

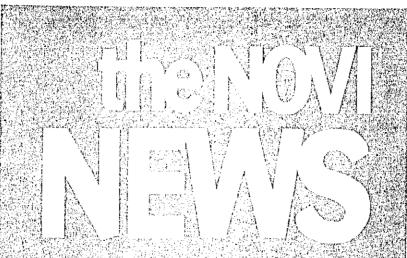
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Novi resident, grad and business owner Scott Gross displays the sign he has prepared for the Tim Pope Playstructure.

Novi grad designs playscape sign

Novi voters approve school bond

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL

Administrators for the Novi Community School District were ready to move forward the Monday after voters approved a \$17.3 million bond election for a new elementary school and athletic field, parking and playground improvements.

The March 28 special election drew 12 percent of the district's registered voters. The issuepassed approval 1.954 to 1,190. As a result, Novi schools residents will pay an additional .66 mill inschool faxes a year for 20 years. That means about \$67 a year more for the owner of a \$200,000 home

"It's a relief to see that people think we're on the right track,' said Superintendent Dr. Emmett Lippe.

The improvements, he said, are consistent with what the district is trying to do with academic programs, providing space as well as all the things that go along with

increases in student population. Pain Superfisky, co-chair of the Citizeus for Novi Schools Committee which promoted the boud, held a victory party at her home Saturday night. As the tally came in so did about 60 people,

"It was a victory," said her husband, Fil Superfisky, who also worked to promote the bond, "We knew by ten after eight. We had people at each of the precincts."

Pain said the absentce ballots were nearly split right in half, with 133 for and 134 against. And she said that the response from people in the community without children in the district was very supporlive.

The election was fairly uneventful, with no major opposition appearing in protest of the additional tax. Nearly 240 "Vote Yes" signs put up by the citizen's com-Continued on 16

Rep wins federal bucks for roads

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Now included in a transportation bill before the U.S. Congress is a funding package that includes \$3.2 million to help extend the Haggerty Connector northward and \$2.6 million towards the long Haggerly Connector from redesign of the Beck and Wixom I-Twelve Mile Road to Fourteen Mile 96 Interchanges. U.S. Rep. Joe Knollenberg, R-Bloomfield Township, announced that he'd been able to tag onto the legislation a \$10 million funding package for the 11th District, which includes Novi and portions of Northville. The house is expected to vote on the package this week

of congestion, improve the flow of traffic and increase the safety of specific roadways,' these Knollenberg said.

The Michigan Department of Transportation is now in the process of constructing the 1.5 miles

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL Staff Writer

It is one of the last pieces to a giant puzzle. This Spring, the sign for the Tim Pope Playstructure will be hung.

The large circular sign will most likely hang above the arched entrance, said Glen Bonaventura, a member of the playscape committee. "We're waiting for some warm weather and it looks like we're going to get some real soon."

Gross, 1990, bid on a contract for the sign and was more than happy to start work in time for the sign to be hung this Spring. Gross owns Classic Woodworks, a woodcarving and furniture design business in Novi.

"When you've lived here and your whole life has had a sense of community, getting involved in this is an opportunity to give back to your community," he said.

Bonaventura said he was going Novi High School graduate Scott through the phone book and

noticed that Gross's business was located in Novi. That was a plus, he said.

"I'm a sucker for dealing with Novi people," he said. "When I heard he was a Novi High School grad, I was sold on the guy."

he's talented. Plus. Bonaventura added.

Gross and the playstructure committee, along with the late Tim-Pope's children, used the logo as a starting point for the sign. But the most fun was in choosing the col-

"I really enjoyed doing it," he said. "There were five of us mixing the different stains. It was nice to bring them into the decision-mak-

ing part of it." The sign is one of the final pieces for the structure built in five days last summer with the help of nearly 800 volunteers. The fortress stands tall in the Novi Community Sports Park at Eight Mile and Napier roads.

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"These projects are top priorities for the 11th Congressional district. They will minimize problems

Road, but is still negotiating on obtaining rights-of-way for the stretch that will run north all the way to Pontiac Trail, Myron Frierson, Division Administrator, Real Estate Division, said at a meeting in Lansing last week with Novi officials.

The federal money is for the \$35 $^{\prime}$ million final phase of M-5, which includes land acquisition and construction. To date, \$87 million has

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Local churches prep for Easter

planned special services and Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 events to celebrate the Easter sea- p.m.: a Good Friday service at son beginning with Palm Sunday, April 5.

churches and the days and times of their services:

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMI-LY, 24505 Meadowbrook Road in

Churches in the area have Novi, will have a Holy Thursday 1:30 p.m.; an Easter Vigil begins on Holy Saturday at 8:30 p.m.; The following is a list of area and on Easter Sunday the regular Mass schedule of 7:30, 8:45, and 10:30 a.m., and 12:15 p.m. will be observed.

