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## Marriott told to dress up hotel plan

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL  
Staff Writer

The Marriott Corporation will have to try again to convince Novi Planning Commissioners to approve plans for two large hotels near the Novi Town Center, after commissioners suggested the buildings blend in more with the Town Center architecture.

"We want you guys here," explained Commissioner Arthur Vrettas. "But we want a quality project we're as excited about as you are ... You get to go back to Texas, but we have to live here." Representatives from the

Dallas-based Marriott appeared before the commission Oct. 15 to discuss the project that includes a four-story Courtyard by Marriott and two three-story TownPlace Suites buildings by Marriott.

"Proximity to the Town Center makes this an ideal location for the hotel," the Marriott's application literature states.

The site encompasses approximately 15 acres north of Eleven Mile Road West of Crescent Boulevard and includes a total of three buildings and more than 200 rooms. The project would be

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## Police warn businesses to beware 'Check Doctor'

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL  
Staff Writer

Novi police are hoping local businesses won't fall under the spell of the Check Doctor.

A smooth talking criminal posing as a local doctor hit two Novi businesses in the last two months, passing off counterfeit checks worth hundreds of dollars, according to Det. Victor Lauria with the Novi police.

"He comes in and lets everyone know he's a doctor," Lauria explained. "He's real smooth. He gets everyone comfortable with him, picks out some merchandise and returns at a later date with a pre-printed check. (The businesses) have not asked for ID because they've been so comfortable with him."

The professional-looking man, described as white, about 6 foot tall and 205 pounds also makes appearances across the state, Lauria said.

The checks are lavender in color and are pre-printed with the name of the store and the amount of the purchase. According to police,

they are drawn on the account of a Dr. L.R. Warren from the Wilmington Trust Co. in Wilmington Delaware and states "American Medical Association Doctor's Lecture Expenses" and an affiliation with the University of Michigan.

"If you look at the check, it doesn't look like a legitimate check," Lauria said. "It looks fishy."

He said businesses should make it a regular practice to ask for identification in the form of a Michigan Driver's License, with all checks. If the customer can't produce it, indicate it's store policy to accept checks only with ID.

Lauria said he hopes stores will keep a lookout for the suspect and the counterfeit checks. If someone matching the description stops by, he suggests asking for identification and going into another room to call police. If the suspect leaves the business, he would encourage getting a license plate number. The suspect was last seen driving away in a red Ford Probe, he said.

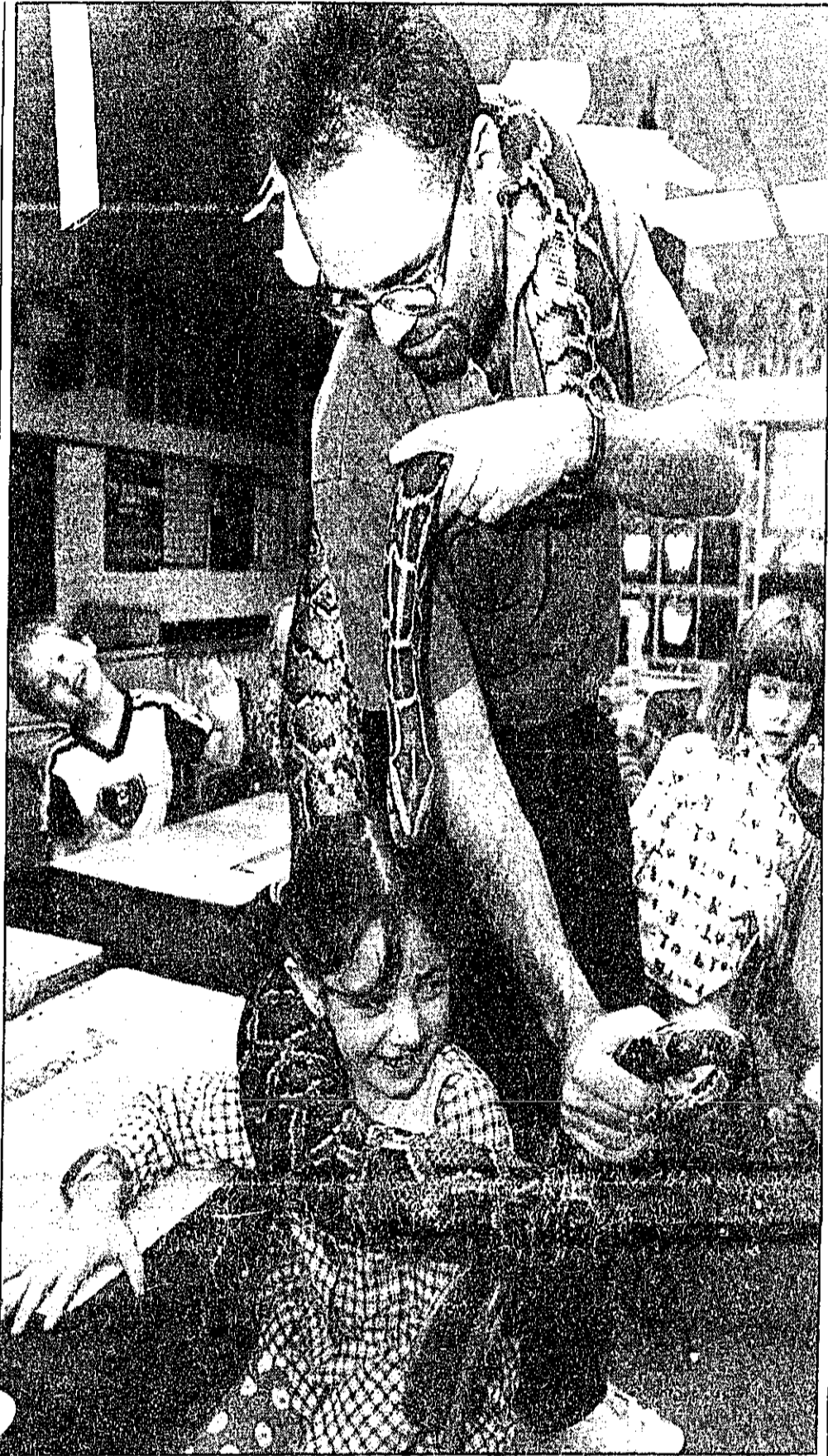


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

## Cuddle up

Biologist Bill Neill wraps a playful python around the shoulders of Village Oaks Elementary School student Gina Matar, get-

ting quite a reaction from her classmates, as the Novi-based Science Alive! visited the school last Wednesday.

## Dogs or coyotes? Something's on the loose in west Novi

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL  
Staff Writer

Residents in Novi and Northville Township are on the alert for what they believe is a pack of wild dogs or coyotes running through the area killing livestock.

Neighbors living in the Eight Mile and Beck road area are concerned after at least one deer was found dead and a total of six pigs were killed over the summer and fall months.

"It's led to a panic in the neighborhood because there's all kinds of livestock ... And there's all kinds of potential for danger," township resident Barb Lucas said. "There's a lot of little kids in the neighborhood. We're not too keen on having a pack of dogs running around."

Phil Jerome, executive editor of HomeTown Newspapers and a Northville Township resident, awoke on the morning of Sunday Oct. 12 to find a dead deer in his backyard.

"I didn't know what happened," said Jerome. "... But when the cop got there - it had been eaten up real bad - he said, 'I bet dogs got to it.'"

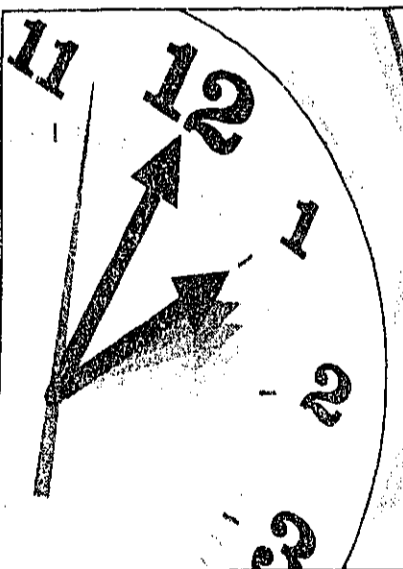
But Ron Bodnar, the owner of Copy Boy Printing in Northville, insists they aren't wild dogs at all - they're coyotes.

"This is a big problem. People think coyotes belong in Roy Roger's movies, but they're here," Bodnar said.

The Salem Township resident lives near Seven Mile and Curry roads and said three months ago he saw five coyotes in his yard. Since hearing stories of the killings in the area, he brings his dog to work and doesn't let his 8-year-old daughters outside without him near. He also keeps a gun loaded.

"They're killing sheep, goats and chickens all through the South Lyon and Salem area," Bodnar explained. "The coyote problem is all through the area. It's as close as Maybury and could come close

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## Fall Back

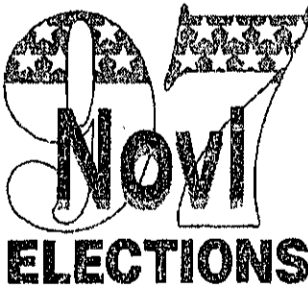
Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour at 2 a.m. on October 26. Now's also a good time to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

## Voters to decide on sidewalks

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL  
Staff Writer

Novi voters will have to decide Nov. 4 if \$4.7 million in bond sales is worth it to build safety paths to city schools, parks and shopping centers.

Some people, like Addington Subdivision resident Sandy Hunter, argue the safety of the residents, especially the youth who walk and ride their bikes around the city, is no small concern.



"I use it all the time. I jog four miles a day," said Hunter. "My

kids use the sidewalks all the time. They bike up to the library."

She said she's not opposed to paying a little extra to improve the safety of the residents, as opposed to a second ballot issue to build a community pool near her home.

"I'd rather pay for the sidewalks than the pool," she said. "I don't want that there for sure."

The extra taxes a homeowner of a \$150,000 home could expect to pay is about \$25 a year.

Yet others argue the city should

spend the money out of the general fund or stop asking for more taxes.

"The city thinks we're a bottomless pit as far as money goes," said Addington Subdivision resident Pat Holt.

Yet the creators of the plan, council members Kathy Mutch and Rob Mitzel, spent years working to solve a problem first raised publicly by Novi Middle School students at a City Council meet-

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## Newcomer Eric Krieger in race for city council

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL  
Staff Writer

Eric Krieger is a serious candidate for Novi City Council Nov. 4. A Ford Motor Company engineer and long-time resident, the youngest contestant in the bid for a four-year seat is even walking the neighborhoods, knocking on doors to promote himself.

"I want to get out and talk to people. Get their input. That's where everything starts," he said.

But this candidate has a fun side, too. As a card-carrying member of the Clowns of America, Krieger knows how to let his rainbow wig down and help others have a good time.

It was the now 27-year-old's participation in a Northville patriotism parade a few years ago that first peaked his civic pride. As a supporter of the troops in Desert Storm, Krieger joined the clown group because they needed someone to drive the float. He stuck with it ever since. He even used his engineering expertise to design a bubble machine to blow hundreds of bubbles at

- To build or not to build a community pool, that's the question for voters. Pros and cons are examined on page 7A.
- Craig DeRoche has already won a seat on Novi City Council. His story appears on page 8A.

parade watchers. "It's so much fun," he said. "The part I like about it is the kids. They have so much fun and to see so many kids smiling."

Krieger had the same feeling as a construction captain for the Tim Pope Memorial Playscape build this summer.

"I really enjoyed seeing so many people get involved in what they called a barn raising," Krieger explained. "There were so many people who really cared."

