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## Water ban lifted early by council

By JAN JEFFRES  
 Staff Writer

When the members of Boy Scout Troop 54 wanted to conduct their annual car wash fundraiser in September, a creative way had to be found to get around Novi's ban on outside water use.

But no one will need to scout around for these kind of solutions anymore. The water embargo was lifted by the Novi City Council Monday.

Still in effect is the city ordinance permitting lawn sprinkling on alternating days only. This permits owners of homes and businesses with odd-number addresses to water landscaping on odd-numbered days, and vice-versa with even numbers.

"It was a great concern to the citizens that there not be a protracted restriction," Mayor Kathleen McLallen said. "Fortunately, Mother Nature cooperated, sending us some rain after a dry time."

However, Novi Road is not expected to be open to traffic until Nov. 15. City Manager Ed Kirewall said.

The Sept. 3 ban was expected to last six weeks, with an Oct. 14 relaxation date anticipated then. Due to construction difficulties, the bypass line, scheduled to go on duty on Sept. 9, wasn't up and running until Sept. 21.

During the ban, what the Boy Scouts did when planning their car wash was contact city hall and ask for an exception. While that couldn't be done, Novi's Director of Public Services, Anthony Nowicki contacted Robert Harris, owner of South Hill Construction Company in Wixom. Harris, a Novi resident, deliv-

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Photo by AL WARD

Fr. James Cronk blesses his furry and feathered friends during the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

## Priest offers prayers for pets

By RANDY COBLE  
 Staff Writer

They came, they saw, they woofed - and meowed and chirped and squeaked.

St. James Catholic Church was very definitely the place to be Friday evening for families and their furry and/or feathered friends. A pack of them brought their dogs, cats and hamsters - even a parakeet - to St. James to receive God's blessing during the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

Francis is the patron saint of animals and animal lovers across the world. Oct. 4 is the day set aside each year to remember his life

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Fr. James Cronk  
 Pastor, St. James Catholic Church

and work. Putting a special twist on this tradition is Father Jim Cronk, priest at St. James, which is located in Novi on Ten Mile.

For the past three years now Fr. Cronk has held a special service on the occasion of the

Feast, inviting animal owners to bring their pets to the church to ask for God's blessing upon them and to remember the special role which animals play in our lives.

Accompanied by his basset hound "Gus," Cronk led a group of more than 30 into the narthex of St. James for the event. Remarks and prayers were punctuated by a steady stream of barks, yips and the occasional growl from the quadrupeds in attendance.

"Animals have always shared in the fortunes of human beings," Cronk said, noting for example that they were saved from the

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## Planners give nod to Ramada plans

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL  
 Staff Writer

And so it shall be built. The Ramada Inn can begin construction on the three-story business hotel on Haggerty Road now that Novi Planning Commissioners have OK'd the project.

But it may not stop nearby homeowners from taking developer Joe Gerak and Eight Haggerty Properties II to court over what they say is a violation of deed covenants and restrictions entered into with the two parties in 1984.

"What happens then?" asked Commissioner Arthur Vrettas. "Are they going to tear this thing down?"

According to Dave Gillam, vice president of the Whispering Meadows Homeowners Association, Gerak sent the association's attorneys a letter of compromise that the board is still in the process of reviewing.

In the meantime, residents were again on hand to ask the commission to postpone their decision or deny the plan during the Oct. 2 commission meeting. They claim the agreement in 1984 states the developer won't build anything but office projects on the land. The hotel clearly is not offices, they say, and suggested the commission should refine the ordinances so the same situation won't happen again.

The deed restrictions were a matter of a condition for rezoning the property from residential to office service, said Nancy Janik.

But the commission and the

city lack any power to enforce deed restriction and covenants, explained city attorney Dennis Watson, and could do nothing about the conflict. The commission had to approve based on adherence to the ordinance.

The project was revised to accommodate some commissioners' concerns about traffic configuration and storm water retention. But some members were still reluctant to approve the plan which leaves very little green space on the 2.33 acres fronting Haggerty, just south of Nine Mile. Next door is the three-story Extended Stay American hotel. Down the road a bit are three other hotels.

"I'm concerned about paving over everything in this city," said Commissioner Eda Weddington.

Member Michelle Bononi agreed. "Applications such as this one is bare bones adherence to our ordinances," Bononi explained.

"This thrifty approach to development does not speak well for us," she added, suggesting the commission take a closer look at the ordinances and minimum requirements.

Commissioners approved the plan unanimously but only because they didn't have any reason according to the ordinances to deny it, they said.

"If you think I like this plan, I don't," said Commissioner Peter Headley. "It is too much project for the land ... But it is allowed by our ordinances."

## North park may become golf course

By JAN JEFFRES  
 Staff Writer

Golf it may be for the North Novi Park. The Parks and Recreation Commission and the Novi City Council played through the protests of lakes area residents, and opted for an 18-hole course over about half of the 500-acre property. How the \$6.235 million development plan will be paid for has yet to be determined, but possibilities include asking voters to approve a general bond issue.

The golf course won the backing of most of the officials because it is seen as a way to generate funds for city parks programs.

"This is absolutely a money maker for the

city. It provides an excellent service," Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford said.

The golf course was chosen over another option, an all-nature park. Both were drafted by consultants Farrand & Associates.

"We have a beautiful piece of property that could accommodate both uses," Council Member Robert Schmidt said.

With a general obligation bond financing the course, voters would need to OK the sale of bonds that would then be paid back by way of a property tax millage. Another option is for the city to sell revenue bonds, which would be paid back from profits of the golf course.

A third route discussed is entering into a

partnership with a private developer to get the golf course built.

Council Members Nancy Cassis and Richard Clark took the minority stance, saying they'd like to see voters decide if the North Novi Park becomes a golf course or a more passive nature park.

"I think that you will get your answer as to what the community feels they can support recreationally. With the majority of people I've talked to, a golf course is not high on their priority list," Cassis said.

One thing that the land north of Twelve Mile Road will likely not be used for is an ice

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## Upstart bank set to open doors in Novi

By JAN JEFFRES  
 Staff Writer

While it's not unusual for professionals to merge their talents and expertise to forge a new company, this group of seven businessmen is going one better.

They're starting a bank.

Perhaps as soon as February, the Michigan Commerce Bank will open its doors in a former Comerica branch office on Haggerty Road in Novi, said Anthony

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Novi's newest bankers (l-r) Philip Sotiroff, Anthony Albanese, Richard Zamojski, Darryle Parker and Lewis George.

## Schools win case, but may not get extra funds

By ROBERT JACKSON  
 and WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL  
 Staff Writers

They won the case but may never get the money. Local school officials are considering it a moral victory nonetheless.

The Michigan Supreme Court has declined to hear the state's appeal in a consolidated group of lawsuits - known as the Durant

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## Homecoming set for Saturday

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL  
 Staff Writer

Novi High School is praying for sunshine.

With Homecoming 1996 scheduled to take place on Saturday this year, chock full of events from morning to night, the coordinators of the events are crossing their fingers and looking to the sky.

"The weather man said 'sunny' for Saturday," said Principal Arthur Miller. "I'm pretty optimistic."

Even if the clouds turn dark, a little precipitation can't rain on the school's parade.

"Everything is a go unless it's

really too bad to do something," said Miller. In case you didn't know, the Saturday Homecoming is the first ever for Novi High, which usually holds the alumni welcoming event on Friday. But traffic concerns about the parade and a concerted

effort to draw the community into participation warranted a change of plans, according to administrators.

So clear your agenda and put on the green and white. Novi Homecoming 1996 is underway and kicks into full swing Saturday, Oct. 12.

• 8 a.m. - Community Breakfast - anybody and everybody can attend - will start the day off right in the Novi High School Cafeteria, sponsored by the Athletic Boosters.

• 10:30 a.m. - Homecoming Parade floats featuring the theme of "Board Games" will meander their way from Holy Family

Church on Meadowbrook Road to Ten Mile Road, heading west until it reaches the high school. This year, all previous homecoming kings and queens are invited to participate in the parade.

• 11:30 a.m. - The first-ever Wildcat Tailgate Party will be held in the Taft Road parking lot. Burgers, volleyball and softball will be the main attraction of the event.

• 1 p.m. - The Homecoming Football Game against Howell will kick-off on the high school athletic field.

• 8 p.m. - The Homecoming Dance will start a-jumpin' in the Novi High School cafeteria.

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## Community Calendar

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

### Thursday, October 10

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

**Schools meeting canceled**  
The Novi Board of Education has canceled the previously scheduled Oct. 10 school board meeting. The next meeting will take place Oct. 17 at Novi Middle School beginning at 7:30 p.m.

**Rose Society**  
Roses-West, Rose Society meets at the Novi Community Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Jim Hill, American Rose Society Consulting Rosarian, will present a program on "Winter Protection." For additional information, call (313) 534-5588.

### Friday, October 11

**Rummage Sale**  
The Women's Service Club of Meadowbrook Congregational Church is holding a rummage sale from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. The church is located at 21355 Meadowbrook Rd.

### Saturday, October 12

**Rummage Sale**  
The Women's Service Club of Meadowbrook Congregational Church is holding a rummage sale from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The church is located at 21355 Meadowbrook Rd.

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### Monday, October 14

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

**American Business Women's Assoc.**  
The Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will meet at Country Epicure Restaurant on Grand River. Social hour is at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m., followed by a general membership meeting. The cost is \$15. All working women are invited. For reservations, call Rita Eagleton at (610) 624-0282 evenings. For membership information, call Bettie Johnson at (810) 960-9559.

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

### Tuesday, October 15

**Garden Club**  
The Novi Garden Club will meet at 1 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

**Band rehearsal**  
The Novi Concert Band rehearses at 7:30 p.m. in the band room at Novi High School. For more information on the group, call manager Warren Ledger at 348-2855.

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

**Bereavement Support Group**  
The monthly Bereavement Support Group meets at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., from 7:30-9 p.m. The meeting is facilitated by Dr. Michael M. Meyer. There will be a brief prayerful reflection during the meeting by a member of the clergy from the area. There is no fee.

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This request will be considered at 3:00 PM on Wednesday, October 16, 1996 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Official and must be received prior to October 16, 1996. (10-10-96 NR, NN)

## Irwin ends his fight with leukemia

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer

Kevin Gary Irwin was a fighter. When doctors told him in July 1994 that he had a 45 percent chance of surviving leukemia with a bone marrow transplant, Irwin searched for an alternative cure in Mexico.

When his insurance company refused to pay for his hospital bills in Mexico, he protested all the way to a state appeals board.

On the last day of September, Irwin, 33, died at Providence Park.

"He had been suffering quite a bit the last couple of weeks," his friend and employer, Bob Blackmer, said. "At about sunrise, he went home to be with the Lord."

Blackmer said last week that the battle to have Irwin's health insurance company, SelectCare HMO, pick up the bill for his treatment will continue.

The former Novi resident is survived by his wife of ten years, Cindy and daughter, Heather Rochelle, 8. The family now lives in Wisconsin.

Irwin was a 1981 graduate of Novi High School and lived most of his life in the city, growing up on Quince Drive.

In April, although he seemed to have lost his state appeal against the insurance company, Irwin said he was feeling good and appeared to be in remission. Several weeks earlier, he had just finished a 327-page book, "It's My Body," about his medical experiences and was hoping to find a publisher. Irwin was a featured speaker in 1995 at the San Diego convention of the Cancer Control Society and planned to do more public speaking.

His treatments were financed by the vigorous fundraising efforts of friends, among them Cindy Baranski. Over \$300,000 was collected.

In May, Irwin's condition began to worsen and he once again traveled to Mexico to see his doctors.

"It came as a real shock in May. All of a sudden everything just sped up. They told him on the flight in May that he might not live," Blackmer said. "We were planning to go back Monday (Sept. 30). Obviously, that wasn't God's plan."

"Kevin will be remembered for many things, including his faith, a commitment to family and his courage to say no to the American health care establishment."

"After he was told he had chronic myelogenous leukemia, Irwin began to research alternatives to a bone marrow transplant. A believer in



Kevin Irwin's long fight with leukemia ended last week.

homeopathic medicine, he read over 15 books before choosing the American Metabolic Institute in Tijuana, which offers treatments not authorized in this country. The Irwin family flew down in October 1994 for the first of several visits.

Irwin said in an interview days before his first trip to Mexico that he was deeply moved by the efforts of his friends: "It changes you inside for the rest of your life. You can't be selfish when people have been so generous to you. You can't be unkind, when people have been so kind to you. It's a wonderful feeling to have that kind of goodwill."

His insurer, SelectCare said that it would not pay for his care outside of the U.S., because it was experimental and other options were available here. Irwin disputed this, requesting that the HMO pay for those portions of his treatment deemed conventional in this country.

It appeared that the state had turned down his appeal when a second hearing was set for Sept. 25, five days before Irwin's death, but that date was postponed until November. Blackmer said the Michigan Department of Community Health's acting director did not accept the initial findings of

the Managed Care Division's HMO (Health Maintenance Organization) Task Force.

"Kevin believed that his choice lengthened his life as other leukemia patients that he spoke with who underwent conventional U.S. treatment ... were all dead in less than one year," Blackmer said. "I can't say things might have turned out differently. He decided over the past few months not to do high-dose chemotherapy. He said that would be like committing suicide."

Before his illness, Irwin was general manager of Auto America in Taylor. The business is owned by Blackmer.

Irwin was born on March 26, 1963 to Gary and Lillian Irwin, the first of four children. He was married to Cindy Urbanik on May 25, 1986 in Northville's Mill Race Village.

His funeral was on Oct. 3 at Berean Baptist Church in Livonia. He was buried in Whitom Cemetery.

"Kevin cared deeply about other people and had a strong sense of compassion and empathy for the hurts of others," said Blackmer, who wrote and read the eulogy at Irwin's funeral.

"It was a very special person. He was my best friend."

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# Police warn off bow hunter in Novi

A 37-year-old Novi man bow hunting in the woods near Deer Run Oct. 5 told police he had no idea there was an ordinance against hunting in Novi without getting permission from the city first. He explained he had permission from the land owner, but officers asked the man to cease and desist.

Two homes owned by Asian families in the Meadowbrook Glens Subdivision were broken into and ransacked Oct. 4 between noon and midnight, according to police.

In both cases, one home on Cherry Hill and one on Kings Pointe, suspects broke through back windows to gain entry. Bedrooms were ransacked and thousands of dollars of jewelry taken.

**PARTY MAYHEM**  
Ten juveniles who threw a wild party at the Double Tree Hotel, Sept. 29, fled from management after causing hundreds of dollars in damage to the room.

Police said the manager heard a disturbance in the room and opened the door to find ten teenagers destroying the property and spilling beer, liquor and food throughout the room and spraying beer on the walls.

The manager called in the minute it took officers to arrive. Police said the carpet, walls, furniture and

## Police News

**POOL OR BOXING**  
A 23-year-old Wixom man couldn't remember betting a Utah man a game of pool and got pipped for not paying once the game was over.

Police said the man came to the station Sept. 30 seeking to press charges against the unidentified man who punched him in the parking lot because he wouldn't pay him the \$100 he doesn't remember betting. Instead he gave him \$50.

Police said the man was very intoxicated at the station but could describe the man as a white male, 5-foot-8-inches tall with dark hair, blue eyes and a beard in his late 20s. The man said he saw a Utah driver's license.

**POOL OR BOXING**  
A Beck Road resident returned home after a day of work Sept. 25 to find his possessions out of place and missing.

Police said the front door was pried open and the garage door

**GEM, HOT A GEM**  
A 41-year-old Farmington Hills woman called police Oct. 5 after purchasing what she thinks might be a less-than-genuine diamond tennis bracelet from a dealer at the Expo Center Gem Show that week-end.

She and her husband bought the bracelet after examining it's quality but think the dealer switched the bracelet with a less genuine one when he was fixing the clasp. The couple didn't notice the change until they were in the car, police said. They are having it appraised to see if their suspicions are true.

**BREAK-IN AGAIN**  
A home on High Meadow was broken into and ransacked the night of Oct. 7. The homeowners son came home to find the house a mess and that cash, credit cards and jewelry had taken from the rooms. A witness in the neighborhood spotted two boys near the house around the time of the robbery, police said.

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## The Log Book

The following is a complete list of the emergency calls of the Novi Fire Department for the week ending Oct. 6. Each incident is listed by type, location, time and the engine and squad number which responded to the call.

- MONDAY, SEPT. 30**  
Fire alarm, 43635 West Oaks, 1:51 a.m., Engines 1 and 2.  
Injury accident, Fourteen Mile and Decker, 7:01 a.m., Squad 2.  
Service, 30879 Village Road, 12:39 p.m., Squad 3.  
Medical, 41108 Vincennes, 1:15 p.m., Squad 3.  
Trash fire, 44000 Nine Mile Road, 3:03 p.m., Engine 3.  
Medical, 30030 Montmorency, 4:23 p.m., Squad 2.  
Vehicle fire, 1-96 and 1-275, 6:53 p.m., Engine 1.
- TUESDAY, OCT. 1**  
Medical, 50200 Ten Mile Road, 10:08 a.m., Squad 4.  
Injury accident, 1-96 and Novi Road, 8:14 a.m., Squad 1.  
Investigation, Village Lake, 9:19 a.m., Engine 3.  
Service, 20680 Woodland Glen, 1:41 p.m., Squad 3.  
Medical, 42162 Rosemount, 3:30 p.m., Squad 3.
- WEDNESDAY, OCT. 2**  
Fire alarm, 21333 Haggerty, 12:43 a.m., Engines 1, 3, and 4.

- Medical, 45721 Timberlane, 2:11 a.m., Squad 2.  
Fire alarm, 21333 Haggerty, 6:05 a.m., Engines 1 and 3.  
Service, 30965 Winding Trail, 7:59 a.m., Squad 2.  
Medical, 29712 Montmorency, 8:31 a.m., Squad 2.  
Medical, 30915 Jasper Ridge, 12:05 p.m., Squad 2.  
Propane leak, Eleven Mile and Dowd, 12:38 p.m., Engine 1.  
Medical, 39743 Grand River, 3:59 p.m., Squad 1.  
Fire alarm, 30871 Golden Ridge, 5:32 p.m., Engine 2.  
Fire alarm, 43800 Gen-Mar, 5:35 p.m., Engines 1 and 4.  
Medical, 47230 Eleven Mile Road, 6:24 p.m., Squad 4.  
Fire alarm, 21333 Haggerty, 7:02 p.m., Engines 1 and 3.
- THURSDAY, OCT. 3**  
Medical, 41775 Haggerty, 9:45 a.m., Squad 3.  
Stand by, Stoucheville, 10:01 a.m., Response 510.  
Medical, Hudson's and Twelve Oaks, 10:35 a.m., Squad 1.  
Medical, 40180 Nine Mile Road, 2:21 p.m., Squad 4.  
Store fire, 31777 Columbia, 2:56 p.m., Engine 2.  
Medical, 45108 Roundview, 8:06 p.m., Squad 3.  
Medical, 226 Faywood, 8:15 p.m., Squad 2.