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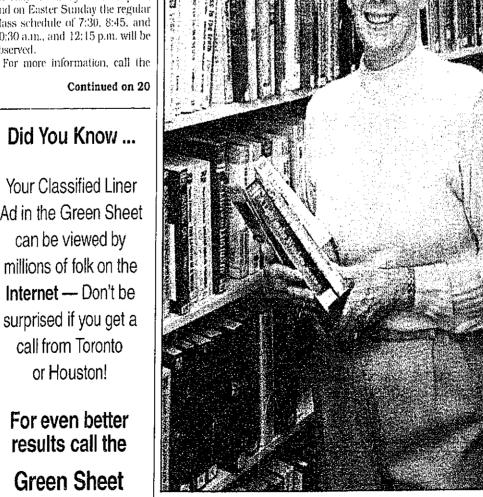
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Librarian Pauline Druschel has been selected for a prestigious national award for her knowledge of books and her ability to share that knowledge

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Librarian named for top national book award

By JAN JEFFRES

Mayor Kathleen McLallen admitted at a recent council meeting that one woman in Novi is powerful enough to throw her out of her office.

And that woman is a librarian, Pauline Druschel, assistant director of the Novi Public Library and head of its Outreach program.

Druschel runs "Let's Talk About It," a book discussion group for Novi seniors that meets the second Thursday each month in the mayor's conference room

"If I'm running late, the book leaders let me know they have much more important things to do," McLallen said.

What's important is the excitement, the interplay of ideas about the books group members have read from the list carefully prepared for them by Druschel, About 20 women, ranging in age from 65 to 85, devour as many as 20 assigned books annual-

"They like the group, because we read things they might not pick up on their own. They really, really get into this," Druschel explained.

Recently, Druschel's won something to add to her own personal list of credentials, the Public Library Association's prestigious Allie Beth Martin Award, given annually to a librarian who shows "extraordinary range and depth of knowledge about books ... and distinguished ability to share that knowledge." The honor comes with a \$3,000 stipend, which she's donating to the Novi library.

In nominating Druschel, library Director Brenda Evans drew on a quote from American novelist Edith Wharton: "There are two ways of spreading light; to be the candle, or the mirror that reflects it.

"Pauline is our rayed out mirror," Evans wrote.

Druschel started as Outreach Services Librarian at the Novi library in 1983, delivering large-print books and magazines to nursing homes. Because cold books are not welcoming to the touch, Druschel put in place a policy that books are not loaded onto the

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Community Calendar

To have your organization's activities, regular neetings or special events mation, call Tim Sawmiller, 344-4269 evenings after 6 p.m. listed in the Community Calendar, send information to Community Calendar, The Novi News, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.

Thursday, April 2

Novi Rotary

The Novi Rotary Club meets at noon at the Novi United Methodist Church at 41671 Ten Mile Road. For information, contact Bob Limbright at 380-6500.

Monday, April 3

TOPS

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

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, April 7

Seniors meeting The Novi Center Seniors will hold their general meeting at 11 a.m. In

Civil Air Patrol

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

Menopause Support Group

the Community Center of the Novi Civic Center.

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.

Chess Club

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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 infor-

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PALM SUNDAY, April 5, 9:30 & 11:00 AM

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Amateur Radio Club

The Novi Amateur Radio Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. For more information call 348-0009.

Optimist Club

on Novi Road, across from the Novi Town Center.

Novi Band

7:30 p.m. For more information, call (248) 932-9244.

Wednesday, April 8

Novi Civic Center. The meeting is open to the public.

Seniors potluck The Novi Senior Social Club will gather at noon in the Novi Civic Center TOPS

Lions Club

The Novi Lions Club will meet at Kim's Gardens at 6:30 p.m. for dinner followed by a meeting.

SPARK

The Society for the Preservation of American Racing Knowledge, the allanyone interested in supporting the Hall of Fame and Museum.

The Novi Optimist Club meets at 7:30 a.m. at the Big Boy Restaurant Novi Rotary

The Novi Concert Band will practice at Novi High School beginning at

for their monthly potluck luncheon.

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The Novi area Formerly Employed Mothers at the Leading Edge Chapter meets at 7 p.m. at the Providence Mission Health Center, 39500 W. Ten Mile Rd., Conference Room A. The purpose of the organization is to offer support for mothers who have chosen to interrupt their careers to care for their children. For more information call Janet at (810)476-5934.

