost location. Homeowners who live as much as two miles distant from the site also were unnecessarily worried about smells.

Composting is an important component of the solid waste management program and will soon be mandatory throughout the state. Beginning in March of 1995, grass clippings and leaves will not be permitted in landfills as part of the effort to conserve dwindling useable space. Municipalities are already prohibited from landfilling compostables.

We think the township's decision to proceed with negotiations with BFI on the proposed compost plan is a sound one. The facility will help the recycling effort by turning a waste commodity into a useful topsoil. Throw into the bargain the fact that the township will receive a percentage of the profits and residents will get free bags of compost, and you've got'a definite win-win situation.

$A\ season\ of\ gladness$

Members of the Northville community dooking for something to be thankful for this holiday season won't have to look hard. Most of the readers of this newspaper have a demographic profile and living circumstances that are the envy of much of the world's population.

Statistics show that the majority of us have above average educations and incomes. We live in an area where pride of community is contagious and concern for the overall welfare commonplace. Almost none of us want for the basics of life and, though crime is on the rise here as it is everywhere, personal security is still comfortably taken for granted. Generally, we have good health, good friends and relatives important enough to die for.

Add to all that the indescribable good fortune of living in the greatest, most prosperous country history has ever known, and you have more blessings than you could hope for in a lifetime of wide-eyed dreaming.

If it's a shame that we don't take more time to regularly reflect on the abundance we enjoy it's also quite human. The demands of daily life require large doses of energy and patience and often, in spite of honest effort and sincere intent, things just don't turn out the way we mean them to.

During the season of glad tidings, however, it is surely appropriate that we remind ourselves of our favored position in the human family. Appropriate, gratifying and easy.

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Making the most of the task

Pulling volunteer duty is a little like getting a cold: It's a hassle

while its happening but you feel

to feel after spending an hour

working on the Salvation Army

Christmas drive one day last week.

more uncomfortable by a brisk, st-

inging wind. They gave me a badge

and a bell and stood me up in front

of the Post Office on Wing Street for

It was a chilly morning, made

like a new person when its over.
At least that's the way I expected



Lee Snider

the 11-to-noon shift.

I came prepared for the task, insulated by a heavy sweater under my coat and a wool scarf around my neck. It was still plenty cool, though, and it wasn't long before I took to keeping warm by bobbing up and down on my toes.

That slick trick also enabled me to give my wrist a break. Bouncing around made the bell ring without any hand movement at all.

Actually, I tend to think the weather might have helped the cause. I probably got more sympathy standing around shivering than at any time since going in for double root canal surgery. I suspect a lot of people dug change out of their pockets just because they heard my teeth chattering.

Of course, I milked it for all it was worth.

"Oh, I'll be all right, really," I'd tell them when they'd comment on the frigid conditions. "I hear bronchitis doesn't always lead to pneumonia (cough, cough)."

Even people who didn't slip something into the kettle seemed to feel guilty ducking into the warm confines of the building while I remained outside, a captive of the elements.

I got compliments about my dedication to duty and more than a few understanding smiles.

"Hey, maybe this isn't without its rewards after all," I thought, my confidence mounting.

As the shift dragged on, I got the opportunity to play doorman for people struggling with armfuls of Christmas packages. One lady was particularly appreciative when I opened the door for her. She was supporting her baby under her jacket with one hand and balancing a large box on her shoulder with the other.

"I seem to be doing double duty here," I joked, shamelessly calling attention to my extra effort as I stopped jingling and reached for the handle. She flashed me a grin and said thanks

"You know, this is kind of fun," I remarked to myself. I no-

ticed I was glancing at my watch less often.

Next came a young woman who looked like she could have

been 11 months pregnant.

"Mailing for two today?" I asked, putting a clever spin (if I do say so myself) on the old adage about eating.

Yeah, I guess you could say that, she responded good naturedly, acknowledging the quip with a dazzling smile.

"Boy, she's pretty," I said to myself. "I hope the wind hasn't mussed my hair too much."

Before long I was having such a good time I started opening the door for just about everyone, whether they looked like they needed help or not. Without realizing it, I was beginning to make polite small talk with many of the customers and addressing them as "sir" and "Ma'am."

Maybe I should apply for a part-time job at the Ritz. I might have tapped a talent I didn't know I had.

Okay, so maybe the experience forced me to rethink my attitude about volunteering. I guess it isn't like getting a cold after all—unless you keep in mind all the TLC you can get from having a runny nose.

Lee Snider is editor of The Northville Record.

Bryan Mitchell/Moments



Arctic eyes

An Alaskan Malamute at the recent dog show in the Novi Expo Center.

Media hype or harsh reality?



Talk about taking a beating. I'm still licking my wounds following a recent school board meeting where a couple of Northville High School students and principal Thomas Johnson came down hard on the media.

Michelle
Harrison

Johnson said the "media hype" surrounding the issue of racial and cultural intolerances at the high school threatened to change the intent of a cultural diversity plan already in place at the school. The plan included using Jim Tuman, a national speaker and di-

rector of the Royal Oak-based Positive School Support Program.

Tuman agreed to speak with students in late October before his scheduled appearance Nov. 5. More than 50 students attended the afternoon session designed to address racial and cultural friction.

Things got a little tense at the hour-long meeting where

students shouted and cried as they recalled past taunts, racial slurs and shoving matches.

Yet Johnson and some students maintain that the media

Yet, Johnson and some students maintain that the media blew the incident out of proportion. Our coverage was unfair, it portrayed the high school in an unflattering light, they said.

I disagree. I think the reports were very accurate. Students were obviously upset with the divisiveness that had taken place in their school and were admirably passionate in their pleas to put an end to it.

I can't recall anybody criticizing Northville High School during the whole ordeal. In fact, we praised the school editor-

ially for addressing the conflicts before things got out of hand.
I don't even believe that the shoving incident that occurred between a black male student and a white female student in a high school hallway was a racial confrontation as another

newspaper suggested. I think it was just a matter of two kids fighting. It was an unfortunate coincidence that the incident took place right before Tuman's address.

My point is that even if only one student feels intimidated or threatened by going to school, that school has a problem. Everyone has a right to a quality public education in a safe environment.

If a student gets pushed into a locker because he's a

"freak," or if a group doesn't include a fellow student in its activities because his or her skin is dark, those students are going to be turned off education because they'll dread going to school.

A Harvard University study, released Dec. 13, revealed

A Harvard University study, released Dec. 13, revealed that Amercian public schools are becoming more racially segregated now than at any time since the late 1960s. The report stated that racial segregation of schools was most likely to occur in small towns, rural areas, smaller metropolitan areas and suburbs of medium-sized cities.

Northville High School is not the only school on Main Street U.S.A. that has had a few incidents of racial and cultural tension. The school is not immune to the problem and shouldn't pretend that it is.

Being a leen-age is stressful enough. When you thrown in insensitivity among your peers, growing up can just be overwhelming.

Unfortunately, labels and racism follow teen-agers into the adult world. The younger generation has to be educated that it isn't all right to make fun of somebody because of their skin color, their beliefs or the way they dress.

If Northville schools can continue their quest to teach students basic lessons in humanity—how to respect others—it will not only provide its students with a safe educational environment, it will also contribute to making the world a little better place to live in.

Michelle Harrison is a staff writer for The Northville Record.

Clock ticking on education reform

This letter is in response to Phili Power's column Dec. 9. I read your column in The Northville Record talking about clocks ticiang. I appreciate you telling us what is really going on and that it is too big an undertaking. The Legislature has gotten in over its head and needs to do something very, very drastic. As a teacher, I, too, am worried sick and I don't know what is to become of us. Thank you very much.

I completely agree with you. I'm an educator who lives in Northville and teaches in South Redford. I think the Legislature is trying to make decisions without including educators and members of the community. You can't do this without their input. You wouldn't tell a lawyer how to try his case or a suryou need to include educators when it comes to school reform. Shella Garvey

Scrap mandatory schoolattendance

To the editor:

No one seems to be talking about an obvious and painless solution to educational funding in light of the excellent property tax cut from the Michigan state government.

Since private schools do a better geon how to use a scalpel. I think job and cost much less than the

public schools (about one-third less according to one study), Michigan should privatize all public education, thereby climinating the need to replace school funding lost

by the property tax cut.
Further, mandatory education should be repealed to insure that only those who wish to learn are in school. There would be no thugs with knives and guns roaming the halls assaulting serious students. With modern computer technology and data bases most education can occur at a student's pace with minimal teacher supervision and the enormous administrative bureaucracy would be the only loser.

This plan has the support of the Libertarian Party, but what Democrat, Republican or tax addict has talked about such a sensible, inexpensive plan without gagging at the thought of losing its slop in the

public trough.

Keith Edwards, Chair Libertarian Party of Michigan

MEA will flex its muscles

To the editor:

Let the lawmakers beware. The reason the public is so distrustful is legislators keep changing the rules. They want to ignore their responsibilities (go on recess), but they want to make teachers accountable for every ill in society. Well, the MEA is the largest association in the state. Furthermore, teachers remember, and teachers vote. Teachers also contribute through PACs to re-election campaigns. Anyone taking bets on Governor Engler's popularity next

J. Michael Garvey

Friction is cutable in state Capitol



Tim Richard

state representatives in Lansing. I'll just report it. I won't get into the fray. Some troops who

have been around awhile -- two or more terms --- are unhppy that many freshmen voted for SB 1, the \$6.9 billion school

property tax cut, and against replacement taxes. Their theory is that it's irresponsible to

Rep. Jan Dolan, R-Farmington Hills, studied the roll calls. Her chart shows how everyone voted on SB I and on five replacement taxes (income tax, single business tax, real estate transfer and two property taxes).

It's interesting to see who voted for SB 1 and who voted to keep schools open," she said. Of those who voted against the replacement taxes, she said, "They must believe in the tooth fairy."

Tim Skubick, dean of the Capitol correspondents, took Dolan's side, accusing the other to interstate telephone calls.

side of "profiles in hypocrisy." Let's see whom There's bad blood they're talking about: between some of our

◆ Certainly Dan Gustaſson, R-Haslett — for SB 1, against all the replacement taxes.

 ■ Likely Jerry Vorva, Ř-Plymouth — for SB 1, against the income tax, SBT and real estate transfer, for the property taxes.

■ Maybe Kirk Profit, D-Ypsilanti — for SB 1 and the income tax, against the SBT and real estate transfer, for the property taxes.

On the other hand, Willis Bullard, R-Milford. Dolan, and Tom Middleton, R-Ortonville, all voted for SB 1 and all or most of the replacement taxes. Susan Munsell, R-Howell, missed the SB 1 vote but supported the replacement

Before using a remark like *profiles in hypocrisy," let's listen to the reasons of those who voted against the replacement taxes.

Gustafson, whose district includes western Livingston County, issued a joint statement with Deborah Whyman, R-Canton, in the House Journal saying they opposed the real estate transfer tax because of the partial reinstatement of the property tax. They voted against the use tax because it would be applied

Whyman and Gustafson also objected to the split rate for homes (16 mills) and business (20 mills). A farm adjacent to a homestead would be taxed at 16 mills; a farm not adjacent to a homestead would be taxed at 20 mills. This bill has serious problems constitutionally and lacks fairness," they said.

An Oakland County conservative who voted for SB i and against all the replacement taxes was Greg Kaza, R-Rochester Hills. Kaza issued statements on virtually every bill, citing a poll in his district said Troy-Rochester Hills folks asked for cuts in overall spending, not dollarfor-dollar replacement.

Most of the dissenters were in their first terms. As I've noted in other columns, Vorva, whose district includes Northville, is sore at the way the leadership negotiates deals without consulting them and forces them into a take-itor-leave it vote.

This is one fray I won't get into. At this writing, everyone is on edge and desperate in

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Students fear class work, not clashes

By MICHELLE HARRISON Staff Writer

Homework, not cultural tension. was the biggest worry Cooke Middle School students expressed over moving on to the high school.

School students who visited Cooke Middle School recently.

The main concern was homework," said Mike Scappaticci, one of the Northville High School students who fielded questions from eighth graders. There were a few questions about racial (tensions) and a couple about drugs.

Scappaticci and three other high school students reported the findings of their conversations at the Dec. 6 meeting of the Northville Board of

Education. Joel Elsesser said his group showed no major concerns and even asked about the high school's cafeteria.

Amanda Cole, a junior, and sophomore Katle Johnson, however, said a few asked questions about incidents regarding cultural intolerances at the high school as reported by the

"I encountered some concern."

see we weren't really the big bad guys out to come get them."

Both Johnson and Cole blamed the media for blowing incidents of racial and cultural insensitivities out of proportion.

Things weren't as bad as pictured The eighth graders shared their in the newspaper, Johnson said. feelings with eight Northville High Principal Thomas Johnson was equally tough on the media in his re-

port to the board. "The term 'cultural diversity," as it applies to Northville High School is a misnomer, Johnson stated in the report. "It implies, through considerable help from the media, that the high school is wrought with racial tension and violence. It further gives a reflection as well as an impression that our students feel unsafe and this has been an inhibiting factor to

learning." Johnson criticized the media "hype" of endangering a program developed in the spring to emphasize "a respect for ourselves, our school and

one another." The basis for the program was developed by the building's school improvement team from results of 1991-91 student surveys. Although the surveys contained comments such as, "I care about my fellow students," and, "It is easy for me to make

tions led high school officials to be-lieve some students felt isolated from the school community. So, a program was developed to

proactively create a medium for greater sensitivity, increased awareness and intervention skills that would lead to an enhancement of student self-esteem and a supportive school environment," Johnson's report stated.

In order to meet the needs of the diversity among the students, the following programs were developed: • Four open forums for students to discuss their concerns relating to dif-

ferences among students. Jim Tuman, a noted public speaker, moderated these forums as

well as spoke to the entire student body. He also met with parents to discuss Parenting Teen agers. ♠ A high school ACORD (A Community Organization Recognizing Di-

versity) was developed. The group meets monthly to discuss concerns relating to the overall school environment. Members of the group visited Huron High School Dec. 2 to participatein a day-long program relating to respecting differences among students.

• Exchange programs are in the works between Northville High School and Renaissance High School well as members of the Student Congress have all expressed interest in

the program. Johnson and faculty member Jack Wickens took eight Northville High School students to Cooke Middle School to discuss concerns. A similar visit is scheduled at Meads Mill after the new year.