Roads and infrastructure are a main issue for Krieger, as are other development

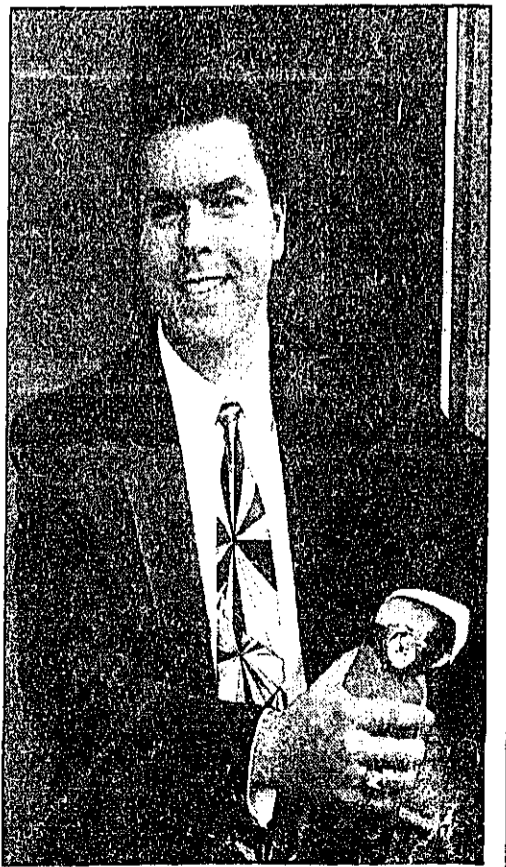


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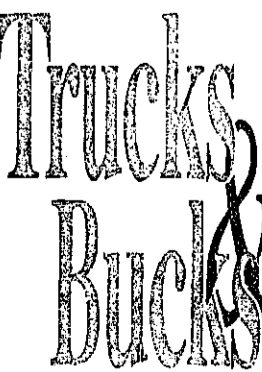
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## Community Calendar

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.

Sunday, October 26

### Daylight Savings Time Ends

Set your clocks back one hour as Daylight Savings Time Ends at 2 a.m. Sunday.

Monday, October 27

### 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 28

### ZONTA

The ZONTA Club of Farmington/Novi meets at 6 p.m. at the Embassy Suites Hotel between Seven and Eight Mile roads, off I-275. ZONTA International is a worldwide classified service organization of executives in business and the professions, working to improve the legal, political, economic and professional status of women. For information and reservations, call (313) 538-8043.

### Civil Air Patrol

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

### Youth Assistance

Novi Youth Assistance board will meet at 7 p.m. in the Novi Community School Educational Services Building, 25345 Tall Rd.

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

The Novi area chapter of F.E.M.A.L.E. (Formerly Employed Mothers at the Leading Edge) meets at Providence Mission Health Center, 39500 W. Ten Mile Rd., Conference Room A. For more information call Janet at (810) 476-5934.

### Band rehearsal

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

### Camera Club

The Novi Camera Club meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center. For more information, call Hugh Crawford at 349-5079.

### Chess Club

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

Monday, November 3

### City Council

The Novi City Council is scheduled to meet in regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

### Health tests

Community EMS will sponsor blood pressure testing in the Novi Civic Center from 7:30-9 p.m. in conjunction with the Novi Council meeting.

### Village Oaks PTO

The Village Oaks PTO (VOCPE) will meet 7:30 p.m. in the Village Oaks School Media Center, 23333 Willowbrook Road.

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### Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters

The Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters Club meets from 7-9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile. For more information call Tom Lahiff at 348-6019 (evenings). Visitors are welcome.

Tuesday, November 4

### Seniors meeting

The Novi Senior Citizens will hold their general meeting at 11 a.m. in the Community Center of the Novi Civic Center.

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### Menopause Support Group

Providence Medical Center's Conference Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., hosts a monthly menopause support group from 7:30-9 p.m. for women with concerns about menopause. Call 380-4115 for more information.

## South Lake fire damages home

By THE NOVEMBER NEWS STAFF

South Lake firefighters battled a blaze that damaged a home on the edge of town Tuesday night. The fire, which started in the basement, spread to the main building, but the main building was occupied by her daughter, son-in-law and their children. Mark Sepala works for the fire department.

His colleagues at the department took the call about the fire at 1015 South Lake Drive at 2:00 p.m.

It was not reported until the fire was out in about half an hour after the firefighters and three engines arrived, the department stayed there until 3:40 p.m.

Some structural damage was done to the building.

"The fire had pretty well gotten into the walls," the chief explained. Water used to extinguish the flames dripped through the second floor onto the first floor. Smoke was everywhere.

"It gets into everything, clothes, furniture," Lieutenant said.

"A fire certainly can have a long term effect. I urge people to take every precaution to avoid it."



Novi firefighters battled a blaze on South Lake Drive that appears to have been caused by an electrical short last week.

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# Police check dumpster for body

Novi police officers checked a dumpster at the Novi Town Center for a possible body in other suspicious circumstances after an unidentified white male approached a city sanitation employee at the Dunkin' Donuts and told him to look for a purse near the dumpster.

According to police, the man told the employee that a \$1,000 purse and a green Samsonite bag were in the dumpster. He added the employee might want to look around you never know there could be a body in there.

The employee called police who arrested the Town Center area. Officers did not find a purse or a body, although they did see a green Samsonite bag registered to a Vic Tanny employee.

## Police News

**AN UNIDENTIFIED** cell phone caller called a suspected drunk driver the night of the 17th until police could arrive.

According to reports, the man called police about midnight after he saw a blue Cadillac run a red light. Police located the two vehicles along Novi Road near Grand River Avenue and took over. Police pulled the car over after the driver failed to use turn signals.

The driver, a 41-year-old Redford man, told police he had a few beers and failed sobriety tests. He was arrested for driving under the influence.

### CREDIT CARD FRAUD

Three Novi males, ages 16, 16 and 18, were questioned by police after they attempted to use a stolen credit card at Northland Mall Sept. 29, police said.

The credit card belonged to a Novi resident living on Palmer. His name was linked to someone between Sept. 25 and 29 and his credit cards taken.

### BORN TO RUN

Novi Police arrested a 21-year-old Brighton woman and are requesting warrants for a 26-year-old Hazel Park man after both attempted to flee police during a traffic stop.

According to reports, officers attempted to pull over a Dodge Neon for weaving over the center line on Novi Road, Oct. 11 about 2 a.m. The car continued to drive onto westbound I-96, despite the

flashing lights and sirens of the police car. As the Neon finally came to a stop, the male driver ran out of the car and into the woods near Twelve Oaks Mall. The female passenger then hopped in the driver's seat and attempted to drive off. The officer called for assistance to track the escaped suspect and placed the female in a patrol car.

She was arrested on an outstanding warrant for failure to appear to court.

The department's canine unit was called to the scene but was unable to track the Hazel Park man. He was driving on a suspended license, police discovered. Officers also found an open pint of liquor on the floor of the car.

### PUMP PILFERED

A \$500 fuel pump was stolen from the new Novi Middle School site on Eleven Mile road during the night of Oct. 15. Police said it was taken from a fuel tank.

### RASH OF THEFTS

The following theft incidents occurred this month according to

Novi Police.

- Eight automobile antennas were stolen from cars on South Lake Drive during the nights of Oct. 9 - Oct. 12.
- Four cars in the Woodland Glen Apartments were broken into the night of Oct. 16. Cell phones and radar detectors were taken.
- On Oct. 8, a cell phone was taken from a car on Spring Lake Drive.
- A stereo and a wallet were taken from two cars in the Patisserie Apartments the night of Oct. 10.
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That means that people will be able to wash down their stir fries with microbrews, international beers and domestic and imported wine. Groggins and the hordes would have been happy.

Owned by Novi resident Bill Downs, the eatery will go into the 200 building, next to Vic's World Class Market. The license comes from the city's own quota.

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## The Log Book

The following is a complete list of the contemporary runs of the Novi Fire Department for the week ending Oct. 18. Each incident is listed by date, location, time and the engine and squad number which responded to the call.

### MONDAY, OCT. 13

Medical, 44679 North Hills, 12:44 a.m., Squad 3  
 Medical, 29753 Sheri, 9:05 a.m., Squad 2  
 Medical, 42045 Liberte, 9:23 a.m., Squad 2  
 Medical, 50903 Delaware, 9:59 a.m., Squad 3  
 Fire alarm, 25422 Gals Court, 10:13 a.m., Engines 1, 3  
 Fire alarm, 30717 Sandhollow, 11:34 a.m., Engines 1, 2  
 Medical, 10000 Eight Mile Road, 2:52 p.m., Squad 3  
 Service, 45182 West Road, 8:26 p.m., Squad 2  
 Medical, 24062 Tall Road, 8:36 p.m., Squad 3  
 Medical, 22948 Springwell, 10:55 p.m., Squad 3

### TUESDAY, OCT. 14

Medical, 29761 English Way, 5:14 a.m., Squad 2  
 Medical, 43455 Ten Mile Road, 8:50 a.m., Squad 3  
 Gas main leak, Thirteen Mile and Novi Road, 10:14 a.m., Engine 2  
 Medical, 39562 Kartar, Noon, Squad 3  
 Medical, 48150 Grand River, 1:08 p.m., Squad 4  
 House fire, 26821 Lowery, 4:33 p.m., Engines 1, 2  
 Injury accident, 136 and Novi Road, 4:55 p.m., Squad 1  
 Fire alarm, 43414 West Oaks, 6:40 p.m., Engines 1, 2  
 House fire, 22689 Chestnut

### WEDNESDAY, OCT. 15

Medical, 20719 Emily Court, 1:15 a.m., Squad 3  
 Medical, 27600 Novi Road, 11:52 a.m., Squad 1  
 Building fire, 44311 Grand River, 1:37 p.m., Engines 1, 4  
 Injury accident, East 196 and Novi Road, 11:37 p.m., Squad 1

### THURSDAY, OCT. 16

Injury accident, Ten Mile and Meadowbrook, 8:48 a.m., Squad 3  
 Medical, 43445 Ten Mile Road, 9:08 a.m., Squad 3  
 Investigation, 22715 Clearwater, 9:28 a.m., Squad 3  
 Medical, Grand River and Novi Road, 9:42 a.m., Squad 1  
 Medical, 235 Linhart, 12:58 p.m., Squad 2

### FRIDAY, OCT. 17

Medical, 31110 Walden Court, 12:54 a.m., Squad 2  
 Medical, 25541 E. Fountain Park, 5:47 a.m., Squad 1  
 Fire alarm, 21555 Haggerty, 7:03 a.m., Engine 1, 3  
 Medical, 41487 Cornell, 10:21 a.m., Squad 3  
 Medical, 41108 Varentt, 12:03 p.m., Squad 3

### SATURDAY, OCT. 18

Injury accident, 136 and Beck Road, 1:54 a.m., Squad 1  
 Detail, Pine Ridge Plaza, 9:45 a.m., Engine 1  
 Medical, 23593 Stonehenge, 10:31 a.m., Squad 3  
 Injury accident, 20800 Haggerty, 1:09 p.m., Squad 3  
 Medical, 23036 Chippinuk Trail, 1:47 p.m., Squad 3  
 Medical, 24504 Bashian, 1:48 p.m., Squad 1  
 Medical, K-mart and West Oaks, 1:51 p.m., Squad 1  
 Gas line leak, 39934 Jason, 2:46 p.m., Engine 3  
 Medical, 22502 Marston, 4:38 p.m., Squad 3

# Teens roam sub eyeing cell phones

A 15-year-old runaway from Wixom was arrested Oct. 14 along with three other Redford teens after they were found stealing cell phones from cars in Dumbarton Pines, police said.

The other two suspects, an 18-year-old female and 17-year-old male, returned to the car and were also questioned by police. They claimed the other two were stealing cell phones and pointed out the location of the teens.

All four were taken to the station where the female said they stole about six to ten phones that night. They take the phones to a place in Detroit where they get new cell phone numbers and then sell the phones for about \$50 each, police said.

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Craig DeRoche, seen here in his Crystal Glen office in Orchard Hill Place, will win a seat on the Novi City Council.

## DeRoche campaigns despite no-contest

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

It's become a 1990s tradition to have a "young guy," someone who's launched his political career before reaching the age of 30, serving on the Novi City Council.

First came Tim Pope, then Bob Mizel, who is not seeking re-election this year. Now, Craig DeRoche, who recently turned 27, is stepping up.

He's the only candidate for the two-year council term, filling the council seat left by now State Rep Nancy Cassis, R-Now. In 1996, DeRoche, then 25, took on Cassis and Chris Bacheiler in the Republican primary for the Lansing office.

"I think I've got some big shoes to fill, as far as being the young guy, with the two who have come before me," DeRoche said.

"A lot of my understanding of issues in the late 1980s and early 1990s came from Tim. I think Bob and Tim both have done a good job. I guess the voters in Novi are predisposed to voting against a young person."

Another young guy, Eric Krieger, 27, is seeking a four-year term on

the council, but faces opposition.

Unlike Pope and Mizel, DeRoche didn't grow up in Novi, but in Washtenaw, where he went through the Walled Lake school system. He moved to Novi several years ago.