Thursday, April 9

The Novi Rotary Club meets at noon at the Novi United Methodist Church at 41671 Ten Mile Road. For information, contact Bob Limbright at 380-6500

Monday, April 13

Library Board

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

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p.m. (810) 344-2167.

Tuesday, April 14

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volunteer support organization for the Motorsports Hall of Fame of School, 25299 Taft Rd., from 7-9:30 p.m. Adults and youths who have lin-America, meets at 7 p.m. at the Novi Expo Center. The meeting is open to ished the sixth grade are welcome. For additional information call 349--2669



March 20.

plenty to do, like swimming with the dolphins. beginning to pack.



Novi teens heading south for spring break

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL

The balmy spring weather this week gave residents a taste of what an estimated 345 Novi High School seniors will experience when they take off for Spring break next week. Beginning March 10, Novi students will be out of school for Easter break until classes resume

Though not necessarily sanctioned or organized by the high school, many high school seniors will celebrate their last year together with the traditional Spring break

This year, the hot spots include South Padres Island, Orlando, Cancun and Myrtle Beach. Niki Hart is headed to the Florida Keys with friend Erin Spindler to stay with her uncle. It keeps the cost down, she said, and there's

She's budgeting about \$600 for the week-long stay and is already "We're on a countdown right

now. It's so exciting," she said, Many of the students save up money from birthdays, Christmas and after school jobs to pay for the airfare, hotel stay and, of course, new clothes for the trip.

"Besides saving money for the trip l've spent a lot, too, on new clothes for it," said senior Emily McGuckin, whose paychecks from her job at a local Hallmark store are carmarked for the trip, "I have a mental list but I haven't started packing at all."

She and 11 other senior girls are headed on a Royal Caribbean cruise to the eastern islands. "You don't have to worry about transportation too much," she said. The girls are planning to cele-

brate the Easter holiday while they're basking in the sun. Each drew the name of another for whom , to buy a small Easter present.

Mercer Beach targeted for improvement by state

ing the beach and lakefront include Fund and have been recommended

improve access to Mercer Beach in These funds would come from the \$41,645 coming from a local match Walled Lake, Methods for enhanc- Michigan Natural Resources Trust from the city of Walled Lake.

Novi High School student Niki Hart is readying to pack and head to Islamorado, Florida.

This project is one of 35 projects

Gov. John Engler has asked the building a play structure for chil- toward the total purchase price of round of a biannual project legislature to support funding to dren; and upgrading facilities. \$138,815 with the remaining approval process.

Decoy program found 9 selling liquor to minors

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL

Fourteen percent of the liquor license holding establishments in a Novi police department sting. Three teenage decoys and police officers spent the last two months visiling 57 of the 61 bars, restaurants and liquor stores in Novi who sell alcohol in some fashion. according to Police Chief Doug Shaeffer. The remaining businesses are not open this season or not open for business yet.

"(The numbers) are a lot higher than I want it to be, especially for some very responsible business owners who should know better." ic said earlier this week.

"We believe checking IDs is a very easy thing even for the most busy of businesses to do," he added. The following business were cited for furnishing, providing or selling alcohol to minors:

• Frigates Inn. Castle Wine Shoppe

Lakeview Market.

 Maples Club. Steve and Rockey's

 Willowbrook Market. · Grady's.

• Red Robin.

· Wyndham Garden Restaurant. The two male and one female decoys were all 17-years-old, Shaeffer said. The legal drinking explained. age is 21. "There is absolutely no attempt

to disguise their looks or make them look older than they are," Shaeffer explained.

The teens were told to enter an establishment and try to purchase a six-pack or a glass of beer. If the cashler or wait staff asked for identification, they were to say they had none. If they were asked their age, they were to tell the truth, Shaeffer explained.

In addition, they are monitored by an undercover police officer at all times. When a purchase is successful, the officer cites the server or cashier as well as the management The penalty for violating the city

"We believe checking IDs Novi sold alcohol to minors during is very easy, even for the most busy of businesses to do.'

> Douglas Shaeffer Novi police chief

ordinance is a misdemeanor subject to 90 days in jail or up to a \$100 fine. The violation is sent onto the Liquor Control Commission and licenses can be suspended and even revoked if necessary

Shaeffer said officers revisit the offending businesses to ensure they are making changes to prevent further incidents. In addition. he sends a letter to suggest ways to remedy the problem. Training staff to check all identifications is one step, he said. Another is to take sanctions against employees who do not follow instructions.

Businesses who successfully passed the decoy program are sent a letter of congratulations. Owners who obtain a license to

sell liquor have a specific responsibility, part of which is controlling the sale to minors," Shaeffer

"If (judgment) is clouded by the pursuit for profit instead of being responsible, the police department has to act," said Shaelfer.