 African American and Asian showcases will be presented in January and May to commemorate the birth of Martin Luther King Jr. and Asian Awareness Month, respectively.

 Strict attention has been given to the Student Code of Conduct in matters dealing with harassment and inappropriate clothing or signs. • High school officials have been

working closely with the Western Lakes Activities Association (WLAA). Two student representatives attended a leadership conference hosted by the WLAA to heighten awareness relating to "individual responsibility to bring about positive change in the high school."

The objective of the programs is to feed the positive off the positive," according to Johnson.

"it's no good if we have an assembly and pump everyone up if we go back just to be confronted with negative things," he said.

said Johnson. "I think they needed to friends at my high school," observa-House bill would permit charter schools

By TIM RICHARD Staff Writer

Rep. Jerry Vorva summed up the view of zealous advocates as the state House of Representatives passed a charter schools bill.

*Somewhere, you'll get some creativity. But we should have allowed creative people other than certified teachers to start them. That isn't union busting, said Vorva, R-Plymouth, a first term lawmaker whose district includes Northville.

The House approved the bill 65 to 34 with support from 50 Republicans and 15 Democrats.

All HomeTown area lawmakers voted yes — Vorva, Willis Bullard, R-Milford, Sue Munsell, R-Howell, Dan Gustaíson, R-Haslett, and Kirk Proit. D-Ypsilanti.

Vorva was alone among area reps n supporting an amendment by Rep. Pavid Jaye, R-Utica, that would have xempted academies from using cerfiled teachers. It went down in ames, 16 to 84.

Vorva, Bullard, Gustafson and lunsell supported Jaye's amendent to exempt charter schools from ling certified administrators. That

ent down on a 37 to 61 vote.

the educational colleges, "Vorva said. They're in the business of turning out people with education degrees. They said, We have to get them jobs.' I said, 'Government is not here to create jobs." But a key architect of the bill

couldn't understand why Gov. John Engler was so excited about the House version. The governor's bill has been wa-

tered down, modified, into public school academies. He didn't even get the name 'charter schools,' " said Rep. William Keith, D-Garden City, co-chair of the House Education Committee.

The governor wanted a commission of his friends to issue charters. like the Jobs Commission did with retraining for Steelcase - tantamount to corporate welfare. Under his bill, the departments of Social Services, Corrections or any other could have issued charters," Keith said after Monday's long floor battle.

instead, only public school districts, intermediate (county) districts, universities and community colleges will be able to issue charters.

And those bodies, instead of issuing charters to anyone, may issue ant down on a 37 to 61 vote. them to a group in which at least 50 You have a real strong lobby from percent of the board members are certified teachers. Among other changes from En-

gler's proposal: Academies would have to follow

state school laws in hiring. The governor's plan would have meant they could have hired child abusers or embezziers," Keith said. Boards of academies will have to

comply with the Open Meetings Act. ■ Academies will have to comply with PA 25, the 1989 school law requiring annual reports, improvement programs and core curriculums.

■ Academies will be subject to collective bargaining laws. Engler had wanted an "open shop." Charters may not be issued to reli-

gious schools or churches or officials of them. ■ In a sharp blow to the religious right, academies will be required to

use an "outcome based" curriculum. Nevertheless, Engler called the academies bill, now before the Senate, "the most extensive, expansive charter school bill in the country."

And the right-wing Coalition for Better Schools, headed by Annway president Dick DeVos, said "Michigan will benefit from innovative new schools" but favored "more sweeping

The Michigan Federation of Teachers called the bill "flawed" but better than Engler's original propossal. It called chartered academies a gimmick.

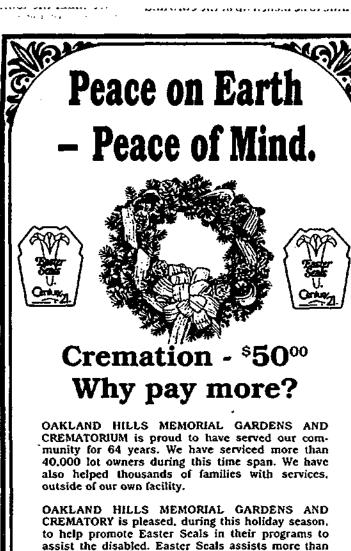
An academy could not levy taxes. It would not be a legal school corporation but would operate as a nonprofit corporation with a board of directors and bylaws. A majority of the board would be certified teachers.

Public boards issuing charters may not issue them outside their own boundaries. The public board must report to the State Board of Education on the charters issued.

The bill says a chartering body isn't required to issue a charter. But under a Republican amendment, an applicant that is denied a charter may appeal to circuit court. If the applicant has followed all the rules, the court "shall" order a charter granted, and the public body must pay the applicant's legal costs.

That amendment was supported by Vorva, Bullard, Gustafson and Munsell but opposed by Profit.

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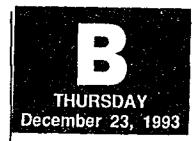
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By MICHELLE HARRISON

As Santa Claus, a.k.a. Joe Bommarito, pulled his black kneehigh, rubber boots over his red pants, he practiced a hearty "ho, ho, ho."

The easiest part is putting on the makeup and the suit." Bommarito said from his "dressing room," a vacant store located next to Hudson's in Twelve Oaks Mall. "Mentally, I have to become a little kid. I start saying some ho, ho, hos and I start to feel the excitement."

But once he's on his throne at center court, waiting for the children to make their way up the red carpet stretched out before him. Bommarito is fully into his role as

"I'm a kid at heart myself," the 6-foot-2 Santa confessed. "When I see the kids and their excitement,

that's the best part of it all." This is Bommarito's second year as a Santa Claus for the Novi mall. A full-time student at

Schoolcraft College and a Hudson's employee, the Northville resident said he initially toyed with idea of playing Santa because of his niece and nephew.

"I wanted to see their expression," he said, adding that his niece and nephew visited him twice at the mall last year and didn't realize it was their uncle underneath the white beard.

But as he continued in his Santa position, Bommarito realized he enjoyed not only the reaction of his relatives, but that of the other children, too.

"It makes me want to have my own kids," he said.

Single and 26. Bommarito said he does make for an unusual Santa Claus.

"Usually, the guys are older and have their own kids," he admitted. They like to grab onto memories of their own kids and Santa Claus.

It takes Bommarito between 15 and 20 minutes to prepare himself physically for his role. Blush



Ho, ho. ho! Santa, a.k.a. Joe Bommarito, waves to shoppers from his throne at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi.

makes his cheeks rosy and his nose like a cherry, and white clown makeup transforms his dark eyebrows and temples into a shade of snowy white to match his

wig and beard.
"Mentally, I start the second I

Bommarito works four-hour shifts, as do most of the other Santas employed by the mall.

"That way I don't get tired and I still have the energy to see them (the children) all," he said.

Not necessarily performing the role of Santa for the money, Bommarito says he believes in the spirit of Santa Claus in spite of his adulthood.

"There's nothing really that I don't like about this job," he said. I get a lot of crying babies, but that's to be expected."

The image of crying babies

sparked a memory of one of Bommarito's funniest Santa experiences. A mother placed her baby on Santa's lap to get a picture. The baby was laughing and giggling, at least until the baby turned around

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Photos by BRYAN MITCHELL

Left, Santa gets the low-down on 14-month-old Garrett Brady's Christmas list. Above, Santa Claus (Bommarito) prepares for his four-hour shift at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi last Thursday. He, as well as some of the other Santas, work only four hours in order to provide full attention to all their "customers." The shorter stints help keep him "excited" about his role, Bommarito says. It takes about 20 minutes to physically prepare for his position as Santa while mental preparation begins as soon as Bommarito wakes up.

Volunteer



Photo by HAL GOULD

Volunteer is making a difference for seniors

By DOROTHY NASH special Writer

"I am sensitized to the needs of senior citizens on a fixed budget, and I'm trying to make a difference," is the reason Laura Lorenzo gave for her being a member of the Novi Housing and Community Development Advisory Committee.

A description of the committee, according to a booklet put out by the city, reads like this:

The City of Novi annually receives funding from Oakland County called Community Development Block Grant Funds. The Housing and Community Development Advisory Committee was formulated for the purpose of reviewing community deve-lopment needs of the City in regard to these funds.

Of the five on the committee, three of us are women, and there are two men plus Dan Davis," who is chairperson and has an office in Parks and Recreation, said Lorenzo.

For the last two years the Committee has received between \$87,000 and \$98,000 dollars to spend.

A portion, Lorenzo said, "is given every year." The Public Services portion covers the van for senior citizen transportation and two-thirds of the salary of Jan McAlpin, the senior citizen center manager.

The rest is allocated to take care of the needs which senior citizens have reported they can't take care of such as temergency rehabilitation . . . home repairs . . . things to make their homes livable.

Basically all of these people, Lorenzo said, "live north of I-96."

People contact Dan Davis," she said, and then the committee meets to discuss the needs, 'prioritizing them." Lorenzo said.

Usually the committee meets twice at the end of the year, and then a public hearing is held, followed by City Council approval. In December application is made for the funds. and in the following spring the funds are available.

"It makes you feel good," being on the committee, said Laura Lorenzo.

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Residents from Northville performing in the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company's production of The Nutcrocker were Stacy Ambroziak. Amanda Benish, Emily Benish, Lauren Christiansen, Kimberly Lang. Megan Patak and

The production, which was performed at various high schools, was put on in conjunction with the Plymouth Symphony.

Annual wine tasting

Dennis and Cheryl Cassady, now residing in West Glendale, Ariz., will be returning to host the Northville Historical Society's 10th Annual Wine Tasting on Wednesday, Dec. 29, 7:30 p.m. at Mill Race Village.

The cost is \$12.50 per person for the Historical Society members and

\$15 per person for guests.

This year Dennis will be featuring wines from the Southwest, and everyone is to bring a Southwestern hors d'oeurve and a wine glass. Dennis and Cheryl can be reached at 348-2095 for more information.

Also, the Society's annual membership drive is taking place. Anyone interested in further information, please contact the office at 348-1845 after

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Single Place participants will gather from 10-10:45 a.m. Sunday in the library at First Presbyterian Church.

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Light and Lively will be performed by the Silver Bell Banjo Society at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 27 in the Boll Fellowship Hall of First Presbyterian Church. The informal evening will include popcorn, chips and soft drinks. Members of the Banjo Society will perform a variety of "ole time music," including Jazz, blues, polka and ragtime on the banjo, fiddle and piano.

A New Year's Eve party has been set for 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Northville Recreation Center. A catered dinner will be served a 9 p.m. and a disc jockey will

provide music for dancing all evening. Hats, horns and soda pop will be provided.

Tickets are \$30 if bought prior to Dec. 29 and \$35 after. Firm reservations are needed by Dec. 30 and tickets will be limited. Tickets are available at Single Place on Wednesday evenings.

A winter series of a divorce recovery workshop will be held on seven Thursday evenings, Jan. 13 though Feb. 24, at 7:30 p.m. in the library lounge of First Presbyterian Church.
This is a seminar for divorced and separated persons of all ages. A dona.

tion of \$30 is requested.

A ski weekend at Boyne Highland and Nubs Nob is planned for Jan. 28. and 30. The cost is \$205.

For further information on any of the Single Place events, call the Single Place office at 340-0911.

Bassin in tune

As the Hiram College Madrigals move to their fifth performance of the season, Northville native Valerie Bassin is turning in a fine performance for the Hiram company - one of the oldest in Ohlo.

Bassin, a soprano, is the only freshman singer of the Hiram madrigal group. Once students audition successfully for the company, they are in for the remainder of their college career.

Director Damaris Peters Pike, professor of music at the college, is sold Bassin's talent.

This is one of the best groups I've ever had — in terms of the vocal blend and in terms of their cooperative spirit," Pike said. "And Valerie fits right into

Bassin performed during the fall quarter with the Hiram College choir and had extensive musical experience in high school with the Northville Singers. She also took voice lessons with Pike during the fall.

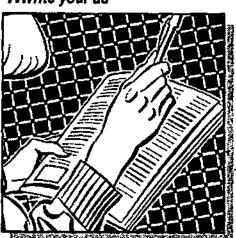
Singing is only one aspect of performing with the Hiram College Madrigals. Pike strives for a lively stage-like performance and finds Bassin especially adept for such a setting. A 1993 graduate of Northville High School, Bassin is the daughter of

Barbara and Albert Glover.

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in school but NHS recently had a guest speaker at an all-school assembly which kept the students attention and then some. Jim Tuman, students about friendships, relationships, "relationshifts" and the importance of family. It was well received by staff and students. That same evening. Jim spoke to parents and students on the topic of Taking the Fear Out of Parenting." This program was equally successful. Jim will be working with our ACORD group throughout the school year.

Dr. Willard R. Daggett was also a guest speaker on Dec. 14 from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the forum. Dr. Daggett is the director of the International Center for Leadership in Education. He spoke on preparing students for the 1990s and beyond.

The math department was notified that Shailesh Humbad, Vivec Mohta, Edward Murphy, David Rossing, and Mutsume Yoshida qualify for the second part of the 37th Annual Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition sponsored by the section of the Mathematical Association of Michigan.

Students qualified for part 2 by placing among the top 6.6 percent out of about 16,230 participants in

With the holidays around the cor- an examination given at 400 schools ner it is usually hard to stay focused in Michigan. Vivec Mohta accred among the top 1.1 percent on part 1. Also, Marc Chaisson, Brian Fowler. Katherine L. Johnson and Jennifer Pollock placed among the top 8.8 pera noted national speaker, talked to cent and missed qualifying for part 2 by only I question. Those five students who qualified for part 2 took the exam on Dec. 8. Congratulations to all of the students and good luck to the five who are waiting for their new

> Charlie Stilec along with Mr. Wickens accompanied a group of students to a state wide leadership conference on Nov. 13, 14 and 15 for the S.A.D.D. Chapter at NHS. President of our Chapter Morjorie Mateia was chosen to address a break out session as group chairperson of one of the top chapters in the state.

> S.A.D.D. has put up a large board in the senior court yard which is called The Window of Life." All students are invited to sign it so long as they pledge not to drink and drive. We are pleased to say the window is filling up nicely.