While DeRoche has a clear field, he's still doing as much campaigning as \$2,000 worth here.

"I want people to know what it is they're getting when they vote on election day. They're getting a very energetic and experienced young man who wants to work hard to plan Novi's future, to be a voice in a lot of the changes that are going on," he explained.

Clearly, for DeRoche the months ahead are going to be those of change. Not only will he be a new Novi City Council member, but in May 1998 he's getting married to Stacey Zechner. The couple are building a house on Ludlow Street, on the west side of Walled Lake.

DeRoche, a self-employed insurance agent, has the type of job where, with a cell phone and laptop computer, he's in business. But usually he's at his office in the Crystal, then building near Haggerty Road.

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## Newcomer has won council seat already

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The specialist in excess insurance for large corporations, cities and other organizations that are self-insured. Although the City of Novi is not self-insured, DeRoche said that should that happen, he would offer advice but would send the city's business to a different insurance carrier.

DeRoche has been active in the Republican Party, including as a precinct delegate. He's chaired the Michigan Republican Conservative Conference. As a graduate of MSU's Michigan Political Leadership Program, he's been a leader of the non-partisan group.

In Novi, DeRoche was the chair of the Novi 20/20 Forum on the Future program, heading a volunteer task force of over 100 members. The program, which was to help set a direction into the next century for the city, has recently been delayed until fall 1998.

"I think the important thing is that something does happen out of this process. Many people said they were glad to offer their input, but the most important thing is that it is acted upon," DeRoche said.

"I feel responsible to see that the recommendations are taken."

He added that he will accept the posthumous award of the project, once he's on the council. DeRoche said after the council made that deci-

sion in September, he's heard from other future volunteers.

"Nearly the same response came from everyone. It was a grave concern that this had been shelved in an effort to keep things the same," he added.

"What I assured people was that I'd take the fight to the council table to see it was not forgotten and see that these actions be taken."

Among other goals for DeRoche are making Novi more user friendly for businesses and hiring high tech/light industrial development to town to take some of the future tax burden off of residents. He also suggests the city may need to take another look at the sign ordinance, often viewed as cumbersome by local businesses.

Assessing the current city council, DeRoche has praise for their "hard work and dedication."

"I think they did a good job in the very difficult negotiations for the R-D ordinance. This is a volunteer job, more or less, as a council member. I find the amount of effort that they put into that is worth knowing that is public service times ten," he said.

"I think the results are very manageable. I think the developer has the experience nationwide and I think it's a very well-intentioned project."

Where improvement is needed, DeRoche finds, is in the relationship between the elected officials

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Craig DeRoche  
uncontested council candidate

and the city's paid administration. "I would like to see the council create a more productive and open relationship with the administration. I think they would do it by sharing information earlier and in a more complete fashion with each other, so better decisions can be made," he added.

While critics have charged that the current council sometimes leaves the public out of the loop by thrashing out issues via the telephone or in one-on-one council member chats, DeRoche finds that a more efficient way to reach council decisions and shorten meetings.

"I think it's more productive, the more you can communicate with people, whether it's an administrator or council member or someone making a proposal. If we disagreed on an issue, that's what the city wants to know. I do think that they end result gets disclosed," he said.

"I'm a very open person. I don't think my motivations or opinions on any particular issue are something I'd keep to myself."

## Krieger runs for council

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issues. "You do have a responsibility to the people who elected you," said Krieger. "It's important for a city council person to understand the issue. You do need to get input which involves talking to people and understanding their concerns... But it's ultimately that council person's vote."

Overall, Krieger's intent is to make Novi a place to grow and live for the current and future residents of Novi, that includes ensuring quality education and resources for the children of Novi.

"Novi should continue to support education and maintain the reputation we have as we move into the future," he said.

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"It's an unprecedented election year with four seats up for re-election," he said. "I've been interested in running for city council for some time but since there were so many openings I thought it would be a good opportunity."

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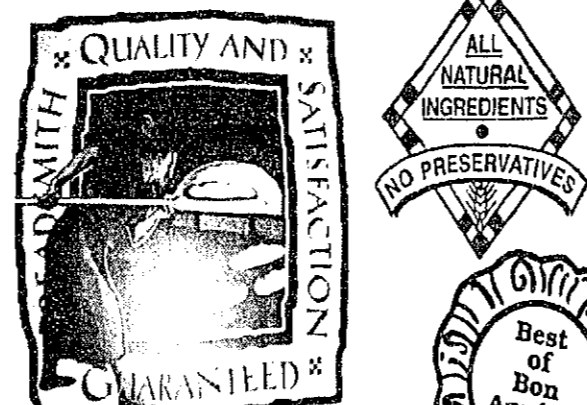
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# Three students accused of thefts from cars

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL  
Staff Writer

They didn't know what they would actually do with them once they got them, but three Novi High School students now stand accused of stealing at least 40 cell phones, radar detectors, CD players and credit cards.

Now Novi police are trying to reunite the recovered items with their owners. About a dozen have been matched with people who made complaints to the department. But the rest are unaccounted for.

According to Detective David Molloy, the items were taken from unlocked cars in Turtle Creek, Chase Farms and Carriage Hills subdivisions the nights of Aug. 22 and 29 this summer.

"They were not using any type of force to get into these vehicles," he explained. "They were checking them to see if they were unlocked and then those were the vehicles they were targeting."

They also went through purses and wallets left in the cars, taking only one credit card from each so as to remain less conspicuous, Molloy said.

The credit cards were used to buy about \$1,000 in jewelry and other items from area shops.

Molloy and other detectives in

the department, including Detective Paul Stulgross, bit pay dirt after nights of surveillance in the areas of the thefts.

Molloy said a 16-year-old Novi girl was stopped for credit card fraud at Twelve Oaks Mall Aug. 30. Two of the suspected teens were with the girl. When processed through the system, the card came back as one stolen in the spree of thefts, Molloy said.

After more investigation, Molloy found the boys hired a lawyer. Then after several discussions with the suspects, Molloy said they admitted to the incidents.

"The said they were being stupid. That it seemed like the right thing to do," said Molloy.

The three 16-year-old males will be charged in probate court with felony counts of conspiracy to commit larceny and larceny from autos. They are all first-time offenders.

The department is asking anyone who had items stolen during the time of the incidents to call (248) 348-7100 to make a report. And police add citizens should always lock car doors and stow away valuable items out of sight.

"If these cars were locked up none of this would have happened," said Molloy.

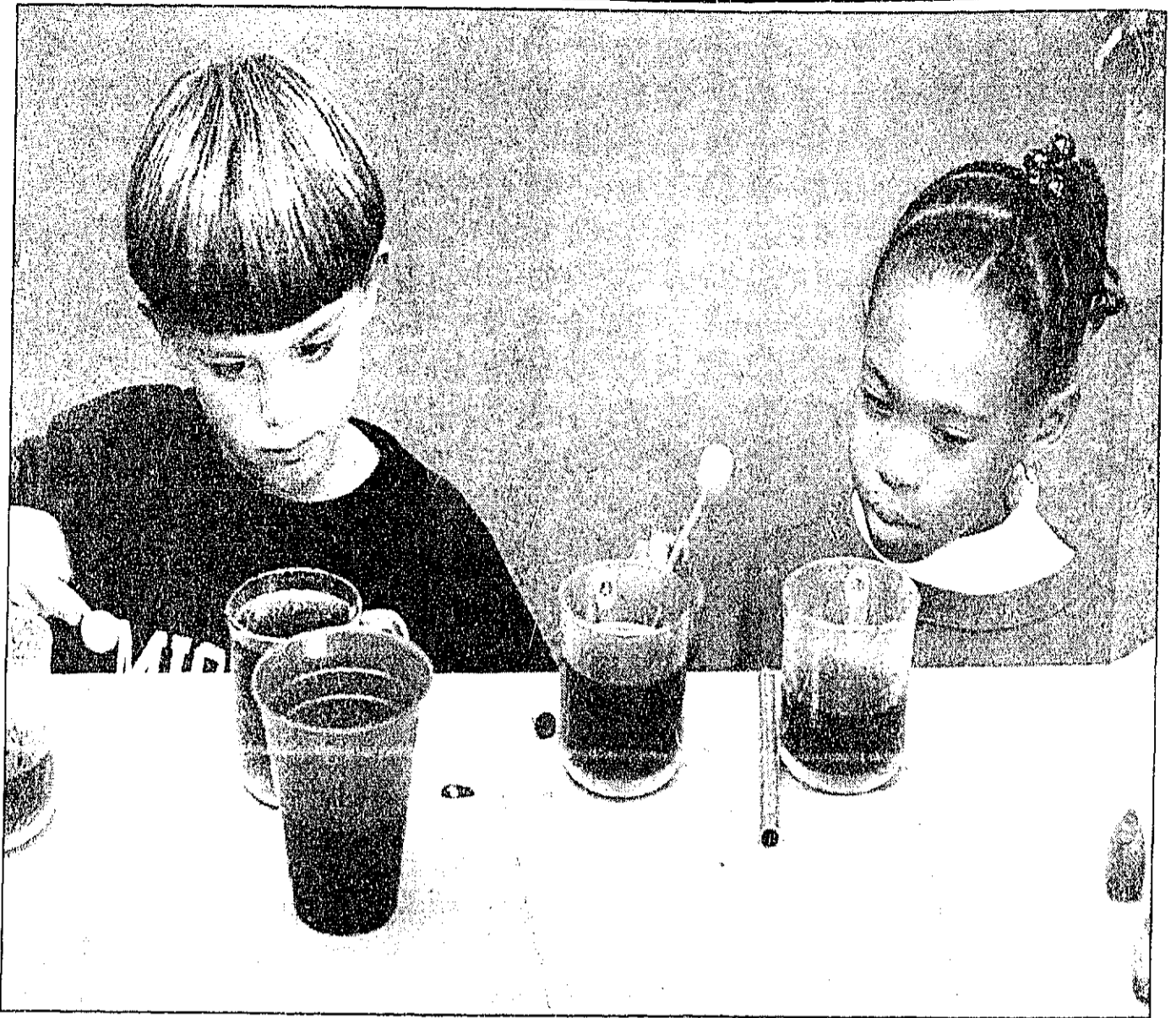


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## Natural music

Orchard Hills Elementary School first-graders Matthew Ericson and Chantelle Shaw see what sounds they can elicit from glasses filled with water during their music class on Monday

afternoon. The school's music classes are taught by Annie Bailey whose recent efforts have included teaching the kids what sounds come from the natural environment.

## Improved tests on way from state

By TIM RICHARD  
Staff Writer

A bipartisan package of bills to improve the state High School Proficiency Tests got only token resistance as they sailed through the House of Representatives Oct. 15.

The Senate is expected to take them up fairly quickly so the state Department of Education can begin implementing the changes before Jan. 1.

Despite legislative tinkering, Dorothy Beardmore, a 13-year member of the State Board of Education, said the HSPT "is doing exactly what it was expected to do. The HSPT demonstrates that most Michigan students are doing well in these essential areas of learning."

The House-passed bills will:

- Shift test times from 11th grade to the first semester of the 12th grade, giving those who did poorly a chance to re-take the tests prior to graduation.

- Give test results and feedback to students and parents more promptly.

- Allow only Michigan teachers, trained for the purpose, to score "non-mechanical" portion of the tests.

- Show state endorsements in subject areas on a student's transcript, but not on the diploma.

- Instruct the State Board of Education to junk the rankings of "proficient," "novice" and "not yet novice" in favor of three categories indicating basic competency, above average and outstanding.

- Require school districts to address test scores in their improvement plans.

- Shorten testing time.

Rep. Andrew Raczkowski, R-Farmington Hills, voted against the key bill because the House rejected his amendment. Raczkowski sought to keep the state endorsement information away from colleges and employers without the written consent of a parent, guardian or pupil (once he or she has reached age 18).

In the Farmington district, he said, "parents of students doing extremely well will be opting out of the tests. They don't want the scores on the transcript."

But that is exactly what the Michigan Business Leaders for Education Excellence wanted. MBLFE argued for years that high school diplomas, with strictly local standards, showed only how many hours students spent in various classrooms — not what they learned. HSPTs cover reading, writing, math and science.

Reps. Deborah Whyman, R-Canton, and Dan Gustafson, R-Williamston, also voted against some of the bills, which otherwise passed with more than 100 yes votes and two to five no votes.