To get a liquor license, businesses must apply to the State of Michigan Liquor Control Commission and the Novi City Council. The Novi Police then complete an investigation into the owner's previous businesses and prior history with alcohol use or sales and make a recommendation.

In 1996, the police department took the flip side of the program and sent in undercover officers to catch teenagers attempting to purchase alcohol. It is called Cops in Shops

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Three Ten Mile Road businesses

Vandals shatter Ten Mile windows Novi Briefs

were hit by vandals overnight **Police News** March 26. Novi police reported rocks were thrown through the windows of the Meadowbrook Art

cleared up.

BREAK-INS

Center and Cam Mars Salon, but no entry was made into the businesses. In addition, a window of ACO was smashed by a brick and a cart placed under the damage in what appeared to be an attempt to gain access to the store.

EGGED

A Novi police patrol car was hit by three or four raw eggs about midnight March 27 According to the report, the officer was en route along Ten Mile Road near Beck Road to a police call when the eggs came at the car from a wooded area. The officer did not see who might have thrown the eggs and continued to a car wash to rinse off the damage.

CHEESED

A 52-year-old Novi man had to be calmed by police officers March 27 after he became trate in Comerica Bank. The man became upset while at the drive-through teller station because he didn't understand his statement, and sped around to the lobby, police said. He spoke with management who tried to calm him down but he was verbally abusive and using profanity, according to the report.

Nine Mile Road and the Tree Top Apartments on Ten Mile Road. During the night of March 26, five cars were broken into and cell dents occurred in the Pavilion driving arrest, police said. Court complex. UNDERAGE DRINKING

tance and the man calmed down

ment was explained and the matter

the fields near the West Oaks shop- beers. ping center. The 20-year-old men left beer cans strewn about their pick-up truck and admitted to After being given breathalyzer tests, they were cited and released.

The bank called for police assis- WANDERED OFF The Turtle Creek Homeowners when the officer arrived. The state- Association reported to police that someone stole the wooden turtles that adorned the subdivision entrance signs sometime last week. They will cost about \$2,000 to Novi police suspect the same replace. In addition, someone people are behind car break-ins at broke the lights which illuminated the Pavilion Court Apartments on the signs.

DRUNK DRIVING

A 43-year-old Gibraltar man told police if they let him smoke a phones and stereos stolen. Earlier cigarette he could give a better in the week, several similar inci- breathalyzer sample for his drunk The man was arrested about 2

a.m. March 28 after officers saw him weaving and driving onto the Novi police cited three men for shoulder of Grand River Avenue underage drinking March 27 after near Wixom Road. He told police he a natrol officer spotted them four- was lost and looking for the freewheeling and riding dirt bikes in way and also had consumed two

The officer requested several from Riverview and Southgate had sobriety tests, including the reciting of the alphabet.

"A,B,C,G,M,O" was the man's police they had been drinking. first attempt. "A,B,C,F,L,M,O" was the second attempt. A preliminary breath test indi-

cated a 0.17 percent blood alcohol content, over the legal limit, but

It was then he suggested he be allowed to smoke. He was not and was released after he sobered up. DAMAGED For the third week in a row,

occurred last week according to Novi police reports: On March 24, the window of a car on Clearwater was smashed

were taken Beachwalk was smashed and a set

• On March 24, a cell phone was

left unlocked.

tools were taken from a pick-up truck on Rousseau.

7100.

someone vandalized a home on White Plains Drive. According to police, in the most recent incident, March 27, a rock was thrown through a Ford Taurus window. CAR BREAK-INS

The following larcenies from cars

and a stereo and compacts discs • On March 24, a car window on

of speakers were taken. The suspect left blood on the seat of the

taken from a Ford Contour on

• On March 26, a cell phone and

Citizens with information about

not give a steady blow for the test. | Election year planning

The League of Women Voters, Oakland Area will hold a workship in Novi on Saturady April, 4 from 9:30 a.m. to noon. The Novi Civic Center event, presented by Linda DePorter, Voters Service Chair for LWVMI, will focus on "How To Have Exciting Candidates Forums.

Help will be offered on how to produce a candidates' forum, how to screen questions, how to moderate and role-play to help forum presenters think on their feet. It's open to league and non-league participants.

Credentials

Novi Assistant Treasurer Steven Babinchak was recently awarded the professional credential of Certified Municipal Financial Administrator. He will be officially presented with his credentials and the accompanying plaque in August at the Municipal Treasurer's Association conference in Chicago.