> S.A.D.D. along with the Kiwanis Club once again collected clothing for the needy.

Our NHS family would like to wish the community a safe and peaceful holiday season.

Helen Ghannam



The red Santa Claus suits worn by Bommarito and the other Santas are provided by Twelve Oaks Mail as well as the beards and wigs. The suit can get warm at times, but overall, isn't that uncomfortable, according to Bommarito. A vacant store next to Hudson's serves as Santa's dressing room.

Mall Santas take preparations seriously for St. Nicholas role

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and saw Santa.

"It was just a look of total fear." he said. The baby started screaming.

When babies and children do cry, Bommarito tries to soothe their sobs with a gentle voice and rattling toys. When a developmentally disabled child visits him. Bommarito said he

likes to give special attention by going up to the child himself. Bommarito said he hasn't had

many problems with kids tugging at

"I think they're more interested in just seeing Santa," he said. "The the money he makes playing Santa to

older kids, I think they know, but they don't spoil it for the younger

"Each one (child), to a point, is a challenge," said Harry Champe, a veteran Santa who has manned the Santa throne for the last eight years at Twelve Oaks. You can tell - if they cling to Mom you know you're usually in trouble.

Champe works for four hours

Monday through Thursday. Seventy-five percent of it is for the fun. he said. This year, the other

part is for finances Champe explained that he uses

pay his Walled Lake property taxes. Believe it or not, portraying Santa is actually relaxing for Champe. He said he feels satisfied by sending his

love out to the children. The oldest "kid" to sit on Santa Bommarito's lap was a person of about age 50 who asked for money.

"That was my hardest customer," Bommarito laughed.

One lady even brought her dog to pose with Santa for a photograph. Another advantage of playing Santa is that you learn about all the popular toys. Topping the children's toy lists this year are Barney the Dinosaur, Thomas the Train and Teen-

age Mutant Ninja Turties for the boys and Barble for the girls.

"It's unbelievable how popular Barbie is. Bomma ito said. The most touching lists come from children who don't ask for anything for themselves but request presents

Bommarito said. Both Santas agree the best part of the job is seeing the children's eyes light up when they see the bearded

for their siblings or other people.

The biggest thrill is when they start at the end of that plank and run to you and hug you. Bommarito

Area students on 'Who's Who' list

Novi high schools have been included in the 27th annual edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1992-93.

Who's Who, published by Educa-tional Communications, Inc., in Lake Forest, Ill., is the largest high school recognition publication in the country. Students are nominated by high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches or by the publishing company based upon students' performance in scholarship award contests or extracurricular activities.

Final selection is determined on the basis of criteria which include high,achievement in academics and leadership in school activities, athleties or community service. Traditionally, 99 percent of Who's Who students have a grade point average of *B* or better and 97 percent are col-

Students also compete for \$125,000 in scholarship awards and nual opinion poll of teen attitudes.

Students from Northville fea-Clanty, Jennifer Coffelt, Brandon non Wehab and Tracie Zielinski.

Students from both Northville and Dalziel, Kambiz Daneshvar, Christopher Dattilio, Michelle Davila, Rajat Deo, Katherine Farah, Jason Fisher. Nishi Goyal, Matthew Hanert, Ruth Holden, Sarah Howland, Paul Jacokes Jr., Michael Kapusky, Ryann Klassen, Emily Kniebes, Karen Kosman, John Lane, Justine Lankes, Robyn List, Michael Maschek, Jennifer McNally, Sean Mills, Katherine Misteravich, Michael Mitchell, Vinay Mohta. Suzanne Morton, Stacey Nield, Ernest Nolan, Shannan Norwood, Aaron Ormond, Jamey Palazeti, Parag Parikh, Catherine Pinkelman, Jennifer Pollock, Tim Polsinelli, Rich Porter, Paul Pyrkosz, Todd Rabourn, Stephanie Schimpf. Angle Snyder, Maxwell Sprauer, Robert Subotich, Laura Thomas. Lisa Tinney, Alicia Turner, Lisa Wagner, Megan Walsh, Anthony Wen. Barbara White, Marc Wilson, Tracy Winter, Daniel Zum Brunnen and Julie Zwiesler.

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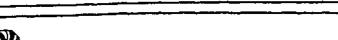
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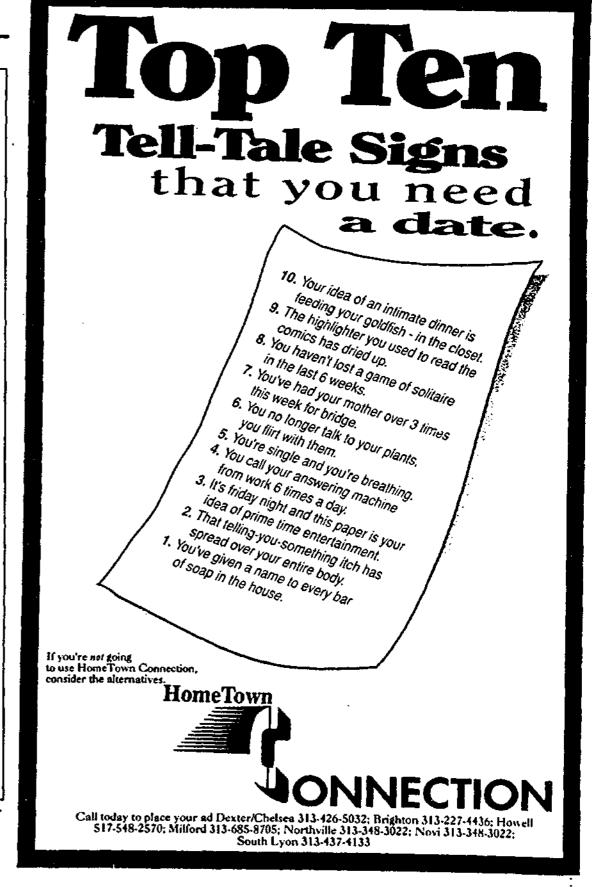
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Village collections more than a hobby

By MICHELLE HARRISON Staff Writer

When the leaves outside are just beginning to turn crimson. Betty Alexander is already planning for

"I get so excited I start in October." the Novi resident said.

It takes her awhile to bring out her Christmas "goodies" - a collection of Hudson Santa Bears, various other Christmas decorations and the creme de la creme, a 242-piece miniature Dickens' village. Complete with 47 lights and 80 accessory pieces (trees, lamp posts and villagers), the collectible village is from Dept. 56, a company located in Minnesota.

The last few years pieces have be-come highly collectible, said Sonja Lane, a Northville resident who also sets up the Christmas village scene during the holidays. They retire certain pieces every year, making them more valuable.

The ceramic replicas of English buildings include several collections such as Christmas in the City, Alpine, A Christmas Carol, Oliver Twist, Little Town of Bethlehem and New England. Both Alexander and Lane accumulate pieces of the Dickens' Village

Lane has 24 of the buildings, which she collects with her daughter Sharon. Well, at least until next year. Her daughter has recently become engaged and will be taking her collection with her when she marries.

This year, the Lanes added a train to their village scene. It took them about 10 hours to complete the display.

The hobby has become so popular that a collector has to get her name on a list to receive any of the limited editions, which can cost up to \$100 each. Most of the other houses cost

\$35 to \$50 a piece.

Lane and her daughter have been collecting the village pieces for about three years. Although Lane had previously collected lighted miniature houses when discounted at department stores, it was her daughter who got her interested in the collectible Dept. 56 series. Sharon got interested in Dept. 56 while employed during the Christmas season at

"It gets in your blood," Sonja Lane said. "It's addicting. You get started and you can't quit. You think you've got enough (buildings) and something new comes out.

Lane said her display, which she built in front of her living room window, keeps getting bigger and bigger each year.

"After last year people thought I would just move the furniture right out of the living room," she laughed.

She constructed mountains out of boxes covered with Spanish moss and used aquarium gravel for the rocks lining the railroad tracks and stream. She is considering constructing a real stream for next year's display.
This is my favorite holiday," she



Betty Alexander has over 200 pieces in her Dept. 56 Dickens' village collection.

said. "I get a little carried away." Alexander's display is mounted on 3- by 5% -foot table, built by her husband Dick, in the upstairs living room of her condominium. She started collecting the pieces about nine years ago.

"I saw them in a store and I bought

the first part of A Christmas Carol," she said.

Alexander said she is lucky because Gretchen, Paul and Evelyn of Margie's Hallmark at 14 Mile and Haggerty alert her to all the new

They got one mountain in this

Sonja Lane of Northville, left, started collecting her Dept. 56 village about three years ago with her daughter Sharon. This year she added a train to the scene. Next year she would like to construct a real stream to make the village that more realistic. The Victoria Station, right, is a new addition

to the village.

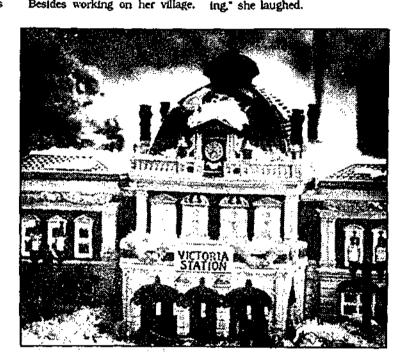
year and it was mine," she said. Making her village complete are a blue bulb in a light fixture above the scene, casting a moon-like hue, and a cassette tape of village sounds. She purchased the tape while in Florida.

Besides working on her village.

Alexander keeps busy during the holiday season by baking. She made five batches of toffee and 'lots of cookies." The toffee was in tins and ready to give away.

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"I don't eat it because it's fatten-



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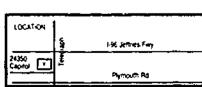
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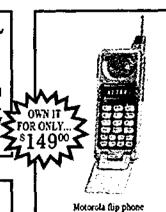


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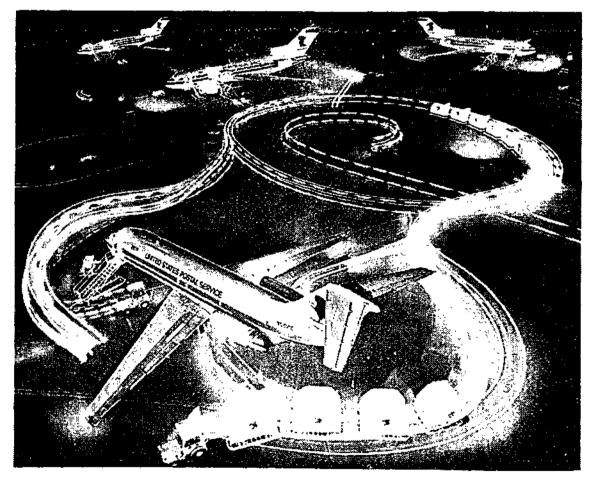
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Married team to star in play

A Northville couple is starring in a comedy murder mystery production of the Ridgedale Players.

Catch Me If You Can, written by Jack Weinstock and Willie Gilbert, is

directed by Jim West.
Linda and Larry Pelliccioni of Northville have roles in the production.

The mystery centers on the identity of a woman (played by Linda Pelliccioni) who shows up at a northern lodge in the Catskills, claiming to be the wife of Daniel Corbin (played by Linda's real-life husband Larry).

Is she his wife? If not, why does she claim to be? And who is Father Kelliher? Whose side is he on? Are the actions of inspector Levine (played by Jack Abella of Southfield) legitimate? Topping off the play's many twists

is a great surprise ending.

Also starring in the performance are Ellen Afthinos, Suzanne Barcewicz. Dennis Fitzpatrick and David

Dates for Catch Me If You Can are Jan. 7-9 and 14-16, 1994. Friday and Saturday performances are at 8 p.m. and Sunday shows begin at 3 p.m. The Ridgedale Players are located at 205 W. Long Lake Road in Troy (between Crooks and Livernois).

Tickets are \$8 with a \$1 discount for seniors on Sundays. Call 433-1572 for tickets.



Larry Pelliccioni tries to get revenge on Linda Pelliccioni in "Catch Me If You Can," a comedy murder mystery being presented at the Ridgedale Playhouse Jan. 7-9 and 14-16, 1994. The Pelliccionis are a husband and wife acting team from Northville.

Entertainment Listings

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

Special Events

NEW YEAR'S STAY-OVER: Ring in the New Year at The Hotel Baronette's New Year's Eve Extravaganza. The evening will begin at 8 p.m. with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and a Bruschetta table. A 9 p.m. dinner of chilled seafood platter, Michigan Theme salad, prime rib and sour-dough breads will be held in the Savoy Ballroom. A sweet table will be open after dinner for all to enjoy.

Party favors and champagne will be brought out shortly before midnight. Sterling will entertain.

As the evening draws to an end. party goers will retire to one of the guest rooms. An Italian brunch will

be served on New Year's morning. For cost information and reservations, call the Novi Road Hotel at 349-6666.

NEW YEAR'S PACKAGES: The Wyndham Garden Hotel in Novi is offering two New Year's Eve packages.

The Rendezvous Package offers deluxe overnight accommodations for two and buffet breakfast. The Celebration Package includes deluxe accommodations for two, prime rib buffet dinner, dancing in the Grand Ballroom, cocktails, champagne toast at midnight, breakfast buffet and party favors.

For cost information and reservations, call 344-8900.

LOCAL POLKS IN SHOW: Mary Bremer's Lunch Bunch Players and Genitti's Hole in the Wall restaurant team up for a holiday season of family entertainment with an energetic production of the classical musical. Wizard of Oz.

The Lunch Bunch is a professional troupe of polished young actors, singers and dancers from the tri-county area. Christina Genitti, a 5-year-old student at Amerman Elementary. will play the part of a munchkin while veteran performer Bob Ketterer of Northville will take to the stage as Uncle Henry.

The Lunch Bunch will perform at Genitu's Little Theatre, 112 E. Main St. The 1 p.m. shows are preceded by a noon spaghetti luncheon Dec. 23, 30 and Jan. 8. Tickets for children are \$11.50 (\$7.50 show only) and \$13.50 for adults (\$8.50 show only).

For information and reservations, call 349-0522.

PAINTER'S PLACE: Christmas cards featuring scenes of downtown Northville are available at Painter's Place, the studio and gallery of Caroline Dunphy, 140 N. Center Street. This year's card features a view looking west on Main Street. Cards from several previous years are also on

For more information, call 348-9544.