The bills were the work of the House Education Committee, which conducted hearings over the summer on complaints about the tests. The lead bill was sponsored by the committee chair, Rep. Sharon Gire, D-Clinton Township. Five bills were sponsored by Democrats, three by Republicans.

The Senate, which did not work on the HSPT separately, is expected to take up the bills with little controversy.

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## Fall planting

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

## Another mall gets a cool reception at city

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

Another new shopping center, this time at the northwest corner of Thirteen Mile Road and the Haggerty Connector, was a prospect met by the Novi City Council with a distinct lack of enthusiasm.

"There is more to life than shopping. We are already the largest concentration of shopping in the State of Michigan," said Council Member Richard Clark, noting that the proposed rezoning went against the city's master plan.

The council unanimously turned down the request for a change in the zoning category of RA, one-acre lot residential to community business district and high density multiple family. Proposed for the 103 acres were a 600-unit apartment complex, two restaurants and a 168,000-square-foot shopping center patterned after one at Six Mile and Haggerty Road in Northville. That development includes a Farmer Jack, Barnes & Noble, Bed, Bath and Beyond and an Office Depot.

Under the existing zoning, 82 homes can be built on the land.

The change was requested by Hal Robinson and Jerry Goreya, who are trustees of the Josephine Kovacs Revocable Living Trust. Kovacs, who is now in a nursing home, bought the land with her husband in the 1940s.

Attorney Joseph Galvin, representing the trustees, explained that the goal was to maximize the return on the land. An earlier housing development plan has already been turned down by the Planning Commission, which also nixed the rezoning request on Oct. 1.

Planning consultant Brandon Rogers, in recommending that the rezoning be denied, noted that in northeast Novi, one shopping center is already slated for The Vistas at Thirteen Mile and Decker roads and a second at the southeast corner of Novi Road and Fourteen Mile Road as part of The Maples development.

City officials have long viewed land along the Haggerty Connector as a good place for single-family housing, but it's been anticipated that some developers may disagree.

Galvin explained that the trustees went to "the marketplace" to find the best plan for the Kovacs property.

Council Member Bob Schmid said he believes M-5 could develop along the same lines as Telegraph Road in the Birmingham area.

"There are literally hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of homes built right next to Telegraph Road. There's absolutely nothing to suggest that the property could not be developed as RA, one-acre lots. You could put half-million dollar homes on this property," he said.

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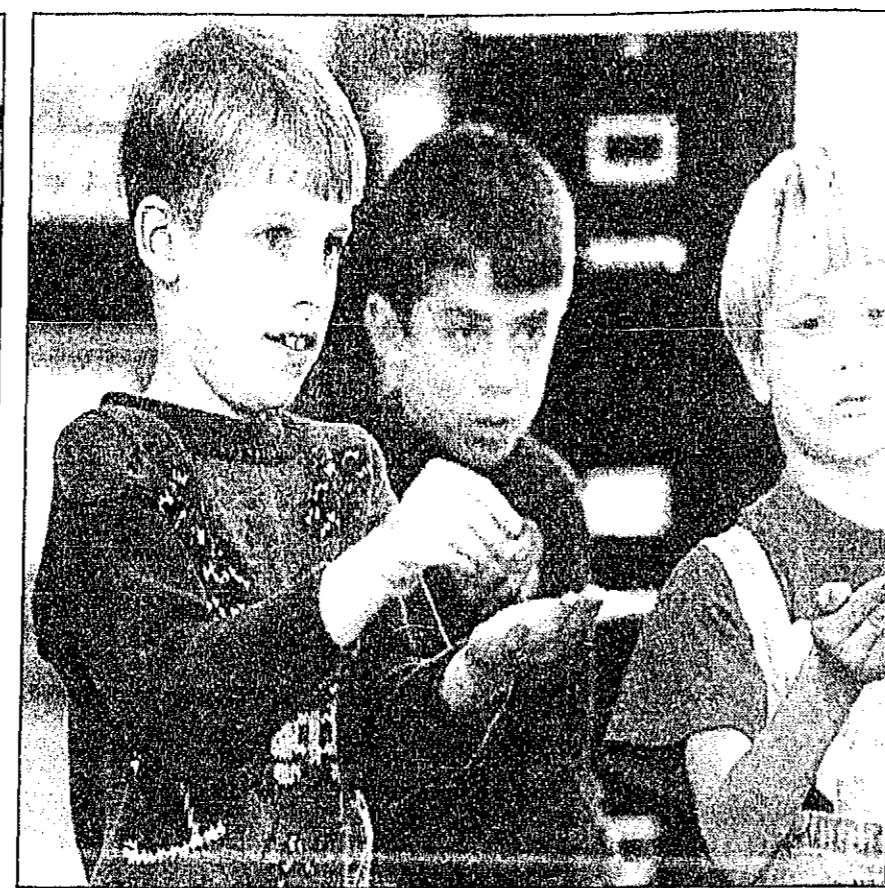
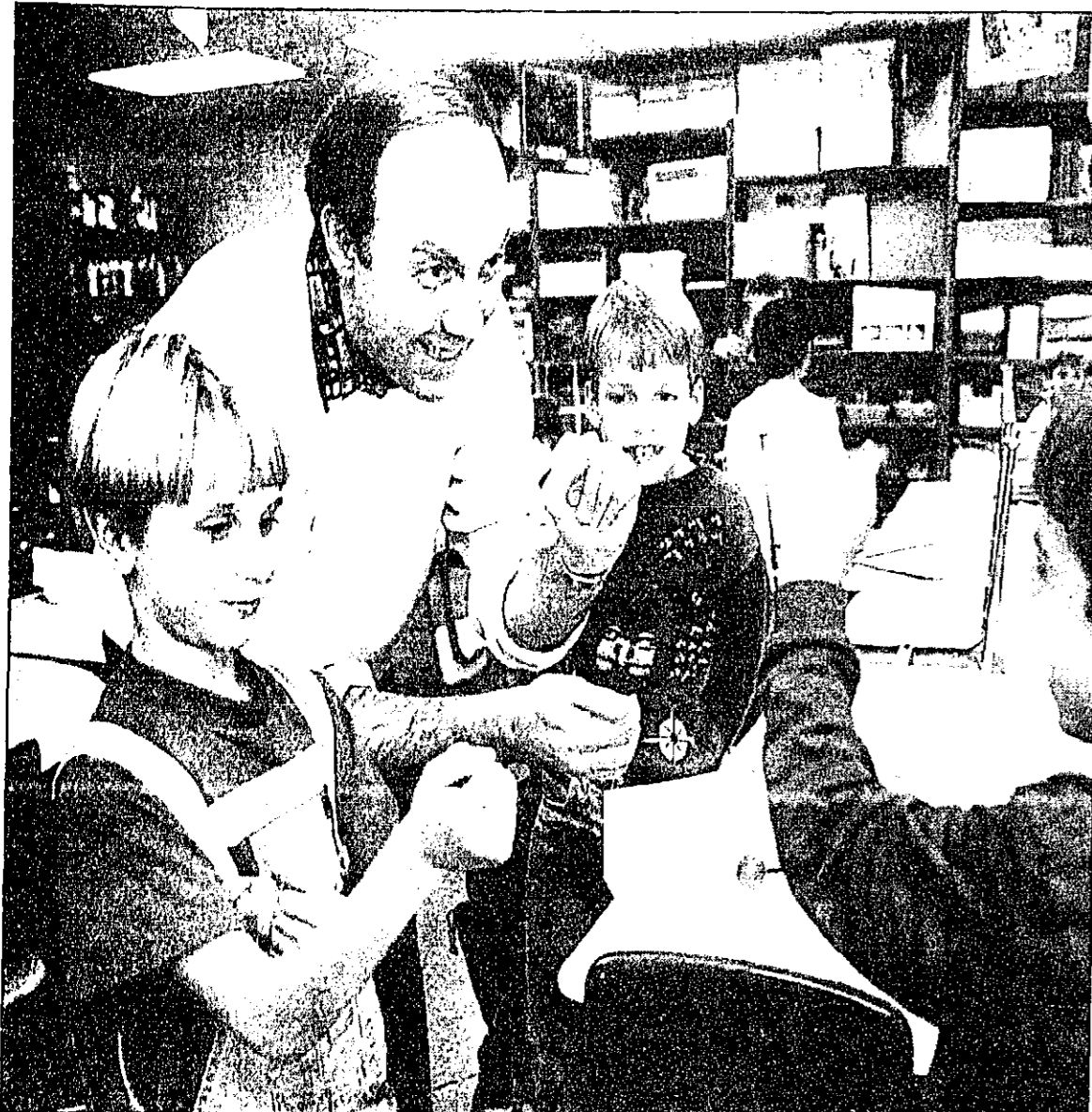
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**Magic Bag of Tricks**

Magician Steve Ziemann, at left, works with Nicholas Paavo, 8, Craig Avantiini, 7, and Nick Coaldrone on a slight of hand trick during a Monday afternoon Novi Community Education "Magic Bag of Tricks" class held at Novi Woods Elementary School. The class gives children an introduction to magic tricks and how they're performed. Magicians-in-training, above, Nicholas Paavo, 8, Craig Avantiini, 7, and Nick Coaldrone, 7, try their hands at one of tricks.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

**Novi band preps to march at 'Dome'**

The Novi High School Marching Band is preparing this week for its big day at the 'Dome'.

The Wildcat Marching Band finished its regular competition season on Saturday at the Plymouth-Canton Invitational with high scores in what many regard as the most competitive division in the state. The band's regular season performance earned an invitation to the Michigan Competing Bands Association (MCBA) State Championship this Saturday, Oct. 25, at the Pontiac Silverdome.

Novi's placement for the regular season earned a fifth place seed among the top ten invited bands in the MCBA State Finals for Flight II. Novi's presentation of "The Music of Earth, Wind & Fire" has generated a season of progressively stronger scores with each competition performance. At Plymouth-Canton, the Novi Marching Band earned an 84 on a scale of 100 to post second place in Flight II, finishing just two points behind flight leader Lakeland High School. The Novi percussionists earned their coveted Flight II caption award at Plymouth-Canton, with the notable achievement of posting the highest score of all 27 percussion sections in the marching bands invitational.

Marching Band fans from all over the state will converge at the Pontiac Silverdome to watch a day long series of flight competitions. Novi boosters and supporters accompany the band to cheer as the Wildcat band performs its "Earth, Wind & Fire" program to a crowd of over 20,000 fans.

At the state championship, Novi's Flight II class features an impressive field of legendary marching band schools, including division notables such as Mona Shores, White Lake, Lakeland, Muskegon, Reeths-Puffer, and Flushing. Novi remains a contender in its flight, with the added strength of a larger band this year, a total of 138 members.