Volunteering for disaster

The Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross is seeking disaster volunteers to help on local disasters - mostly single family home and apartment fires. Volunteers are fully trained by the Red Cross to visit disaster sites, serve refreshments, offer support to victims, assess damage and dispense vouchers for food, clothing and other necessities. Westgate. The car may have been | Area of operation will not necessarily be in Wayne County. Call (313) 422-2787.

Scout for food

Local Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts will once again conduct the annual "Scouting for Food" drive this April. Scouts will distribute food collection the above incidents are urged to call bags in selected neighborhoods April 20-24. Scouts will return to collect the Novi Police Department at 348- canned food and other non-perishable goods on the following Saturday, April 25.

> Suggested canned contributions are soup, vegetables, beef stew, chili, and fruit. Other donations can include dry foods, baby formula, and personal care items. Perishable or frozen food or food in glass containers will not be accepted.

> All food donations will go to local agencies that feed families and individuals in need. For additional information call Linda Owczarzak, Scouting for Food

> chair at (734) 429-5108, Dave O'Leary at (734) 664-2843 or Dean Williams, Exploring executive, Great Sauk Trail, Boy Scouts of America at 734) 971-7100.

Fergie watch

The former Sarah Ferguson, now the divorced Duchess of York, will appear at the Michigan International Women's Show at the Novi Expo Center on May 1 Producers of the event, the Southern Women Shows of Charlotte, N.C., confirmed that the Weight Watcher's royal spokesperson will breeze

Prostitutes nabbed at Novi Hilton Hotel license.

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL Staff Writer

Two women are facing April 8 officers. court dates after being busted in an undercover prostitution sting at two separate escort services chosen. He then opened an adjoining door made similar arrangements. the Novi Illiton March 27 and 28. from the phone book by the officers to reveal officers on the other side. According to a Novi police in the unit.

Suppression Unit out of called the service and arranged for the escort service. She told officers sage. He then opened a door and committing an act of prostitution for "unspecified services."

year-old Chesterfield woman for room in the Hilton after midnight \$70 of her \$175 payment. They woman. a license. A 20-year-old Ypsilanti Chesterfield woman arrived, she clients.

The unit contains two Novi police She then made a reference to hav- and released. Police said women worked for excused himself to the bathroom. called a second escort service and

Farmington Hills arrested a 42- a female to meet him in a hotel the Livonia-based service takes the officers appeared to arrest the

also confiscated papers with the She told police her boyfriend was and performing a massage without On March 27, when the names and directions to other in the lobby. They also checked her car, finding 4.5 grams of marijuana | through town. woman was also arrested for per- was paid \$175 cash and removed She said she works at a daycare in her purse along with rolling | The show will run April 30 through May 1.

forming a massage without a her clothing. She got into bed with center during the day. She was papers, Train and toy show opens at Expo

held at the Novi Expo Center on 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Greenberg's Great Train, Saturday, April 4, from 11 a.m. to The charge for admission is \$6 good for both days. Dollhouse and Toy Show will be 5 p.m., and Sunday, April 5, from for adults (including parking), and For more information, call (248)

\$2 for children 6-12; admission is 348-5600 or (410) 795-7447.

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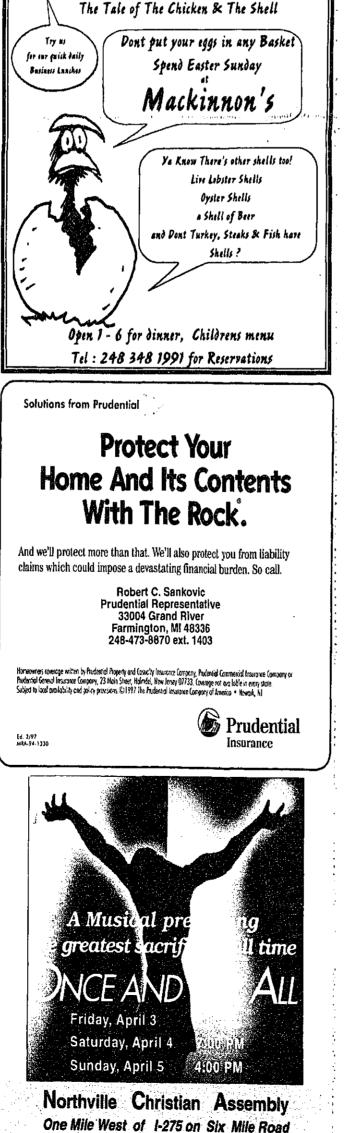


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the officer and gave him a massage. booked at the Novi police station ing intercourse and the officer The following night, the officer

When the female escort arrived The woman was arrested and she stripped to her lingerie and department report, the Crime In both instances, an officer questioned about her actions and gave the officer a 30-minute mas-

The Log Book

MONDAY, MARCH 23

Medical, 41040 Hollydale, 4:24 a.m., Squad 3. Fire alarm, 27650 Novi Road, 6:15 a.m., Engines 1, 2.