- Investigation, 42910 Ten Mile Road, 10:57 p.m., Engine 1.
- FRIDAY, OCT. 4**  
Service, 38714 Village Road, 12:49 a.m., Squad 3.  
Stand by, Country Place, 9:52 a.m., Response 510.  
Medical, 20871 Glen Haven, 12:42 p.m., Squad 1.  
Medical, Twelve Oaks and Mall Area, 12:48 p.m., Squad 1.  
Stand by, Country Place, 10:13 p.m., Response 510.  
Medical, 45182 West Road, 10:13 p.m., Squad 2.  
Injury accident, 1-96 and Novi Road, 10:58 p.m., Squad 1.
- SATURDAY, OCT. 5**  
Medical, 50910 Nine Mile Road, 1:31 a.m., Squad 4.  
Investigation, 1145 East Lake, 5:40 p.m., Engine 2.  
Service, 23461 Danbury, 9:40 p.m., Squad 3.
- SUNDAY, OCT. 6**  
Medical, 21260 Woodland Glen, 7:49 a.m., Squad 3.  
Medical, Twelve Oaks and JCPenny's, 3:14 p.m., Squad 1.  
Medical, 22789 Picnic, 7:13 p.m., Squad 3.  
Investigation, 115 Linhart, 9:58 p.m., Engine 2.  
Injury accident, 1-96 and Beek Road, 11:31 p.m., Squad 1.

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## Man accused of molesting girl

**Editor's Note: The name of the defendant is being withheld because it would tend to identify the victim in his criminal sexual conduct case.**

**By WENDY PIERRAN MITZEL Staff Writer**

A 32-year-old Novi man will stand trial in Oakland County Circuit Court Oct. 15 on charges he sexually molested his 11-year-old step-daughter.

According to Det. David Molloy, the young girl recently confided in a friend who told her mother. She then contacted the girl's biological father who lives in Farmington Hills. He and his daughter came to Novi Police Sept. 15 to file a report.

"It's apparently an ongoing pattern for six years," said Molloy, who indicated there is evidence of vaginal intercourse between the girl and the step-father. He also said police found videotapes that provide more evidence of the incidents.

The Livonia pipe salesman was charged with two counts of criminal sexual conduct last week in a friend who told her mother. She then contacted the girl's biological father who lives in Farmington Hills. He and his daughter came to Novi Police Sept. 15 to file a report.

Yarborough fired the gun once through his coat pocket, striking Brown in the abdomen.

Yarborough immediately fled the scene but was captured by Wayne County Sheriff's officers and Detroit Police only 40 minutes after the shooting when he returned to his apartment in Detroit.

The man's defense attorney claimed it was a matter of self-defense, said Molloy.

"He claims all this bottled up inside him and he was in fear for his life," Molloy said.

Brown has not returned to work but has recovered from the wound, although the bullet remains in his right thigh where it finally landed, said Molloy.

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## Shooter convicted of assault

**By WENDY PIERRAN MITZEL Staff Writer**

The man accused of shooting his co-worker outside the Tamperform Co. plant on Trans-X Drive in April was found guilty of assault with intent to commit great bodily harm Sept. 26 in Oakland County Circuit Court.

Aaron Napoleon Yarborough, 35, of Detroit faced sentencing this week.

The trial took less than a day and the jury less than three hours to reach a verdict of the lesser charge, instead of assault with intent to commit murder, according to Det. David Molloy.

Jurors also found Yarborough guilty of carrying a concealed weapon, possession of a firearm

during a felony and being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm.

Yarborough was accused of shooting his co-worker Vernard Brown, also of Detroit, after an argument inside the building. Co-workers said he was consistently teased about his thin stature.

Molloy said the Yarborough and Brown began arguing in the locker room of the business just before leaving work at 2 p.m. that day. The argument spilled over into the parking lot.

Yarborough went to his truck, grabbed a .32 caliber weapon and walked up to Brown. He shoved him on the face asking, "What are you gonna do now?" Brown turned to walk away and

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# News has ties back to Civil War era

By RANDY COBLE  
Staff Writer

As you rifle through the pages of your friendly neighborhood newspaper each week, do you ever ask yourself how it all got started?

The history of *The Novi News* and *The Northville Record* is an interesting tale which began more than a century ago in a tiny apartment and continues today. It's also a particularly appropriate yarn to recall now, as Oct. 7-11 just happens to be National Newspaper Week across these here United States.

It all began back on July 15, 1869, with the publication in Northville of the very first four-page issue of *The Wayne County Record*, just four short years after the Civil War began. It was the brainchild and dream of a 23-year-old Northville store clerk named Samuel Harkins Little.

*The Detroit Free Press* made its way into town every so often but Little believed Northville deserved a newspaper of its own. It was a local center of commerce, offering everything from groceries to jewelry to the growing population, many of whom worked as farmers or millers. With no printing press and only a few promises of financial support from local merchants, Little and his wife, Etta, decided to give it a go.

The first four-page issue of *The Record* was put together in their apartment, located where the Allen Terrace senior apartments are now. Little put the paper press plate together using handset type, then loaded it aboard a wagon for the two-day trek to Detroit where

■ This week, Oct. 7-11, is National Newspaper Week.

the pages were run off on the *Free Press's* press.

The first 18 months of the fledgling paper's life were precarious for the Littles. *The Record* generated little cash and the couple accepted all kinds of payment for advertisements and subscriptions: everything from coal, kindling and apples to fresh meat, live chickens and even invitations to supper.

Samuel supplemented their income by selling organs and sewing machines and even wrote song lyrics.

In 1870, the Littles managed to move the paper's offices to Main Street. It was there that the name of the publication was changed to *The Northville Record*, a paper that by then had its own printing press, thanks to the fundraising efforts of a group of prominent local citizens.

In a world before television, radio or even the telegraph, newspapers had a much more central role in the business of keeping people informed about happenings in the world. In the pages of *The Record* from those early years a reader can find tales from travelers visiting distant lands like Africa and Korea, and recountings of the major news events of the day.

The lead story of a July 1876 *Record*, for example, describes the first scattered reports of the battle of the Little Big Horn. The paper was also a place to find out about

local doings: the results of an eighth grade spelling bee was front page news back then, too.

After Little sold *The Northville Record* in 1880 ten owners came and went in the next 70 years. Glenn Cummings bought the paper in 1952 and named his son, Tom, business manager in 1954. It was Tom who conceived of and started *The Novi News* the following year. Just as *The Northville Record* celebrated its 85th birthday.

*The Record* had since its inception carried news from all over the area. Plymouth to Walled Lake, Livonia to Farmington. That changed over the decades as newspapers were born in those communities and by the time the 1950s rolled around, it was news from Novi that became the focus of attention.

Urged on by friends and prominent citizens in Novi, the Cummings-owned *Record* began in early 1955 to make Novi happenings a staple each week. It soon became apparent to Tom Cummings that the opportunity to give Novi a newspaper of its own was knocking.

That event first occurred on May 26, 1955. The price per issue: seven cents, for which readers received such features as *The Willowbrook Corner*, a weekly recounting of events in the Willowbrook subdivision.

Described as "one of Novi Township's fast growing communities,"

Willowbrook had a total population of 25 families when *The Novi News* was launched, with more coming every day.

*The Record* and *News* shared stories on a regular basis, each town's news being featured more prominently in its own publication.

It was a little over a year later, in August 1956, that *The Record* and *News* were bought by 33-year-old William Slinger, a Plymouth resident who'd been general manager of *The Plymouth Mail* newspaper since 1953.

Boasting a reputation as a committed man, Slinger by 1965 had purchased, along with two other newspaper publishers, a printing plant in Novi and set up a printing company. By the early '70s, they had created Slinger Home Newspapers, a four-paper chain which included *The Record*, *The News*, *The South Lyon Herald* and *The Brighton Argus*.

Playing a key role all along the way was Jack Hoffman, who became *The Record's* editor in 1958. An experienced newspaperman and active community supporter, Hoffman in 1977 was honored as Journalist of the Year by the Suburban Newspaper Association of America.

He later authored a local history work, *Northville: The First 100 Years*. Proceeds from sales of the book are donated to The Northville Historical Society.

Slinger sold his enterprises to Suburban Communications Cor-

## NEWS AWARDS FOR 1996

The National Newspaper Association and the Michigan Press Association selected *The Novi News* for honors in 1996 national and state contests.

- Staff writer Carol Workens won second place in the NNA contest for Best Living Pages, including stories on prison ministry and breast cancer.
- The staff of *The Novi News* received an honorable mention in the NNA's Best Investigative or In-depth Story category for its stories detailing the compensation received by local government employees.
- Sports Editor Scott Daniel won honorable mention in the NNA's Sports Feature category for his story about Eric Hansor, a Novi High School assistant football coach once involved in a serious motorcycle accident.
- Managing Editor Mike Malott won first place in the NNA Freedom of Information category for coverage of how police investigated a letter to the editor critical of a mayoral candidate in the 1995 Novi City Council election.
- Staff writer Wendy Pierman Mizel won second place in the MPA's Best Feature Story category for her stories about high school AIDS instruction.
- Former photographer Bryan Mitchell won first place in the MPA's Best Picture Story category for a story about life in the State Police cadet academy.
- Mitchell won second place in the MPA's Best Sports Picture category.
- Daniel collected second place in the MPA's Best Sports Coverage category.
- Daniel won third in the MPA's Best Sports Feature for the Hansor story.
- *The Northville Record* came away with third place in the Special Sections category of the MPA contest for its 1995 Northville Year In Review.
- Record Editor Lee Slinger received an honorable mention in the Local Columns category of the MPA contest as well.

poration, owner of the *Observer & Eccentric* newspaper chain, in October 1976. He and Hoffman worked for the company for many years until their respective retirements.

Other key players include former *Record* editor Jean Day, who served in her position from 1980-88 and former *News* editor Phil Jerome who served as editor-in-chief and managing editor from 1981-89. In 1989 Jerome was made Executive Editor of Home-Town Newspapers.

SCC actually converted *The Novi*

*News* into *The Novi-Walled Lake News* for four years (1977-81), a response to several key facts. The first was the historical connection of Novi to its northern neighbor. The second was the creation of Twelve Oaks Mall, which held the promise of expanded advertising dollars.

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# Meadows instructor honored for work as student teacher

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL  
Staff Writer

It took a little while but Kathy Boyd has finally found the perfect fit.

The new Novi Meadows teacher took a slightly winding path to become a teacher. In her first years at college she couldn't decide between engineering and medicine so she quit school to work in a doctor's office to give it a try. Then she couldn't decide between medicine and teaching.

It was her four boys Greg, 11, Brad, 9, and 7-year-old twins Christopher and David, who made the decision for her.

"I didn't grow up saying I wanted to be a teacher," said Boyd. It was only after she had her own kids "that I decided this is where I could have the best impact."

So returning to school as a non-traditional student at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, Boyd finished what she started and earned a teaching degree. Along the way she was given the distinction of being awarded the 1995-96 National Student Teacher of the Year Award for her work last year in the Plymouth-Canton School District.

"A lot of people said, 'This is natural for you,' but I've not thought of myself as wonderful. This is just what I do," she said.

Boyd said she brings her child-rearing experience into the classroom, which can be an advantage.

"Having kids of my own helps with discipline," said Boyd. "The kids will do something and I'll say, 'Uh-uh. Been there. Done that.'"

Boyd co-teaches sixth grade with another staff member and a special education instructor who ser-

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Photo by HAL GOULD

vice both rooms. It's these methods that education needs to use to help students learn she said.

And that's a bigger responsibility than ever.

"With two income families, we see the child far more than the parents do. We have to realize that's part of our role. And we have to take care of these kids," Boyd explained.

Boyd herself works 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., goes home to "do mom things" like help with homework and then finishes the night with a round of paper grading for the next day.

At school she encourages group work, cooperative learning and teaches with hands-on creative presentations. She said she lets students learn about a subject through discovery and then puts a name to it.

The changes in the world require a different way of learning, she said.

"I have no idea what the jobs are going to be for these kids ... I need to teach them the process of learning," Boyd explained.

She said tries to create a safe haven where kids can take chances to learn and not be afraid to take risks.

Boyd said she doesn't believe the old day's of education were any better than today, despite the nostalgic push by many parents and politicians to go back to the old methods.

"When I went to school things were so different," she said. "If you worked in a group you were cheating."

She said many people feel that since they are successful then the educational system must have worked. But Boyd said that the current high rate of illiteracy is also evidence that it must not have worked that well.

She said not every student can learn by memorization. Each individual student has a strength in learning, so teachers should offer a little bit of every style whether it be memorization, writing, phonics, art or class discussion.

"The more ways we present the material the more learners we're going to reach," she said.

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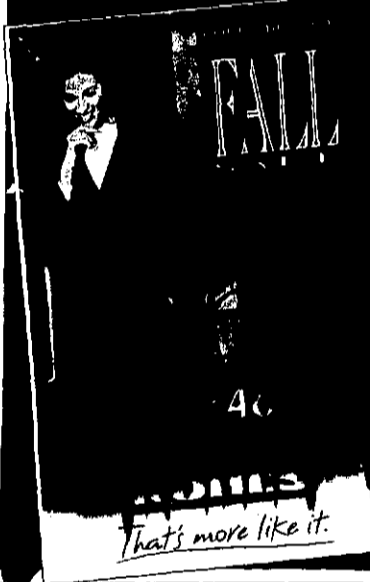


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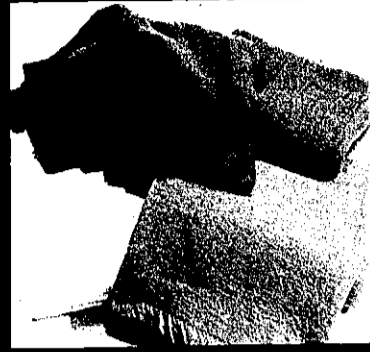
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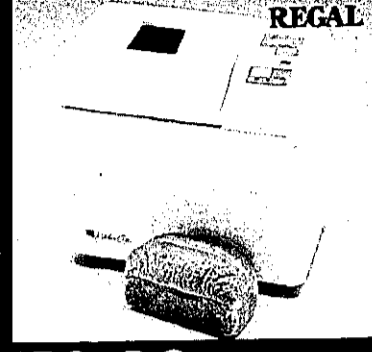
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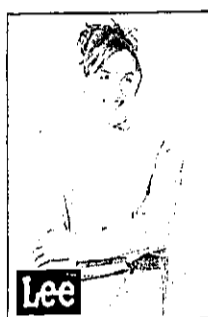
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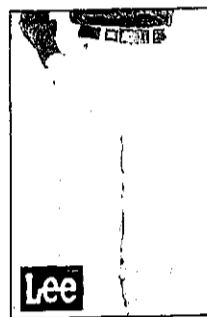
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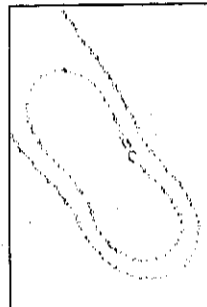


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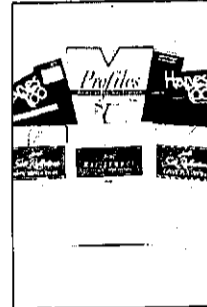


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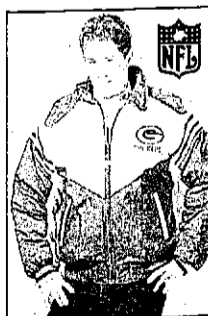
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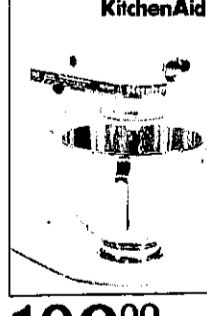
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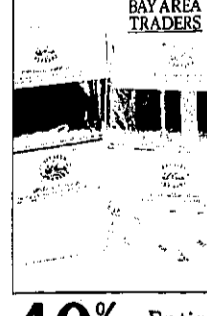
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Fred Vacobelli, owner of Sonny's Catering.

## Firm tops list one year after fire

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

In September 1995, Fred Vacobelli, owner of Sonny's Catering, was sifting through the charred wreckage of his business after a fire caused more than \$625,000 in damage.

What a difference a year makes. In September 1996, Sonny's Catering was chosen as one of the best in the Novi Beautification Contest.

Vacobelli, who won in the industrial category, was up against professional landscapers. His purple, red and white flowers were handily planted with a formal design plan, however.

"I bought some geraniums for the top part. I just went pretty much with colors I thought would go together. I don't know the names of the flowers," he said.

"This girl at Eastern Market just helped me pick some out." The Beautification Commission, whose membership includes master gardeners rated each contestant for creative design, quality and maintenance, overall appearance of building and grounds, use of the official Novi city flowers, trees and shrubs.

Two of Novi's priciest subdivisions tied for Best Of The Best awards, Chase Farms between Eight and Nine Mile roads and the newer Autumn Park on Beck Road, featuring homes in the \$300,000 to \$600,000 range.

"We tried to look at the overall aspect of what they were trying to accomplish," Beautification Commission Chair Kathy Cosentino.

"The maintenance of the design, the creation of the design, it was not just how the flowers looked. It was how the flowers were elevated."

In past years, the city's Beautification awards had concentrated on landscaping along arterial roads. This time, the commission took a look down the site streets.

Maintenance of landscaping was also an added emphasis in the contest this year, Cosentino added.

"A lot of it is just weeding it once a week, if you stay on top of it, it isn't that bad," Vacobelli said.

"We like the area we're in. It's a beautiful area and we like to make sure we go well with the area." Located on Meadowbrook Road, Sonny's Catering went up in smoke on Sept. 3, 1995, Vacobelli's wedding anniversary, when a propane tank on one of the trucks ignited. It took two months for the building to get back in shape. The fire was so intense, it broke through the roof.

Still, Vacobelli kept the business running, working out of the facilities another catering company in Westland. Sonny's sells lunchtime food at industrial complexes, with a menu that includes sandwiches, Salisbury steaks, coney dogs, Sloppy Joes and one-third pound hamburgers.

New to the contest this year was a category for schools. Novi Woods Elementary took top honors in this category. The landscaping was done by now-retired maintenance man Leonard Parsons and new maintenance man Jim Pular.

"It's beautiful. It accommodates birds in all the seasons. It's a good

landscaping for an elementary school in that it allows the children the freedom to play around it without worrying about it," said Principal Jackie Lawrence.

Novi Woods specializes in lots of tulips and daffodils in the spring, with some of the bulbs planted by the kids and moms are going in this fall.

A plaque with the names of the best overall winners will be on display at the Novi Civic Center. The Sept. 24 awards breakfast at the was a community kind of event. Marty Feldman Chevrolet contributed the food and the wooden plaque hung at the Novi Civic Center was given by Fred Shaw of Sears, Roebuck & Company.

## Winners of Novi's annual Beautification Awards

Following are the winners of the Novi Beautification Commission's annual Beautification Awards.