This year's season has been one of growth and progress. Under the leadership of fifth year director of bands Scott Boerma, the Novi High

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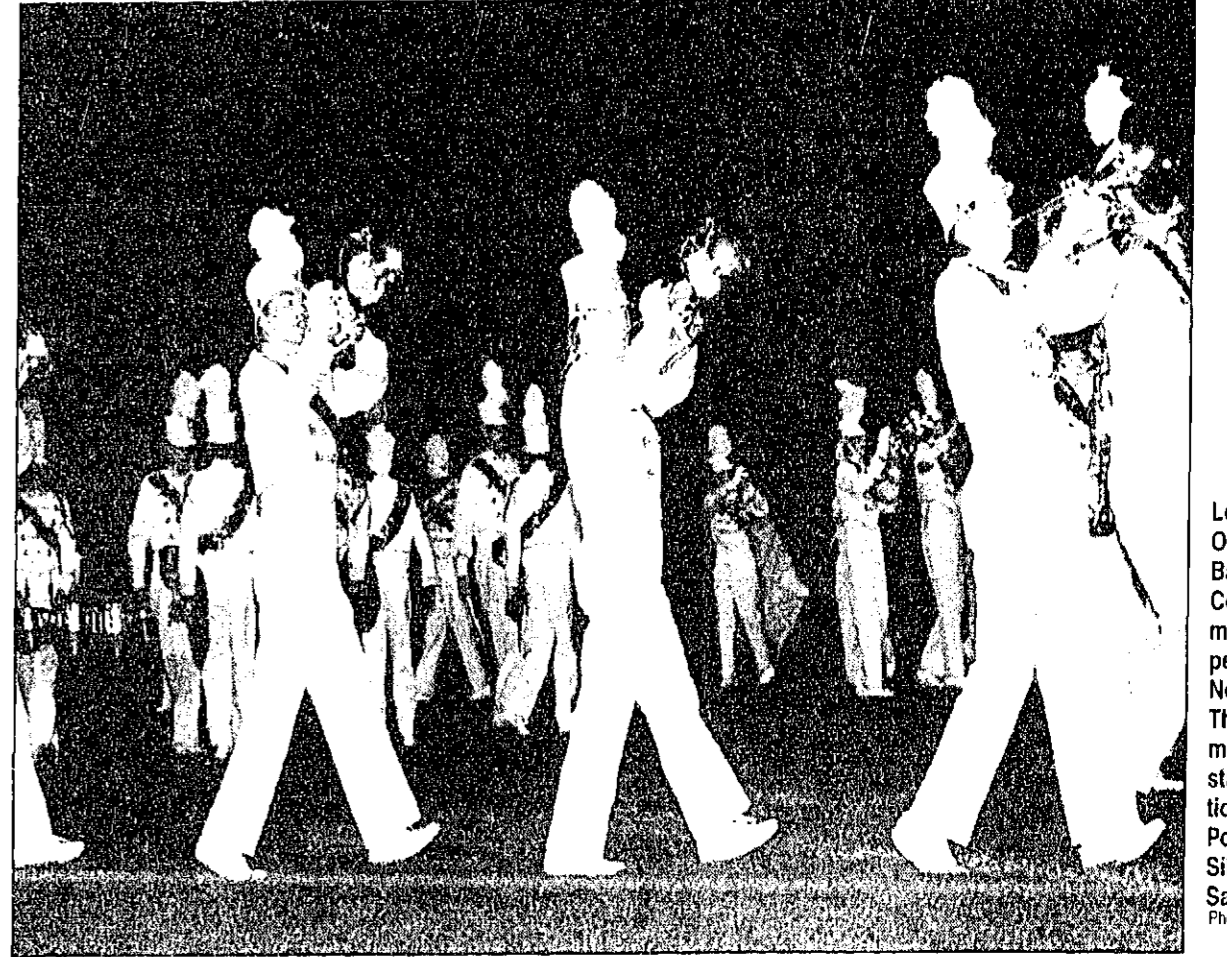
The Novi High School Marching Band is part of the 1997 Michigan Competing Bands Association Championship Contest to be held Saturday, Oct. 25 at the Pontiac Silverdome. Tickets for the event are available at the Silverdome box office for \$12 for adults and \$8 for students and senior citizens. Call (248) 456-1600.

The contest features 40 marching bands from Michigan high schools that qualified for the competition by participating in other MCBA contests and attaining average scores that rank them as one of the top ten scoring bands in one of four categories.

Marching Band participated in a variety of MCBA competitions in September and October with improvement at each outing.

"Each week during the season, we add additional staging and musical treatments to the program," explained Boerma. "It is critical to the success of the program that we take our performance to the next level at every competition. I think we have accomplished that goal. Our performers at Toledo's Bands of America regional, and regular season competitions at Flint Anwood and Plymouth-Canton set the stage for a very polished execution of our program. I am pleased to see our students enjoy the music and maneuvering of this year's show. Their attachment to the energy of the music makes the audience respond with spirited appreciation. We look forward to representing the positive reputation of Novi High School at the Silverdome this weekend."

The Novi High School Band Boosters is a volunteer organization of parents, supporters and friends dedicated to development of the instrumental music programs at Novi High School.



Leeann O'Keefe, Elisa Balon and Colleen Doyle march in competition for the Novi High band. The band moves on to state competition in the Pontiac Silverdome this Saturday. Photo by Denise Hillard Balon

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by John Goodman  
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10:30 a.m. — The Cutting Room Floor
11:00 a.m. — Christian Singles Today
11:30 a.m. — Scary Tales From Now
12:00 p.m. — Meet the City of Farmington Council Candidates
12:30 p.m. — Fall Harvest
1:00 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete
1:30 p.m. — Options for a Balanced Life: Effecting Ways for Tens to Handle Deer Pressure
2:00 p.m. — Financial Strategies: Kevin Herwald
2:30 p.m. — Candidates Forum 1897 Now
4:00 p.m. — Farmington Families in Action: Managing Middle School Madness
5:00 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y
5:30 p.m. — Lawyers Roundtable
6:00 p.m. — School of Ministry and Mission
6:30 p.m. — Bags and Talk with Tracy
7:00 p.m. — Candidates Forum 1997 Now
7:30 p.m. — INFO TV-12 News Magazine
8:00 p.m. — Candidates Forum 1997 Farmington Hills
9:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection
9:30 p.m. — Groove Session

Things Happen
6:00 p.m. — Nov. 1997 League of Women Voters Candidates Night
7:00 p.m. — Fitness Motivators
7:30 p.m. — Candidates Forum 1997 Now
9:00 p.m. — Let's Talk with Ben Marks
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 29
10:00 a.m. — Life Matters
10:30 a.m. — Evolution on Route 11:00 a.m. — Patterson and Company
11:30 a.m. — The Capitol Report
12:00 p.m. — School of Ministry and Mission
12:30 p.m. — 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
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3:00 p.m. — A Culinary Adventure: Dinapols
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Woman dies in crash on I-96

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL Staff Writer
None of the three women were seatbelted. There were no airbags in the car, he said.
The accident, which caused traffic backups on westbound I-96 from Orchard Lake Road for several hours, is still under investigation. No charges have been filed.

Help to spot reading disabilities

By TIM RICHARD Staff Writer
Everyone agreed: Public school teachers should know more about kids with reading disabilities — how to spot problems, how to deal with them.
But should it take a state law to get the educators' attention?

Planning Briefs

Big Boy gets new look
After five subunits, Elias Brothers Restaurant on Novi is remodeling the mummy gem ahead from the Novi Planning Commission Oct. 15 to renovate the building. A red stripe previously included in the redesign has been changed to tanstone at the request of the commission. The changes may also result in a right hand turn lane into the Expo Center.

Walgreen's readying to build
Walgreen's Drug Store is receiving unanimous preliminary approval from the Novi Planning Commission Oct. 15 for a 14,000-square-foot building on 3 acres at the corner of Ten Mile and Novi roads. Two drive-up pharmacy windows are included in the plans. The project would be along the now vacant Heritage Warehouse building, which is to be demolished and replaced with a new building.

Office building proposed
The Harding Company plans to build a 9,000-square-foot four-story office and office building on a little more than one acre of property on the south side of Grand River Avenue, east of Old Orchard Road. The project received preliminary approval from the Novi Planning Commission Oct. 15. A six-foot term with plantings will screen the south property line.

Advertisement for Brighton Chrysler, Plymouth, Dodge, Jeep & Eagle 1998 models. Lists vehicles like '98 Jeep Grand Cherokee and '97 Dodge Ram 1500 Pickup with prices and financing options.

Advertisement for Sugarloaf 3rd Annual Fall Now Art Fair. Held Oct. 24, 25, 26, 1997. Features 300 artisans and is located in the NW suburbs of Detroit, MI.

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Advertisement for Sentry Insurance. Features a 'DO NOT SHAKE' headline and highlights protection against blindness, brain damage, and death. Includes agent photos and contact details.





# School employees nervous over proposed pension change

By TIM RICHARD

Novi school employees, their pensions and local budgets will be reshaped if Gov. John Engler's pension revision plan becomes law.

They told a House panel in Wayne Oct. 16 that raising the expected returns rate and possibly the assumed rate of return on the bond market could spell trouble when the bonds pay out.

And it wasn't just union people who expressed the misgivings.

Randy Lepus, the Novi district's assistant superintendent for business, said the panel's raising the pension system at this time is not the best long-term solution for the retirement system.

Senate Bill 719 is proposing to:

- Revalue all assets to their fair market value as of Sept. 30, 1997.
- Raise the pension system's assumed rate of return to 8.3 percent.
- Change the estimated rate of return on future investments from the current 8 percent to 8.3 percent.
- It would appear to be more wise to leave the percentage at 8," he said.
- Patrick Rand, Wayne-Westland business manager, agreed, adding that changes in the pension system shouldn't be considered in tandem with the state's need to pay off a \$211 million court judgment to 84 school districts which were shared for 17 years of special education.
- This is independent of the Durant case decision," he said.

**GOP defends it**

SB 719 is in the House after being passed by the Senate on a party line vote.

The Engler Senate plan was stoutly defended by state treasurer Doug Roberts.

"I am very comfortable with the calculations we used in recom-

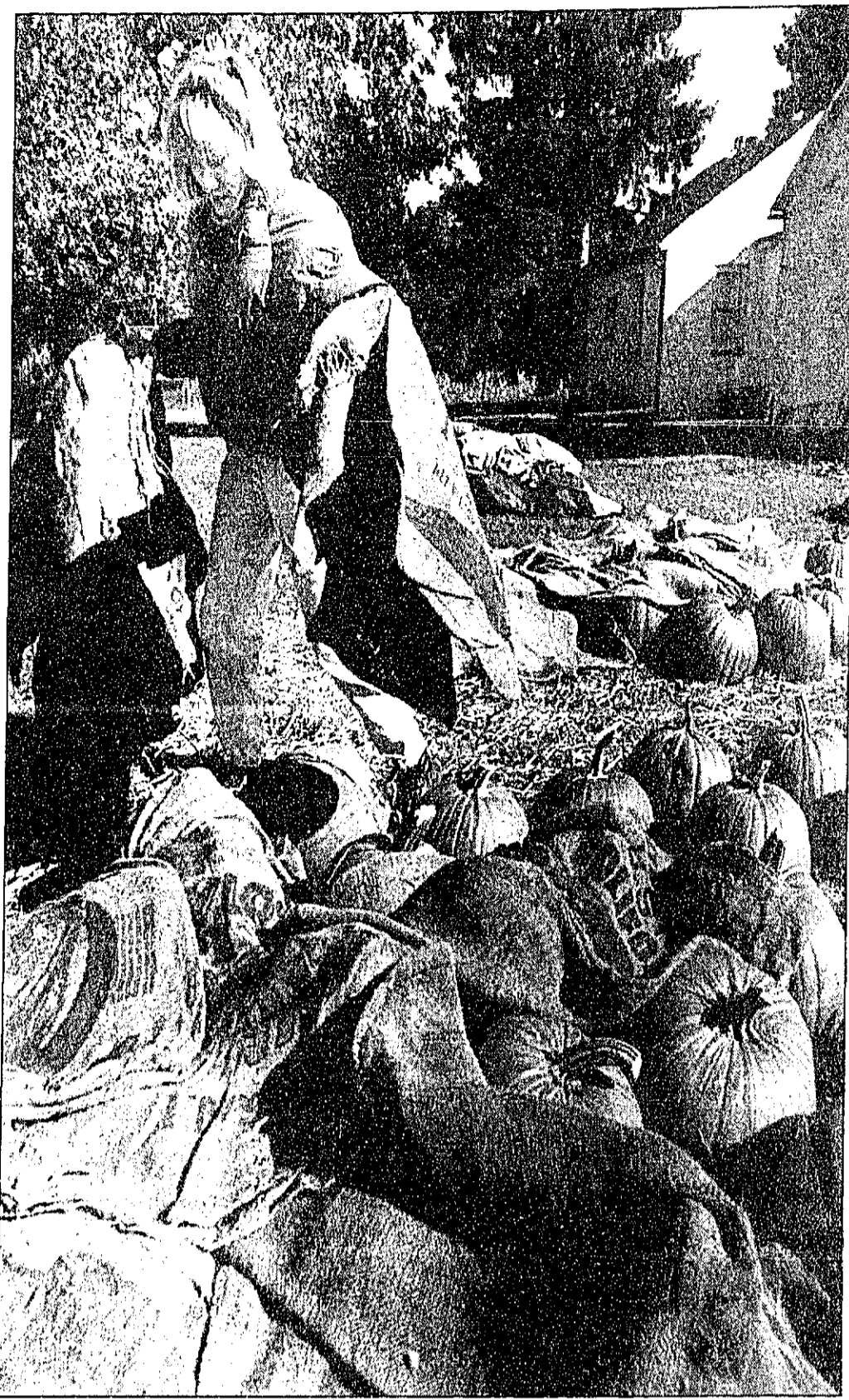


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

### Getting ready for Halloween

Claudia Carl, of the Carl Farm in Novi on Ten Mile Road, pulls a blanket of burlap bags off a line of pumpkins on Monday afternoon. The blankets were placed over the large orange vegetables to prevent frost damage. As Halloween approaches, the pumpkins at the Carl Farm are moving on to become jack o'lanterns.

menting an increase in this asset assumption from 8 to 8.3 percent. We based our recommendation on the \$2.8 average investment rate of return the bonds have earned over the last 15 years," Roberts told the panel.