Investigation, 26245 Kentucky, 6:51 a.m., Engine 4. Fire alarm, 41268 Llowelyn, 7:30 a.m., Engines 1, 3. Fire alarm, 47601 Grand River,

9:32 a.m., Engines 1, 4, Medical, 40000 Eight Mile Road. 9:49 a.m., Squad 3. Trailer fire, 26245 Kentucky,

2:31 p.m., Engines 1, 4. Medical, 24150 Willowbrook, 6:01 p.m., Squad 3. Fire alarm, 39555 Orchard Hill

7:24 p.m., Engines 1, 3, Fire alarm, 43350 Crescent, 7:47 507. p.m., Engines 1, 2. **TUESDAY, MARCH 24**

Fire alarm, 39555 Orchard Hill,

3:36 a.m., Engines 1, 3. Wires down, Grand River and Haggerty, 5:54 a.m., Engine 1. a.m., Souad 3. Investigation.

Stonehenge, 1:08 p.m., Souad 3.

Medical, 23970 Harvest Lane, Medical, 108 Aichebaun, 9:06 p.m., Squad 4.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

Medical, 45182 West Road, 7:12 a.m., Squad 2. Medical, 41735 Carousel, 9:39

a.m., Squad 2. Service, 22410 Plaissance, 9:59 a.m., Squad 3,

Medical, 30219 Rousseau, 10:53 a.m., Squad 2.

Stand by, Department of Public Service, 1:34 p.m., Response 510. Medical, Eight Mile and SATURDAY, MARCH 28 Haggerty, 1:50 p.m., Squad 3. Fire alarm, 43350 Crescent, 2:32 p.m., Engines 1, 2.

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

Injury accident, Ten Mile and p.m., Squad 2. Haggerty, 12:17 a.m., Squad 3. Injury accident, Nine Mile and p.m., Squad 3. Haggerty, 12:17 a.m., Response

Service, 22410 Plaissance, 6:26 a.m., Squad 3. Medical, 44480 Eleven Mile Road, 9:32 a.m., Squad 1. Fire alarm, 43250 Crescent,

12:09 p.m., Engines 1, 2. Medical, Twelve Oaks-Hudson's,

Fire alarm, 24062 Taft 8:08 a.m., Engines 1, 3, Medical, 31185 Wellington 11:18 a.m., Squad 2. Fire alarm, 43700 Expo Center Drive, 3:51 p.m., Engines 1, 2.

Car fire, I-96 Exit and Novi Road, 4:12 p.m., Engine 1 Medical, 41100 Coventry, 4:4 p.m., Squad 3.

Brush fire, 1523 West Lake, 4:5 p.m., Engine 2. Medical, 41840 Ten p.m., Squad 1.

Rubbish fire, West Lake and North Haven, 7:15 p.m., Engine 2.

Medical, 50712 Arizona, 12:10 a.m., Squad 4.

Medical. Sheraton Drive, 9:55 a.m., Squad L. Medical, 42088 Liberty, 2:28

Medical, 23970 Harvest, 11:48

SUNDAY, MARCH 29 Medical, 23524 Rockledge, 8:29

a.m., Squad 3. Service, 22335 Peach Tree, 9:23 a.m., Squad 3. Trailer fire, 39510 Ronayton 2:05 p.m., Engines 1, 2.

Medical, 42875 Grand River, 3:17 p.m., Squad 1. Medical, 43700 Expo Center Drive, 4:44 p.m., Squad 1.

Trailer fire, 42113 La Roi, 4:53 p.m., Engines 1, 2.

ond degree murder last week.

pretrial hearing. Burns is accused of violently Oakland County Medical Examiner After calling Burns in for an The case will begin under Judge

who ruled if an accident. frozen cube because she was them he had shoved the cube in 22, teething and it slipped down her the child's mouth in anger. But Batchtk also reduced Burns' with a pair of scissors.

Father faces manslaughter for baby's death years ago By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL But the September 1987 incident to technical problems. Detective

which was left undisturbed for Paul Stuligross told the judge. to accuse a former Novi man of see- her that it had been his fault.