**Best of the Best**  
Autumn Park Subdivision  
Chase Farms Subdivision

**Best Overall Winners**  
Multi-family developments,  
Fountain Park apartments  
Best Single Family Development,  
Birchby Estates  
Best Industrial Building,  
Sonny's Catering  
Best Shopping Center, Novi  
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Best School, Novi Woods Elementary School  
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Novi Meadows School  
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Village Oaks Subdivision

## Senate Republicans push for gas tax increase

By TIM RICHARD  
Staff Writer

State Senate Republicans used mostly party-line votes to push through a package of bills to raise \$50 million more for road repairs.

The key bill retained the 6-cent diesel discount for commercial truckers, a tax break Michigan gives to compete with Indiana's lower rate, but raised the quarterly diesel fuel tax truckers pay from nine cents to 18.5 cents.

The Senate acted Oct. 2, then adjourned until Nov. 7. The House won't get the package until its December session.

"I oppose this bill because it is revenue neutral," said Sen. Jim Berryman, D-Adrian, an

announced candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor. "How fair is that to the truckers who drive and buy in Michigan?"

"Obviously, the last speaker did not understand what the bill actually does," replied Sen. Joanne Entmons, R-Big Rapids, chair of the Senate Finance Committee which wrote the bills.

"Right now, truckers drive on our roads. I think the one thing we do agree on is they probably hurt the roads a whole lot more than our 2,500-pound cars. If they (truckers) don't buy gas in Michigan right now, they get out of paying for the damage they do on our roads."

"Now, they will be paying a tax on the miles they drive in Michigan, so I disagree that we are letting people get away with this."

"Twenty-one million dollars more will go into the road fund. I don't know how to make it any clearer," Entmons said. Currently the diesel fuel tax yields nearly \$100 million a year.

That bill, SB 746, passed with 21 Republican yes votes and 16 Democratic no votes.

All area senators voted with their parties except Michael Bouchard, R-Birmingham, who was absent.

Other bills will:

evaporation and spillage of gasoline to about 0.5 percent.

• Cap the state's liability in lawsuits claiming that road conditions contributed to an accident at \$500,000 for non-economic (pain and suffering) damages. If the suit involved bodily injury or property loss, the cap would be \$280,000.

• Speed up the process for condemning land for public projects, including highways. The bill could aid land acquisition for new

baseball and football stadiums in Detroit.

• Provide for audits of how county road agencies use their funds, require competitive bids for all road projects and limit administrative costs of road agencies.

Senate Democratic leader John Cherry of Clio complained that Democrats were left out of negotiations over the package, and his party would find it harder to vote for a hike if such a bill comes up.

Michigan's fuel tax has been at 15 cents a gallon since 1982. Road groups are urging the Legislature to increase it to repair roads. Gov. John Engler is at odds with lawmakers on whether the increase should go only to the Michigan Department of Transportation or be split with local road agencies.

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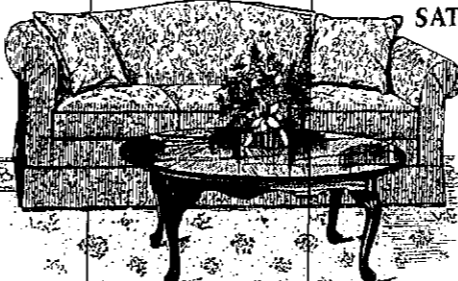
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Thomas Hicks, 8, greets Fr. Cronk's bassal hound "Gus."

## Priest gives blessing to local cats, dogs

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 flood along with Noah and his family and became part of the covenant between God and man which followed. God has made us stewards of animals, Cronk added, and we must remember our responsibilities to them.  
 Then came the sprinkling of the holy water upon the pets, which led to a lighthearted moment for all.

"Where's Gus? He needs an exorcism," Cronk joked briefly as he made his way through the crowd.  
 The end of the service was marked by the brief escape of Sunshine, the lone bird taking part, who slipped out of his cage for a quick tour of the skylights before being gently recaptured by his young owner.



This collie was paying more attention to those around him than to Fr. Cronk, who was bestowing special blessings on the animals.

## Schools win lawsuit, but won't likely see money

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 more than 80 state school districts challenging Gov. John Engler's cuts to categorical aid funding.  
 The court's 6-1 decision not to hear the suit all but finalizes the case — sometimes called "Durant" for taxpayer Donald Durant whose name is in the case, sometimes referred to as "Flitzgerald" for the Macomb County school district that started it. The case has bounced up and down the judicial system like a yo-yo for the past 16 years.  
 What that means for the Novi and Northville school districts is that the state may be forced to repay categorical aid funding it withheld from the districts over the past decade.  
 The Northville School District joined the suit in the late 1980s, according to Superintendent Leonard Rozmierski, who said the high court's decision represents a long, hard fought victory.

"Whether we realize any financial gain from the decision is yet to be seen, but the court's decision upholds what we have maintained all along, and that is if the state is going to manipulate that we run programs like special education or nutrition programs, the state is going to have to fund them."  
 The Novi school district was one of the original districts in the lawsuit that began in 1979, according to Jim Koster, assistant superintendent for business, the long-term battle was worth the effort.  
 "We have to take a stand that if (the state) is going to mandate something, they're going to pay," said Koster. "Otherwise we're just asking something in next year, or the next year, or the next year."  
 The state Supreme Court ruled in 1986 that school districts could challenge the 1976 fiscal amendment to the Michigan Constitution, which mandated school districts offer special education and other services. Under the amendment, the dis-

tricts argued, the state must pay for the services.  
 But under three governors, the Legislature managed to recapture some of that money from 84 of what were considered the wealthiest districts — Northville and Novi included.  
 The past several years has seen Engler holding back four categories of aid to school districts — special education, bilingual education, driver's education and nutrition. Engler's argument was that the state shouldn't be giving aid to "rich" districts that were ineligible for aid under the general school aid formula. About 30 percent of that aid was for special education.  
 The state must now figure a way to repay approximately \$600 million it withheld from the 84 school districts. The state was hoping to get two funding breaks from the federal government — welfare and Medicaid — but only the welfare reform break materialized.  
 Recognizing that the court's decision could result in a major budget buster for the state — the case's price tag amounts to one-fifth of the state's general fund budget — Engler put an offer on the table that would settle it for 10 cents on the dollar or \$45 million.  
 Many districts including Novi and Northville rejected the offer. Koster said accepting the offer would not have been taking a harsh enough stance.  
 "Nice try but I don't think so," he said. "They're the ones that made the mistake."  
 There are also unresolved claims from other school districts that weren't part of the Durant lawsuit. According to Rick Simonson, assistant superintendent of the Oakland County Intermediate School District, that could increase the figure to about \$3.2 billion.  
 "The total figure seems to be rising about \$1 billion a day," he said.  
 State Rep. Lyn Bonkes, R-Riford, who serves on the House Appropriations subcommittee on school aid, said that the supreme court decision couldn't have come at a worse time.  
 "This won't have an impact on the K-12 aid fund, but it will have more impact on the rainy day fund, which is about \$1.3 billion," she said. "This could wipe out that fund."  
 Rozmierski said that if the districts were to receive the full settlement, the state would definitely feel the pinch. He added, however, that such a settlement would be unlikely.  
 "Whether we'll see any money from this is entirely another question," he said. "The reality of the situation is that we'll be extremely lucky to get a nickel or dime on the dollar."  
 Koster concurred.  
 "Right now, I'll just sit back and wait. I'm not counting any money yet," he said.  
 Staff writer Tim Richard contributed to this report.

## Businessmen launch upstart bank in Novi

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 Albanese, president and chief operating officer, Albanese, a Northville resident, previously held the same post at Sterling Bank and Trust.  
 First, of course, they'll have to get the money.  
 While it's not yet been worked out if the new bank will offer its stock to the public or privately through brokerage firms, the goal is to raise from \$5 million to \$8 million, said Albanese.  
 To do so, the bank must win approval from the Michigan Financial Institutions Bureau and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) in Chicago. Michigan Commerce filed with both in August and approval is anticipated in late December.  
 Putting together a bank isn't for amateurs. Albanese has over 20 years of experience in banking, as do several of his partners, including Chief Executive Officer Richard Zimoski, of Brighton, who held the same position at Sterling Bank and Trust.  
 "It's a joke about it, it's such a difficult process. If it was easy, they'd all do it. You have to have the right credential, the proper contacts," Albanese said.  
 "It really is exciting."  
 Michigan Commerce will focus on lending to mid-sized businesses, but will also offer a full line of services to consumers, such as checking and savings accounts

and mortgages. A specialty will be offering certificates of deposit at market rate or better, Albanese said.  
 The aim is to serve the Novi, Northville, Livonia and Farmington Hills market.  
 Organizing a bank isn't that unusual, Albanese said. "I think banks have been done for some time. A lot of smaller banks have been acquired in the last four to five years."  
 With bank mergers such as Comerica with Manufacturers Bank and Michigan National with the Bank of Australia, the theory is that with the accompanying corporate reshuffling, customers, especially commercial customers, may not get the personal attention they demand. In addition, a number of professional bankers in their 40s and 50s with years of experience have found themselves out-of-work, Albanese explained.  
 "People, particularly commercial customers, like to deal with someone who has experience. They'd rather deal with the guy who makes the decisions than some young kid out of college," he said.  
 The Novi office will be Michigan Commerce's corporate headquarters. Plans call for at least one other branch.  
 Michigan Commerce was expected to sign the lease with Comerica Tuesday, Albanese said. The 2,000 square foot location already has the necessary appointments, like a bank vault and teller and drive-through windows.  
 The other Michigan Commerce Bank organizers are: Chief Financial Officer, Darlyle Parker of Monroe, a 23-year veteran of the banking business; Perry Diggins of Bingham Farms, currently president of Great Lakes Capital Corporation and a former officer at Michigan National Bank; Lewis George of Orchard Lake, a real estate developer and president of The George Group; Phillip Harrison of Brighton, president of Harrison Capital; and Phillip Sotiroff of Bloomfield Hills, president of the law firm Sotiroff, Abramczyk and Raus.

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### LARA residents oppose course

By JAN JEFFERS Staff Writer  
 Kent Poll, the new president of the Lakes Area Residents Association, had never gotten up to a city that a private golf course doesn't.  
 Residents from the north end say environmental features have them concerned about the proposal. The 18-hole golf course design places the 14th hole near Shawood Lake, which is already drying up due to the growth of plant life. Fertilizers pouring into Shawood Lake and Walled Lake jeopardize the health of the water's ecosystem, the residents contend, and a golf course means lots more fertilizer, to keep the greens green.  
 The \$3 million golf course, part of a \$6.3 million park design, would require the clearing of nine acres of wetlands on the park land. About \$17,000 would be spent on starter fertilizer just to get the roughs and fairways sodded and seeded.  
 Gary Zack was a member of the city's Traf Road Committee. At the time, he said the committee was advised that the extension would have to be built through the extreme west of the park, to protect wetlands, egret nesting grounds and wildlife habitat.  
 "I was told the DNR (Department of Natural Resources) would never allow a golf course or a row through there. I find it surprising. I guess our consultants have changed their minds or we're not listening to them," Zack said.

### North park may be site of course

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 Director Dan Davis said that would take up too much of the property.  
 While the Parks and Recreation Commission suggested the council hold a public hearing, council members declined, noting that the commission had already held a public session and that other opportunities for public input are available.  
 At a public session on the two parks concepts held by a dozen residents spoke in favor of the passive park and one preferred the golf course.  
 Along with the golf course, the chosen plan calls for:  
 • A \$3 million, 18-hole golf course.  
 • \$700,000 club house.  
 • \$300,000 maintenance facility.  
 • Three miles of hard surface paths.  
 • 1.225 miles of board-style nature trails.  
 • 2.5 miles of multi-purpose trails.  
 • One observation tower.  
 • Seven viewing decks.  
 • A \$300,000 nature center.  
 • A \$600,000, 4,000- to 7,000-square-foot banquet center.  
 • One picnic area and one picnic shelter.  
 • Two playing fields and one area for court games.  
 • One playground.  
 • The \$2.673 million nature park plan, which would have been paid for by general obligation bonds, included:  
 • A \$300,000 nature center.  
 • A \$600,000, 4,000- to 7,000-square-foot banquet facility.  
 • Three miles of hard surface paths.  
 • A three-quarters of a mile boardwalk nature trail.  
 • A 6.8-mile trail for hiking and biking.  
 • An observation tower.  
 • Ten viewing decks.  
 • A wildlife blind.  
 • An amphitheater.  
 • Four picnic areas and three picnic shelters.  
 • Four acres of playing fields and three areas for court games.  
 • Three playgrounds.  
 In the winter, both plans called for sledding, ice skating on the pond and cross-country skiing.



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# Engler to sign bill creating a unified family court system

By TIM RICHARD Staff Writer

Gov. John Engler will sign into law a bill creating a new "family court" to handle work that used to be spread around three different kinds of courts.

It's a step toward unification of Michigan's circuit, probate and district courts into a single "trial court."

The "family court" would be a division of circuit court, which currently handles divorce and child custody cases.

The change would gut many of the juvenile functions of probate court, leaving probate custody only of estate cases. Probate courts cannot be abolished entirely, however, except by voter approval of a state constitutional amendment.

"It'll help us use judicial resources to the maximum," Engler said Sept. 26 in an interview with this newspaper. "We're at a point where judicial costs have been rising. We pay people well to be on the bench. We want to make sure we get rid of case backlogs."

"We want to eliminate features of the current court system which are not user friendly. Currently, if you're in a divorce, that's done by the circuit court; but if there's an abuse and neglect issue, that's done in the probate court. There's too much 'what court is it?'"

"The family court devised by the Legislature is a step in the right direction."

"For 20 years I've heard people talk about court reform and reorganization. While we waited for the legal community and the judiciary to come to grips with it, we've done nothing. The Legislature finally reached the point where patience had run out, and they acted," Engler said.

The governor for several years had threatened to veto the creation of new judgeships in suburban Oakland, Wayne and Washtenaw counties until courts were reorganized.

"I just felt very strongly we shouldn't be authorizing new judges until we saw what the system would look like."

Engler said "there's considerable work to be done," citing the need to eliminate part-time probate judgeships in rural counties.

The House on Sept. 24 was scene of the big battle. It approved Senate Bill 1052 on an 80-22 vote.

The Senate concurred in House amendments on a 30-7 vote.

Opponents gave a variety of reasons. "Creating a family court is not an easy task," said Rep. Mary Schroer, D-Ann Arbor. "There is a lot of turf involved and a lot of egos involved here." Her amend-

ment to delay implementation by one year, to 1999, was rejected.

Rep. David Jaye, R-Utica, said no "because it authorizes a \$5,000 pay increase for 308 Michigan district and probate court judges who currently make \$104,900. This \$5,000 pay increase is in addition to the judges' getting a 3 percent pay increase in 1995 and another 3 percent pay increase in 1996."

### SUIT TO FAIL

Engler predicted the city of Detroit's suit over funding of the 38th District Court — the only one in the state not funded by a local unit — "will fail on its merits, if not at the initial (trial) court, then at the appellate level."

"It's a petition for more money. I think both Detroit and Wayne County have been treated fairly on court reorganization."

Suburban and outstate district courts are funded by cities and townships or counties. The state Supreme Court ruled against a lawsuit by cities and counties to get equal state funding for their courts.

## Obituaries

### DOMINIC R. SPERTI

The family of Dominic R. Sperti received word on Sept. 25 of the demise of Mr. Sperti of Paw, Paw, Mich. He was born March 31, 1916, in Steger, Ill., and moved as a young boy to the South Haven, Mich., area.

Surviving Mr. Sperti are: daughter, Carol Engle of Novi; grandchildren, Ralph and David Engle of Novi, Tim O'Riley and Deborah Provo of Mt. Clemens, Connie Fitch of Evansville, Ill., and eight great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, parents, a sister, two brothers, and granddaughter, Brenda Dove in 1999.

Service was held Sept. 27 and inurnment was at Arlington Cemetery, Bangor, Mich.

### GIOSUE (JOE) MATRUNDOLA

Giosue Matrundola of Novi died Oct. 1 at the North Oakland Medical Center in Pontiac. He was 84.

Mr. Matrundola was born May 31, 1912, in Cassino, Italy.

Mr. Matrundola worked for the auto industry in the tool-and-die field. He was a veteran of World War II.

He is survived by: son, Roger; daughter, Judy; brothers, Francesco (Theresa), Antonio (Francesca) and Eugenio; sisters, Concetta (Giuseppe) DeMambro; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Fernina.

Services were held Friday, Oct. 4 at O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home in Novi with a morning mass at Holy Family Church. Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Memorials to the Holy Family Church, Building Fund, 24505 Meadowbrook, Novi, would be appreciated.

### VIOLET VERDEAN HOWARD

Violet V. Howard, age 98, of Novi died Oct. 5 in Boisford Hospital in Farmington Hills. She was born in Hillsdale on Sept. 7, 1898.

Mrs. Howard was a homemaker. Her survivors include daughter, Sandra and one grandchild, Kim-Lan Howard.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Herbert.

Services were held Tuesday, Oct. 8 at the O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi.

Interment was in Lakeview Cemetery, Hillsdale.

Memorials to the Novi Senior Citizens would be appreciated.

### EDITH L. MACGREGOR

Edith MacGregor of Greenwood Township, formerly of Northville, died Oct. 2 at the age of 75. Mrs. MacGregor moved to Greenwood Township in 1994. She was born in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mrs. MacGregor was a homemaker.

Her survivors are: sons, Daniel of New Hudson, Robert of Northville, and Bruce of South Lyon; daughter, Pamela Vasquez of Harrison; sister, Lillian Parrish of Louisville, Ky.; nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Malcolm R., in 1986.

Services were held Oct. 5 at Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home, Northville, with the Rev. Lance Rubinger, Salem Bible Church, officiating. Interment was in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens, Novi.

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# Lawmakers consolidate elections

By TIM RICHARD  
Staff Writer

A Royal Oak school board member was alone in asking the Legislature to consolidate school and city elections on the same day in November.

"It will increase voter participation by 100 percent," Jim Bolsmier told the House Local Government Committee at a Sept. 25 public hearing in the State Capitol. "Our people voted 91 percent for consolidation, and there was no campaign, one way or the other."

But lumping city and school elections was opposed by Garden City board president Don Liebau and Justin King, executive director of the Michigan Association of School Boards.

"School district boundaries are not coterminous with local units," said Liebau, noting school districts usually sprawl across several cities or townships.

"It would preclude Saturday elections, when the turnout is better."

With November elections, we would be voting six months into the fiscal year. It would violate local control and be a retreat from the concept of general purpose school districts," said Liebau.

King said MASH doesn't want the House to try election reform in the fall lame duck session of the

Legislature but take it up at the beginning of 1997.

"Mandating an elections system reduces the ability of local elected officials to respond to individual community needs," King said. "We see elections consolidation as an encroachment on school board general powers. Moving school board elections to November will add a partisan flavor."

Voters in St. Johns and Walled Lake have shown they like Saturday elections. The school officials said city-school election consolidation would block Saturday elections.