Theater

CHILDREN'S BALLET: Novi resident Tracey Gies, daughter of Tim and Karlyn Gies, will be peforming in the Dec. 30 holiday performance by The Children's Ballet Theatre. The performance will take place at 7 p.m. in the Edsel Ford High School audi-

torium, 20601 Rotunda, Dearborn. Under the direction of Karen Milligan, the performance will include "The Tales of Beatrix Potter," "Les Pa-tineurs" and "Corelli's Christmas

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children and can be purchased at the door. Children's Ballet Theatre offers gifted youngsters, ages 9-16, a showcase for their talents.

ALADDIN: The classic story of a boy and his genie, Aladdin, continues at Northville's Marquis Theatre. Tickets for the musical, featuring adult and child performers, are \$6.50.

Performance dates and times are Saturday, Jan. 1 at 2:30 p.m., and Sundays, Dec. 26 and Jan. 2 at 2:30

In addition, special holiday break

performances are Monday through Friday, Dec. 27-31, at 2:30 p.m. The Marquis Theater is located at 135 E. Main Street, Northville. For information, call 349-8110.

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

Diners are given clues — and sometimes speaking roles in the action — to help them figure out who dunnit. Prizes are given out to the best guessers.

Home Sweet Home is located at 43180 Nine Mile Road just east of Novi Road.

For information and reservations, call 347-0095.

GENITTI'S: Genitti's Hole-In-The-Wall Restaurant has two production companies performing different Murder Mystery Dinner Theaters every Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. Reservations are required. Special performances of the Murder Mystery Dinner Theater are available.

Through New Year's Eve, a mustcal Christmas murder mystery extravaganza will put you in the holiday mood.

As the crime unfolds during the performance, the guests try to discover who committed the murder. Audience members are asked to perform roles in the play. Gifts are awarded to those who correctly guess the identity of the culprit.

Genitti's "Hole-in-the-Wall" restaurant is located in downtown Northville at 108 E. Main St. Just east of Center Street.

The Murder Mystery Dinner Theater with the seven-course dinner is \$35 per person.

Phone 349-0522 or fax 349-4641 for reservations. Group rates available.

Music

CAPPE BRAVO: On Fridays and Saturdays from 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. classical guitarist Carol Smallwood is continuing her engagement at Caffe Bravo. Smallwood also appears on Sundays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Also each Sunday, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., varying guitar concerts are planned, ranging from classical music to the blues.

The coffee house is in the Main-Centre in downtown Northville. For information, call 344-0220.

MR. B'S FARM: Mr. B's Farm. on Novi Road north of Ten Mile, presents

live music all week with no cover Sunday is a 'Strings 'N' Things Jam" from 9 p.m. to midnight every

week. Local artists get together for impromptu jams. Music starts at 9 p.m. For more information call 349-7038.

NOVI HILTON: Whispers Lounge. in the Novi Hilton. Is open Tuesday through Saturday, 8 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Live entertainment is from 9

p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Intrique will perform through Dec. 25.

For information call 349-4000. RIPPLES: Fridays and Saturdays at 10 p.m., Riffles of Northville becomes a live rhythm and blues case. Riffles is at 18730 Northville Road. For information, call 348-3490.

tainment on Friday and Saturday at Eli & Denny's from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. The music is Top 40.

The hotel is at 27000 Sheraton Drive in Novi, across from Tweive Oaks Mall.

For information, call 348-5000. STARTING GATE: The Starting Gate Saloon offers live music every

Friday and Saturday night from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. The Starting Cate is located at 135

N. Center St. in downtown Northville.

VICTOR'S: Where can you find an active Hammond organ, great music and good food? Answer: Victor's of Novi. Call 349-1438 ahead to find out if nostalgic Connie Mallett will be on keyboard.

Master of the Hammond, Mallett charms her audiences at Victor's with such favorites as "Misty" and "Moonlight Serenade."

Art

THE ARTISTS' GALLERY: Featured artists are Claudia St. Peter, furniture and decorative tiles; and paintings by Catherine Anderson and Henrietta Helman.

The gallery is located in Or-chard Place Mall, 30905 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday. Tuesday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. For information, call 855-8832.

ATRIUM GALLERY: Now featured is the work of South Lyon artist Dyana Hesson, who creates dramatic oil paintings using the finely-layered color technique of the preimpressionists.

Also featured are the watercolors of Marily Blinder of Southfield; new raku work by Suzanne Young of Berkley: glass by Birmingham artist Stan Megdall and jewelery in silver and beads by the Madison Heights couple David and Kami Turner.

The Atrium Gallery is at 109 N. Center St. in Northville. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday; and Sunday from noon to 4

Contemporary arts and crafts, including raku pottery, glass, painting and jewelery are for sale. Call 349-4131.

Gallery in the atrium of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile, features a changing show of the work of local

GATE VI GALLERY: The Gate VI

LITTLE ART GALLERY: The Little Art Gallery at Genitti's Samuel Little Theater in downtown Northville features two shows a month.

Michigan fine artists who would like to display their works are encouraged to contact gallery manager and artist Julie Glordano at

The Little Art Gallery is at 112 E.

TOWN CENTER GALLERY: The Town Center Gallery is located at Novi Town Center at 43267 Crescent Blvd. Hours are Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. Call 380-0470.

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

Hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and by appointment. Call 474-8306.

Nearby

BALLROOM DANCING: Make your reservations now for elegant ballroom dancing at the Mayflower Hotel in Plymouth New Year's Eve.

The Mayflower Hotel Crow's Nest Pub will feature Matt Watroba's folk music from 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. this Friday and Saturday.

D.L. Turner will be entertaining on Dec. 31 and will continue on Fridays and Saturdays through Jan. 30. For more information, call

HUNDREDS OF HO HOS: Over 1,000 Santa Claus statues from the extensive private collection of Dr. Weldon and Shirley Petz will be on dislay at the Plymouth Historical Mu-

seum now though Jan. 30. The collection sprouted from a core of family antique Santa ornaments into an extraordinary accumulation of old and new figurines of the jolly saint in chalk, clay, wood, cardboard, tin, glass, celluloid and

Admission is \$1.50 for adults, 50 cents for students and \$4 for families. The museum is at 155 S. Main Street in Plymouth.

Hours are Wednesday. Thursday and Saturday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. For information, call 455-8940.

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RECORD **MOVIES**





Jack Lemmon, Ann-Margret and Walter Matthau star in 'Grumpy

'Grumpy Old Men' reunites cinema's famed odd couple

"Grumpy Old Men." a Warner Bros. release, is a rollicking, romantic comedy that reunites one of the great screen duos of all time.

Oscar-winners Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau once again team up in the story of a lifetime rivalry that only two fiercely individualistic curmudgeons could sustain - and the jolt their relationship undergoes when a lovely, romantic and available widow, played by Ann-Margret, moves in across the street.

Filmed on location in Minnesota. "Grumpy Old Men" examines the decades-old love-hate relationship between the two neighbors, and the ways their lives are thrown into total upheaval when a lovely, free-spirited widow moves in across the street from them.

In Minnesota, it is said that there are three seasons — June, July and Winter. And for John Gustafson (Lemmon) and Max Goldman (Matthau), next-door neighbors in the picture-perfect town of Wabasha, Minnesota, it has been one long winter of their discontent with each other - 56 years to be exact.

John's and Max's greatest plea-Sure consists of thinking up new ways to embarass, ridicule or ambush each other in the course of their everyday campaign of revenge and

About what? Who knows? Max and John might recall the shadowy beginning of this lifetime love-hate relationship, but they're not telling. They greet each other every morning.

but their greeting usually consists of profanity mixed with insulting oneupsmanship.

They're ice-lishing buddles, to be sure - but they mock each other's catch and hurl invective and rotting fish when they share a "friendly" chat about their hobby.

Not even John's daughter Melanie (Daryl Hannah) or Max's son Jacob (Kevin Pollak) knows what started their fathers' feud. But with John and Max wifeless and retired, and the indignities of the "golden years" encreaching, hating each other's guts has become their greatest pleasure in

That changes, as you might expect, when a radiant, free-spirited and enchantingly eccentric college teacher Ariel Truax (Ann-Margret) moves in right across the street from

The lovely Ariel gives both grumpy old men new leases on life, as she innocently escalates their mutual loathing to new heights of depths with each furiously jockeying for first position in her affections.

The latest phase of the Wabasha War has begun, with John and Max's odd enduring relationship hanging precariously in the balance.

"Grumpy Old Men" is directed by Donald Petrie, whose "Mystic Pizza" impressed audiences and critics with its humor and humanity.

In addition to Lemmon, Matthau and Ann-Margret, the east includes Ossie Davis, Burgess Meredith and Buck Henry.



John Gustafson (Jack Lemmon) and Max Goldman (Walter Matthau) vent their rage at each other on the ice

The screenplay for "Grumpy Old Grumpy Old Men was the one he Men" was written by Mark Steven wanted to do," he noted. Johnson. Not only would his very two immortal actors he'd had in mind when he wrote it.

It's unbelievable that this is actually happening," said Johnson, who completed his first draft of "Grumpy Old Men" three years ago at the age of 25 while working a day shift as a secretary at Orion Pictures.

'Grumpy Old Men' is a very personal project for me, said the young "Kotch" and the two shared the marscreenwriter. "It's a valentine to my home state of Minnesota, and the character of John Gustafson is based on my own grandfather."

Personal manager/producer Richard C. Berman was persuaded by a producer Davis. Together they have relative to look at Johnson's screenplay despite the fact that he admits to being wary of such requests. But on the first reading I knew that Mark was a very talented writer and that this script would make a terrific movie," he said.

The script also captured the imagination of John Davis, one of film and the perfect choice of Melanie Gustafducers. "It had heart, it had humor ity and beauty that's irresistible,"

director to shepherd the material into you want to spend the rest of your life full screen life. Davis said he had al- with." ways wanted to work with Donald Kevin Pollak was everyone's favo-

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What everyone hoped — but no first script be made into a major fea-ture film, it would be made starring Lemmon and Walter Matthau to agree to play John and Max, roles designed for their very unique skills and personalities.

Lemmon and Matthau decided that the script was enticing enough for a fifth teaming. In addition to the five films they have made together. Lemmon directed Mattahu to an Oscar-nominated performance in quee, but had no scenes together, in Oliver Stone's "JFK."

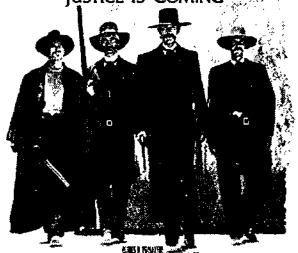
Lemmon and Matthau are both great stars in their own right." said a symbiotic on-screen relationship

that is nothing short of miraculous. Selected for the role of Ariel Truax was Ann-Margret, who has graced the screen for 30 years in roles which have increasingly demonstrated her extraordinary range.

Daryl Hannah was thought to be television's most dynamic young pro- son. 'She has a wannth, vulnerabiland it had a real edge," he observed. said Petrie. "Daryl is the girl next door The next step was to find a suitable . . . if the girl next door is someone

Petrie. "Of all the scripts I sent him, rite for the role of Jacob Goldman.





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Grapplers fifth at invite

By SCOTT DANIEL

A depleted Mustang wrestling team took fifth place at the Garden City Invitational Saturday.

The flu-bug kept serveral Northville wrestlers at well below 100 percent for the tournament. Jason Tarrow, Joe Scappaticci and Adam Lynch were among those affected by

According to coach Bob Boshoven, a healthy Mustang squad would have fared much better.

'If we'd have had everybody healthy,' he said, 'I think we could have fought for the top two."
While Boshoven would have liked

his team to place a bit higher, he said it wasn't vitally important.

"It wasn't a league meet and it won't affect how we are seeded in districts," he commented. "This meet doesn't mean anything.

"If we were going to go in beat up and sick to any tournament this was

the one (to do it at)." WLAArival Livonia Stevenson won

the tournament with 182 points. Northville finished with 131. Sam Saran was up first for the Mustangs. The 103-pounder went 1-2 on the day. His only win came in

his second match.

"If we'd have had everybody healthy, I think we could have fought for the top two."

BOB BOSHOVEN Wrestling coach

"He's still not 100 percent," Boshoven said of Saran, who suffered a

hand injury earlier this year. At 119 pounds, Tarrow went 3-1. He won his first three matches then fell to Anthony Underwood of West-

land John Glenn 8-4 in the finals. "If he's healthy," Boshoven said, "I think he can beat Underwood.*

Chris Harrison was fifth overall at 130 pounds. He went 3-2 on the day. Cory Keranen took third at 135 pounds. He split his first two matches then won three straight. Keranen avenged his only loss in the battle for third place by decisioning Jason Sayne of Garden City 6-4.

'Cory's got three losses this year." said Boshoven. Two out of those three he's come back to beat that person the same day.

At 140 pounds, Carl Tune was second overall. He won three matches, two by pin, before falling to Livonia Stevenson's Scott Goldman in the

"He wrestled well against Goldman early," said Boshoven. "But It was his first final. I think he ran out of gas in the third period."

Ryan Baber had an excellent tournament by going 4-1 and taking third place. He won his first two matches by pin before dropping his only match to a Monroe wrestler in round three. Baber took an injury default victory in the battle for third place. Scappaticci placed fifth despite

being under the weather. The 2-pounder went 3-2 on the day. 'Of everyone that was sick," said Boshoven, "he was in the worst

Lynch finished sixth at 160 pounds. Both of his wins came by

Heavyweight Nick Bowersox was the last of Northville's wrestlers to place. He was sixth and won two of

Continued on 10 Renee Olin goes for a block against Novi.



Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Spikers whip Novi in two

By SCOTT DANIEL Sports Editor

it's amazing what a little concent-

ration and teamwork will do. The Mustang volleyball team embraced those two elements Thursday and took an easy 15-4, 15-13 sweep of Baseline rival Novi at home. Ac-cording to Northville High coach Laura Murray, her team played superbly against the Wildcats. "I don't think we had one point

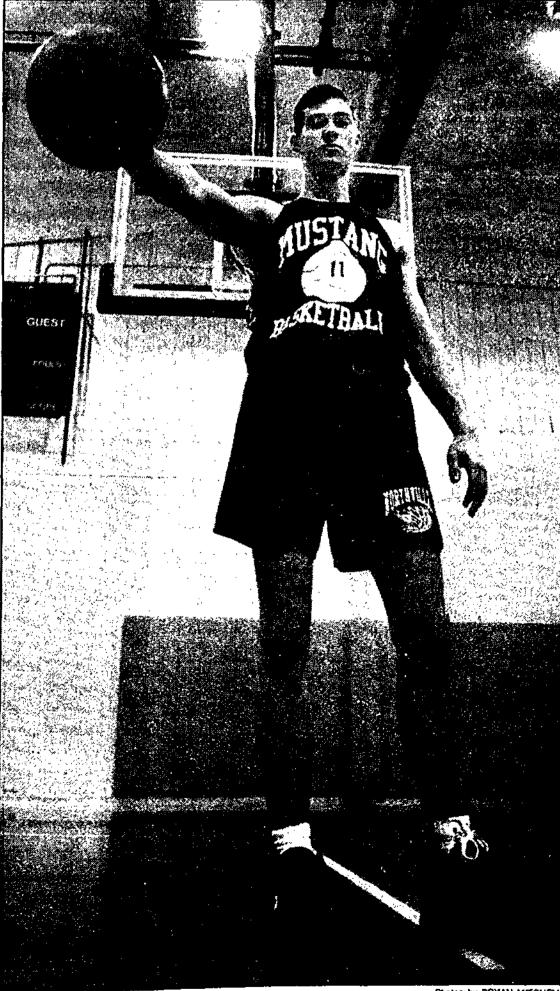
against us because of a mental er-ror, she commented. That's a lot

better than we ever played last year. It was Northville's first dual match of the season. The Mustangs are now off for Christmas break until Jan. 8. Western Lakes Activities Association play begins late next month.

Although the Mustangs looked

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VERTICALLY CHALLENGED



Photos by BRYAN MITCHELL

Our research indicates that Josh Williams (above) is the tallest Mustang in school history. At 6-foot-11, the senior may not be done growing. Williams and teammates (on right: from left to right) John Buser, George Lemmon and Kieran Williams give Northville its biggest front line —

Williams, Buser, Lemmon give team a boost

By SCOTT DANIEL Sports Editor

When you're talking Mustang ba-sketball, just how tall is tall? The emergence of 6-foot-11 Josh Williams on this year's squad got the Northville Record wondering if the se

Nonthville Record wondering if the senior might be the biggest player in school history. And if he isn't, who is?

According to Stan Johnston, coach of the Mustangs from 1953-60, the Black and Orange has seen its fair share of vertically enhanced players. One of the best remembered his ers. One of the best remembered big men is Jeff Goodrich.

A 6-foot-10 long drink of water, he played for Northville High from 1956-59. In an era where anyone much over 6-foot was considered tall.

When you had somebody that was 6.5 or 6.6 you had a big guy. Johnston added.

Perhaps in all of the school's history, 6-foot-6 Cap Pethers is the most talented big man. Pethers, in fact, was a teammate of Goodrich's, Johnston recalled.

"He was an outstanding player, he said. He could jump, he could shoot the jump shot and rebound. He could do about anything on the court.

"He was a pure shooter," said Dave Longridge, who coached Northville from 1961-68. "He was just good." Pethers, Goodrich and 6-foot-4 Bill Yahne led Northville to the quar-

terfinals of the state tournament one

year. Johnston's boys met up with one of Loston Green's great Piver Rouge squads and lost. "We were pretty good size," said Johnston, and won a lot of

ballgames. Longridge said he coached a few tall players himself. He mentioned Danny Brown, a 6-6 player from the early 1960s, as his best big man.

Northville High had "decent-sized" teams throughout the '60s, Longridge commented. He said 6-foot **MUSTANGS**

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PLAYER	HEIGHT	YEAR
JOSH WILLIAMS	6-11	present
JEFF GOODRICH	6-10	1956-59
RUSSELL CLARK	6-8	1954-55
JOHN BUSER	6-7	present
CAP PETHERS	6-6	1956-59
KIERAN WILLIAMS	6-6	present
DAN BROWN	6-6	1952
GEORGE LEMMO	N 6-5	Present
BILL YAHNE	6-4	1956-59
MARC CHIASSON	6-4	present
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players or a little taller were common to his lineup.

"Most of the schools we played were about the same way." Longridge added. "A big man was 6.4 in those

The caliber of big men wasn't quite

as good 30 years ago, he said. 'In the old days kids were not as sharp with their feet," Longridge explained. You see more big kids (now) that are agile."

Williams is a prime example. Although he has grown steadily in his years as a Mustang, from 6-foot-9 last year to 6-11 this season, the senior has maintained his skills.

"He's a talented kid," said current Mustang skipper Larry Taylor. *He can run the floor, he's a good shot blocker and rebounds very well."

Williams can dominate at times. In a recent game against Dearborn Edsel Ford, he scored 13 points grabbed nine rebounds and blocked seven

There are things you can't teach." Taylor said. "height and quickness." This year's squad may be the biggest in Northville history.

Besides Williams, the Mustangs front line features 6-foot-7 John

CAP PETHERS

Buser and 6-6 Kieran Williams, Also seeing plenty of playing time are forwards 6-5 George Lemmon and 6-foot-4 Marc Chiasson.

Most college programs would like to have as many bigmen as Northville has this year. But as tall as the Mustangs are, extraordinary height is becoming more common place.

WLAA Western Division rivals Farmington Hills Harrison, Livonia Churchill and Livonia Franklin each boast one or more players over 6-foot-5. In the Lakes Division, Westland John Glenn features 6-11 Guy Rucker and 6-foot-5 Tony Goins while Salem's 6-6 James Head is a University of Iowa signee.

As far as big men being more talented, the coach said his players didn't concentrate as much on basketball. Goodrich and Pethers both played football for Northville High as well as basketball.

Editor's note: Did we miss a few? The Northville Record would like to hear about any of the big men not mentioned in the preceding article. Call 349-1700 or drop us a line at 104 W. Main Street, Northville, 48167.



Mustangs to rock in new year



Scott Daniei Sister Act. Rocky, Rambo, Terminator, Alien.

What do all these cinematic classics have in common? Sequels, of course. Following in that fine Hollywood tradition, I've come up with a sequel of my own, "Predictions 2: Judgment Day."

You loyal followers of Northville High sports may recall I wrote a bold, fearless, award winning, epic column a few weeks ago predicting the Mustangs would win the Western Division basketball title. That's all well and good, but you're probably wondering how the other high school teams will fare in the Western Lakes Activities Association this winter.

questions.

Wayne's World. Division champs this year. Bob Boshoven's wrestling squad is loaded.

Northville High captured the league title last year. Virtually the same lineup returns this season minus graduated Matt Allison and senior Mike Steiner, who decided he had had enough of the mat.

The Mustangs would seem to have only one competitor in their division in Farmington Hills Harrison. The real battle will come with Lakes Division rivals Livonia Stevenson and Westland

Northville's already seen both teams in tournaments and had mixed results. However, when the votes are counted, look for the Mustangs to win the WLAA for a second straight

As for Mark Heiden's swimmers, it should be another highly successful winter campaign. Northville finished second in the league last

The Mustangs will miss multi-talented Jim Fear not, Predictions 2 will answer all your Fee as well as Mait Handyside, Todd Lennig and uestions. Gregg Garner, who all graduated. Those losses are too great for Northville to win the WLAA.

Look for a second or third place finish at the league meet in February.

On the upswing is Laura Murray's volleyball team. The second year coach has the Mustangs playing their best ball in years.

Northville advanced to the championship round in the South Lyon tournament and then dismantled Baseline rival Novi (see related story). The WLAA is one tough league, though.

Farmington Hills Harrison, Phymouth Canton. Plymouth Salem and the Livonia schools are all excellent. Look for the Mustangs to push their record to the .500 level this year and then really take off next season.

The Mustang competitive cheer squad falls into the category of getting their feet weet this year. Its Northville's and the state's first season in the sport. Coach Margaret Surdu will have the team firing on all cylinders by the time regionals roll around.

I wish I could tell you how the gymnastic squad will fare this winter. But, the high school cancelled the season when only three athletes tried out (more on that in later editions).

Merry Christmas, everyone.

Northville takes 10th at Macomb

By SCOTT DANIEL Sports Editor

Northville High participated in its second competitive cheer meet Saturday and placed 10th in Class A.

A total of 27 teams from all Michigan High School Athletic Association levels competed at Macomb Community College. Warren Mott finished atop the Class A standings with 662 points. The Mustangs totaled 517 points for 10th place (out of 11 squads).

"It was a little disappointing," said Northville coach Margaret Surdu. But we know what we have to do to improve.

competition - ever. Surdu said the fact that her team is inexperienced and the judges scoring the meet a little differently led to the 10th place

The coach said she has taught the Mustangs the collegiate style of cheer. Surdu added that that style is different from what judges were looking for Saturday.

it's a different style of cheerleading. Surdu said.

Atotal of 748 points are possible at

In round one, Northville netted 150 of a possible 228 points. Round two saw the Mustangs score 163 points out of 240 and finally 204 out it was just Northville's second of 280 points in round three.

Warren Mott edged Utica Eisenhower by six points, 662-656, for the championship. No other Western Lakes Activities Association team participated at Macomb C.C. FRANKENMUTH

Northville qualified for state regional competition by taking fifth at the Frankenmuth meet on Dec. 11.

The Mustangs garnered the higher finish despite totaling 490 points, some 27 less than Saturday.

"They were sharper (Saturday)." said Surdu. "I think we improved quite a bit over Frankenmuth.

Bishop Foley won the meet with 656 points while Chesaning was second with 600 points. A total of six Class A teams competed.

Northville grabbed its greatest percentage of points in the first round with 154 of 228 total. The Mustangs finished with 156 and 180 points in the last two rounds.

Surdu said it will take some time for her team to get use to competition and crowds at the meets.

"it's a new ballgame," she added. They're improving. That's all I can ask of them.

Team members include: Seniors Shari Policicchio, Allison Superfisky and Karen Thorne; juniors Pippa Creffield, Lindsay Ferguson, Jodi Fischer, Melanie Helmer, Melissa Petrosky, Becky Rouhan and Jenny Sekerka: sophomores Annie Bondy and Kristy Deleonardis.

Spikers dominate Baseline rival Novi

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strong last week, Murray said her team will have to improve to make Enoise in the league.

We have a lot more learning to do," she said. "We're going to have to pick up our quickness. We'll have to

be ready for the ball coming at us; harder and laster.

Northville certainly had no problems with its quickness against Novi. The Mustangs, in fact, were noticeably faster at getting to the ball

3than their Baseline visitors That fact was illustrated in the

opening game.
After falling behind 3-1, Northville tled the game behind the serving of senior Kate Woodrich. The Mustangs then recled off 10 straight points on a combination of aces, blocks and Novi miscues.

10 of the points and collected an ace during the run. With the game slipping away at 11-3. Novi coach Julie Fisette called timeout.

The break seemed to calm the Wildcats, but to no avail. After Novi's Nicole Borashko scored a point on her serve, the Mustangs closed out. Krista Howe got the winner as she drilled a shot in the far back left

Game two wasn't nearly so easy for the Mustangs.

Northville jumped to a 4-1 lead as fought back.

Christine Edwards came on to serve for Novi and smashed an ace by Northville to cut the lead to two. A another ace to tie the score.

The Wildcats fell behind again by

"I don't think we had one point against us because of a mental error. That's a lot better than we ever played last year."

> LAURA MURRAY Volleyball coach

Groves ran off three straight points an 8-4 count and again rallied. Uron her serve. But then the Wildcats sula Place served for four straight points to knot the match.

The game went right down to the

Tied at 13, Angle Snyder served an Kristin Kenny block got another ace for Northville. After several side point and Edwards served up outs, Arin Hornberger closed the game and match for the Mustangs. According to Murray, one reason

for her team's early season success is it's cohessiveness. She said the Mustangs get along very well and encourage each other.

Murray added that most of her players are at about the same level on the court.

They're all about the same speed and talent," she said. That makes for a better group."

Wildcat cagers beat Lakeland 52-49

EBy SCOTT DANIEL Sports Editor

A thing of beauty it wasn't But the Wildcat basketball team was able to overcome its own poor 🛂 shooting and pesky Lakeland Friday night 52-49 at home. John Wroe sank three clutch free throws in the final seconds to preserve Novi's third straight win.

"I think it was the best thing that I think it was the best thing that good have happened to the kids." said Wildcat coach Pat Schluter. We needed a game like that."

Novi took easy wins over Walled Lake Western and South Lyon to open the season. The coach said playing a tight game with the Eagles will pay off down the line. The rest of the season," said

Schluter, "all of our games will be close.

It was plenty close in the late stages of Friday night's game. Trailing 42-36 with just under six

of two free throws to cut the margin to

The Wildcats then went on an 11-0 run to take charge of the contest.

Chad Dicken scored on a jump shot and then followed with an easy fast break score to make it 42-41. At the 4:26 mark, Rocky Dunlap gave Novi the lead for good after he re-bounded a Shawn Kelly miss and put it up and in. He then added three from the charity stripe to put his team up 48-42.

Lakeland's Dave Wilkins finally scored with 1:05 left to break the Eagles' drought. The vistors then cut Novis lead to 48-46 on a pair of free throws from Tom Hartley.

Forced to foul, the Eagles picked on the wrong Wildcat. Wroe sank three of four to make it 51-46.

Jason VanBuren drilled a threepointer with seven seconds left to

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minutes to go, Wroe began Novi's make it 51-49, but Lakeland could come back. The junior guard hit one come no closer. Schluter praised the come no closer. Schluter praised the vistors' effort.

"They're a hard team to play," he commented. They're very strong and The coach added that his team

didn't take the Eagles seriously "I think the kids took them too

(lightly)," Schluter said. "I thought it was a great game for a learning experience. Dunlap lead Novi with 13 points.

and Kelly added 10. VanBuren led Lakeland with 11. If nothing else, the Wildcats might

have learned that It's tough to win with cold shooting.

Novi was just 22-39 from the free throw line. From the field, the Wildcats hit just 22.5 percent of their

We had the shots in the first half but couldn't make them," said Schlu-"We didn't play too well."

Both teams were sluggish offensively in the first quarter.