Historically, in 1987, the assumed rate of return of the funds was 9.2 percent," he said. "The total portfolio will result in a fully funded public school employees pension system with a \$700 million cushion to the reserve fund."

Sen. Doune Emmans, R-Big Rapids, chair of the Senate Finance Committee, criticized the school people for objecting to the 8.3 percent assumed returns rate.

"But, they object when Democrats are in charge," Emmans said. "I don't think it is at all prudent," she asked.

Emmans, Engler's successor in the state Senate, warned that when a pension fund gets too big, government will raid it during an economic downturn for operating expenses.

Emmans said the pension fund change and the Durant payoff are all tied together. Engler thinks it's terribly important for people to control their own pensions," she said, referring to the administration's desire to change funding from a defined benefit to a defined contribution.

**Retirees object**

The House Retirement Committee hearing was attended by three Democratic members. Ellen DeHart of Westland, the panel chair, Agnes Dobranska of Dearborn, and Ray Bisham of Taylor.

A week earlier, House minority leader Ken Sikken, R-Grandville, blasted Democrats for prolonging action on SB 719. DeHart's hearings are scheduled to run until Nov. 3, to use as a bargaining chip in legislative negotiations on the whole package of bills. And except for treasurer Roberts, all speakers were generally hostile to the Engler Senate plan.

Mary Ellen Rouban, president emerita of the Detroit Federation of Teachers, warned, "The stock market will go down. No one knows when 'Who will be here?' it will be on the banks of the local school districts to make up payments! Will

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## Locals would keep own environmental audits

By TIM RICHARD

Local governments could keep their own environmental audits secret under bills that cleared the House Conservation Committee.

The panel on Oct. 8 rejected, on an 8-9 vote, an amendment to make government audits subject to the Freedom of Information Act.

The change was sought by Rep. Liz Reiter, D-East Troy, and the League of Women Voters of Michigan.

"We believe that governmental bodies should not be allowed to claim privilege to information that would show evidence of non-compliance with state, federal or local laws, as well as permits, consent agreements or contract under this act," said Flora Melius, LWV president.

Rep. Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights, the only area member of the committee, voted for the amendment.

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Conservation Committee. Profit basically wants paper bags used for yard wastes.

The panel is pondering an amendment to allow biodegradable material, providing that this section "sunset" after two years to see if that solution is working.

John McCabe of the Department of Environmental Quality Waste Management Division said there are polymers in kind of plastic that are biodegradable and could be used for yard waste bags.

"I would prefer the bill without the amendment," McCabe said. "Paper bags go away at the rate of six months to one and a half years, depending on how the pile is managed. Cornstarch bags probably go away even quicker."

Profit also said he would prefer the bill without the amendment but would accept the amendment to save the bill.

In a letter to the committee, DEQ officials saw enforcement problems with Profit's bill. It "does not prohibit composting facilities from accepting yard clippings delivered in plastic bags. The department does not have the resources to monitor whether individual households are setting out yard clippings in plastic bags, the only practice expressly prohibited by the proposed legislation," DEQ said.

Alley gave lawmakers a week to see if they can reach an agreement.

The committee is due to meet at 10:30 a.m. Oct. 15 in 425-426 of the State Capitol.

## Students explore the Internet

By WENDSY WHITE

Northville High School students can access information faster than ever before thanks to a new high speed Internet hookup recently completed in the school.

MediaOne has installed broadband Internet access to 168 workstations in Northville High's six computer labs.

Broadband is a new technology that uses cable modems to transmit information up to 50 times faster than traditional telephone modems.

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Rabuck said MediaOne's goal is to provide a free cable modem and access account to all nine one schools. So far, MediaOne has hooked up the high school and

What the students found out there in cyberspace

Cub reporters in Bo Hall's Northville High School journalism class recently shared their findings on Internet use at the high school.

The expanding technology at Northville High School has allowed teachers to utilize the Internet more frequently and efficiently. With the new broadband technology, brought to the school by MediaOne, logging on, downloading, and browsing the Internet are accomplished in a fraction of the time previously required.

"It's faster, easier and more accomplished," according to Mrs. Omiatek, computer technology teacher at Northville.

Teachers frequently use the Internet for lesson planning by communicating with other teach-

## Authors address horse show

Two authors who have written books of special interest to horse enthusiasts will be on hand to meet their readers and autograph books at the North American Horse Spectacular at the Novi Expo Center, Nov. 7-9.

Julie L. Ferstman, Bingham Farms-based attorney and nationally-recognized equine law expert, has received kudos from across the U.S. horse industry for her book, *Equine Law and Horse Sense*. Ferstman will present a seminar titled "Liability and How to Avoid It" at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday. Following that seminar, she will meet with the public for a book signing in the Meet the Authors area of the Horse Spectacular.

Cecil E. Darnell of Mason, Mich., has delighted horse enthusiasts for many years with his insightful photographs and stories in publications such as *Rural Heritage*, *The Draft Horse Journal*, *Equine Times* and others. Last year, he put over 100 of his most popular photographs, long with featured stories of his youth in rural Michigan and profiles of some of the most memorable individuals in the Midwest horse scene, into the book *Hoo!prints on the Road*. Darnell will be available

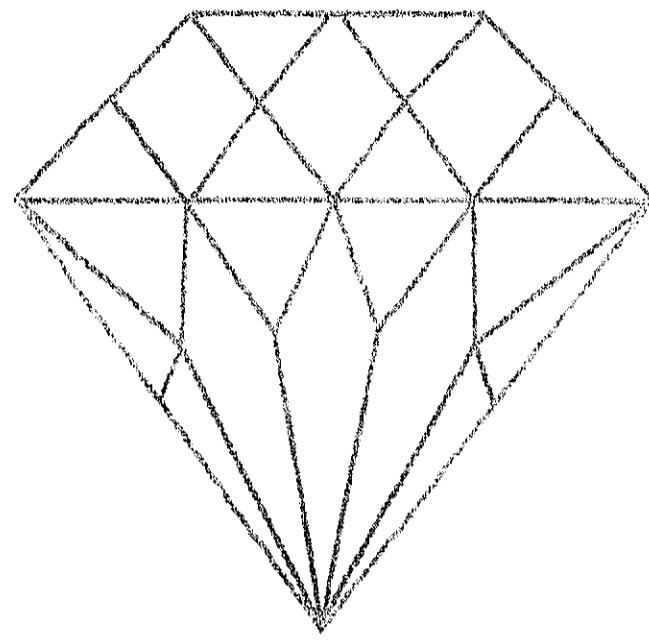
## Fall quilt show schedule

For many years quilts have commemorated special events for people. The Fall Quilt Show at the Northville United Methodist Church on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 17 and 18, will spotlight one of these special quilts.

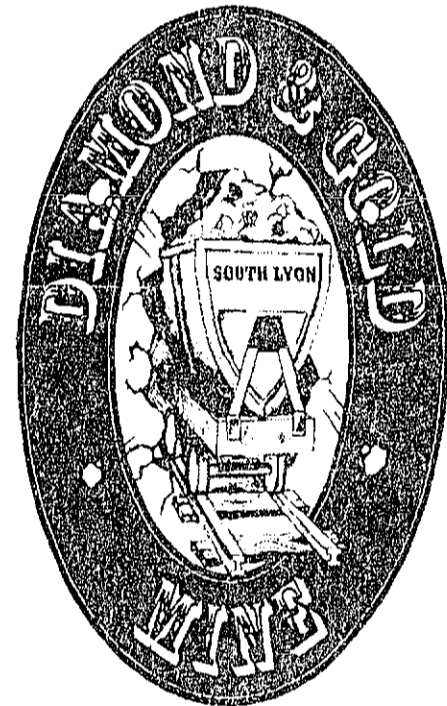
Rev. Art Spafford, the Visitation and Evangelism Minister at the church, was given his "Good Friday Quilt" in 1983. Marge Ferris, a good friend of Rev. Spafford and his wife, Frieda, found the pattern, consisting of three crosses placed on end, and knew she wanted to make the quilt for him.

Before Ferris started, it was announced that Rev. Spafford and Frieda would be leaving the