Asked by a committee member how many of Michigan's 560 school districts hold November elections, King said 12. "It's their choice," he added.

Rep. Lingg Brewer, D-Holt, blistered school boards for wanting a separate election dates at their options. "We have almost endless, ongoing elections with turnouts of 3, 4 or 5 percent."

King replied that a low turnout "shows people are pretty pleased with the way it's going."

Brewer, a former Ingham County clerk, disagreed. "When you have 70 percent voting for president and 7 percent for school board, something is wrong. I've seen school people as cynical as Chicago ward heeler. They say, 'We've

got a multi-million project - let's sneak this through with Monday elections."

Tony Brehler, Livonia retiree and spokesman for a letter-writing group called the "Grumples," said "It's kind of sad" that most school elections are conducted on a Monday in June. In Livonia an election costs \$32,000; with 4,120 voting, the cost is \$7.77 per vote. Livonia has five to six elections a year.

"Eliminate all these repetitious elections. Voter apathy is pathetic," said Brehler.

The House Elections Committee, chaired by Rep. Bob Brackentidge, R-St. Joseph, a former Berrien County clerk, is considering three election reform bills:

• House Bill 4447 - allow elections to be held on only three dates: 1) spring, Tuesday after the

first Monday of May; 2) August primary on Tuesday after the first Monday; 3) general election on Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

• HB 4373 - require cities, villages and townships to conduct school elections. (Currently, school districts have the option of conducting their own elections.)

• Senate Bill 773 - specify that annual school elections be conducted in November; require that school bond proposals include an estimate of the cost of repayment.

Rep. Beverly Hammerstrom, R-Temperance, said the panel had considered consolidating all education elections - State Board of Education, three university boards, community college and K-12 school boards - in a single election but rejected it.

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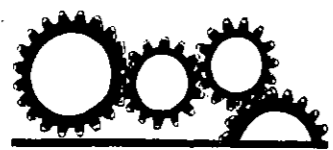
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## As We See It

### City can't enforce all deeds, so owners must

Buyer beware. It's an old saying but one well worth remembering. And if it holds true when you're buying cars or VCRs or even long distance telephone services, it certainly holds true when you're buying what is for most people their most valuable asset, their home.



#### Development

The point was brought to the forefront most recently by the submission of a site plan for the construction of a Ramada Inn on Haggerty Road north of Eight Mile. Ramada purchased the parcel with plans of constructing an 81-unit hotel. Residents of the nearby Whispering Meadows subdivision object on the grounds that they say they have a deed restriction which restricts the use of that parcel to an office building only. They raised the point with the city, pointing out that approval of the site plan would run counter to that deed restriction.

deed restrictions and not approving site plans which contradict them, shouldn't it? In agreeing to a site plan that would appear to run counter to a deed restriction, isn't the city in essence taking sides with Ramada?

We're sure these same questions have occurred to the residents of Whispering Meadows. But City attorney Dennis Watson's position is that the city cannot be expected to enforce those deed restrictions carries real weight. His position was that, in fact, it would be inappropriate for the city to attempt to do so. Under current state law, the city is mandated to approve site plans whenever they meet the existing zoning ordinance. Deed restrictions are a separate matter, he explained, constituting agreements between landowners and not part of the zoning code at all.

Could the city enforce deed restrictions if it wanted to? No says Watson, because state law mandates approval when the site plans meet the zoning code. If the city wanted to try to do that, it would probably have to adopt an ordinance making the city responsible for enforcement of all deed restrictions, Watson explained. Given the number of restrictions which likely exist in the city, that would probably be unreasonable. And it is not clear such an ordinance would be upheld.

Nonetheless, the Planning Commission has given the go-ahead to the site plan. Now it is up to the residents to enforce the deed restriction. Developer Joe Gerak has sent a compromise proposal to the Whispering Meadows Homeowners Association, and the members are reviewing it. But if a compromise is not reached, the matter could wind up in the courts.

Now we can appreciate the position of Ramada Limited of Novi and the landowner who's selling the parcel. Business is business after all, and that area seems to be a hot bed for the hotel industry. We can certainly appreciate the position of the residents who bought their homes believing that the land had a deed restriction on it and that its use would indeed be limited. We can appreciate their frustration in finding out now that there is even a possibility it could be developed in a manner contrary to what they had thought was going to go there. Adding to the frustration certainly will be that they must spend money out of pocket for legal fees if it is necessary to resolve the issue in the courts.

What left us scratching our heads was the city's position that it should go ahead and approve the site plan despite that deed restriction. Shouldn't the city be enforcing deed restrictions? At least it should it be abiding by those

## Teenage overconfidence

What is it about teens? So often they exhibit overconfidence. They seem to think little can go wrong, even if they are not yet very good at what they are doing. They don't seem to think they can get hurt.

The state Legislature has recently passed a bill toughening the requirements for getting a driver's license and among the key ingredients was to set a minimum standard of 50 hours behind the wheel on a learner's permit, with a parent or guardian in the car. Ten of those hours have to be driven at night. The legislation also required a second phase of driver's education and the passage of a road test before teens can get their license to drive.

By and large, teens think the idea "sucks." Some will admit they don't consider themselves to be good drivers and acknowledge the extra time behind the wheel could help, but most contend the new rules won't make much difference. They're more concerned about their ability to get around, at least according to most local teens interviewed recently for their reactions to the new regulations. Adults on the other hand all seem to

agree it's a good idea. No adult this newspaper has talked to doesn't agree the extra requirements would be a good thing.

They, we suppose we were that way too at that age. All of us were, in all likelihood, back when we were teens. Yet the statistics are clear. Young drivers are involved in accidents more often than any other age group. According to the Michigan Association of Insurance Agents, 15 percent of drivers between the ages of 16 and 24 are involved in accidents each year. That compares to the second most accident prone segment of the population, those between the ages of 65 and 75. Only 5 percent of those drivers have accidents in a given year.

The rules make sense. No, teens won't necessarily understand ... at least they will not admit they understand. But that doesn't mean adults should abdicate their responsibility to make the rules for youngsters. And the new rules do make sense.

We urge the state to move ahead with these requirements, for the sake of those teens.

## Staff honored in contests



Michael Malott

This is my favorite time of year — not because it's fall and the leaves are turning colors, not because I get to break out all my sweaters, not because it's football season. It's my favorite time of year because this is National Newspaper Week and that's when all the awards from state and national newspaper contests are announced ... and I get to beat my brack and gloat about what a kick-

butt reporting team we have here at *The Novi News*. We raked 'em in again this year. From the National Newspaper Association:

- Carol Workens won second place for Best Living Pages.
- The entire staff of *The Novi News* received an honorable mention in Best Investigative or In-depth Story for its public payroll special report.
- Scott Daniel won honorable mention in the Sports Feature category for his story about assistant football coach Erle Hanson's fight to recover from a serious motorcycle accident.
- I too got in on the act, winning first place in the Freedom of Information category for stories about a police investigation of a writer of letters to the editor during last year's mayoral election campaign.
- From the Michigan Press Association:
- Wendy Pierman Mixel won second place in the Best Feature Story category for her stories about high school AIDS instruction.
- Bryan Mitchell won first place in her Best Picture Story.
- The *Novi News* won second place in the Best Feature Picture category.
- The *Novi News* won third place in the Best Sports Picture category.
- Daniel also collected a second place in the Best Sports Coverage category.
- Daniel also won third in the Best Sports Feature category for the Hanson story.
- *The Northville Record* came away with a third place in the Special Sections category for its 1995 Northville Year In Review.
- Lee Snider received an honorable mention in the Local Columns category as well.

It shouldn't be hard to tell that I'm pretty proud of the folks who work here at the newspaper. They work hard. They're talented. They produce a pretty good newspaper, in my humble opinion, for these communities each and every week.

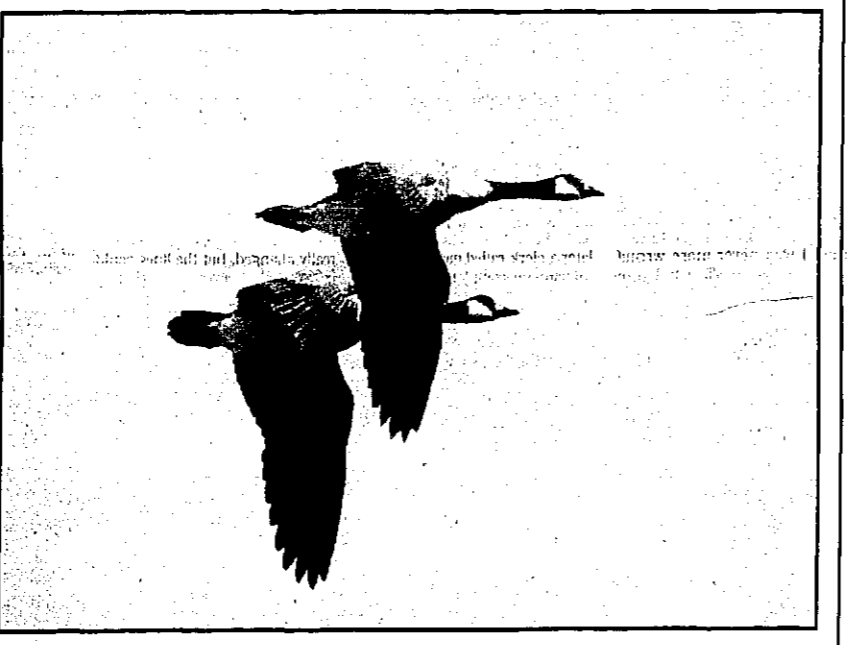
Awards certainly aren't everything. And they don't guarantee a successful newspaper. Nonetheless, it is the only time we get to compare our efforts to those of others who are doing pretty much the same thing elsewhere across the state and country.

Not unexpectedly, it turns out these people rank with the best among those out there in the community journalism field.

Michael Malott is the Managing Editor of *The Novi News*.

## In Passing

By Hal Gould



Record numbers of Canada Geese are expected to pass through our area on their way south for the winter.

## A potpourri of local items



Randy Coble

This week your friendly neighborhood reporter serves up a potpourri of items to inform, inspire and delight:

**THE LIBRARY:** In case you missed it, Sunday's grand opening of the new Northville district library was, like the library itself, absolutely first-rate.

As I've mentioned before Northville is the closest thing I've got to a hometown. Since the day I arrived here in 1980 I realized that our old library was a dog that wouldn't hunt. Like my classmates since junior high, whenever I had a research project to do, I headed for Novi.

It is a deep-seated pleasure, therefore, to know that now Northville has a library with the size and resources to make people in other towns envy us for a change. We as a community owe one to the quiet legions of library supporters who've made that happen.

**THE CAMPAIGN:** As you'll recall, this summer's Republican primary contest for Northville Township supervisor between Bob Grant and Karen Woodsides was, to say the least, a lively affair. Woodsides came out on top in the vote on Aug. 6. Shortly after that Grant and his family decided to move to a new home, said domicile being located in the city of Northville. That has led a few people in the township to question candidate Grant's actions, saying it was unfair of him to claim that the township would suffer from a Woodsides supervisorship while considering getting out of Dodge.

When I caught up with Bob this week he said that wasn't a fair charge. He said he had every intention of staying in Northville Township and that his losing wasn't the reason for the family's decision to move.

Randy Coble is a staff writer for *The Novi News* and *The Northville Record*.

## Consolidate school voting to May



Phil Power

You wouldn't know it happened if you get your news from the big city papers or TV. But the House Local Government Committee recently held a hearing in the State Capitol on a timely topic — school elections and when to hold them.

It's important because holding elections costs money, and when elections are held often decides turnout and, thus, the outcome. Currently, school districts have the option of holding elections whenever they choose. Here's a sample of comment from the hearing about why this system is wrong:

First, urge your local lawmaker to support the 4-4-7, introduced by Rep. Beverly Hammerstrom, R-Temperance, which would allow Michigan elections to be held on just three dates: Tuesdays after the first Mondays in 1) May, 2) August (i.e., the August primary election); and 3) November (i.e., the general election). School people don't like the proposal, on the stated argument that restricting school elections to certain dates reduces local control. Poppycock! Having a uniform speed limit on expressways limits local control, but it also provides a consistent speed standard for all drivers to follow, regardless of destination.

I suspect the fascination with local control has for more to do with the common practice of school boards (often in conspiracy with teachers unions) sliding big ticket items through an election held a time specifically designed to insure low turnout and disproportionate effect from a committed (self-interested?) minority.

Second, urge your local lawmaker to make every effort of encouragement to Rep. Bob Brackenkridge, R-St. Joseph, the

thoughtful former Berrien County clerk who is pushing an overdue reconsideration of Michigan's election scheduling laws.

Suggest that while our lawmakers are considering rationalizing school elections, they should widen their focus to include also elections for statewide education posts and judges. Surprise! These folks are also elected in November! But you sure wouldn't know it by reading a big city newspaper or watching TV. These folks get elected essentially at random by an almost totally uninformed electorate.

One can argue that we should appoint our judges and university board members. But we in Michigan have chosen to elect them, and the odds of our changing the Constitution in this regard are negligible.

So we should consolidate voting for these posts with the proposed school elections in May. That way, we'd get the news media off their butts and have some searching coverage of people and issues — school boards, millages, university boards and judges — that might inform voters in a democracy.

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

## Only change is picture on the wall

To the editor:

In the 1994 election, Republican Secretary of State candidate Candice Miller beat long-time incumbent Richard Austin. She promised to reform the state's licensing processes and declared, "No more lines, in which residents waited, sometimes for hours, to transact business in their local Secretary of State branch offices."

It has been nearly two years since Ms. Miller took office. One would expect this to be enough time to implement changes and reform the processes. However, based upon my last experience at my local branch, it appears that nothing has been done to alleviate the kachinone lines.

I recently bought a vehicle from a friend and needed to transfer the title to my name. With Secretary Miller in charge, I expected to breeze in and out of my community's branch office in 10 or 15 minutes. I was never more wrong. After entering the office and gasping at the line length, I snatched a

## Letters

number in contempt and squeezed myself into a chair sized for a fourth grader. Quickly I recalled what has been said a hundred times before about campaign promises too often not kept.

Funnistly, I can finish a crossword puzzle in 10 or 15 minutes and brought a book of them with me. While thinking of four-letter words for frustration, I observed others waiting, reading, forms, registrations, and other paperwork over and over. Their faces etched with agitation. One man rolled his number slip into a pill and dropped it to the floor as he departed the door in despair. A few others deserted their posts, but I patiently waited with the rest of the herd. Five crossword puzzles later a clerk called my name.

I had no complaints about the Secretary of State's office prior to Candice Miller's election. There are many things I would rather do than stand in a line to give away money, but I accepted it as a necessary measure of having the privilege to drive. My view changed when Ms. Miller promised millions of Michiganders that if elected, she would transform the system so that we wouldn't be forced to wait in office lines. She pledged to improve something that I had never seen as a problem. It was like shopping for an essential item, a winter coat or eyeglasses for you see many lines, but I finally gave up for voters to remember Ms. Miller's campaign slogan.

During my experience at the local Secretary of State branch, I overheard an angry woman comment, "The only thing that's changed is the picture on the wall." In November 1996, the face in the frame may very well change again.

Additional staff or extending office hours until 7 p.m. or later on days other than Wednesdays would help, and more functions could be performed by mail. Also, automobile registration could be done every other year instead of annual.

Unless she starts implementing changes soon, Ms. Miller's lack of attention to her campaign promise will become a formidable weapon for her democratic opponent in 1998. I am sure the Michigan Democratic Party is already making notes about her slow performance. It will take little prompting for voters to remember Ms. Miller's campaign slogan.

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Ken Marten

## Pontiac grew as county center



Barbara Louie

The year was 1818. The first steamship to sail on the Great Lakes, named "Walk-in-the-Water," was bringing in more settlers to Michigan from the east, and a company was formed to scout out the forests outside of the tiny fort of Detroit.

Known as the Pontiac Co., named for the Indian chief who lived nearby, the brave group was led by Col. Stephen Mack. Along with a small group of settlers, the Pontiac Co. took some two months to travel from Buffalo, New York, to their final destination of Pontiac, Mich.

According to 19th century historian Samuel Durant, Pontiac became "the first prominent settlement in a interior of Michigan, the first one located beyond the cordon of tangled forest ... which surrounded Detroit." By the end of 1818, the area that would become the village of Pontiac was surveyed and platted.

The small settlement was joined during the next two years by just three more families. The year 1821 saw a larger influx of new settlers moving in, and by the 1830s Pontiac had turned into a center of trade for an area that extended as far north as Saginaw. By this time, Oakland County had approximately 5,000 inhabitants, and Pontiac was already gaining fame as an industrial center.

Pontiac became the Oakland County seat early on, and in 1837, was incorporated as a village. It encompassed 1,400 acres, but the settlement was confined to a small section along the Saginaw Road which connected Detroit with the Saginaw Valley.

Three years after incorporation, a terrible fire destroyed the town. Spurred on by a steady wind, the fire that broke out in the Exchange Hotel in May, 1840, quickly engulfed buildings on either side of the street.

The town was able to rebuild, and by the 1860s had a population of several thousand. A resident of those years, William Nisbett, described his early memories of Pontiac:

"The Railroad Exchange Hotel ... represented the full length of the main business district, with many vacant lots, and here and there a small residence added to the string of mostly wooden stores ... Saginaw Street in those days

had been paved with cobblestones, and it can be said with truth that it was a rough and noisy thoroughfare, but it answered every purpose for many years, when it finally gave way to modern improvements."

Businesses in the mid-1800s included hardware and grocery stores, mills, doctors, lawyers, dentists, blacksmiths, livery stables, druggists, a brewery, a furniture/undertaking parlor and several restaurants.

Pontiac, as the county seat, held a respected role in the state. The old Indian trail that had made Pontiac a favorite stopping place for Native Americans and later as a trading post for white settlers, eventually turned into an important highway for automobiles.

Pontiac continued to grow over the years, primarily as a business and commercial hub of northeastern Michigan. By the 1950s, it had become a major core for General Motors activities and with a current population of over 70,000 people, remains the county seat and a thriving industrial center.

Barbara Louie is a local historian of the Novi and Northville area and is author of the book No. 11 on the Trail.

## Voters would like move to middle



Tim Richard

Michigan's Democratic Party is rigidly controlled by big labor, with emphasis on the public employees' unions.

Michigan's Republican Party is almost as rigidly controlled by the religious right, an amalgam of Right to Life, evangelicals and authoritarian types, sometimes mislabeled conservatives.

Is there any room in either party for centrists — people more interested in solving problems than peddling ideology? Are there any active moderates since the departures of Bill Milliken, Carl Pursell and George Romney?

I've talked to two in recent weeks: Democrat Doug Ross and Republican John (Doc) Schwartz. Both are interested in running for governor in 1998. They are among the intellectual lights of their parties. Sadly, their gubernatorial prospects are dim.