Greg Pierman swished a threepointer from the right wing less than minute into the game. Jason Fannon hit another trey with 4:12 to put Novi up 6-2. The Wildcats led 10-6 by the end of the peroid, but missed numerous opportunites to open a larger

Lakeland tied the game at 12 midway through the second. A pair of Kelly free throws with 49 seconds left gave Novi a 22-20 lead at halftime.

The teams traded baskets in the third period until the final two minutes. Three different Eagles scored in the last seconds of the quarter to take a 36-31 lead into the fourth.

After playing in the annual Novi-Northville Christmas Basketball Tournament earlier this week the 'Cats are off until after the first of the year. The season resumes Jan. 4 on the road with Walled Lake Central.

Sport Shorts

STING: The Sting girls under 15-year-old team continues to be a Northville success story. The team was created with a specific long-term goal in mind. The goal was to provide as many Northville girls as possible with the necessary experience and skills to assure the on-going vit-ality of the Northville High School girls soccer program. To achieve this goal it would be necessary to successfully compete at the highest level possible.

In the fall of 1987, the under 10 girls Northville Arsenal was formed. The Arsenal played as a recreation team within the Western Suburban Soccer League (WSSL). During that time, the Arsenal captured three Division I WSSL titles, two Northville Cup Championships, the inaugural Northville-Livonia Challenge Cup, and an indoor soccer championship.

In addition, the Arsenal represented the WSSL and Northville in the MSYSA Tournament of Champions. The team finished third in the tournament which pitted the best recreation teams in southeastern lower Michigan.

With this success, the decision was made to move up to the next level. And, in the fall of 1990, the team entered play in the highly competitive Little Caesars Premier Soccer League (LCPSL) as the Under 12 girls Northville Sting. Conventional wisdom said that a team could not be successful at the premier level with players only from their own community (especially from a small town like Northville).

Since entering the LCPSL, the Sting has won two titles and took their division of the MSYSA State Cup competition which determines the Michigan State Champion. In addition, the Sting captured two indoor soccer championships. The Sting has also participated in over 20 tournaments throughout the Midwest including the Drby City Classic in Louisville, Ky., the Forest Park Invitational in Cincinnati, Ohio, and many more.

The U15 girls Northville Sting capped an outstanding fall '93 season by winning the Fisher's Halloween Classic soccer tournament in Indianapolis, Ind. Despite the cold and snow, the Sting swept to victory in the under 16 girls division with tough defense and a potent offense. During the tournament,

the Sting did not surrender a single goal while putting 11 into their opponents' net.

In the opening match, the Sting decidedly beat the Hamilton Southeastern High School Lady Royals varsity team 3-0. Northville then won a 6-0 game over the Naperville, Ill., Lightning. In the championship game, the Sting prevailed 2-0 over the previously unbeaten Lady Hornets from Merrillville,

In winning the Fisher's Halloween Tournament, the Sting extended their unbeaten streak to 18 games. The Sting also garnered the LCPSL Championship this last fall with a 10-0-2 record. The overall fall season record was 17-2-4. The Sting outscored opponents 67-18 while recording 12 shutouts.

A total of 13 members of the highly successful under 15 girls Northville Sting began their freshman year at Northville High last fall. With this kind of experience and talent entering the Mustang soccer program, expectations are high for not only this spring but also for the next four years.

Team members include: Tracie Vock, Lisa Tolstedt (Captain), Gwen Osborne, Dana Novara (Captain), Kaissa Moon, Patricia Mazzola, Robyn Koskela, Lyndsay Huot, Alexus Hopkins, Kristy Greer (Captain). Kelli Dreffs, Lynn Digirolamo, Amanda DeKoker, Meghan Cauzilio, Angela Bardoni, Kari Bremner and Kristin Baja. The team is coached by Bill Tolstedt. Jim Hopkins and Bob Huot. The team manager is Donna

GOLF TRIP: On April 5 or 6 of next year, metropolitan Detroit golf enthusiasts will be able to take part in a quick trip to Augusta, Ga., and observe the practice trials of the Masters Golf Tournament in person. This unique one-day trip was packaged by the Southfieldbased Hamilton, Miller, Hudson and Fayne Travel Corporation. One price of \$179.90, plus taxes, provides travelers with nonstop jet airfare via Leisure Air's luxury airbus A320, transfers between the airport and Augusta National Golf Course, and o admission into the practice rounds. Reservations for this program can be made through local travel agents. For more intormation, please call (313) 827-4050.

Fitness Briefs

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE: Schoolcraft College will help you get fit and stay in shape this winter through the following fitness and recreational activities that begin this coming January: Open Handball, paddleball, raquetball, walleyball, Sunday Health Club, Thursday Gym and Swim, Saturday Gym and Swim, Softball for men, coeducational volleyball, volleyball for men, and volleyball Junior AAU (for youths ages 12-18). Starting dates and fees vary for each activity. To register or obtain further information, contact Schoolcraft's Continuing Education services office at 462-4413.

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Cross Country Skiing

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Randy Step/Health

Exercise questions are often personal



Randy Step

When it comes to fitness and exercise, how much is too much? I've asked myself this question many times, especially after finishing a marathon run. Too sore to walk down the stairs, I think, "Can this be healthy? What does this possibly

have to do with health and fitness? Is this an obsession, and isn't obsession unhealthy?"

I have given this some thought and have come up with my own conclusion which may only be an excuse, so take it with a grain of salt. For me, too little exercise can be more stressful than too

After having heart surgery last year and attempting to enyoy life's activities in moderation, I find that moderation is stressful. Moderation gives me a middleof-the-road existence, and the feeling that the real excitement of life is passing

me by. The thought of missing out on something is stressful.

Earlier I used the word obsession. A more appropriate word might be passion. When life is approached with passion, we encounter feelings not found in moderation. For example, when I finish a marathon, the sense of accomplishment is overwhelming. Taking oneself to the limit, living on the edge and completing a task that seems insurmountable gives an intense feeling of personal fulfillment. I can not imagine finding these feelings in moderation.

Am I concluding that all things in life should be approached with this passion, taking every experience to the limit?

I believe the answer has to do with risk and the amount of risk you are personally comfortable with. Training for a marathon and focusing toward that one big day, hoping to experience the high that comes with such a great feeling of accomplishment does not come without

You risk the stress you will experience if you do not reach the finish line. For months you have focused your life on

that one moment of glory and personal triumph. Is this stress greater than the stress caused by deciding not to attempt such things? I believe the answer is personal. We must each decide the level of risk we are comfortable with and live our

lives accordingly. Without risk comes boredom and with boredom comes a stress that may be the worse stess of all. Both mental and physcial health are essential to maintain quality of life. Stress manifests itself

both mentally and physically. The slogan I saw on the back of a Tshirt of an Ironman competitor read, "Get obsessed, stay obsessed." Might these be words to live by? As I have said, I believe the answer is a personal one.

If you're considering running a marathon as part of your New Year's resolution. I have packets of training information along with a schedule. For a free copy, call Running Fit at 347-4949 and leave your name and address. We will send it out.

Randy Step is president of American Exercise and Running Fit, a retail chain of fitness stores. This column is coordinated by Peg Campbel and the staff of the University of Michigan Health Centers.

Recreation Briefs

Soccer registration coming soon

SPRING SOCCER REGISTRA-TION: The Northville Soccer Association will accept registration for the spring soccer season on Saturday. Jan. 15 and 22 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Northville Community Center. All boys and girls born before July 31. 1987, are eligible to participate. The spring 1994 season begins April 16. For more information call Bob Michaelis at 349-5344.

JUNIOR BASEBALL/GIRLS SOFTBALL, REGISTRATION: The Northville Junior Baseball Board of

Directors will hold registration for the 1994 program on Saturday, Jan. 31 and Feb. 5 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Northville Community Center. Boys and girls born before July 31, 1988. are eligible to participate. The 1994 season begins in mid-May and runs through mid July. For more informa-tion, call Bryan Waineo 420-0286.

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days a week and feature flexible scheduling, on-site child care and certifled instructors. For more informa-

tion call 349-0203 or 348-3120.
JUNIOR BASEBALL: Northyille Junior Baseball is accepting applications for coaches for the 1994 travel baseball program. Interested coaches may contact David Jerome at 348-9097.

SKI CLUB: All Northville students grades six to 12 are invited to join the Northville Parks and Recreation ski

evenings. Registration is \$80.

Skiclub staff will be on hand to answer your questions. Students must attend to have a photo taken for their identification. All registration will be done at the Northville Parks and Recreation office at 303 W. Main St. in downtown Northville. For more information, call 349-0203.

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Wrestlers place fifth at Garden City tournament

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five matches NORTHVILLE 51, HARTLAND 9 The Mustangs wrestled a doubledual meet on Dec. 15 against the Ea-

gles and Howell. Hosted by the Highlanders, Northville wrestled Hartland first. The Mustangs won nearly every match. Saran collected a vold victory at

103 pounds. Tarrow pinned John

Howie in 1:47 at 112.

James Kyle decisioned Armon Worley 6-3 at 119 pounds. Don Battle suffered an 8-2 setback and Harrison a loss by pin at 125 and 130

pounds, respectively.

Northville then won all of the remaining matches. Collecting victories were: Keranen, Tune, Baber, Scappaticci, Lynch, Erik Hibbler, John Matthews and Bowersox.

"It wasn't a league meet and it won't affect how we are seeded in districts. This meet doesn't mean anything. If we were going to go in beat up and sick to any tournament this was the one (to do it at)."

> **BOB BOSHOVEN** Wrestling coach

The Highlanders proved to be too much in the second part of the double-dual. Howell is considered by some as a threat for the Class A title this season.

"I thought we could have wrestled much better," said Boshoven. "We were really flat. We didn't wrestle well

against Hartland either." Northville's first victory came at the 112 weight division. Tarrow decisioned Ty Rosen 18-1. Harrison took a narrow victory over Pat Esper, 5-3. At 160 pounds. Lynch beat Markus Dukes 6-2. Battle also earned points for North-ville on a void at 125 pounds.

Boshoven said despite being soundly defeated many of the Mustangs felt Howell could be beat.

"I don't think any of the kids

walked away from Howell thinking

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Novi16that county meet

By SCOTT DANIEL Sports Editor

Better than expected.

That's what might be said about Novi High's 16th place finish in Saturday's Oakland County meet. With an inexperienced lineup weakened by injuries and illness. Wildcat coach Brad Huss was very happy with his squad's finish in the 44-team tournament.

"I think we fared better than could have been expected," he said. "Especially with only 11 kids."

The coach said the Wildcats are

making steady progress.
"I like what I see," said Huss. Clarkston ended up as the county champion. Kensington Valley Conference rival South Lyon was third

The double-elimination tournament was held over two days. Wrestlers had to qualify for championship competition on Friday.

A total of stx Wildcats made it to Saturday's finals.

Freshman Lenny Christoff finished sixth overall. The 103-pounder won all three of his matches Friday then went 1-3 Saturday. His lone win of the finals came on a pin of Rochester's Rich Phillips in 22 seconds.

"Lenny's a real solid 103," said Huss. "There aren't too many kids

stronger."
Taka Watanabe placed eighth in the county at 130 pounds. He went 2-1 Friday then recled of two straight pins to start Saturday. He fell in the third round to Jamie Bartley of Goodrich High.

"That was one tough weight class." sald Huss.

At 140 pounds, Craig Borashko won his first match of the championship rounds. He beat Clarkston's Jeremy Lafferty by a 9-2 decision. Borashko was climinated in the next round by Jason Aiello of Waterford Kettering.

James Cini met a similar fate at 140 pounds. He pinned Andre Burton in 4:40 to start Saturday off. Cini was then dropped from the tournament by Blake Williams of Troy.

"He made a couple of mistakes that really cost him," said Huss. Mark McBride was Novi's highest fourth overall.

The junior was perfect Friday with a 3-0 record. McBride then lost his first match Saturday but came back to win three straight. He lost to Josh Salmon of Berkley on a penalty point in the battle for third place.

"He wrestled very tough." Huss said of McBride.

Ben Wendt made it Saturday with three straight wins in qualifying rounds. He fell to Jason Brown of South Lyon 12-3 and then 4-3 to Rochester's Rick Snyder to be eliminated.

*Losing to Jason Brown took a lot out of him," said Huss. "He really wanted to win that one. But I think he'll have more than one opportunity to see him again this year. I think he has the potential to beat him."

A number of other Wildcats wrestled well at Oakland County but failed to place.

At 135 pounds, Chris Young went 2-2 on the tournament. Huss said the junior wrestler regained his focus and should continue to improve the rest of the season. Freshman J.J. Balagna got his

first varsity win at 112 pounds. Heavyweight Eric Norman and 152-pound Tony Place went 1-2 on the fournament. Novi voided at 125 and 171

pounds. Carrett Barrons was til and Matt Buck was out with a sternum injury

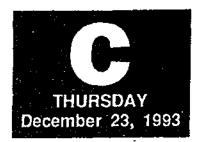
The Wildcats were scheduled to wrestle at the Trenton Tournament yesterday. Novi is now off until Jan.







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Home-building is on the rise

By James M. Woodard Copley News Service

Home-building is enjoying a semi-boom in today's market. It's the most active time for builders since 1986. That good news was revealed in a study and report by Lomas Mortgage USA, a financial services and research firm based in Dallas.

Low interest rates and relatively stable prices are helping builders sell their new homes despite slow job growth and considerable consumer caution," said David Stewart, Lomas senior vice president.

Total U.S. home-building permits through September of this year were 6.6 percent more than the same period last year. Stewart said. The surge in building activity was reflected in every region of the

Only the state of California continued sluggish — the slowest home-building year since 1982. Home-building permits in that state are off nearly 12 percent

from a year ago. Florida, Texas and the Rocky Mountain states are leading the building surge. Among the most active cities are Chicago, Washington D.C., Las Vegas, Denver and

Phoenix. Home-building in Las Vegas experienced the most dramatic increase during the third quarter

of this year. The city's 5,000-plus single-family home building permits during the quarter represented a 61 percent jump from the same quarter last year. So far this year. Las Vegas home building is 26 percent ahead of last year. However, construction of multifamily buildings in this market is down.

"Las Vegas is our No. 1 market for home building activity," Steward said. The city authorized 17.6

new dwellings per 1,000 residents during the past four quarters.