The 17-year-old girl testified last District Court bound Gary Lee the two were alone in her house. of murder. Burns over to Circuit Court on an She said he cried and told her, '1 Ile questioned the man's ex-wife, juana joint before the incident,

The story was much the same as shoving a plastic ice cube down the testimony from a friend of Burns, man turned from a loving father to throat of his infant daughter ten Pamela lyeson. She told the judge a murderer overnight?" asked vears ago, causing her to choke to Burns had told her in May of 1997 Robert White. "You cannot turn an death. The incident, which that he "slammed" his 11-monthoccurred in Novi, was investigated old daughter in her crib and because a man feels guilty about at the time by Novi police and the shoved the cube down her throat. the death of his daughter."

Burns said he gave her the investigators said he confessed to Circuit Court in Pontlae on April alleged confession is inaudible due from \$500,000.

There was probable cause to more than a decade surfaced again. In addition, the current Oakland believe a crime was committed, in November when Burns' niece. County medical examiner reversed said a Novi judge, but not enough told Novi police he had confessed to the 1987 ruling by a former examiner that it was accidental.

But Burns' attorney said his Judge Michael Batchik of 52-1 week that he confided in her while client was more guilty of guilt than

involuntary manslaughter charge killed Kaylei." She also said he told Brenda, who testified he loved their after two days of testimony in the her he had been smoking a mari- daughter and never acted violently toward her. "What do we have to show this

accidental death into a murder

interview in January, Novi police Fred Mester at Oakland County

throat. He did retrieve the cube much of the videotape of the bond to \$50,000 or ten percent

Dad charged with battering baby By CHRIS C. DAVIS "Everybody who's been involved in The suspect is the baby's biolog

Courtroom action against a 22month old boy' was adjourned Monday morning minutes before shaking. scheduled.

said authorities were prenared for nection with an emergency medical throughout the investigation. He the court appearance, but a last- run involving the baby, also said the baby's physical condiminute decision by the suspect's Technicians who arrived on the tion was improving substantially. defense counsel altered the plans. scene discovered the infant suf- First-degree child abuse is a

the man's pretrial hearing was The adjournment marked the route.

"We were fully planning to go fered from extensive head and felony which carries a maximum

while medical personnel were en

penalty of 15 years in prison.

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and Vicki. "The Home Improvement Show is Other highlights include Detroit home central," said Mark F. Edison safety experts' demonstra-Guidobono, president of Building tion of electrical safety and the Association of need to play it safe around power Southeastern Michigan and chief lines, WJR Radio broadcast of "The executive officer of Cambridge Appliance Doctor" Joe Gagnon (Saturday and Sunday),and the p.m., Saturday; and 10 a.m.-7 "If you want it, we've got it." The Parade of Homes pictori al display p.m., Sunday non-profit BIA is the sponsor of the of new homes sponsored by Standard Federal Bank and BIA.

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HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Medical, 21111 Haggerty, 11:32 2:14 p.m., Squad L. Fuel spill, Twelve Oaks Parking, 23463 4:41 p.m. Engine 1. Car fire, Austin and Erma, 1:20 FRIDAY, MARCH 27



through with it," Summer said, internal injuries,

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ical father. He and the baby's Summer said defense attorneys mother are not married. year-old Northville Township man decided to call in expert medical A woman who was in the home accused of severely beating a 4- witnesses who could speak with told paramedics the boy had authority on injuries caused by momentarily stopped breathing second court delay since the man Summer indicated the suspect Township detective Paul Summer was arrested in early March in con- had continued to be cooperative

SID



Carl Pilon of Noodle Kidoodle shows some of the other Beanie Babies still offered at the store .

Shoppers swarm to buy Princess Di Beanie Baby By CHRIS C. DAVIS

looking cause such a crazed stir

among collectors? York-based Noodle Kidoodle and for collectors to overnight it in front snagging a voucher, if was news the Northville Township police of the store. department were left wondering --- "It was a perfect day for them to last weekend, after a swarm of camp out," Worth said. "It's like back of the line weren't too upset, Beanie Baby fanatics descended on they say - build it and they will. Worth said. "The ones who were, the doorsteps of the store in come. Well, they built it, and the say 103rd, 104th in line expressed response to a special promotion.