An abortion foe, Schwartz lost a bid for Congress after he voted against an extreme "informed consent" bill on which Right to Life wouldn't give an inch. Unlike most outstate Republicans, he doesn't consider the area south of M-39 and east of US-23 as a sociological cesspool.

He voted against abolishing Detroit Recorder's Court. His degrees are from the University of Michigan and Wayne State, and he did his internship in Detroit. He chairs the appropriations subcommittee on higher education, which is why university folks love him.

"An independent run for governor? Sure, I've thought about it," said Schwartz, saying he'd need a relatively modest 31,000 valid petition signatures. "I wouldn't totally rule it out, though it'd be a relative long shot.

"I classify myself fiscally as relatively conservative, not clamoring for new taxes and new sources of revenue," he said, adding he's moderate because "you can't let people not have medical care; you can't pull out big parts of the social safety net like child care and Medicaid."

Vote results show him that Michigan's biggest block of Republican votes is in Wayne County and the second biggest is Oakland, not Kent, Ottawa or Midland.

Can either win? A Schwarz-Ross or Ross-Schwartz ticket is unlikely. But a million would like to see either party move toward what Eisenhower called "the middle of the road."

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

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# House falls short on date rape bill

By TIM RICHARD Staff Writer

The state House of Representatives was one vote short of unanimous as it passed a bill banning a "date rape" drug.

But it gave 100 percent approval to lame-duck Rep. John Jaminian's "Patient's Bill of Rights" package. The bills go next to the Senate.

The House gave 102-1 approval to a bill regulating Rohypnol, a sedative many times stronger than Valium that cannot only knock out a young woman but cause short-term memory loss.

The bill, by Rep. Eric Bush, R-Battle Creek, will classify Rohypnol as a Schedule I drug instead of Schedule IV. Possession would be a two-year felony offense, manufacture and sale a seven-year felony, and rape a 20-year felony.

"We have not allowed sufficient

time," said dissenter Michael Bennane, D-Detroit, "to gather all the pertinent facts and information. This is not the type of decision you can thoughtfully contemplate, thoroughly explore and decide in 24 hours."

"The federal Food and Drug Administration has been studying the issue of rescheduling Rohypnol for several months, and a decision is expected shortly."

"Rohypnol is not significantly different from other compounds in the benzodiazepine family. All other benzodiazepines are in Schedule IV. Rescheduling sends an inaccurate message to physicians, patients and governments in other countries where it is used safely and effectively for the treatment of sleep disorders," said Bennane, who isn't seeking reelection.

But Bush, a former police commander, said, "The use of Rohypnol in connection with rape cases has already reached epidemic proportions in Florida and Texas. Once again, Michigan is one step ahead of the federal government."

The State News, campus newspaper at Michigan State University, endorsed the measure editorially but said the drug still could be smuggled into the U.S. "However, if the drug had more color and taste, Rohypnol-related crimes would undoubtedly drop even further by alerting those who are slipped the drug," it said.

The odorless, tasteless drug is often slipped into an unsuspecting person's drink.

The House handed Rep. John Jaminian a going-away present by giving unanimous approval to a package of bills he steered through

his Health Policy Committee. They would:

- Protect workers against losing health insurance if they moved or changed jobs.
- Help people, particularly retirees, understand their health insurance coverage by requiring health insurers to tell customers exactly what is covered.
- Require insurers to establish a 90-day grievance process for customers who disagree with coverage decisions.

House Bill 5570-74 face an uncertain future in the Senate. Jaminian said he is concerned that senators may get some of the important protections on which his panel worked for months.

The Associated Press contributed to this story.

## Community Notes

### Booster's breakfast

The Novi Athletic Booster Club is sponsoring a pancake breakfast on Saturday, Oct. 12 from 8-10 a.m. The Booster Club and the Novi High School Student Council are working together to make Homecoming a community event. It's all you can eat for \$5 for an adult, \$4 for students, \$3 for children. The pancake breakfast is the first Homecoming event of the day. The Homecoming parade is scheduled for 10:30 a.m., a student tailgate at 11:30 a.m., Novi vs. Howell at 1 p.m., and the Homecoming dance at 8 p.m.

### Rose Society begins

First meeting of this new Rose Society will be Thursday, Oct. 10 beginning at 7:30-9:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center located at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. Many programs and speakers are being planned along with a Spring Rose Show and monthly newsletter.

"Winter Protection" program will be presented by Jim Hill, A.R.S. Consulting Rosarian, along with top national members Bunny Skram and Loreita Lovestart of Saginaw.

### Jaycees Craft show

There are less than 50 shopping days to Christmas. The Novi Jaycees and Novi Arts Council want to help you start for (hush up) your holiday shopping with their sixth annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Show on Saturday, Nov. 30 at the Novi Civic Center.

A one-day juried show will feature over 50 crafters and artists in the multi-purpose room and atrium. The show will open at 10 a.m. and close at 5 p.m. Admission to the show is \$1 and each person attending will receive a free raffle ticket for the hourly giveaway of items donated by the crafters and artists.

Linda Rose will make her sixth appearance at the show with her country furniture, apparel and needlework. Donna Siderer will be returning to the show for the sixth straight year with her country sculpture. New to the show this year will be Linda Mulder, with her special mustache boxes, and Raya Khait, with hand knitted sweaters.

Money raised by this event will be used by both organizations to support projects within the Novi community. The Jaycees annually sponsor the summer reading program at Novi Library, a scholarship program at Novi High School, and the needy family Christmas program. The Novi Arts Council sponsors artist visits to the schools, a scholarship program, and monthly exhibitions at the Novi Civic Center.

Applications are still taken from crafters for the show. For more information on the craft show or membership in either organization, call (810) 347-0400.

# Youngster caught boozing at game

By ROBERT JACKSON Staff Writer

About 800 teenagers had a great time at Northville High School's homecoming dance Saturday.

For seven students, however, the night ended up a costly embarrassment, as Northville police cited the teens on charges of illegal consumption of alcohol. One student, a 15-year-old sophomore, was transported to Providence Hospital for observation after she had consumed a "fairly substantial" amount of alcohol, according to emergency medical personnel.

Northville police were called to the high school at about 8:15 p.m. The officers questioned each student and administered preliminary breath tests. The results ranged from .05 percent to .13 percent blood alcohol content. The legal limit for an adult is .10 percent, and anything registering .02 and above is considered beyond the legal limit for individuals under 21.

The students will be forced to appear at 35th District Court on the charges, and could face fines of up to \$100 and community ser-

vice. All seven were also immediately given five day suspensions from school, and upon their return will be forced to take part in a school administered drug and alcohol assessment program.

The group had allegedly been drinking at a student's home and then drove to the high school to attend the dance, according to the police reports. School officials chaperoning the dance noticed the students were acting strangely and smelled of alcohol. The students were then escorted to the police office to await the arrival of police.

During the time the 15-year-old was found violently ill in the bathroom and the Northville Police Department was called.

A few of the students admitted to drinking a combination of rum and cinnamon flavored liquor called "hot damn" before arriving at the dance, according to police.

The incident marred an otherwise upbeat homecoming celebration. According to Principal Tom Johnson the majority of the kids were well behaved and had a great time.

## Public Access

The following is the Time Warner Channel 12 community access program schedule for Novi for the coming week.

**MONDAY, OCT. 14**  
 10:00 a.m. — Info TV-12 News Magazine  
 10:30 a.m. — My Vote Counts  
 11:00 a.m. — Motorsports: Legends  
 12:00 p.m. — Coffee and Conversation: Fall in Place  
 1:00 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete  
 1:30 p.m. — My Russian Friend  
 2:00 p.m. — Senior Messenger  
 3:00 p.m. — Scary Tales From Novi  
 3:30 p.m. — Fall Harvest  
 4:00 p.m. — Rising Tide  
 5:00 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y  
 5:30 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen: Earl Wilson

**TUESDAY, OCT. 15**  
 10:00 a.m. — Electronic Field Trip  
 11:00 a.m. — Women on the Move: Transitions  
 11:30 a.m. — Fall Harvest  
 12:00 p.m. — Summit University  
 1:00 p.m. — Drawing Men to Christ  
 2:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection  
 2:30 p.m. — Good Health  
 3:00 p.m. — Motorsports: Legends

**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 16**  
 10:00 a.m. — Electronic Field Trip  
 11:00 a.m. — Women on the Move: Transitions  
 11:30 a.m. — Fall Harvest  
 12:00 p.m. — Cash Talks  
 12:30 p.m. — The Way, The Truth, and The Life  
 1:00 p.m. — Study in Scripture  
 1:30 p.m. — AMVETS  
 2:00 p.m. — Restoration Now

**THURSDAY, OCT. 17**  
 10:00 a.m. — The Job Show  
 10:30 a.m. — The Happiest People Alive

**FRIDAY, OCT. 18**  
 10:00 a.m. — Law Talk  
 11:00 a.m. — Lansing Connection  
 11:30 a.m. — Who, What, Where, Y  
 12:00 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete  
 12:30 p.m. — My Russian Friend  
 1:00 p.m. — Inside Farmington Hills  
 1:30 p.m. — Farmington Hills Police Journal  
 2:00 p.m. — Cash Talks  
 2:30 p.m. — Bags and Talk  
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# Fall for a Picnic

By CAROL WORKENS  
Staff Writer

Don't put away that picnic basket just yet. When you're thinking about taking a drive to see Michigan's fall color spectacular, why not have a picnic?

If you're not into doing a lot of cooking ahead of time or if the trip is a spur of the moment thing, area bakeries, supermarkets, catering businesses and restaurants may have just what you need to fill your basket.

Foreman Orchards and the Parmenter Northville Cider Mill, both in Northville, offer fresh cider and pies, not to mention lots of apples.

It is always best to call ahead to see if your favorite place needs advance notice or if they are going to be open on the day you've planned your picnic.

Many area restaurants such as Guernsey Farms Dairy, 21300 Novi Road, accept either call-ahead or walk-in orders. Guernsey is open 8 a.m. until 10 p.m. seven days a week.



Bread supplied from Great Harvest Bread Company and picnic provisions from Kitchen Witch, both in Northville.

Photo by Hal Gould

sugar maple, hickory, oak, beech and walnut trees are all in abundance at Maybury State Park, which has about 50 different species of trees. Picnic areas and shelters are available throughout the park. Maybury will conduct a guided color tour at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 12.

Also at Maybury, the Annual Harvest Festival will be held on Sunday, Oct. 13, from noon until 4 p.m. There will be demonstrations of blacksmithing, spinning, weaving, elder pressing, rope making, and basket weaving. There is also a children's hay maze and hay rides for children and adults. Hands-on activities include corn shelling and butter churning.

The Living Farm, where a variety of farm animals can be seen, is open daily from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

The park is open 8 a.m. until dusk. Permits are required. Eight Mile Road entrance permits are \$3 daily and \$4 on weekends. For more information, call (810) 349-8390.

Kensington Metro Park offers a variety of trees for self-guided color tours. The 4,437-acre park has 13 picnic areas, most with pavilions. Picnic information is available at the park office.

After your color tour, stop by Kensington Farm Center where a variety of farm animals and old fashioned farm equipment and tools are on display in the old barn.

Park entry permits are required and are priced at \$2 during the week, \$3 on weekends. Wednesday you can get in free, no sticker is required.

Kensington Metro Park has two entrances off I-96 near Brighton.

For more information, call Kensington Metro Park at 810-685-1561.

**FOREMAN ORCHARDS**

50050 W. Seven Mile Road, Northville, 3 1/2 miles west of Northville Downs, between Napier and Ridge on the north side of Seven Mile Road, (810) 349-1254.

HOURS: 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

PRE-PICKED APPLES: Bushel, \$19.25; half-bushel, \$9; half-peck, \$3.50; peck, \$5.75.

CIDER: Gallon, \$4.75; half-gallon, \$2.75.

Picnic area. Baked goods, jams, jellies, pies, doughnuts and caramel apples also available.

**PARMENTER NORTHVILLE CIDER MILL**

714 Baseline, Northville, one block south of Eight Mile Road, six blocks east of Sheldon, (810) 349-3181.

HOURS: 10 a.m.-8 p.m. daily.

PRE-PICKED APPLES: Bushel, \$18; peck bags, \$5; half-peck, \$3.

CIDER: Gallon, \$4.75; half-gallon, \$2.75, quart, \$2.

Picnic area. Wine, apple pie, caramel apples, pumpkin butter, maple syrup are also available.

Edward's is closed on Sunday, but open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 8 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

If it's getting late in the day on Saturday and you're planning to pick up fresh bread for a Sunday picnic from Great Harvest Bread Company, 139 E. Main Street in Northville, you might want to call first. On Saturdays they are only open until the bread holds out, usually about 5 p.m. They are closed on Sunday and Monday.

With picnic basket and blanket in hand,

Others, like Edward's Caterer at 116 E. Dunlap in Northville, require that you give them a little advance notice. Offering a variety of cheeses, fruits, sandwiches, and breads, Edward's would like about 48 hours notice for a party of two to four. Once again, call ahead because

## Volunteer



Helene Dobryden volunteers in Providence's health library. Photo by HAL GOULD

## Interaction is what makes it worth while

By CAROL WORKENS  
Staff Writer

As a volunteer, Helene Dobryden is still using many of the skills from her career as an executive secretary to the Chairman of the Board of American Motors, from which she retired after 23 years in 1983.

Dobryden began volunteering at Providence Medical Center-Novis Health Education Library when it first opened three years ago.

"We assist people who come in from the doctor's offices or just off the streets who want to know about their illnesses, problems, medication, so we have reference books and videos and pamphlets," she said.

"The Novi Library refers people here," said Dobryden, who works one morning a week at the library as the department's typist. "We have more details."

She also correlates Mission Health Providence classes, keeping track of how many people attended, what classes were

offered, who taught the class, etc. "It is a way of evaluating what we are doing and whether we're meeting community needs," said Community Health Educator Pamela Gernacy.

"It's wonderful having a volunteer here," said Gernacy. "They do everything from cataloging books to typing, to helping patrons to answering the phones."

The Health Education Library has "just about anything people can think of," such as information on asthma, colitis, cancer, pregnancy, pediatrics, diabetes, obstetrics and gynecology, according to Gernacy. The non-lending library is open to the public.

There are also models of a heart, ear, eye and torso and a skeleton.

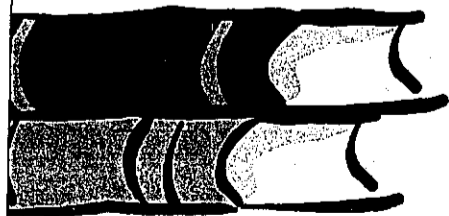
A lot of school children tour the library and say hello to Mr. Bones, a skeleton that greets patients in various holiday related

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## It's A Fact

### FUNDING THE FUTURE

**School district officials predict that 1996/97 state funding will be \$6,150 per student in Northville and \$7,399 in Novi.**



# Novi's Focus Health about to get underway

By LEANNE CLARKE  
Special Writer

The next general membership luncheon meeting of the Novi Chamber of Commerce will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 15 at the Hotel Baromette, 27790 Novi Road. The special guest speaker will be Steve Barnaby of the Century Communications Group Ltd. He will speak on subjects relating to Focus Health Week and the opening ceremonies at the Council meeting Oct. 21 at 7 p.m. He will also discuss future trends, in particular aging baby boomers and the impact they will have on health delivery systems and the ultimate effect on business.

Focus Health will be held at the Novi Civic Center and will include displays on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

The focus Tuesday, Oct. 22, will be on seniors. Many activities are planned: massage appointments, dancing, workshops, games for non-dancers, and a ballroom-style dance from 1-3 p.m.

The focus Wednesday, Oct. 23, will be on children. There will be workshops and in the evening "Safety Night" presented by Orchard Hills.

Thursday, Oct. 24 will be centered on adults and tests, including cholesterol. In addition, there is a grocery store tour planned throughout the day. In the evening, a healthy cooking demon-

stration will be provided. For more information, call the Chamber office at 349-3473.

Officers elected for the coming year are as follows: Diane Riska, chairman of the board; Barry Moore, chairman-elect; Tom Weaduff, vice chairman; Blair Bowman, treasurer; two-year term directors, Marie Doliga, Kathleen Bordo-Crombie, Dr. Emmett Lippe, Tim O'Neill, Debby Orloff-Davidson, and Doug Schaefer; one-year term director, Doug Smith.

**NEWCOMERS AND NEIGHBORS**

The first general meeting of the Novi Newcomers and Neighbors was recently held at Kitchen Glamour. Tula Paisalis presented new ideas on "Holiday Appetizers" with recipes and samples for tasting by everyone.

Discussed at the meeting were plans regarding the Craft Auction and Dessert Tasting to be held on Tuesday, Nov. 19, at Novi Middle School. The Civic Committee has been working on this project and has contacted local bakeries about their donations of goods and the gourmet cookies. All members are encouraged to plan now for their donations. All funds raised go to the community service projects.

The Civic Committee is also working on Thanksgiving baskets throughout the day. In addition, the Christmas Wish List for several

## Novi Highlights

families is now available (with photos included).

Looking ahead to the holiday, the club will be providing homemade cookies for the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Civic Center.

Interest groups and the Daby Sitting Co-op will hold a special meeting on Monday, Oct. 14 to make plans for the coming year.

Bowling at the Novi Bowl has started with one group meeting on Tuesday mornings and the couples league meeting on Saturday evenings. There is still room for substitutes with baby care available for the morning program.

Various card games are available: day-time Bridge and also couples Bridge; Bunko both day-time and evening; and Euchre for couples.

The popular Mom's and Tots group is going to Erwin Orchards for a tour. Later in the month they will go for a studio tour of the Michigan Thanksgiving Parade.

There are more interest groups including Mom's Morning Coffee with the Kids, Out-to-Lunch will be going to Macaroni Grill, and Play group continues to meet on Tuesdays.

### CHARTER HOUSE OF NOVI

Olympic gold medal winner Sheila Taormina recently visited with the residents at Charter House. Having watched Taormina and the Olympics on TV, the residents were enthusiastic about her appearance at Charter House and all wore their Olympic T-shirts.

Several new programs are being planned by the Activities Department, however, volunteers from the Novi area are needed to assist in several areas.

Anyone wanting to volunteer at Charter House can call Pat Galecki, Director, at 477-2000.

**NOVI METHODIST CHURCH**

Full programs have started at the Novi United Methodist Church. The A.C.T.S. (All Come to Share) program has resumed again on Wednesday evenings. The group begins with a light meal from 5:30-6 p.m., followed by Bible study, music and social time. The program concludes at 7:30 p.m.

Other groups resuming their rehearsals on Wednesday evenings include the Youth Chorists, Bell Choir and the Chancel Choir.

Adult seminars will be held on Sundays at 9 a.m. The first seminar will be a study/discussion of "Social Principles of the United Methodist Church." This program may last from four to six weeks.

A trip to Northville's Cider Mill and Maybury Park is being planned. During the last week of October, a harvest celebration will take place, complete with pumpkin carving, making pumpkin cookies, eating tomatoes, cooking apples and enjoying a visit from some second graders in their Halloween costumes.

