

Kicking up their heels: Maria Kruse and Steve Flessa rehearse a dance routine recently for the debut of the Farmington Community Chorus' annual holiday concert, Once Upon A December, this weekend.

Holiday notes

Farmington Community Chorus performs its annual concert



Lineup: Megan Nestor is one of two young soloists to sing Once Upon a December, during the upcoming annual concert. The evening will feature traditional and not-so-traditional holiday fare.

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"The concert usually sells out." Zorn said, adding that the audience is filled with music-lovers from throughout auburban Detroit, including surrounding communities of Livonia, Northville, Southfield and Novi.
The chorus will again be directed by 10-year veteran Steve SeGraves, with accompanist Susan

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Garr, who has been with the chorus since its inception 19 years ago.

The chorus is also getting ready to hold auditions for new voices at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 5 and 12, at the Farmington Hills Activities Conter. We will provide the music and a practice tape," Zorn said. The chorus is open to anyone 18 years and older. Members do not have to live in the Farmington area.

This is a true community chorus of this whole area, "Zorn said.

Members herald from Livonia, Northville, Clarkston, Brighton, Detroit, Royal Oak, West Bloomfield, Wixon, Troy, Westland and Mount Clemens.

The chorus also recently started a Friends orga-

nizations dedicated to helping Melissa Garr, daughter of accompaniet Susan, who was injured when a tree fell on her more than a year ago. A scholarship was dedicated in her name and is awarded to students in the Schooleraft Community College music program; Scrawes is the director.

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The chorus also produced a CD and tape of last year's holiday concert. It will be on sale during the concert next weekend with all proceeds going to the chorus. CDs are \$15 and the tapes \$10.

This is such a good group." Zorn said of the chorus. And it's a great social group."

Charges dismissed against Hills teen involved in crash

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A Wayne County judge Dec. 11 dismissed criminal charges against a Farmington Hills teen who was accused in the Westland traffic death of an 18-year-old pregnant woman whose baby survived.

Circuit Judge George Crockett III's ruling means that Joseph Norman Novell - Clarenceville High School's 1989 valedictorian — can continue his education without fear of going to jail.

Crockett dismissed negligent homicide charges against Novell after defense attorney Stephen Book filled a motion claiming a lack of evidence against the cenager.

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Novell could have faced a possible two-year jail term if he had been convicted in the Aug. 1 death of Julia Margaret Serda of

Inkster.
"He is obviously greatly relieved," Boak said late Friday afternoon. "He is attempting to get through his college career. Obviously he feels badly about the fact that there was a death, but he believed from the beginning that this was not his doing. "He is just going to try to move on with his life at this juncture," Boak said.

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Novell is a Wayne State University freshman studying chemistry on a full scholarship, his

attorney said.

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Novell's future had seemed in doubt following an accident that occurred shortly before 6 p.m. Aug. 1 in the intersection of Middlebelt Road and Ann Arbor Trail.

Serda died from injuries abe suffered in her seventh month of pregnancy, but doctors performed an emergency Caesarean section and saved her bady girl's life. Serda's family members are carrige for the child.

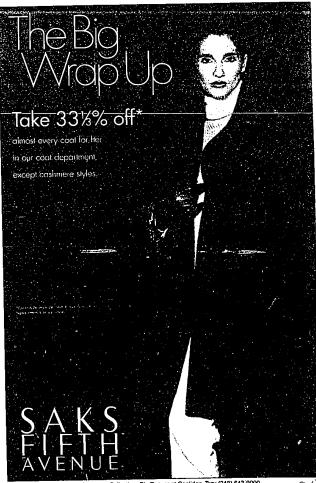
The accident occurred when Novell ariving a 1990 Chevrolet Beretta east on Ann Arbor Trail, turned left onto Middlebelt in front of a westbound Ford Tempo driven by one of Serda's friends.

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October court hearing that Bar-gowski seemed to speed up as she approached the intersection. Krause said Bargowski didn't bit



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