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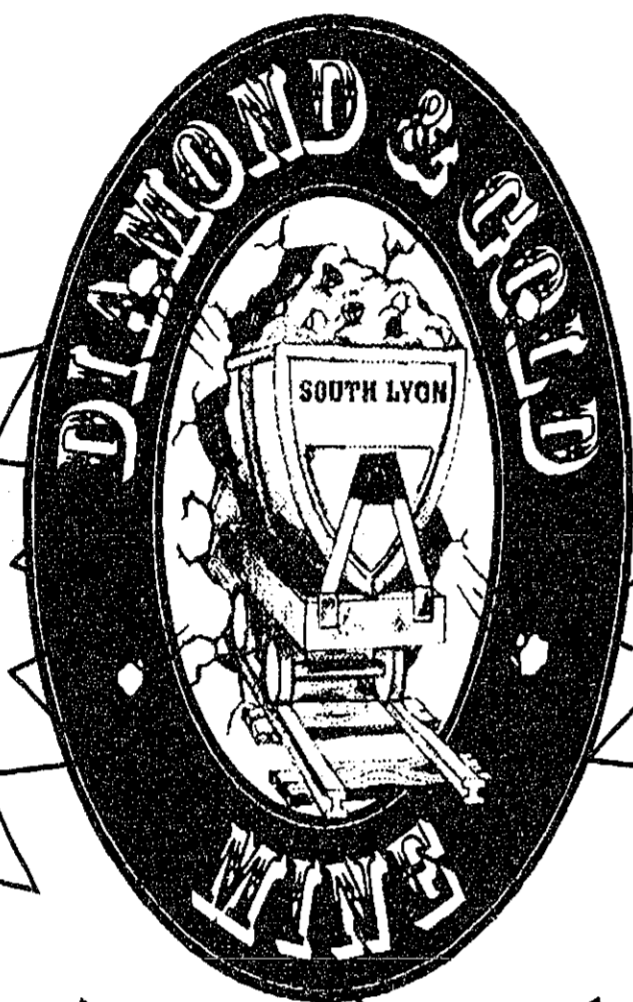
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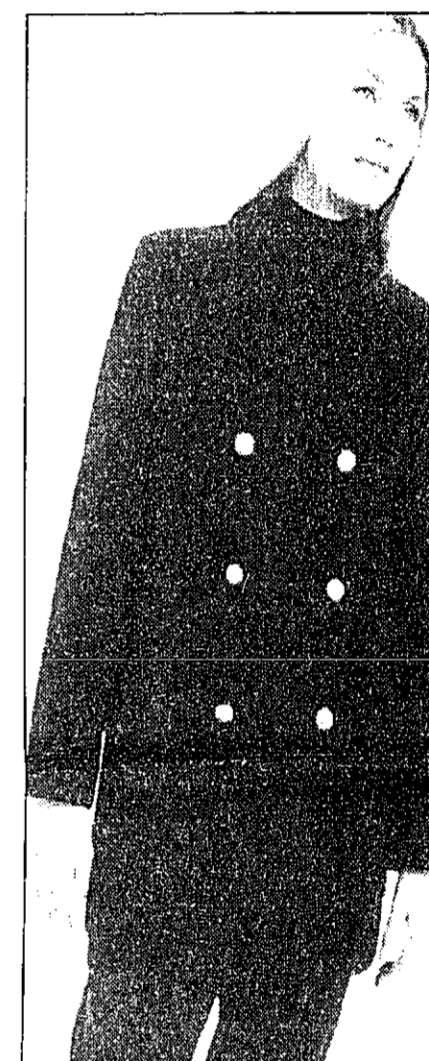
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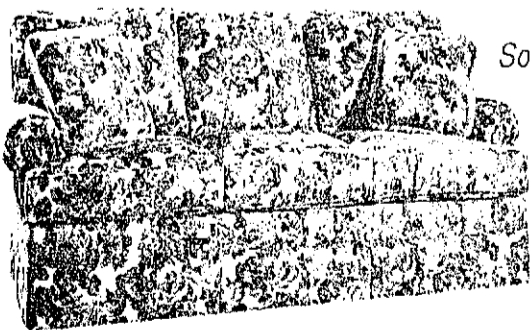
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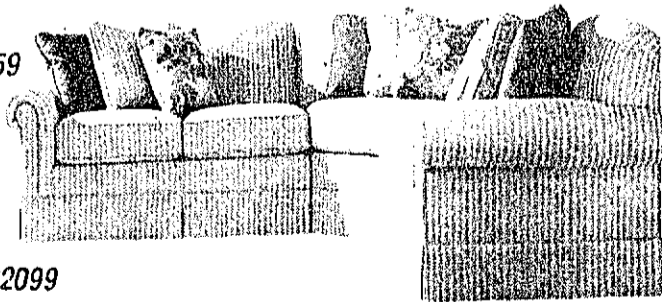
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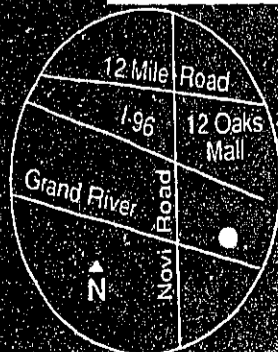
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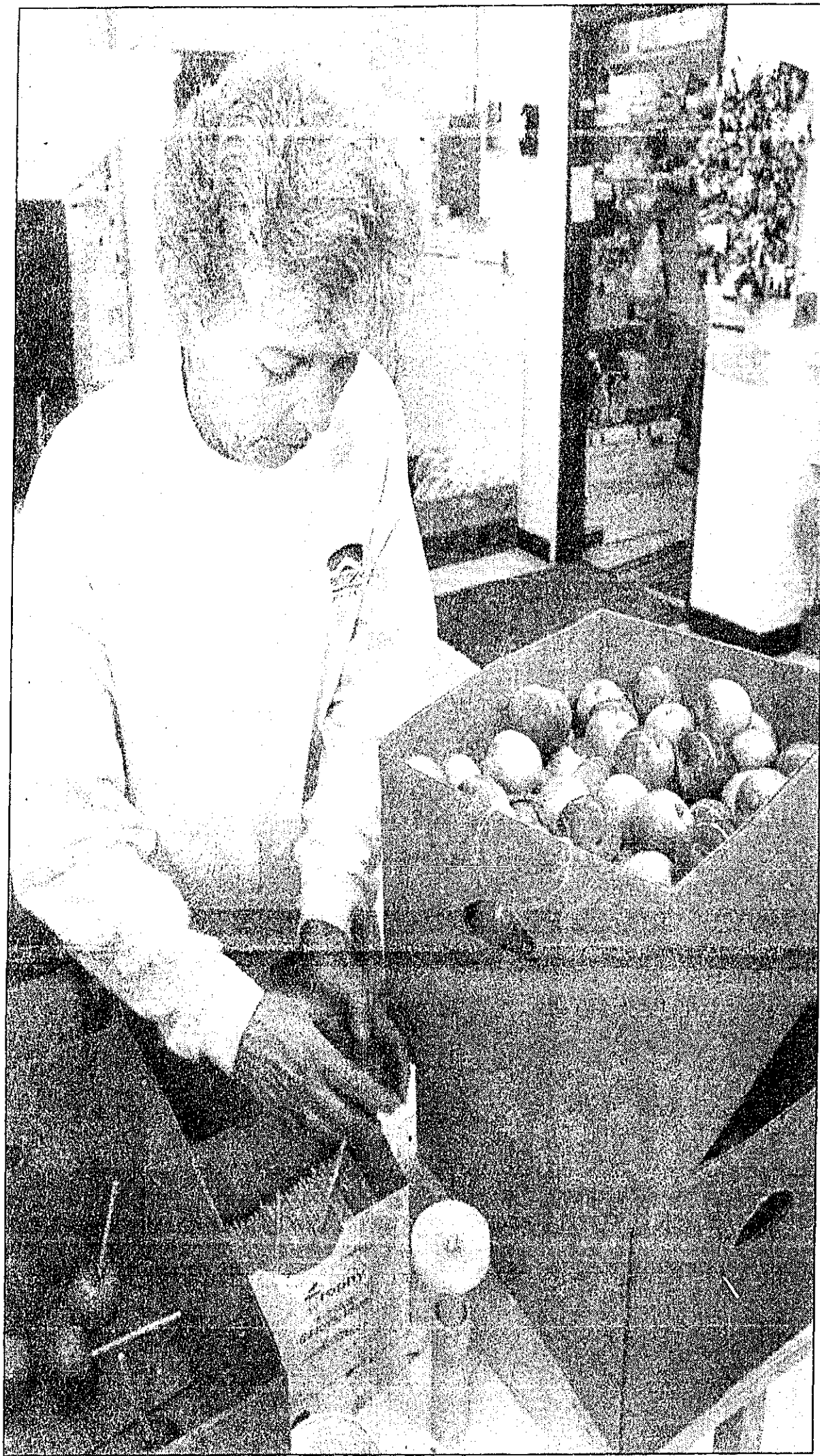
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# A Family Affair



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Cheryl Nelson who co-owns Parmenter's Northville Cider Mill with her sister Diane Jones, and husbands Mel Jones and Rob Nelson, expects only the best apples from her supplier.

Throughout more than a century of cider-making, Northville business has kept it all in the family

By CAROL DIPPLE  
Feature Editor

In its 124-year history, Parmenter's Northville Cider Mill has seen only three owners, all of whom have had one thing in common, keeping it a family-owned business.

Now it is also the only cider mill in Northville since Foreman Orchard on Seven Mile Road did not open for business this season.

Cheryl Nelson and Diane Jones, who bought Parmenter's in 1991 along with their husbands Mel Jones and Rob Nelson, had known the previous owners, Vern and Ruth Bodker all their lives and knew they were interested in retiring.

"It's not necessarily in the blood family but pretty much the same thing anyway," said Chris Bodker, Vern's son. "The timing was good for him."

Of the Bodker's family, Chris, and his son, Erik, who is in college, still work at the mill.

"Vern was a dairy man and had Bodker Dairy before coming into cider. He had set up an excellent operation in the cider industry," Jones said. "It is very clean."

The winery was started by the Bodkers about 1980.

Originally the winery was brought in as an extension of trying to utilize the equipment beyond the cider season to make apple wine but it works best when the product is sold during cider season, according to Jones.

Along with apple, Jones also buys semi-processed grape wine. Both are completed on site.

"We try to orient what we can to Michigan products," she said. "So if we don't make everything, it is made in Michigan at least."

It's too soon to tell whether operating as the sole mill in town has been good for business.

"We are busy but I don't know if that is explainable because of Foreman or an influx in the community," she said. "I can't account for it."

On a busy weekend they will make a few hundred caramel apples. Apples are shipped in weekly from an orchard in Lowell, Mich. near Grand Rapids.

"They are made not much before they

go out to sell," she said. "We don't make them up four days in advance."

The mill employs more than 60 employees, most of whom are high school and college students.

"We are often young people's first jobs," Jones said. "They are an absolute asset. We have had some good fortune of getting some good kids. Most have never worked before. They do a terrific job."

Parmenter's completely shuts down after the cider season, but there is always business to take care of.

"In the off season we reevaluate how things have gone and make a list for next year," Jones said. "We start addressing things that need to be done in February."

In the spring the fix up starts.

In June, long before the cider season begins, there's work to be done every day. In August, it's time to get the lawn in shape, plant flowers and paint.

Although Jones had owned a business in Brighton prior to purchasing Parmenter's, she had not co-owned or employed any of the family in a business endeavor.

"I was very much aware there could be a possibility of a problem," Jones said. "The last thing I wanted to do was have a negative impact on the family relationships."

So far it has worked out great. We all step in wherever we have to. "However if you're family, you might walk by on a given day (when you're not scheduled to work) and be told to wash your hands and start bagging donuts."

Coming from a family of four sisters and two brothers, all Northville residents, there's plenty to lend a helping hand when needed.

"If you're going to visit great, but you'd better be doing something on these busy days," she said.

Additions to the business include the Fudge Hut which is owned by sister K.C. and her husband Jeff Kidder, and a Cinnamon Roasted Almond Hut, owned by sister Deborah Abner and her daughter and son in law John and Lisa Penbusch.

"We have not made significant changes," Jones said. "We have tried to tune some things to better meet our needs."

## Parmenter's Northville Cider Mill

**Where:** 714 Baseline Road, Northville, one block south of Eight Mile Road, six blocks east of Sheldon Road, (248) 349-3181.

**Hours:** 10 a.m.-8 p.m. daily through October and from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. in November.

**Pre-picked apples:** Peck bags, \$5; half-peck, \$3. Jonathan, Empire, Jon-Mac (hybrid Jonathan/Macintosh), and Ida Red.

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

**Features:** Viewing window to watch the cider press, crafts on weekends, wine-tasting bar, kielbasa and hot dogs on Saturdays and Sundays, a Fudge Hut and a Cinnamon Roasted Almond Hut.

## Parmenter's Cider Mill: A HISTORY

**Original owners:** Benajah Aldrich Parmenter, nicknamed "Madge," was born May 7, 1842, in Novi. He enlisted in the United States Navy in 1862 and served aboard the U.S.S. Elfin and Cincinnati. He received the Congressional Medal of Honor.

After the Civil War he returned to Northville and on Dec. 3, 1867, married Annah Guthrie, who was born in Northville on Sept. 1, 1848. They were married at the bride's home on Randolph Street.

**1873** - With money Benajah Parmenter received from the government for his involvement in the Civil War he bought the mill.

**1880** - Parmenter powered his mill with a threshing machine engine, grinding 10,000 bushels of apples annually to make cider, apple butter and vinegar.

**1882** - A stationary steam engine was purchased which replaced the threshing machine engine.

**1910** - The steam engine was replaced with an electric

motor.

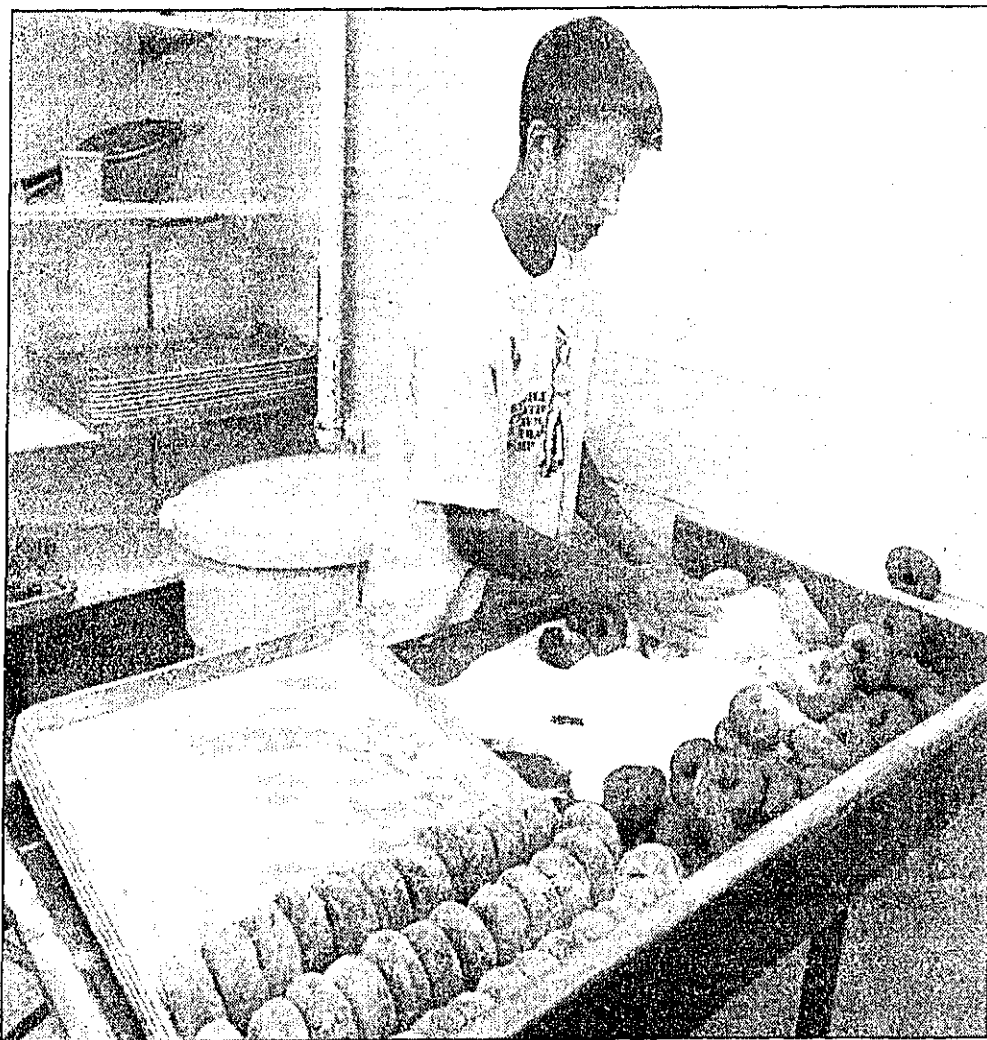
**1921** - Benajah Parmenter died and his son William A. Parmenter took over the business.