There will also be a candy corn contest, making a corn husk doll, creating a pumpkin and much more.

Upcoming events include: a guest speaker from the Michigan Interfaith Council on Alcohol Problems (MICAIP) at next week's worship service, Sunday, Oct. 20. Lady Sunday will be observed with Leona Doolin planning a special service.

Friday, Nov. 1 is the sixth annual church auction and spaghetti dinner fund raiser for the church's outreach ministry budget. Dinner will be served from 5:30-7 p.m. A silent auction will be conducted from 6:30-9 p.m. The auction will start at 7:30 p.m.

Novi Highlights is written by Leanne Clarke. Should you wish to contact her with information for this column, call 824-0173.



## And the winner is

Lisa Ribauda, manager and wine purchasing agent at Vic's World Class Market in Novi had a chance to sample the offerings of some of the 12 to 13 restaurants who participated in the Taste of Novi on Oct. 1. Vic's World Class Market was overwhelmingly voted No. 1 by

the 375 people who attended the event and was awarded the first prize of a blue ribbon. Of the 12 to 13 restaurants who participated, first time entrants Cattails Golf Club came in second and Oaks Grill at the Double Tree finished third.

Photo by FOR POKNEY

## Haunting Maybury Forest gets more exciting, and lucrative

By CAROL WORKENS  
Staff Writer

"If you're into set design and wouldn't mind competing for prize money, the Northville Parks and Recreation Department is looking for you."

"If you design a set that wins first prize during the Haunted Forest at Maybury State Park, you will win \$250. Second place finishers take home \$200, while a third place finisher will not you \$150."

"This offer is new in this second year, but this is the first time the Parks and Rec Department has offered a cash prize for set designs."

"The contest is open to individuals or groups such as schools, service groups, organizations, neigh-

borhoods and college students.

"They can come up with any ideas they want, it just has to be preapproved," said Mindy Worden of the Northville Parks and Recreation Department. Individuals or groups are reimbursed up to \$100 if they have the contest.

"We try to have six to nine sets for each evening," Worden said.

"There are lots of odd jobs for people who want to volunteer but don't want to put together a set," Worden added. Volunteers are needed in various areas such as in the ticket booth and concession stand, and to help with the hay wagons. Volunteers are also scattered throughout the walk to make the event just a little more fright-

ening.

Last year, 1,300 people attended the walk. Proceeds go to support special programs sponsored by Northville Parks and Rec.

The Haunted Walk will take place on Friday, Oct. 25, from 7:30 until 10:30 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 26, from 7 until 10:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$7, which includes admission to the park, deer, doughnuts, a walk and hayride back to the entrance. Tickets are available at the Community Center, 303 W. Main Street.

If tickets are available, they will be \$8 at the door.

For more information, to volunteer or to receive set design application form, call Mindy Worden at the Northville Parks and Recreation Department, 349-0203.

## Living right is key to long life

By CAROL WORKENS  
Staff Writer

Delaus Hesse celebrated his 100th birthday twice. Hesse enjoyed two celebrations, one on Sept. 22 with his family and another on his birthday, Sept. 24, with residents and staff at Whitehall Retirement Home in Novi where he has lived on and off since 1988.

Hesse was born in New Hamburg, Canada, just outside Kitchener. During World War I, he was a chauffeur for officers in the Royal Canadian Army and was stationed in Scotland. Hesse's German surname kept him from seeing action in Germany.

Moving to Detroit in 1922, he opened Hesse Auto Repair Garage on Grand River and Ward, which he ran for at least 40 years.

Hesse, who never smoked and only occasionally had a glass of wine, says "living right" is his secret to long life. Hesse, who says he's happy to turn 100, enjoys a big breakfast of oatmeal, pancakes, eggs, toast, orange juice and coffee.

"Everybody likes Mr. Hesse, he is very quiet and unassuming," said Remy Israel, director at Whitehall.

Hesse has a daughter, Shirley Frayer who lives in Farmington Hills with her husband Rev.



Delaus Hesse celebrated 100 years at Whitehall in Novi.

Without Frayer, and a son, Robert Hesse, who lives in California, seven grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

## Health library open to public

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Gernacy encourages patients to stop in the library anytime, like when they are only for a doctor's appointment, for example.

"We really encourage sisters," Gernacy said.

"I enjoy the information with people, and assisting patients who come down for information," said Dobyden. "We're expanding and becoming better known."

"My first inclination to choose the Health Education Library when I offered to volunteer was because I am a breast cancer sur-

vivor for 34 years," Dobyden said. "I think that's where my interest lies in knowing more about health problems."

When not at the Health Library, Dobyden, a resident of Novi for 13 years, volunteers at Holy Family Church where she is the assistant hospitality director. It is on the funeral luncheon committee and writes condolence and congratulatory cards.

After her son, David, and his wife, Janet, leave for work she gets her grandsons, David, a 10th grade student at Novi High School, and Bradley, who attends Novi Meadows, off to school. And if

that's not enough, Dobyden also has a part time job.

The library is open to anyone in the community from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"This is only one source of information," said Gernacy. "We always encourage people that whatever information they get here they need to discuss with their physician."

For more information about the Health Education Library, call (810) 380-4110.

If you are interested in volunteering, call Karen Wiley, director of volunteers at (810) 424-3300.

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

For information regarding rates for church listings call The Northville Record or Novi News 349-1700

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<b>NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY</b> 4153 1/2 Mile & Northville Worship: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Pastor: Cliff A. Schaefer, Pastor: 349-2666 Worship: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	<b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE</b> 2475 1/2 Mile & Northville Worship: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
<b>NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> 4101 Van Meter Road, Novi Worship: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	<b>ORCHARD HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH, SBC</b> 23465 Novi Rd. (off I-96) 477-1100 Worship: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
<b>MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH</b> 11350 Meadowbrook Rd. Novi 477-1100 Worship: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	<b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH NOVI</b> 4530 1 1/2 Mile off Northville Worship: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
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<b>ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH NOVI</b> 4632 1/2 Mile Rd., Novi 477-1100 Worship: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	<b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE</b> 217 N. Woodward Worship: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
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<b>VICTORY LUTHERAN CHURCH (MISSOURI SYNOD) NOVI MEADOWS SCHOOL</b> On South side 11 Mile Road Worship: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	<b>SPIRIT OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH E.L.C.A.</b> 20 Mile between Highway and Northville Worship: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
<b>NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH-ELCA</b> 2475 1/2 Mile & Northville Worship: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	<b>ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH</b> Plymouth, MI 48170 Worship: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. 10:30 a.m.

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## Author to open lecture series

Opening the Northville Town Hall Series' 36th season will be the founding editor-in-chief of the Children's Television Workshop's Products Group, Christopher Cerf, on Monday, Oct. 21. The lecture begins at 11 a.m. at the Holiday Inn West, 17123 North Laurel Park Drive in Livonia. The speech will be followed by a luncheon.

Cerf, who is also an author, record and television producer, editor, composer, and lyricist, among other things, played a pivotal role in the ongoing funding of the Sesame Street television show. He resigned his full-time position in 1977 to run his own company.

As a regular contributor of music and lyrics to the show, he has collected two Grammy awards, and back-to-back Emmy awards. Before joining the Children's Television Workshop, Cerf spent eight years at Random House, where he was senior editor.

For the past decade, Cerf has played a major role in the advancement of digital technology as a tool for educating young children. In conjunction with Jim Henson Productions Inc., he helped create "Muppet Learning Keys," a computer keyboard for preschoolers which was hailed by *InfoWorld Magazine* as one of its "Products of the Year."

But Cerf is perhaps best known as a humorist. In 1970, he helped launch the most influential of recent humor magazines, *The National Lampoon*. His most recent book, *The Official Politically Correct Dictionary*, is an international best seller.

Other speakers in the series include attorney Sharon McPhail on Nov. 18, *Woman's Day* editor-in-chief and vice president Jane Chestnut on March 10, and Hal Bruno, political director for ABC TV and radio networks on April 14. Tickets for the 1996-97 season are still available. The Gold Patron (name in program, lecture and luncheon tickets) is \$100. Contributing Member (name in program) is \$25. Sustaining Member (name in program) is \$15, and Season Lecture and Luncheon is \$90. Season Lecture (only) is \$40 and individual luncheons are \$15.

For more information regarding the Northville Town Hall Series for 1996-97, call the ticket and luncheon chairperson Carmen Kuckebcker at (810) 349-7227.

To order, mail checks and detailed information to Northville Town Hall-Tickets, P.O. Box 93, Northville, MI 48167-0093.

## Singles

**SINGLE PLACE**, an adult ministry for single people, meets at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville Sunday at 9:45 a.m. for a Sunday morning gathering, followed by a worship service at 11 a.m. and brunch at Northville Crossing at 12:30 p.m. The topic is "Prayer."

The group will meet at Sundowner Restaurant on Oct. 16 at 6 p.m. for dinner followed by "Changing Times/Changing Roles," with a panel discussion led by David Council at 7:30 p.m., or a beginners' stamp workshop on embellishments with Margene Buckhave, which will be held from 7:30 until 9:30 p.m.

Sports activities coming up include indoor volleyball on Friday, Oct. 18, from 9 until 10:30 p.m. at the Northville Recreation Center, 303 W. Main Street. The cost is \$4. On Fridays, Oct. 11 and 25, the group will go bowling at Novi Bowl, 21700 Novi Road at 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$6 plus shoes.

A divorce recovery workshop continues through Nov. 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Library/Lounge of the church. Topics to be discussed include networking, stages of grief, legal aspects of divorce, church and divorce, helping children through divorce, passage of divorce and relationships old and new. To register, call the church office. The cost is \$50.

A growth workshop entitled "Looking at Healthy Relationships," with speaker LuAnn Thomas, is meeting on Thursday evenings Oct. 10, 17 and 24, at 7:30 p.m. in the Youth Room of the church. The seminar will look at personal healing, how the past affects the present and future, the courtship process, and commitment. The cost is \$24 per person in advance or \$28 at the door.

A Swing Dance Class begins on Oct. 17 and continues on six Thursday evenings through Dec. 5 from 7:30 until 9 p.m. in the Williams Room of the church. The class is led by Linda Laney and Alan Goldsby. The cost is \$24 pre-registration, \$28 at the door.

For further information about any of the Single Place programs or to register, call 349-0911.

**HOLY FAMILY SINGLES** is a group for separated, divorced, widowed or never-been-married persons.

For more information, call the Church of the Holy Family at 349-8847.



Christopher Cerf, who is crusading to change politically incorrect street names, will speak at Town Hall on Oct. 21.



## Join the club

New members of the Northville Mother's Club are from left, Diane Allan, Susan Baldwin, Diana Birdsall, Judy Prain, Betsy LeBels, and Dale Otterman. The Northville Mother's Club's various fund raisers benefit the Northville Public School students and the Northville Parks and Recreation Department.

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## Tilling soil pays off

When Novi resident Eugene (Bud) Witbrodt drove with his wife of 53 years, Helen, to the Free Press-English Gardens Giant Sunflower competition in August in his Back LeSabre, he attracted a lot of attention.

But it was well worth it. Witbrodt's 12-foot, 8-inch sunflower captured a blue ribbon and \$300 in prize money in the adult category. There were 165 entrants in the contest which was held at the Eastern Market.

Winners of the Free Press-English Gardens contest were automatically entered in the competition at the Michigan State Fair, which was also in held August.

Going one step farther, Witbrodt's sunflower was judged to be the tallest in the state and won another first place, this time at the Michigan State Fair in the Tallest in the State Sunflower category.

The Witbrodts have been residents of Novi for 22 years and have six children, 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Besides giant sunflowers, Witbrodt also grows statuesque asters, cosmos, lupinus and spider plants, according to Helen.

## Engagement



## Scott Bushman/Kristi Harrison

Wesley and Jean Bushman of Novi announce the engagement of their son, Scott Gregory, to Kristi Lynn Harrison of Austin, Texas.

The bride-elect received her bachelor's degree in chemical engineering at Oklahoma State University in 1992, and will complete the requirements for her Ph.D. at the University of Texas this fall.

The groom-elect, a graduate of Novi High School, received a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from the University of Michigan in 1990, and his Ph.D. at the University of Texas in 1995.

He is currently employed by Texas Instruments in Dallas, Texas.

A January 1997 wedding will take place in Austin, Texas.

## Anniversary



## John and Betty Gilbert

John Charles and Betty Jane (Whiteley) Gilbert of Northville celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary of a surprise celebration given by family members Richard (Sue) of Novi, Michael (Marion) of Redford, Lydia (Terry) Wray of Ypsilanti, Okla., and their eight grandchildren.

The gala event was held on Sunday, Sept. 29, 1996, at the home of Richard and Sue Gilbert of Novi. Among the 50 guests in attendance were members of the Gilbert wedding party which took place on Oct. 19, 1946, in St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Ferndale.

Maid of honor and sister of the bride Shirley Clarkson, sister-in-law Rose McIntosh, and best man Les Grenfell all participated.

Rev. Charles Jacobs of Novi Methodist Church administered the renewal vows of John and Betty Gilbert.

## Church Notes

The Fourth Annual Juried Art Show, Sharing the Gift, continues through Oct. 11 at the FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE, 200 E. Main. A Juror's Gallery Talk will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 10. Hours on Friday, Oct. 11, are from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m.

For more information, call (810) 349-0911.

The Women's Service Club Fall Runnig Sale at MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, 21355 Meadowbrook Road in Novi, will be held Friday, Oct. 11, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. and on Saturday, Oct. 12, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

For more information, call (810) 346-7757.

Fall worship service times are 9 and 11 a.m. at FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF

NORTHVILLE, 777 West Eight Mile Road. Lay Speaking Ministry will be offered on Saturday, Oct. 26 and Nov. 9. Course offerings include lay speaking basic course, by speakers lead in worship, and lay speakers grow spiritually. Certified by speakers serve in their own churches, in other churches and through district/conference projects and programs.

For details, call the church at (810) 349-1144.

NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY, 41555 Six Mile Road, is presenting a seminar designed to help separated or divorced individuals grow through this painful experience. Child care services are provided. The cost is \$15 payable at the door and the public is invited.

For details or to register, call (810) 348-9030.

## Reunions

NOVI HIGH SCHOOL: A special reunion of the Class of 1971 is being coordinated. Call Milton Tolley at (313) 422-6138.

MUMFORD HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1956, 40-year reunion, Oct. 19. Call the Mumford 56 bus line at (810) 855-9160.

WARREN MOTT HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1976, Oct. 12. Sterling Inn in Sterling Heights. Call (313) 896-0770.

Marine Cpl. BRENT T. DANIELS, a 1987 graduate of Novi High School, was promoted to his present rank while serving with Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 13, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station, Yuma, Ariz.

Daniels was promoted based on sustained superior job performance and proficiency in his designated specialty. He joined the Marine Corps in October-1988.

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# RECORD DIVERSIONS

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October 10, 1996

## Young acting group to make stage debut

The Novi Theatres begin their fall season with the premiere of a new group of actors and actresses in *The Frog Prince*.

The newest group to be added to the Novi Theatres, the Little People Players, range in age from 7 to 9. *The Frog Prince* is a fairy tale about a group of witches who turn a handsome young prince into a frog. The frog tries to get the princess to have nice feelings for him so he can get a kiss on the head which will turn him back into a handsome prince. This adaptation of the play is by Mary Kay Davis, the new director of the Little People Players.

Cast members who live in Novi and Northville are Molly Alperi, Jill Angelelli, David Armstrong, Alex Baum, Tallene Carlin, Justin Christ, Chelsea Crawford, Grace Dzwonkavski, Kim Ford, Bryan Glick, Stacey Kermita, Jenna Kuhn, Ben Landry, Cameron Lewis, Courtney McFenna, Ashley Mandross, Rachel Madia, Brent Palalan, Sarah Pylar, Christina Scholtz, Rachel Seltzer, Bret Sulekose, Matthew Swift, Lance Suttle and Dawn Wilfong.

Two other groups of actors in the Novi Theatres program are the Children's Annex, consisting of 9- to 12-year-olds, and the Performance Plus group of actors and

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actresses who are 13-years-old through college age.

"We are the second biggest program in the city next to soccer," said Linda Wickert, who founded the Novi Theatres in 1991.

"We are bulging, bulging, bulging," Wickert added. "The demand is so great for the theater program."

"We've jumped from five plays a year to eight," she said.

Performances of *The Frog Prince*



Submitted photo by WARREN LEDGER

Performances of *"The Frog Prince"* starring (from left) Grace Dzwonkavski as Winifred, the good fairy, Bryan Glick as the frog, and Sarah Pylar as Princess Julietta, all Novi residents, are set for Oct. 25, 26, and 27 in the Novi Civic Center.

are scheduled for Oct. 25 and 26 at 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 27 at 3 p.m. at the Novi Theatres, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$7 for

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# Movies

## Pope makes directing debut in 'The Crow' sequel

Set against the backdrop of a post-apocalyptic Los Angeles, *The Crow: City of Angels* is the newest legend in the genre, urban mythology. Based upon the popular James O'Barry comic books and the 1994 smash hit film *"The Crow,"* *"The Crow: City of Angels"* creates an all-new incarnation of the dark hero, a victim of urban violence returned to the living world to exact personal justice.

A decayed Los Angeles has become a metaphor of crime — where once great structures stood, now only a shell remains. A state of perpetual darkness looms over the metropolis where anarchy prevails and humanity is scarce. *City of Angels* is a gritty, noir-inspired by drug lords and bands of thugs.

*"The Crow: City of Angels"* takes place on the eve night each year the streets are besieged with revelers celebrating the Day of the Dead — a holiday honoring souls departed. The night's ritual partying is a riot of the macabre and during the chaos, a young father and son witness a grisly killing, only later to become murder victims themselves.

The young father Ash (Vincent Perez), emerges from his death enshrouded with the mysterious powers of the Crow. As he sets out to avenge the murders, he becomes drawn to Sarah (Mia Kirshner) someone with whom he shares a psychic bond.

Vincent Perez (*"Indochina," "Queen Margot,"* and the forthcoming *"Talk of Angels"*) adds a new chapter to the tale as Ash, a young man who returns to the material world to seek revenge for the sin he lost.

Michael Kirshner (*"Eaton," "Murder in the First"*) portrays Sarah,



Vincent Perez (l) and director Tim Pope on the set of *"The Crow: City of Angels."*

their souls. "Maintaining the essence of the novel and film — *Real love is forever* — David Goyer introduces Ash and brings back a grown-up Sarah, the young girl from the first

film. "In the story, Ash doesn't know he's dead and is, in a sense, a reluctant avenger. It seemed logical to bring Sarah back, a woman already connected to the Crow, to help Ash make his spiritual transition," Goyer expresses. Drawing on themes from Greek mythology and such literary classics as Dante's *Inferno*, Goyer incorporated a great deal of symbolism into his script.