Florida is the most actively growing state in new home permits, reflecting a 20 percent increase during the third quarter

compared with a year ago.

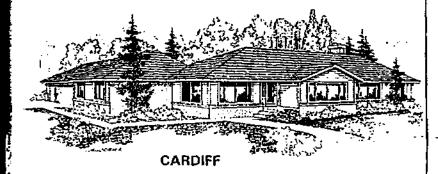
Last year the southern portions of Florida were still sorting through the rubble of Hurricane Andrew, Stewart said. Considering the current year through the third quarter, Florida's permits are up by nearly 20 percent.

The construction of multifamily buildings — condos and apart-ments—throughout the country is picking up, according to the Lomas report. This segment of building activity is up by 4 percent over last

The home construction industry would be much more active this year if it were not for a prevailing

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HOME DESIGNS



Don't let the modest look of the Cardiff fool you

By Anne McCollam Copley News Service

Behind the Cardiff's modest facade lies a spacious contemporary nome, rich in contemporary amenities. The house and garage are designed to wrap around two sides of an outdoor swimming pool with a sun-dappled lattice "roofed" patio.

Vaulted ceilings add volume and increase the sense of spaciousness in the entryway, living room, family room, nook and master suite. And all of these rooms are richly windowed as well.

The kitchen is huge. A wide window in front of the sink allows an adult working in the kitchen to keep an eye on the pool at the same time. Windows in the bayed eating nook and large family room also overlook the pool.

Other kitchen features include just about anything you can think of: a long eating bar, a work island with vegetable sink, a pantry, a built-in desk, an appliance center and a microwave over double ovens.

A long tile hearth in front of the fireplace and bookshelves spans the far end of the family room. Games, card tables and the like, can be stored in the closet outside

the master suite.

Utilities are in a large room that is adjacent to the garage, the children's bedrooms and just a few steps from the kitchen. Amenities deep sink and a counter for folding clothes. It also has direct access to the pool area, allowing swimmers to reach a bathroom without tracking across carpeted floors.

Both of the children's bedrooms have walk-in closets. The compartmentalized bathroom has a skylight in the tub and toilet section, and twin basins in the vanity. Another small bathroom is just inside the front door.

The master bathroom, too, has direct access to the pool, through a private deck. Luxury features include an oversize shower, a skylight, twin basins and a walk-in closet illuminated by a small window. The sleeping area is large enough to include a desk or a sit-

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Like any fence, the containment systems allow dogs more freedom than being tied to a tree and protect the animals from

to be trained and stay in the yard than to get hit by a car." Lee said, "and, unfortunately, we see a lot

The only system-related injuries she has ever treated have been neck-rub spots from the collars.

The systems also have the endorsement of the Humane Society of Livingston

President Christine McKusick believes owners too often let their dogs wander. She sees the results at the Humane Society: animals that have been caught in traps; animals shot when they wandered into a neighbor's yard; and animals hit by

The (pet-containment) systems are far more humane to the animal," McKusick said, adding that the shock is not strong, fust enough to get the animal's atten-

Here's how the systems work: A radio signal is sent by transmittor through a cable installed in the ground around the perimeter of the yard. The pet

the dog or cat approaches the boundary, a pulsing beep or humming tone warns the animal. If the pet continues across the line, a shock follows.

wears a collar with a receiver. As

Laura Brooks, owner of the invisible Fencing dealership in Brighton, said she has had three of her own dogs on the system for nine years. 'It's just like a fence is there," Brooks

said. adding that her home is on a busy street and that she keeps the dogs out all day during the summer.

Brooks said two main advantages of electronic fencing vs. regular fencing is that if you move, you can take it with you and that the initial cost is roughly one third the cost of a regular fence.

Installation isn't difficult, either-if owners want to do it themselves. And it only takes 7-10 days before a dog is conditioned and able to run free.

Brooks also sells an indoor system for people who want to keep pets from entering rooms or designated areas of the

What about the shock?

it's harmless. Brooks said, much like a static-electric shock people receive this time of year when they walk

across the carpet and touch a metal doorknob. "It's the conditioning that makes the system work," Brooks

said. Owners, again, have the choice of doit-yourself training or having Brooks and her staff train the pet.

We've never had a dog we couldn't condition," Brooks said. We have had owners we couldn't condition."

Brooks said that whether or not she installs the system. she always likes to meet the dog before making a sale, because there are some vicious dogs or dogs with a histo-ry of biting that she won't put on a sys-

But, for all other animals-from Yorkles to Great Danes to cats to Pot-Bellied Pigs—the system works, Brooks said.

Invisible Fencing is a brand name. The corporation offers dealerships, like Brooks's, around the world.

But much like the trademark Kleenex—which people use generically to refer to tissue-people use the name Invisible Fencing to refer to pet-containment systems, Brook said.

Probably because Invisible Fencing was first in the marketplace, protected by patent. When the patent expired several years ago, other products began appearing on the shelves, like Dog Watch, or Radio Fence, manufactured by Radio Systems Corp. in Knoxville, Tenn.

Prices vary based on the amount of extras included in a kit. Area discount stores carry a variety of brand-name kits. At Invisible Fencing, owners can select

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Holiday plants that embody spirit of season

By C.Z. Guest Copley News Service

I start my Christmas decorating by placing a big wreath (balsam fir because it does not shed) on the front door.

The wreath dates back to ancient Greece, where it was worn by brides as a symbol of good luck and happiness. The circular shape, having neither beginning nor end, symbolizes eternity.

The pine cones on a wreath were used by the guardian spirits of Babylon for the daily ritual of sprinkling the tree of life, to keep demons from attacking. The scent of the pine wreath was thought to drive away evil spirits from the house at Christmastime.

Holly is another good luck piece of Christmas greenery. The ancient Romans thought it to have the ability to ward off lightning, evil spells and poi-

Every Christmas, I get everyone in our house into the spirit by hanging mistletoe in a couple of doorways. Kissing beneath the mistletoe is an old custom that dates back to the Druids.

The plant was believed to symbolize purity and strength

GARDENING

and to bring happiness, peace and promote romance. Enemies meeting beneath a sprig of mistletoe were said to become disarmed and kept their truce throughout the

Last is our beautiful Christmas tree. The tree, always an evergreen, is regarded as a symbol of everlasting life. The lights that are put on a Christmas tree were originally meant to help rekindle the sun's light to bring the family warmth through the holiday season.

Knowing these customs gives Christmas a special meaning to me and my family. As we decorate, we have a feeling of peace and happiness and love.

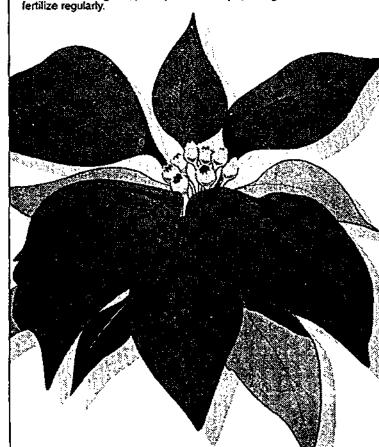
My Christmas dinner table is always red, white and green-red candles, garlands of greenery and bowls of paper-white narcissus, which have a fragrance out of this

For the week after Christmas I like to keep the same festive colors throughout the house. The paper-white nar-

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Preserving poinsettias

 Keep soil moist but not soggy.
 When blooms fade, withhold water and keep plant in dark place. In early May, trim plant to two or three nodes. After frost is gone, place plant in sunny spot in garden and



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cissus will last two weeks if they are kept in a cool place.

The poinsettia is the most popular plant for the Christmas holidays. It was discovered, made popular and named after our first ambassador to Mexico, Joel Poinsett.

If given proper care, your poinsettia can bloom again the following year and for years to come. The requirements are not difficult; proper watering is most important, just keep it moist and not soggy. If you are lucky, it could be blooming until

When the blooms fade, withhold water and place the plant out of the light. It goes into a dormant stage and what it really needs is rest! In early May, trim the plant back to two or three nodes [small swellings on the stem), start watering and put in direct sunlight.

When the frost is gone, just put your

plant anywhere in your garden that has good sun; plunge pot and all into the ground. Fertilize occasionally and water during the hot summer months.

Now comes the important part: In September, when the nights get cool, bring your poinsettia indoors. It must get 14 hours of total darkness every night, either by covering or closeting the plant. Be sure there's no light from sundown to sunup until Thanksgiving (not even a ray). Any light during that period will interfere with its cycle and it won't bloom.

However, during the daytime, it can have full light; when darkness falls, back to bed again. Come Christmas, your poinsettia should be full of buds.

When January arrives and the New Year's celebration is over, it is time to unwind with a feeling of fatigue and a little sadness. Time to put all the Christmas tree ornaments back in their boxes for I always get a live Christmas tree (the roots balled and covered) and immediately after the first of the year I plant it in a predug hole. Plan ahead: You can have a great Christmas tree for the holidays and then have a wonderful new tree for your

The hole should be dug before the ground freezes and should be one-third filled with mulch from your fall cleanup. This will keep the bottom of the hole from freezing so that it will be ready to receive your tree.

It gives me great pleasure to be able to plant the tree after the holidays. As with everything in the garden, it means the continuous renewal of life.

Now that the year is over, I putter around the greenhouse-everything is resting. It is the quiet time. The seed catalogs arrive in the mail and I start to get excited thinking and planning for my great new garden next spring. Soon we will start

A BIRD'S CHRISTMAS

If you find it impossible to attract birds to your feeders because you have no cover (trees or bushes nearby to protect them), create your own shelter by driving three 5foot steel fence posts into the ground and tying discarded Christmas trees to them.

If you can find long-needled trees, they are best, since they retain the needles throughout the winter. Within a few days. your new "sanctuary" will become a thriving feeding station.

PRESENTS THAT KEEP GIVING

For those considering presents of living plants for the holidays, the American Association of Nurserymen has advice worth heeding.
Plants inside or outside keep memories

of the occasion fresh for years to come. Of course, like any present, the selection

should be personal, with the recipie likes, dislikes and lifestyle in mind.

For example, if the recipient is a be ner at caring for indoor plants, easy maintain plants such as philodendry ponytail or jade plants would be the pre er choice. On the other hand, if the pasent is going to a "green thumb," som thing new and exotic would be a challent

A very busy household with little time for chores will prefer a plant that require almost no care and infrequent watering while a person alone at home much of the day will enjoy the need to pamper the growing plant.

C.Z. Guest, author of "5 Seasons of Gar-dening" (Linle, Brown & Co.), is an authority on gardens flowers and plants. Send questions to C-. Guest. c/o Copley News Service, P.O. Box 190. San Diego, CA

Home-building is on the rise; sales of existing homes and 1994 home prices

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feeling of uncertainty about the loss of jobs.

"The job situation is foremost on people's minds today," said David Seider, chief economist for the National Association of Home

"The job outlook has improved recently but there's been a tremendous amount of churning. There

have been a great deal of job losses and job gains as well. But the losses are highly publicized and weigh heavily on consumers' minds.'

Q. Are sales of existing homes on the upswing?

A. Yes, sales of previously owned homes were up by 14.1 percent during September, the last month where figures are available. Nationwide, 324,000 existing single-family homes were sold during September, compared with 284,000 homes sold one year earlier, according to the National Asso-ciation of Realtors.

During the third quarter of this year, sales of existing homes increased in 45 states, the NAR report noted. In 35 of those states, the rate of increase reached double-digit figures.

The median price of homes is creeping up. During September, the price nationally was \$107,700,

compared with \$103.500 during shout home prices next year? the same month last year.

We're seeing increased home buying activity in most areas of the country," said William Chee, NAR president. But most impressive is the turnout in the first-time buyer sector, and that spells good news for those who want to trade up to bigger, more expensive homes because they now have takers for their current homes."

Q. What do the experts say

A. According to a recent survey of real estate industry analysts. most of them believe prices of single-family and multifamily properties will increase during the next 12 months. By comparison, only 10 percent of the analysts see rises in downtown office property prices. and 20 percent expect prices of suburban office properties to increase.

The survey of 1,700 industry experts was conducted by Ernst &

Young and the National Real Estate Investor publication. The report also noted that most experts expect the apartment market to strengthen considerably during the next five years as household formations grow.

Questions may be used in future columns; personal responses should not be expected. Send inquiries to James M. Woodard, Copley News Service, P.O. Box 190, San Diego, CA 92112-0190.

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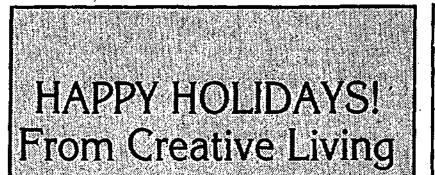
"It works great," Reid said. When he has that collar on. he won't go near the line."

Part German shepherd, part collie, Reid's dog strayed from the yard only once and hasn't done it again, Reid said.

A squirrel tempted him out last fall. When he crossed the line, he yelped, she said, and ran to the neighbor's yard. When he returned, he paced the line trying to figure out how to cross back.

Now, even joggers-most dogs' favorite people to chase-can't lure Bandit from his yard.

"Bandit will go to the line and bark," Reid said.



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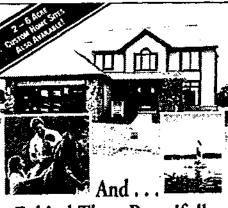
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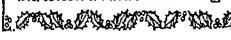
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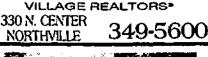
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"It started slowly." he said. But

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Grand Slam USA. Rose, who worked as an instructor at the business, said Grand Slam was showing a profit.

Previous owners, nonetheless, closed Grand Slam in June of this year. Instead of letting the business die, Rose took over as sole owner.

Since opening the Academy, Rose said he has been mending fences with the baseball community and other former Grand Slam customers. "We're very encouraged," he

commented.

it shouldn't come as a surprise that Sports Academy is beginning to prosper. In an area where athletic participation is common-place for youngsters and adults alike, the business provides an excellent outlet for practice and fun.

A total of five batting catches are on hand for perfecting hitting skills. Each cage comes with a different speed pitching machine, from slow to

You can even practicing hitting curveballs at the Academy. Baseball batting leagues are routinely formed

Frequent basebali camps are held. Detroit Tiger Travis Fryman worked

"It started slowly. But November sales were on the up-swing."