**1948** - William died and his son Harold, nicknamed "Cider," who had been working for his father, took over the business. When Harold died his son Robert became the next generation representative to run the mill.

**1960** - Vern and Ruth Bodker bought Parmenter's Northville Cider Mill from Robert Parmenter. From his experience owning the Bodker Dairy Co. in Redford, Vern replaced the old wooden barrels with stainless steel storage drums.

**1977** - A fire destroyed the building. The rack-and-cloth cider press was replaced with a more productive method of pressing apples.

**1991** - Diane Jones and her sister, Cheryl Nelson, and their husbands, Mel Jones and Rob Nelson, bought Parmenter's and learned the business from their long-time friends, the Bodkers.



Nick Brazer takes time to make the donuts, which go hand in hand with cider.













# Health

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## Vaccination: a simple way to stay healthy

This is the time of year when many people can do something simple to stay healthy and, in some cases, save their lives. What is this medical miracle? It's vaccination - specifically, getting the flu and pneumonia vaccine.

In spite of antibiotic therapy advances, pneumonia is the leading cause of death among infections in the world. Although antibiotics effectively treat many types of pneumonia, they do not cure all cases and a significant number of people still die. Most often, it is the elderly or those with heart or lung problems who are the victims. Individuals with long-standing health problems such as diabetes or alcoholism are also at risk for pneumonia.

Pneumonia is a lung infection that can be caused by hundreds of different bacteria. Fortunately, about 90 percent of pneumonia cases are caused by 23 types of one particular bacter-

ria. The pneumococcal vaccine is formulated to protect against these 23 common types and, although it cannot prevent all pneumonias, it can prevent most. Vaccination is recommended for people over the age of 65, those with heart or lung problems and those prone to infection due to chronic disease. It is an injection which may be repeated every 10 years.

Influenza (flu) virus exists in many forms and can change yearly. It is a significant problem and has caused some of the most devastating epidemics throughout history.

The flu vaccine needs to be given yearly since unlike the pneumonia vaccine the types change from year to year. It is formulated to protect against the types of flu expected to cause the most problems during the coming flu season, which runs December to April.

Many people are concerned about possible

side effects of the pneumococcal or flu vaccines. The technology is much better now than it has been and side effects are now minimal. The few people who do suffer side effects will usually experience very mild symptoms, such as slight fever, tiredness, muscle aches and tenderness or redness at the injection site. The symptoms may last one or two days. A severe reaction is possible, although rare. Usually the patient is kept in the clinic for 10 to 20 minutes to watch for evidence of immediate allergic reactions. In all cases where a reaction might occur it is best to check with a physician.

Dr. Raymond Hobbs is the Medical Director of the Livonia Internal Medicine Health Center. If you have any questions or would like more information, please call (313) 266-0419.

### Health Column

## Doctor's suggestions for proper weight loss

Despite the advent of products like Olestra, sugar substitutes and low-fat products, we are witnessing an epidemic of obesity in the United States. More than 58 million Americans are clinically obese, that is 20 percent higher than their ideal body weight. Obesity contributes to more than 300,000 deaths in the United States annually and is directly related to, and affects the outcome of several chronic illnesses including heart disease, hypertension, type II diabetes, osteoarthritis and uterine, breast and ovarian cancer.

Obesity is considered a chronic disease throughout the medical community, thus it can be treated, but not cured. The underlying cause of obesity is not well understood, but it is considered a multifactor disease that involves many

factors including metabolism, environmental, psycho-social conditions and genetics.

More than \$70 billion was spent on obesity-related problems last year alone. Americans spend more than \$30 billion per year on health clubs, diet books and low-fat food products, however, the number of overweight people continues to increase.

For the "average" obese person to lose weight they have to do three things. First, they must diet or eat correctly. Second, they must exercise at least 30 minutes a day, three days a week. And third, they must modify their lifestyle to incorporate their new eating habits and exercise into their new lifestyle.

In the weight management program I use with my patients, we

stress these three factors. We make the individual more informed through personal counseling and written literature. Being more informed makes the journey of weight loss easier. I stress the fact that people are actually desirous of a "look" rather than a weight, and when they get into the clothing size they want, they have reached their goal. The concepts of clothes fitting better and avoiding the daily "weigh in" are encouraged.

Diets should allow patients to lose weight and develop a maintenance program at the same time, so when they reach their goal they have already developed the lifestyle to help keep the weight off.

Weight loss allows women to decrease their risk of heart disease

and strokes by up to 40 percent. It is one of the few things that people can do where they are in control of the outcome, so it should be thought of as preventative medicine. It is not only the quantity of one's life that is important, but also the quality of that life. Therefore, it is imperative that women understand this and take control. Don't live to eat but rather "eat to live."

Dr. Mark Roth is an OB/GYN who practices in Novi and is on staff at Providence Hospital and Medical Centers. Dr. Roth's special areas of interest include women's nutrition, osteoporosis, and menopause. His office is located at 42450 W. Twelve Mile Road, (248) 347-6100.

### Health Notes

#### Fashion Extravaganza

Providence Hospital's Neuro-Muscular Institute (NMI) Boosters will hold their 12th annual "Fashion Extravaganza" at the Detroit Golf Club on Thursday, Oct. 30.

The event will include cocktails, lunch and a fashion show by Serv' Elegance. Tickets are \$30.

Proceeds will benefit the NMI Boosters' scholarship fund, special needs fund and equipment needs. For more information call Jill Hollowell at (248) 424-5346.

#### Body Fat Analysis

Have your body fat analysis done by a registered dietitian. Full printed report with recommendations for exercise and diet to promote health. Please Call (248) 424-3903 for appointment and fee. The program will be held at Providence Medical Center-Farmington Hills/NW, Mission Health Medical Center-Livonia, Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi, and Providence Hospital in Southfield.

#### Baby Beepers

Monthly beeper rentals available. Stay in touch with your labor partner. Call (248) 424-3332 for information and fee.

#### Managing Your Blood Pressure

Free blood pressure checks, open to the public, are being held in the emergency room of Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi, Monday-Friday, from 9-11 a.m. No appointment necessary.

#### "Holidays and Caregiving"

Why holidays can be so difficult for caregivers and care receivers? This program provides recommendations for coping with this stressful time of year. Tips and gift ideas for caregivers and care receivers. Mission Health Medical Center-Livonia, Nov. 19, from 7-8:30 p.m.

#### Parish Nurse

The Parish Nurse Ministry strives to build relationships with local congregations. This service is offered to all fathers to meet the holistic health needs of your members. To learn more about the Providence Parish Nurse Ministry, please call (248) 424-2763. @Briefhead:Weight on the Run

Conducted by an exercise physiologist and a nutritionist, this 12-week program starts with a fitness assessment and nutritional consultation, followed by three weekly monitored workouts and weekly nutritional support. Day and evening classes available.

A \$300 fee includes enrollment in the class "ABC of Weight Loss." Botsford Center for Health Improvement-TRACC, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi.

For more information and to register, call (248) 473-5600.

#### Eat Healthy

Are you ready to change the way you eat? Do you want to be motivated or learn how to be organized and cook healthy? Join Botsford registered dietitian Gale Cox and Chef Carl Oshinsky and get started on the new you. Participants will take home three entrees.

It meets at 7 p.m. Oct. 23. There is a \$30 fee. Preregistration is required. For more information or to register, call (248) 477-6100.

#### Breast Health Awareness

Botsford physician Robert Boorstein D.O., and Botsford Health Development Network Project Manager Mary Kors R.N., B.S.N., discuss breast cancer and the latest news on treatment options. This monthly forum for women ages 40-60, presents issues and concerns dealing with mid-life changes. Meets from 7-8:30 p.m. Oct. 23.

There is no charge. Botsford General Hospital's 3 West Conference Room, on Grand River in Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 477-6100.

#### Laurel Park Walking Club

"Walk the mall" for enjoyable, low-impact, climate-controlled exercise -

and then have your blood pressure checked (available the fourth Monday of every month, 8-10 a.m.). Free. Laurel Park is opened to walkers 8 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday-Saturday; 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday. Located on Six Mile Road in Livonia (at the corner of Six Mile and Newburgh roads). For information, call (248) 477-6100.

#### The Art of Meditation

Quiet your mind, lower your blood pressure and decrease your response to stress. Meets at 7 p.m. Oct. 29. There is a \$15 fee. Preregistration is required. Botsford's Health Development Network in Novi. For more information or to register, call (248) 477-6100.

#### Healthy Cooking Demos

Just in time for the holidays. Meets at 7 p.m. Oct. 30 and a \$6 fee is charged. Preregistration is required. (Please note: These popular classes fill early so call as soon as possible.) Botsford's Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave., in Novi. To register or for more information, call (248) 477-6100.

#### A Life Is In Your Hands ... CPR Classes: Adult, Infant/Child and BCLS classes

Community EMS, 25400 Eight Mile Road, Southfield. Fees: \$20 for CPR; \$35, BCLS. For more information and to register, call (248) 356-3900, ext. 258.

#### Aerobic Weight Training

A 55-minute workout with emphasis on both cardiovascular fitness and muscle strengthening. Meets for seven weeks, Mondays and Wednesdays 5-6 p.m. \$55. Preregistration required. Botsford Center for Health Improvement-tracc, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. For more information and to register, call (248) 473-5600.

#### Asthma Education

Individual sessions with a registered nurse provide the tools to better understand and manage asthma. Day and evening sessions available. Families are welcomed. \$20 fee and appointment required. Botsford's Health Development on Grand River, Novi. For more information and to register, call (248) 477-6100.

#### Breastfeeding Basics

Workshop covers the "how to's" of breastfeeding: How to start and maintain successful breastfeeding as well as the answers to questions and concerns of women who are already breastfeeding. \$20. Classes are held at Botsford's Health Development Network in Novi. For information and registration, call (248) 477-6100.

#### Circuit Training

A multi-stationed exercise and education program designed for the individual with limited experience using fitness equipment. Participants will be instructed on the proper use of weight and cardiovascular machines. Mondays and Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m. \$70. Preregistration required. Botsford Center for Health Improvement-tracc, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. For registration and information, call (248) 473-5600.

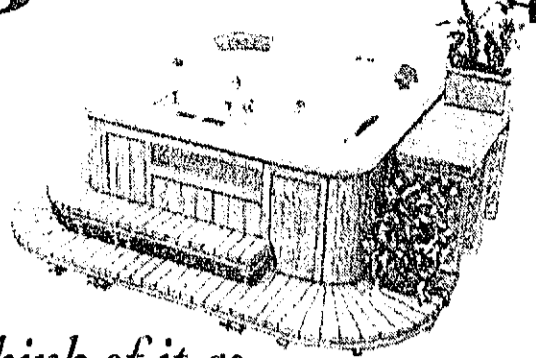
#### Childbirth Education

A six-week series designed to prepare the pregnant woman and her support person for the birth experience is being offered at Providence Medical Centers throughout Oakland and Wayne counties. A tour of the birthing area is included. Childbirth refresher and Caesarean birth classes are also offered.

#### Super sitter

There are two parts to this program. Part 1: Instructions on basic babysitting skills, including safety, first aid, infant and child care. Part 2: CPR for infants and children. Class for children in grades 5-8. There is a \$20 fee. The class will be held at Providence Medical Center in Novi on Nov. 12 and 19, from 6-9 p.m.

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