Notes producer Jeff Most (who also produced the first film), "this new story preserves the sentiment that has already touched the hearts and minds of many fans of *"The Crow."*

### In town

Submit items for the entertainment listings to *The Northville Record/Novi News*, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167, or fax to 249-1050.

### AUDITIONS

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

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

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**WALL:** Performances of *"One Spooky Day"* will follow an 11:30 a.m. lunch on Oct. 12, 19 and 26. There will be plenty of ghosts and goblins along with music and interactive entertainment.

The Gaylords are scheduled to perform on Oct. 18, and Saturday, Oct. 19, following dinner, which begins at 7 p.m. and 6 and 7 p.m., respectively. Center's *Hearts-in-the-Wall* is located at 108 E. Main Street in Northville.

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**TIMBERS SEAFOOD CHILL:** Classic Productions presents a variety of entertainment at Timbers, the home of Bananas Comedy Club, 40380 Grand River west of Haggerty Road in Novi, on Friday and Saturday.

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### MUSIC

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

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For details, contact the arts council, 347-0400.

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## 'Feeling Minnesota' gets lukewarm praise

**FEELING MINNESOTA**  
BY HEATHER WADOWSKI  
NORTHVILLE  
Keanu Reeves, Vincent D'Onofrio, and Cameron Diaz (*"The Mask," "She's the One"*) star in Jersey Films' *"Feeling Minnesota,"* a film about a marriage made in hell and the brother that changed it all.

When a bookie's books show that ten thousand dollars are missing, he naturally assumes his ex-girlfriend Freddie (Diaz), stole it. So, he punishes her by forcing her to marry his help (D'Onofrio). But then something happens. At the wedding, D'Onofrio's long-lost brother Jack (Reeves) shows up. And when Freddie meets him, it's love at first sight.

Now, Jack and Freddie are on the run, with D'Onofrio on their tails, and they're leaving a trail of crime behind them.

Along the way, though, the truth about who stole the money comes out, and someone in this terrible threesome will have to pay for what they did...with their life.

*"Feeling Minnesota's"* main problem isn't the plot. It's not one of the characters (Amazingly, it's not Courtney Love). Dan Aykroyd gives a terrific performance as the cop on Jack's tail.

But other than that, *"Feeling Minnesota"* isn't that bad of a movie.

*"Feeling Minnesota"* receives four stars out of five. It's not Keanu's best, but he's done worse. As for the plot, it's funny, action-packed, and suspenseful. What more can viewers want?

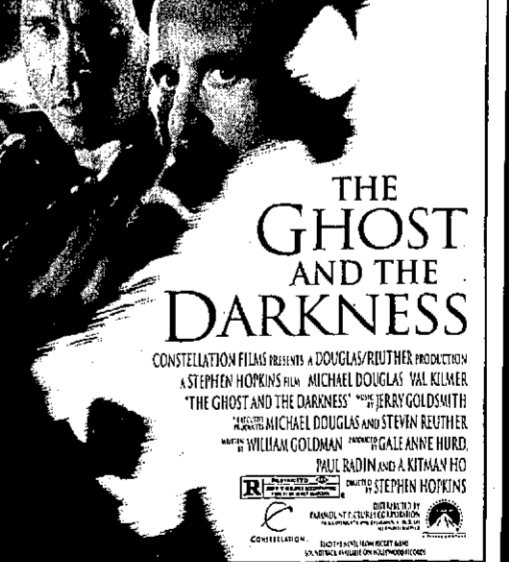
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Boyce (South Lyon)	653	Novi	3-0-0
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## WILDCATS OF THE WEEK

**JOHN IRIMESCU - Soccer**  
It was a solid, solid week for the Novi High senior. He scored a pair of goals in win over Harland, including the game-winner. He came back to net two more against Milford and then added an assist in Novi's win over Northville Saturday. Irimescu leads Novi in goals with 14.

**BROCKE ALBRIGHT - Cross Country**  
Brocke Albright had an outstanding week for the Wildcats. In the Oakland County race, she was Novi's top finisher and took 13th overall in 20:27. Albright also took first place in Novi victory over Howell.

## Sports Shorts

**Karate**  
International Martial Arts Management Systems (IMAMS) recently invited the Novi Karate Dojo to join its prestigious membership, which includes many of the top martial arts schools in the country. IMAMS is recognized as the world's leading martial arts management consulting firm. Its goal is to help improve the instructional quality of martial arts schools and enable them to be of greater service to their communities.

**Novi Youth Baseball Tryouts**  
Tryouts for Novi Youth Baseball will be held on the following dates:  
• 11-year-olds (age as of July 31, 1997) - Oct. 12 from 4 to 6 p.m. at Powers Park Field 1. For further information, call Greg Hitcher 347-3339.  
• 12-year-olds (age as of July 31, 1997) - Oct. 12, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Powers Park Field 1. Call John Petras at 380-8299 for more information.  
• 15-year-olds (age as of July 31, 1997) - Oct. 12, from 9 to 11 a.m. at Powers Park Field 2.

**Jaguars**  
The Novi Jaguars U-14 Boys Select Soccer Team has a few openings for the fall and spring seasons. If you were born after Aug. 1, 1982, and are interested, call 348-1149 for more information.

## Netters win KVC co-championship

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Patalano (6-2, 6-4) in the final. Cowley and Rittner followed a similar path at second doubles. They beat Harland's Kate Lemak and Katie Groundis (6-2, 6-0) and then Brighton's Jackie Gray and Kelly Manning (6-3, 6-0) in the final.

Novi's Jenny Buckman and Carole Wineman played at third doubles. They made it all the way to the final before falling to Brighton's Jenny March and Sarah Ziemba (6-0, 6-2).

The Wildcats closed on a strong note by taking the fourth doubles title. Walker and Burger beat Harland's Liz Holmes and Amy Fabrit in the semi-final then took a 6-3, 6-3 decision over Brighton's Keri Rebersch and Denise Scherck in the final.

Hanson was proud of his doubles teams.

"If you're going to win a championship," he said, "you're not going to do it with just singles. You've got to have good doubles."

The Wildcats put themselves by winning three KVC dual matches last week before the tournament.

Novi beat Milford 8-0 on Sept. 30, Harland 7-1 on Oct. 1 and Howell 8-0 Thursday.

## Runners win county title; beat Howell

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cath (22-49). Many Phelps 10th (22-59) and Rosabel Chang 11th (23:03).

**NOVI 15, HOWELL 50**  
The Wildcats ran against Howell Oct. 1 at Cass Benton and shutout the Highlanders. Novi took the first nine positions to earn the shutout.

Albright won the race (20:06). Camp was second (20:32). Hampton third (20:34). Harrison fourth (21:19) and Whitmore fifth (21:19). Angel Foot placed sixth (21:21) and Waller was seventh (21:40).

## Kickers edge Eagles

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10 minutes later. Harland cut the lead to one with eight minutes to go. The Eagles then applied the pressure big-time in the final five minutes. The last eight minutes was all preserve the victory.

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## Cagers crush St. Clair

By SCOTT DANIEL  
Sports Editor

If there are degrees of revenge, the Wildcat basketball team reached the highest level Thursday in beating St. Clair 72-38 at home.

It was revenge with a capital "R." "They beat us by 15 last year," coach Dennis Cichowski said. "I thought we overreacted extensively well. We had the combination of offense and defense going again."

And then some.

It was Novi's seventh straight win. The B-1 Wildcats blanketed undefeated Howell for first place in the Farmington Valley Conference tonight at home starting at 7 p.m.

If Thursday's game is any indication, the Highlanders better watch out.

Class B St. Clair came into the game with a 7-1 record. But the Saints team clearly wasn't as strong as last year's club with the loss of four starters to graduation.

Cichowski said he was still concerned about the game, though.

"They're a very well-coached team," he said.

His concerns proved unfounded. The Wildcats led by just three after the first quarter, but Novi dominated the second by outscoring the Saints 19-6. The home team led 33-17 at halftime.

Cichowski was pleased with the first half performance, but he wanted to guard against any letdown in the third period.

"Last year we had a couple of halftime leads and did let down in third quarter," he said.

Novi did anything but let up in the third. Jessica Kenney scored seven points and Kristen Sullivan added five as the Wildcats added nine to their lead.

Cichowski said he was still pleased with his fourth quarter. Players like Sara Heusel, Adrienne Forell, Kristen Kenney, Kelly Ben-demarcel, Megan Morrell, Julie Nanni and Erin Spindler added nine to Novi's lead in the fourth quarter.

Kenney finished with 13 and Ben-demarcel added 12. Lindsay Drury and Katie Copp also played strong games.

Drury had seven points and 10 rebounds while Copp had nine points and nine rebounds.



Kristen Sullivan goes for a loose ball in a recent game. PHOTO BY PHIL GOULD  
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## Mt. Morris upsets Wildcats

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Its upset.

While it was a non-league contest, the loss still means a great deal to Novi. The Wildcats (3-2) must likely win their remaining four games for a shot at the state playoffs.

"It was a costly game," Osborne said. "It's going to be very difficult to recover from this."

Novi will get its chance Saturday at homecoming. The Wildcats host Howell at 1 p.m.

They're a football team that's playing up to what I thought they would at the start of the season," Osborne said.

Turnovers proved to be a big part of last Friday's game.

Mt. Morris opened scoring in the first quarter as the result of a Novi fumble. The Panthers recovered an fumble Alkan fumbled at Novi's 22-yard line.

Three plays later it was 6-0. That lead didn't last long, however. Novi got the ball back at its own 35-yard line.

Minke made the big play of the drive. Facing fourth down and five at the Mt. Morris 24-yard line, he ran a bootleg in for the touchdown. Novi led 7-6 about midway through the first quarter.

The Wildcats made it 14-6 early in the second quarter. Minke, again, played a key role as he hit Alkan for a 34-yard pass in the drive and then wriggled back Josh Hatley for a 17-yard touchdown.

The drive covered 85 yards. Mt. Morris tied the game before halftime.

The Panthers put together a 72-yard drive and scored in eight plays late in the quarter. A two-point conversion made it 14-14 at the half.

Osborne was a little shocked at how Mt. Morris scored on the ball on his team, mostly on the ground. He noted that they had lost 48-0 the week before.

"They were definitely not the same team we scouted," Osborne said.

The two schools traded third quarter touchdowns.

Mt. Morris got the first one on a 26-yard pass. Novi's Jason Whiterson, who finished with 128 rushing yards, tied it back up with a five-yard run later on.

Novi took its final lead early in the fourth. Chris Harrington capped the drive with a 12-yard run.

The Wildcats missed a chance to put the game away on their next possession.

After taking the ball on their own 49-yard line, Alkan ran for 11 yards. Whiterson followed with a 12-yard burst down to the Panther 26.

But his run was called back on a penalty. The Wildcats then lost the 47-yard line.

Mt. Morris moved to the Wildcat 42, but faced fourth down. A fake punt then resulted in the young touchdown.

"That was the key to the game," Osborne said.

## Golfers fall to Brighton in dual

By SCOTT DANIEL  
Sports Editor

Playing good golf is difficult enough without putting a lot of pressure on yourself.

But that's exactly what Novi High's golfers did Oct. 1 in a 158-164 loss to Brighton. For any kind of shot at the Kensington Valley Conference title, the Wildcats needed to beat Brighton.

A win would've given Novi a 3-3 final dual meet record. The league-leading Bulldogs would've dropped to 4-2 and left the door open enough for Novi to possibly sneak in at the KVC meet this week.

But it wasn't meant to be.

"Now all we can do is be a spoiler," Wildcat coach John Peace said. "We hope to finish in the top four."

Playing at the Links of Novi last week, the Wildcats had a chance to do something about Brighton's 1996 title. Peace said his team pressed too much, though.

"The kids always tightened up," Peace said. "They were trying to guide the ball. It ended up getting us in trouble."

The result was errant shots and penalty strokes. Peace said the Wildcats tried for too many miraculous recovery shots as well.

Nick Angelecci led Novi with a round of 40. Derek Ho and Mike Marchak each shot 41 and Jon Kobylarek had a 42.

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## Older children need vaccinations

Immunizations are not just for infants and preschoolers. Older children also need to be vaccinated against infectious diseases. It is a good idea to review your records with your physician or nurse practitioner to make sure your child is up to date with current recommendations. In the past four years there have been three changes in recommendations that affect older children. The hepatitis B vaccine is the newest immunization now recommended for children. In 1992, all infants started receiving this shot as part of their series of immunizations. Since that time, efforts have also been made to "catch up" older children as they come in for visits. This series of shots protects against one kind of



Susan Engert

hepatitis infection that can lead to chronic infection. The chronic infection can cause the person who is infected to develop chronic liver disease. The series consists of three separate shots. The shots may cause soreness where they are given and a low-grade fever. This series will be mandatory for children in day care in 1997 and for school entry in 2000. A booster dose of Measles-Mumps-Rubella vaccine has been required in Michigan for kindergarten entry since 1991. Children who entered school before the new requirement also need to receive the booster dose. The immunization should be given to middle school, high school and college students. Many school districts send students for boosters when they change school. Because not all districts have nurses available to review shot records, it is important to make sure your physician or nurse practitioner has a complete set of your child's immunization history in your child's medical record and that the second MMR has been given.

The most recent change in the recommended immunization schedule is that the tetanus booster, usually given at 14 or 15 years of age, may be given as early as 12. This is the shot that must be kept up to date (every five years) to protect against complications from a dirty injury. The earlier age will help protect children who attend camps or do other outdoor activities that may include some risk of a dirty injury. Changes in immunizations are occurring frequently, and the best way to keep your children up to date and prepared for all their activities is to make sure your physician or nurse practitioner has a complete set of their medical records.

This article was written by Susan F. Engert, M.D., M.P.H., who is affiliated with the pediatrics department at the University of Michigan, Northville Health Center. This column is coordinated by the office of planning and marketing at the University of Michigan.

## Health Notes

### County offers help in quitting smoking

#### Smoking cessation

The Oakland County Health Division's Health Education Unit is offering a free one-hour presentation for persons who would like to quit smoking. The program includes a self-help kit, information on the nicotine patch, how to cope with withdrawal symptoms, handling stress related to quitting, and support group information. Sessions will be offered at two locations:  
Oakland County Health Division, 1010 E. West Maple Road, Walled Lake, Tuesday, Oct. 22, 6-7 p.m.  
Bloomfield Township Library, 1099 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Township, Thursday, Nov. 7, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

#### Flu Shots

Oakland County Health Division will be giving influenza vaccine on Wednesday, Oct. 16 at the Novi Senior Center, 45175 Novi Road, from 9 a.m.-noon. The cost of the shot is \$3 unless covered by Medicare or Medicaid. Please bring a picture ID and insurance cards. Call 1-800-434-3358 for information about Oakland County Health Division clinic hours.

#### Immunization clinics

The Oakland County Health Division will be offering free immunization clinics in the area.  
A clinic will be held in South Lyon Thursday, Nov. 7 from 9-11 a.m., at the First United Presbyterian Church, 205 East Lake (Ten Mile) and Wells St.  
Immunizations will be given at the same time and location on the first Thursday of every month for further information, call 424-7046.  
Oakland County Health Division will be giving influenza vaccine at all three health division locations in Pontiac, Southfield and Walled Lake. Flu shots will be given through Friday, Dec. 27 or as supplies last. The pneumococcal vaccine is given all year long, or as supplies last.  
The 1996 flu vaccine protects against three viral strains, A/Texas, A/Nanchang, and B/Harbin. The pneumococcal vaccine provides protection for 23 types of pneumonia. The flu vaccine costs \$3 and the pneumococcal vaccine costs \$7 unless covered by Medicaid or Medicare. In order to do the insurance billing, please bring picture ID and all insurance cards with you.  
Oakland County Health Division offices are located at 1200 N. Telegraph Road in Pontiac, 27725 Greenfield Road in Southfield, and 1010 E. West Maple in Walled Lake.

#### Depression screening

Oakland Community College's Highland Lakes campus will provide free depression screening as part of National Depression Screening Day, Thursday, Oct. 10 from 2 to 6 p.m. Mental health professionals from OCC will conduct the screenings in Room 224 of the Student Center. Depression is an illness, not a weakness, and effective treatments can help people of all ages.  
The Highland Lakes campus is located on Cooley Lake Road in Waterford. For more information, call (810) 360-3186.

#### Botsford Hospital

Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills and at Novi with TRACC is offering the following programs:  
• Women's Health  
Women's roles are changing nowadays and, sometimes as a result, their health needs take a back seat to those of their spouse's and family's. In October, Botsford's Health Development Network is presenting a special screening event for women that highlights what women can do to avoid certain health risks.  
Starting with individual health questionnaires, the health screening includes a battery of tests including blood pressure, osteoporosis and cholesterol (with lipid screenings, and body fat analysis).  
The fee for the screening is \$15. Screening takes place at Botsford's Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. Appointments must be made in advance and are available between 2-6 p.m. For more information and to schedule an appointment, call hdn at (810) 477-6100.  
• Caregiving - At some point in their lives, most people will find themselves in the role of caregiver. But where can individuals find the spiritual, emotional and physical strength to face the challenges of caring for another without neglecting their own needs?  
This fall Botsford General Hospital, in conjunction with the Greater Detroit Interfaith Round Table, is offering an excellent program specifically designed for caregivers. "Adventures in Caregiving," an eight-week training series, focuses on a mind/body/spirit model, and presents practical skills and valuable resources about a variety of issues. Some of the topics include empathy training, grief, substance abuse, domestic violence and human suffering.  
The sessions are offered on consecutive Thursdays and began Oct. 3 and will run through Nov. 21 held from 7-9 p.m. at Botsford General Hospital's East A Conference Room, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. The fee for the entire series is \$35, or \$5 per session. Because of limited space, early registration is encouraged. Continuing education credits in nursing are available. To register, or for more information, call (810) 471-8950.  
A member of the Botsford Health Care Continuum, Botsford General Hospital is an osteopathic teaching hospital located in Farmington Hills. Botsford is affiliated with Michigan State College of Osteopathic Medicine. The Botsford site on the Internet is at <http://www.botsfordsystem.org>.  
• Cholesterol and vision screenings - Total cholesterol screening is conducted by the fingerstick method from 1-4 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at the Botsford Center for Health Improvement-Health

Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. There is a \$5 fee. For more information, call (810) 477-6100.  
• Breastfeeding basics - This workshop covers the "how to's" of breastfeeding - how to start and maintain successful breastfeeding, as well as answering the questions and concerns of women who are already breastfeeding. Classes are held at the Health Development Network at Botsford in Novi. For more information and to register, call (810) 477-6100.