> Stu Rose Business owner

at Sports Academy's fall camp, for

Besides baseball, the Novibusiness caters to other sports

Two full-length basketball courts are available. The courts can be rented for \$10 per half-hour.

Instruction for baseball and basketball is also available. Rose, who coaches baseball at Henry Ford Community College, and others provide expert teaching and advice.

Want to throw a birthday party? The Sports Academy is the perfect place for the kids to have fun.

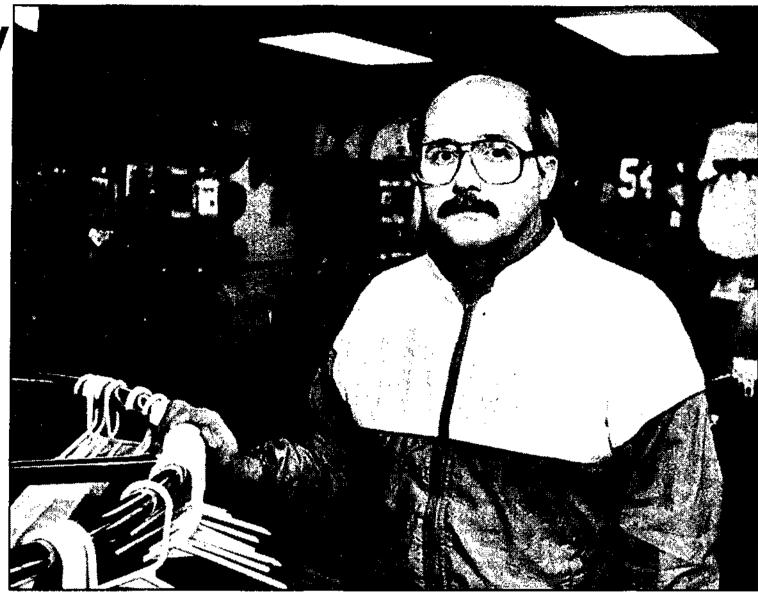
For a price of \$10 per person (eight person minimum), party goers get the use of the basketball courts, batting cages and video game arcade.

Pizza is also provided.

West Ten Mile Road is also the place to go for athletic equipment.

McNish Sporting Goods boasts a 500 square-foot shop loaded with sports merchandise from A to Z. Equipment and apparel are offered for the sports enthusiat or team manager looking to outfit the troops.

The Sports Academy is open from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. both weekend days. For more information, call 380-0800.



Stu Rose said the Sports Academy offers complete training for young baseball players as well fun for the whole family.





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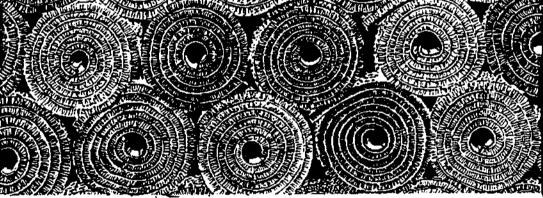
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Why the IRS audits taxpayers

Before you begin to worry that the Internal Revenue Service will come knocking on your door to question you about your tax return, the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants recommends that you take the time to understand who gets audited and why.

WHO GETS AUDITED?

your tax return being among the million that are audited.

pending on the type of tax return you file. Although two-thirds of all tax reily, the IRS allocates more of its resources to looking at non-Form 1040 returns, such as those for S corporations, gift taxes, estates and regular corporations. That's because the IRS has found that these groups of tax filwith the tax law than other filers, and

TARGETED TAXPAYERS

certainty which groups will be urity number when claiming a de-targeted by the IRS this year, your duction for making alimony pay-chances of being audited are likely to ments to you. This may cause the IRS

Money Management

be higher if you're in any of the follow-

ing groups: Self-employed — If you don't col-There are more than 100 million lect your salary from an employer, individual tax returns filed each year your chances of being audited may and the IRS audits about a million of increase significantly. That's bethese annually. The higher your in- cause the IRS traditionally finds a come, the greater the likelihood of number of improperly reported deductions among the self-employed.

Individuals with cash income - if Your audit risk also varies de- your type of business traditionally receives cash payments, Uncle Sam may audit your return and ask for adturns filed are in the Form 1040 fam- ditional substantiation of income and expenses.

Employees who deduct excessive travel and entertainment business emenses - Since the IRS has detected a substantial number of returns with improper business writeers are less likely to be in compliance offs, the level of these deductions on your return may wave a red flag to the are more likely to owe a hefty sum of IRS. Be sure you can explain and docurrent these deductions.

Individuals who receive alimony payments - Your former spouse is Although you can't know with any required to report your Social Secto take an extra look at your tax return. Failure to include your alimony payments as income may result in an IRS audit.

Charitable contributors - Inflated reports of charitable contributions have prompted the IRS to look more closely at returns with high charitable-contribution deductions.

individuals who were previously audited - If you had to make large adjustments to a previous year's tax return as a result of an IRS audit, chances are that you may be hearing from the IRS again in the future. Paying the correct amount of tax, ensuring that your tax return is free from even minor errors, and including explanations of questionable items may help to minimize your risk of another audit.

THE COMPUTER SELECTION **PROCESS**

Most of the returns selected for audit are chosen as a result of a computer analysis that compares the deductions, exemptions and credits you claim with those claimed by other taxpayers in your income

calegory. Each tax return is then given a score. Ten percent of all tax returns - those with the highest scores — are then reviewed by IRS examiners who are responsible for deciding which returns should actually be audited.

Factors that may affect the examiner's review of your return include the following:

Size of an item relative to other items on the return.

An item on the return that is out of character for the taxpayer. An item reported in an inappropri-

ate place on the return. An incomplete return that fails to include proper schedules or other

information. Inconsistencies in your tax return, such as reporting business income, but not paying self-employment tax.

The best detense

CPAs point out that there are no sure-fire ways to avoid an IRS audit of your tax return. However, you can reduce your chances of an audit if you report all income, attach to your return an explanation about any unusual items, and review your return and all the schedules to be certain that they are completed properly.

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Business bries

Telethon records: National and local records fell during the 28th Annual Labor Day Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon this year,

ERA Real Estate has been the sole sponsor of MDA from the real estate industry since 1977, raising over \$15 million for Jerry's Kids during

Locally, ERA Rymal Symes Realtors, with offices in Novi, Northville and West Bloomfield, has long been a leader in MDA fundraising. This year ERA Rymal Symes salespersons, Catherine Chaudoin and Lorraine Gerich, appeared on the Telethon and delivered a check for \$6,000 raised at a murder mystery dinner theater benefit they sponsored.

In announcing this contribution, Ben Skelton, ERA Rymal Symes vice president, said "We are proud of the generosity and community spirit of our ERA Rymai Symes salespersons. This is yet another example of the ERA theme, just the kind of help you'd expect from a friend".

Heslop named VP: John M. Heslop has been named Vice President-Corporate Counsel for Novi-based Heslop's. The announcement was made by Ronald Heslop, president of the company.

As Vice President-Corporate Counsel, Heslop oversees all financial and legal activities of Heslop's and supervises the accounting and purchasing departments. He also serves as the legal liaison between the company and its outside counsel, banking and accounting firms.

Prior to his current position, Heslop worked with Bloomfield Hills-based Cohen & Ellias, P.C. A resident of Royal Oak, he received his law degree from Detroit College of Law and is a graduate of Michigan State University's College of Business.

Heslop's has 13 stores throughout Michigan, including eight metro-Detroit area and five outstate locations. Heslop's is considered the category killer in the tapletop segment of the retailing industry.

Gillespie joins MVP: Dick Hanson, President and Founder of MVP Communications, Inc., announces the addition of Kristine L. Gillespie to the Marketing Department.

Gillespie, 25, of Northville, assumes the position of Account Representative for the New Business Development Team. Kristine's responsibilities include developing relationships with new clients as well as continuing current client relations for MVP.

For the past eight years Kristine has represented both postproduction/animation houses and radio stations as an account manager. She also holds multiple national and state speaking awards.

MVP Communications, Inc. is a full-service visual communications company with headquarters in Troy, Mich. MVP maintains a full-time staff of writers, producers, technicians, artists, editors and production

Credit union's helping hand: Similar to mitten trees. Wolly Trees are Community Federal Credit Union's way of helping the needy keep warm this winter. Each year at this time, we become more aware of the needs of others. So we are enlisting the support of our surrounding communities to gather warm, woolly items for those in need.

Community Federal members and non-members alike are being offered the opportunity to donate hats, scarves, gloves, mittens, socks, etc., along with non-perishable or canned foods. These items, both for adults and children, will be placed on or under Christmas trees inside each Credit Union office. At the end of the holiday season, all items will be donated to local agencies such as the Red Cross and Salvation Army.

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Take Stock of Your Assets

Make a list of all your assets, including securities, retirement accounts, life insurance, real estate and collectibles. Be sure to include cash in money market accounts, certificates of deposit and checking accounts. Determine whether your assets are allocated in a way that will help you achieve your short- and long-term goals, such as saving for a larger home or providing for a secure retirement.

Also, take a close look at how your investments fared over the past year and decide whether you should reallocate your assets to obtain greater

Rid Yourself of Unnecessary

Reviewallyour outstanding loans. such as your mortgage, home-equity and car loans. Determine if you should refinance any of these loans to obtain a lower interest rate. If lower loan payments will enable you to recover the costs of refinancing in a year or two, chances are you'll be better off refinancing.

Calculate your current credit card debt. If it's more than 15 percent of your after-tax income, adopt a strategy for reducing your debt. One way is to pay off high-interest credit card balances with a lower interest home-equity loan. Also, look at the interest rate on your credit cards and shop around for those that offer lower

Check Your Homeowner's Insurance

Victims of such casualties as the Midwest floods learned the hard way that inadequate homeowners insurance may make it impossible to replace your home and its possessions in the event of a catastrophe. Your home should be insured to 100 percent of the cost of rebuilding it. If your coverage falls below 80 percent, you

may not be reimbursed in full for lesser claims.

Review Your Life Insurance Needs

Review your life insurance to determine if it will adequately meet your family's needs. Factors that influence the amount of life insurance you need are the number of your dependents, how long you must provide for them, their day-to-day living expenses, anticipated big expenditures (such as college tuition), and amount of other assets and income that are available to help meet your dependents' needs.

Plan for Your Health-Care Needs

Escalating health-care costs can eat into your savings unless your have adequate health-care coverage. Read your policy to review your deductibles and to determine what the insurance company will pay for specific medical situations. If your policy sets limits for certain procedures, compare these limits to the actual costs in your region of the country. If you discover that there is a big difference, you may want to select another policy, even if the premiums are higher.

Save For Your Retirement

No matter how young you are, it's wise to sock away money every year into a retirement plan. Take advantage of an employer-sponsored program, such as a 401(k) plan. If your company doesn't offer such a plan, open an Individual Retirement Account. Your contribution will earn interest, tax deferred, until the time of withdrawal and may also be taxdeductible.

Make Sure Your Will is Up to Date

Review your will at least every three years. That way, it will stay current with changes in family circumstances, your net worth and tax laws. Also, be sure to review the beneficiary designations in your will.

Get Started on Your Tax Return Whether you hire someone to prepare your tax return or do it yourself. take the time now to locate receipts and documents that can help you claim tax deductions. A look at last year's tax return will get you started.

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Gavlin joins Business Network International

ton Hills chapter of The Business Northville. Network International.

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Galvin is a 1989 University of Dayton graduate and is an associate with Galvin Planning Services in Farming-

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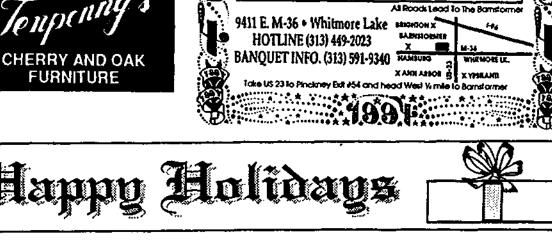
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William E. Cavlin of Northville is chapters. It has members from 10 representing a different profession, zation passed on 177,000 leads. the newest member of the Farming-neighboring communities, including meet weekly to increase their busi- which generated an estimated \$59

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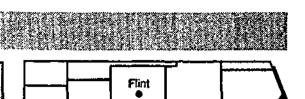






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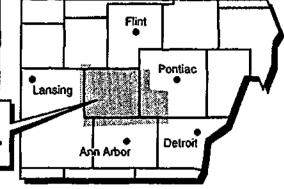


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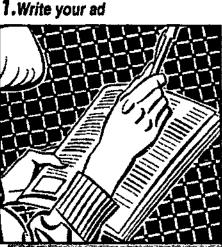
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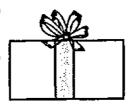
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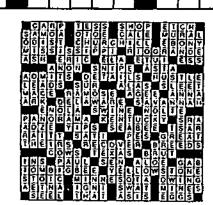
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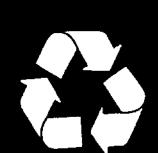
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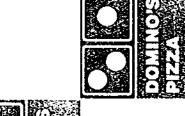












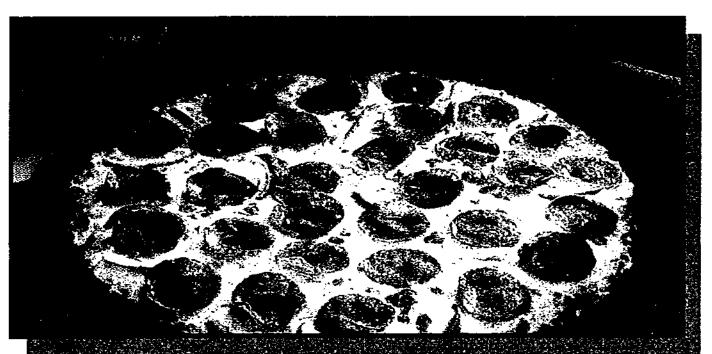








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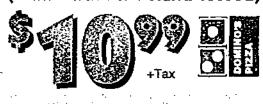
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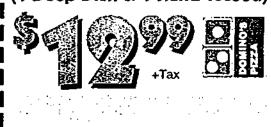


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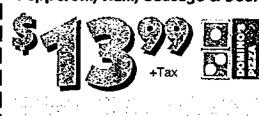


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