#### Providence Hospital

Providence Hospital is offering the following programs:  
• CPR for Kids  
CPR can save lives and Providence Hospital and Medical Centers offers the opportunity to learn this special technique for infants and children. The three-hour course is designed for families with infants and children (up to age 7), especially those at risk of developing respiratory emergencies such as choking, croup or sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS).  
Sessions will run from 6 to 9 p.m. during the month of September at the following locations:  
• Oct. 24 - Providence Hospital, 16001 W. Nine Mile Road, Southfield.  
• Oct. 28 - Providence Women's and Children's Center, 33133 W. Twelve Mile Road, Farmington Hills.  
There is a \$20 fee for the course and advance registration is required. Call 1-800-968-5595 for further information or to register.  
• Diabetes Care Outpatient - A program for all non-pregnant individuals over 14 years of age with diabetes. The program is designed to help individuals control their blood sugar and become more active in treating their diabetes.  
Day and evening classes and/or individual appointments are available in Southfield and Novi. Call (810) 424-3903 for information on schedules, fees, insurance coverage and registration.  
• Blood pressure check - A free blood pressure check will be held on the first Thursday of every month.  
This free service is available at Providence Medical Center-Providence Park at the corner of Grand River Avenue and Beek Road from 1-3 p.m. in the Cardiopulmonary Department. Call (810) 380-4228 for further information.  
• Health education library - Providence Hospital and Medical Centers is now making its health education library open to the public.  
The library has books, video tapes, computer databases, pamphlets and anatomical models available to the public which can be used to learn about illnesses, medications, parenting skills or other health issues.  
The library is located at Providence Medical Center-Providence Park, 47601 Grand River, and is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call (810) 380-4110 for more information.

• Physician referral service - Are you new in the community? Do you need to find a doctor and can't determine the best way to start your search?  
The Physician Referral Service of Providence Hospital and Medical Centers is available to assist individuals in finding a physician who can meet the specific needs or criteria of the individual.  
The service is free of charge and can be reached by calling 1-800-968-5595.

The staff of Physician Referral Services can help locate physicians by specialty or location, finding an office close to your home or work. They can even match individuals with physicians who participate in particular insurance plans. Callers can also receive information on support groups and health education classes and lectures.  
For referral services, call 1-800-968-5595.

• Prostate Cancer - Providence Hospital and Medical Centers offers a free monthly support group for men with prostate cancer.  
"Man to Man" meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at Providence Hospital in Southfield.

The purpose of the support group is to provide men with educational information on topics relating to prostate cancer and to allow them to verbalize feelings, concerns and problems with others who are having similar experiences.  
For additional information on "Man to Man," Providence's Prostate Cancer Support Group, call (810) 424-3175.

• Surgery Star - If your child is scheduled for surgery, it can be a very frightening experience for them. Providence Hospital and Medical Centers continues its "Sally the Surgery Star" program to help little ones deal with a hospital stay.  
The child is taken on a tour and is familiarized with the surgical experience. A variety of educational materials and supportive teaching tools are used to help the child deal positively with the idea of a hospital stay. At the end of the tour, the child is honored as a "Surgery Star."

Tours are offered at both Providence Hospital in Southfield and Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi. Call (810) 424-3978 to arrange a tour at Providence Hospital and (810) 380-4170 to arrange a tour at Providence Park.

#### Well Child Clinic

Oakland County Health Division's Child Health Conferences provide free ongoing care to keep children well from birth to school-entry age. Families without an HMO or Medicaid may be eligible. Clinics are held at 14 locations throughout Oakland County.  
Services include: Heights and weights; head-to-toe physical examination; immunizations; vision, hearing and lab testing; growth and developmental screening; and counseling with referrals to physicians and area resources as needed.  
An appointment is required. For more information, call: North Oakland (810) 858-1311 or 858-4001. South Oakland (810) 424-7066 or 424-7067.

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**REAL ESTATE**

**More families are moving to the suburbs**

By James M. Woodard  
Copley News Service

Are you getting fed up with big-city traffic congestion, crime and snog? If so, you may be about ready to join the increasing number of families moving into a new type of home environment.

These families are selling their metropolitan-area homes and acquiring one in a peaceful small town or rural setting.

It's a move that was out of the question for them a few years ago because the umbilical chord to their jobs wasn't long enough. But with rapidly surfacing new technology that allows telecommunicating work from any location, families are taking a new look at where their next home might be located.

The trend is not only dramatically changing the lifestyle of moving families, it also is having a significant impact on the real estate market. Some metro areas are already experiencing a "buyers market" as more homes are placed in the area's inventory of available

residential properties. As the trend builds, this will have an increasing impact on home prices.

At the same time, particularly desirable homes in small towns and rural areas will become more salable. And their prices will inevitably increase.

Small-town leaders who are progressively seeking growth will have enhanced opportunities to achieve their goals. And some small-town real estate brokers will make big-time sales volumes.

The definition of "location, location, location" - long considered the key factor in determining a home's salability and value - is changing. Close proximity to the point of employment has lost its punch. Home buyers are placing higher priority on such things as quality of life, family health and a positive environment for the kids.

Businesses also are seeking a more friendly and healthy location for its operating offices. Many are being termed "location neutral" companies by real estate professionals.

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**HOME DESIGNS**



**Windsor is family friendly**

By James McAlexander  
Copley News Service

The 2,653-square-foot Windsor has an attractive brick-and-wood exterior that is pleasing to the eye, and an interior floor plan that is amenable to many family situations.

The sleeping quarters, at opposite ends of the house, make it ideal for those families with teenagers or a parent in the home. This configuration allows everyone to have privacy when desired, yet includes plenty of common areas so that nobody feels isolated.

An old-fashioned covered porch is a welcome sight as you make your way into the vaulted entry. Immediately inside, the living room and dining room (with vaulted ceilings) create a great-room effect. A fireplace, that will warm the whole area, and a coat closet, are all that separate the two rooms.

The master suite sits by itself on the left side of the house. The amenities include a skylight, over-size tub, separate vanity, walk-in closet and access to a small, private back deck.

Put a couple of lounge chairs out, and enjoy the sun.

The walk-through kitchen makes it easy for the cook in the house to prepare and serve meals. When not using the formal dining room, there is an eating bar and a small nook for more casual fare. Other

kitchen features are a grill, garden window and walk-in pantry.

Hot snacks can be served up in the adjoining family room. Sky-lighted, with a built-in entertainment center, this is the spot for family and friends to gather and watch the big game or listen to your favorite new album.

When weather permits, take the whole gang out on the back deck for a barbecue.

Directly across from the kitchen is a room that can be designated as a home office or a guest suite. It has a private bathroom and a linen closet in the hall.

Two identical bedrooms are at the far right side of the house. Each has ample closet space. They share linen storage and a full bathroom with twin basins.

Access to the garage is through a convenient utility room that has a handy trash compactor and fold-down ironing board. The two-car garage has an extra storage area and built-in workbench.

For a study plan of the Windsor (334-200), send \$10 to Landmark Designs, c/o HomeTown Newspapers, 323 E. Grand River, Howell, MI 48843. (Be sure to specify plan name and number when ordering.) For more information, call (800) 562-1151.

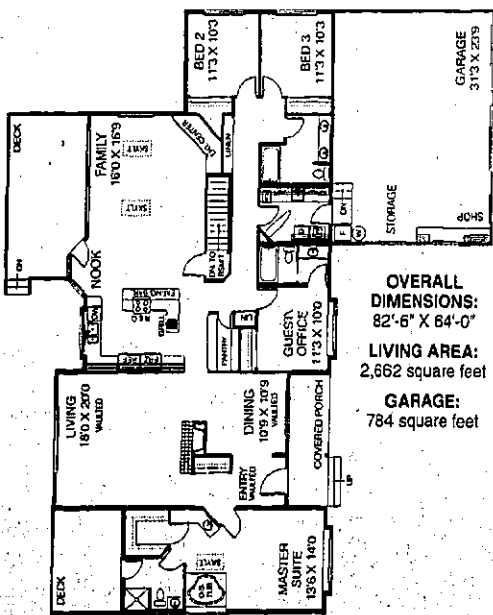


Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL  
Additions to the back of the house included a two-story turret, windows, a one car porte-cochere, and wrap-around veranda with a screen porch area.

**True To Form**

By CAROL WORKENS  
Staff Writer

After all is said and done, Greg and Lois Presley's Northville home will have made the transition from the 19th to the 21st century and look as if it had always been there.

"I was faithful about recreating all of the exterior moldings and treatments all the way around so that the house doesn't look like it's ever gone through renovation," he said.

"Soon after moving in we began to see the limitations of living in a 100-year-old home," Greg said.

The original builder of the house included many windows in the front of the home, but very few in the back, because the only view from those windows would have been of the carriage house which was used for the horses and possibly the servants.

"The big thing we did was introduce a lot of glass so that we can take advantage of our private view," he added. The



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Everything on the back of the house is an original feature except the doorwall, which replaced a window.

Presleys have rebuilt the old carriage house in the same style as the home.

Renovations to the back of the house included taking off the two structures and pulling one wall out four feet, adding a second floor onto the back.

"I visualized a turret underneath the canopy of the tree to

take advantage of the view of the majestic tree," Greg said of the more than century old tree.

On one side of the new wrap-around veranda, which will include a screen porch area, there is a one car porte-cochere.

The Presleys increased the

size of the home 50 percent when they went from the existing 2,200 square feet to 3,300 square feet.

During the early stages of renovation, the Presley family downsized the house substantially but moved out soon after the New Year to a relative's home. In June, they were able to move back in.

"The thing about these 100-year-old houses is that usually you walk through rooms to get to rooms," he said. "You walk from one box to another box."

To correct the problem a second first floor hallway was created which leads to the side deck and a three-quarter bathroom, and provides access to the rest of the house.

"When I design homes, I try to create at least more than one way to get from the front to the back of the house or from side to side," said Greg, an architect.

Although the width of the

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**Fragrant hyacinth has been popular for ages**

By C.Z. Guest  
Copley News Service

**GARDENING**

No flower in the spring garden has quite the deliciously fragrant scent of hyacinths. To walk along a hyacinth-bordered path on a dew-kissed morning is to breathe in spring itself. No wonder they have been prized throughout history.

Hyacinths, it is believed, were first cultivated in Europe by the ancient Greeks and Romans. Both Homer and Virgil describe their fragrance. In 18th century France, Madame de Pompadour, mistress to King Louis XV, filled the gardens of Versailles with them. Inside, she forced hundreds of lush hyacinths "on glasses" to sweeten the palace air in mid-winter.

The hyacinth enjoyed a vogue in Europe in the later 18th and early 19th centuries, grown not only indoors and out, but used as ornaments for women's fashions and even as a pharmaceutical. Labeled "the scourge of the Arabs," hyacinth juice, mixed with wine was touted as a retardant of beard growth.

Europeans remain heady of

hyacinths. And today, Americans, too, are gaining interest in this delightful garden treat. Hyacinths are prized in the garden, especially along walks and near doors where their fragrance can be enjoyed.

Plant them in the fall. They're also easy to grow indoors. Hyacinths can even be grown indoors without soil in special hourglass-shape glasses filled with water. Look to mall order, garden centers and even supermarkets to find everything you need to grow these fragrant favorites.

**Q. I have noticed the instructions for growing daffodils in my bulb book say to add pound of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium fertilizer per 100-foot area. I have a bag of 10-10-10 fertilizer (What do the numbers mean?) How much should I add?**

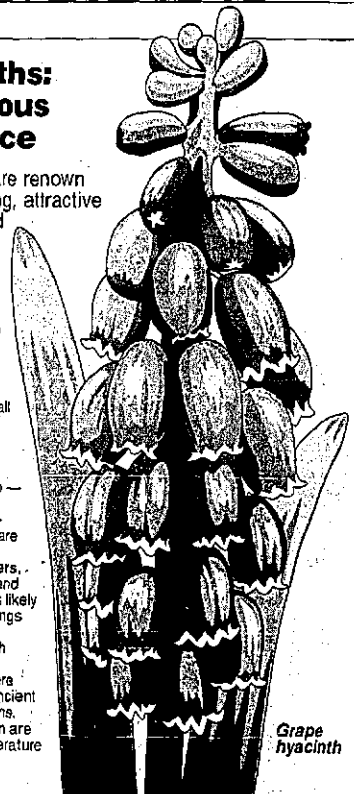
**A.** It's very easy to explain what the numbers stand for. The 10-10-10 numbers on your fertilizer bag mean that the fertilizer contains 10 percent nitrogen (always the first

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**Hyacinths: A fabulous fragrance**

Hyacinths are renowned for their strong, attractive fragrance and their marvelous blooms. They are an easy bulb flower to grow.

- Plant hyacinths in the fall outdoors. Follow directions for the variety you plant. Hyacinths can be grown indoors, too - even without soil. Special hourglass-shape containers are made for them.
- Garden centers, mail-order stores and even supermarkets likely will have all the things you will need for successful hyacinth production.
- Hyacinths were cultivated by the ancient Greeks and Romans. References to them are found in ancient literature of the time.



Grape hyacinth

Copley News Service/Dan Clifford

# Murphy bed is typical of Eastlake period of furniture



Made in Chicago in the late-1800s, this Murphy bed is worth \$2,000 to \$2,500.

By Anne McColiam  
Copley News Service

Q. Enclosed is a photo of a desk/bed combination. The front of the desk pulls out and down for the sleeping position. On the back is a paper label with the words "A.H. Anderson & Co., Manufacturer of Anderson's Folding Bed - Wubash and Chicago."

In the middle of the front of the desk there is an inkwell that swivels when the bed is lowered. The writing portion of the desk still has the original red felt covering.

How much is my desk/bed worth?

A. You have a Murphy bed. Some were desk/bed combina-

tions and others were just beds. The overall design of yours is typical of the Eastlake period of furniture. A gimbal is the bracket that allows the ink bottle to swing without spilling ink.

Your folding bed was made in the late 1800s and would probably be worth about \$2,000 to \$2,500.

Q. My husband found a desk/bed combination and is curious to learn more about it and its value. It is era with a smooth bulb base, raised gold-leaf and flower design. The whole vase is trimmed with gold and the neck is very slender. I have

## ANTIQUES

enclosed a drawing of the mark that is on the bottom. We would appreciate any information you could give us.

A. Your vase was made by Worcester Royal Porcelain Co. Ltd., Worcester, England. The firm was founded in 1751. In 1822, "Royal" and the number "51" were added to their mark. The Rd. No. shows this pattern was registered with the British patent office in 1850.



The dot to the left of the crown shows that 1892 is the year it was manufactured.

The value of your vase would probably be about \$500 to \$600.

Address your questions to Anne McColiam, P.O. Box 490, Notre Dame, IN 46556. For a personal response, include picture, a detailed description, a stamped, self-addressed envelope and \$3 per item (one item at a time).

# Priorities for home location are changing

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That doesn't mean the top executives don't care where their operations are located, according to a report from the National Association of Realtors. These businesses still look for good land prices, low taxes, etc. But they also want some of the same amenities that families seek.

Many of these "locusts" are firms that can now operate just as well in a small town as in a major metro area, thanks to today's high-tech communications systems. By using the Internet, e-mail, fax machines and computer telecommunications, these firms can generate just as much business, or more, than their big-city competitors.

These businesses don't need to rely on an area's demographic makeup or local traditions in order to pick the most economically viable site. Instead, they can choose a site simply because

they like it, the NAR report pointed out. For example, a successful software development firm in Stillwater, Okla., currently occupies two buildings - an old movie theater and a former grocery store. They plan to expand in the near future.

The company uses an Internet home page to present information about itself and communicate with customers and potential customers. These customers are not only in Oklahoma but on six continents in 35 countries around the world.

Many small towns are now seeing the potential for healthy growth by tapping into this trend. They are modernizing their telecommunications capabilities and making themselves more business-friendly. This enhances their appeal to high-quality businesses that might choose their community for a headquarters or branch office.

"Whether a company operates from a storefront or an Internet home page, they

will always need a home base," the NAR report noted. "By becoming aware of the special needs and desires of location-neutral businesses, Realtors in small towns can be very helpful to their constituents in attracting new companies, and home buyers, to their areas."

Q. What is a "low doc" home mortgage loan?

A. This is a special type of loan that requires minimal or no income verification for a home buyer to qualify. It is usually provided for home buyers who have good credit ratings and a substantial down payment, but for one reason or another can't verify a high income. For more information, contact one or several local lenders.

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.

# Northville couple renovates century-old home to suit modern needs

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Kitchen stayed the same and its size increased by only five feet, there was enough room to add an island to the kitchen. A local artisan built all the cabinets on-site.

"The attempt was to try and create a kitchen that looks historic so we used a lot of molding and special detail," Greg added.

In the living room, six feet were added by replacing a wall with a load-bearing beam to carry the second floor, and built-in shelves were replaced with double French doors. The doors lead to a room in the front of the house which was originally a parlor. This room will become a library with built-in shelves around the French doors.

"There weren't any (new) moldings in the house so we created them in all the rooms, which is the way they would have had it if they had had the money back then," he said.

In the larger layer, which will also function as the music room, an artist friend painted a faux finish, which included many of Lois's favorite flowers such as watercolor, rhododendrons, roses, and hydrangeas, and also contained the doors which lead to the dining room.

"All these flowers we have here in the garden somewhere, except for the rhododendrons," Lois said of her neighbor's flowers. "His rhododendrons were so beautiful I had to include them."

## How much fertilizer to use

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number, 10 percent phosphorus (always the second number) and 10 percent potassium (always the last number).

To find out how much actual nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium you have, simply multiply the percentage of each nutrient by the weight of the bag.

For example, if you have a 40-pound bag of 10-10-10 and you applied the entire bag of fertilizer, you'd be adding 4 pounds of nitrogen, 4 pounds of phosphorus and 4 pounds of potassium.

You only need pound of actual N-P-K in a 100-foot bed, which is one-eighth of the 4 pounds of each nutrient in the whole bag. So simply divide the 40 pounds total weight of the bag by eight and you get 5 pounds of 10-10-10 fertilizer to add to the bed.

My dear readers, it's only simple arithmetic. Daffodils are not heavy feeders, so broadcasting pound of 10-10-10 over a 100-foot area, plus adding a handful of compost or composted manure per planting

hole, should last the bulbs for many, many years.

I've grown daffodils in one area for eight years, adding fertilizer to the planting hole only, and they still bloom magnificently well.

Q. Can tulips and daffodils coexist in the same container? No, say many flower arrangers, because daffodils exude a compound that poisons the water for tulips and several other flowers, too. Any suggestions?

A. Here's how to avoid the problem. Keep daffodils in a separate container for 10 to 24 hours after cutting, then rinse their stems with clean water but don't cut them again before transferring them to a container with tulips. Try charcoal powder added to the container water (1 tablespoon per quart). Shake the solution well.

C.Z. Guest, author of "5 Seasons of Gardening" (Little, Brown & Co.) is an authority on gardens, flowers and plants. Send questions to her c/o Copley News Service, P.O. Box 190, San Diego, CA 92112-0190.

Off the master bedroom, surround by windows in the second floor of the house, is a spa tub in the new master suite. The vanity cabinets were designed by Greg and custom built.

"If you're going to spend money, spend it on yourself," he said. "I've always wanted to have a spa tub, so now I have one. We do use it. Most people don't but we do."

A walk-in closet was created along one length of the master bedroom.

The old baby's room will be turned into a sitting room with a private access door to the master bedroom.

The palladian window concept, high center window flanked by lower side windows, was recreated

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