That promotion just happened to be an opportunity to purchase the shooing away the crowd, the bulk crowned jewel of the stuffed toys - of the line stayed in place, Worth were reported. the Princess Diana tribute doll -- said. The warmth of the night comfor an unheard of \$5.99 The laven bined with some patrons' booze promotion was made the best of der colored Beanie Baby some intake made for a sometimes- intentions. times sells within the collector's ornery crowd, he said.

market for \$200 to \$500. the mid-90s, the popularity of something needed to be done. Beanic Babies has shot upward, rivaling the Cabbage Patch Kids from Noodle Kidoodle who had make this decision. If everything

nhenomenoù a decade earlier. children. The Northville Township – the dispersal reutuests. store is located in the Northville Center shopping complex at the tives of the township's loitering highest in the country. porthwest corner of Six Mile and ordinance which could be enforced. Haggerty Roads. The promotion but only after a complaint had was part of the store's grand open- been written by store management.

offer by giving a voucher to the first Kid Doodle take action in the mat had dropped the promotion for the 100 families who appeared at the ter. store Sunday morning. Patrons An announcement by police that planned. The Princess Diana dolls would then be able to return to the the loitering ordinance would be which would have been available store at a later time to make the enforced rang out loud for a good will be distributed to charities. purchase

Friday evening, an estimated 200 also made by the store to hand out Beanie Baby was reflective of

the crowd to break up, reminding side the store er was great for golfers and garden-

 collectors sure came. Despite repeated attempts at Worth said.

By 6 p.m. Friday, Noodle

sells goods for infants and young some feeth needed to be put into (Sunday)."

Worth said he advised the execu-Contrary to early reports, Worth

portion of the crowd, Worth said. One small problem: as early as But a simulateous decision was the store for the Princess Diana

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them that the vouchers wouldn't be For the first 100 families, that How can something so innocent- available until 9 a.m. on Sunday. meant not having to wail an addi-And though the weekend wealh tional 13 hours for the store to open. For those who had been That's what management of New ers, it provided the ideal situation banking on an outside chance of they didn't want to hear.

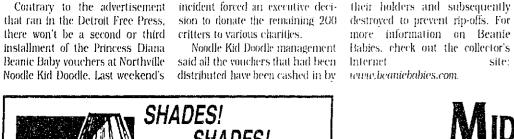
"People who were in the very their displeasure about things," No serious incidents or arrests

From the store's perspective, the

"If it had been orderly, there wouldn't have been any problems Since they hit store shelves in Kidoodle management decided with this," Noodle Kidoodle spokesperson Henry Lee said, "But Five officers and five executives - for public safety reasons, we had to traveled from New York City for the had gone smoothly, we would have Noodle Kidoodle is a store which opening collectively decided more handed out the vouchers at 9 a.m. Lee said Michiganian's affinity

for Beanie Babies is among the "We didn't expect a furnout to

 this degree," Lee said. To avoid going through encore episodes of the mad rush for The store planned on making the said police never mandated Noodle Beanies. Lee said Noodle Kidoodle next two weeks, as had been Lee said the low price offered by



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Township police officer John Noodle Kid Doodle management Babies, check out the collector's Worth said that after seeing the crowd grow, store employees asked MIDWEST

persons had gathered outside the the vouchers early to prevent store. Noodle Kidoodle's policy of "not store in hopes of snaring one of the patrons from milling around out- gouging the customer, We offer the best prices







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BRIAN J. DROGMILLER born March 20, 1961, in Detroit. Sgt. 1st Class Drogmiller graduated from Novi High School in

He entered the United States duty until April 4, 1997. He was a military policeman with

Headquarters Co. at the Sierra Army Depot in Herlong, Calif. During his tour of duty, he was awarded the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal (third award), the Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and the Noncommissioned Officer's Professional Development Ribbon with numeral 3,

Also, the Army Service Ribbon, the Army Good Conduct Medal (third award), Overseas Service Ribbon, and the Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rille Bar.

He is survived by his wife, Jodi R. and children, Joshua J. and Melissa Ann, all of Howell; parents, Jay and Judy Drogmiller of Novi: brother, Curtis of Farmington Hills; sister. Laurie Papal of Brighton; and grandmother, Dorothy Taylor

of Eastpointe, Mich. Services were held on Wednesday, April 1, at Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home in Northville. Chaplain David W. Leist, Chief Chaplain with the VA Medical Center Ann Arbor, officiat-Lakeview Cemetery in Howell

Memorial contributions to the Leukemia Foundation or the Fork Ohio. American Cancer Foundation would be appreciated.

RICHARD H. ATCHINSON Richard K. Atchinson, 59, of

Puppet show will play Ward

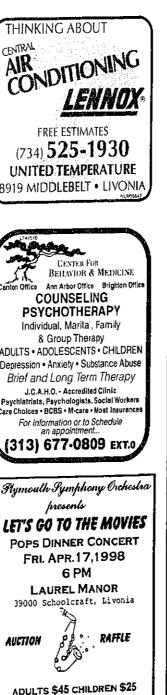
Psalty the Singing Songbook is coming to Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church on April 4, to conduct Psalty's Funtastic Praise

Join Psalty and his friends for an action-packed praise party for the whole family at Ward's new Northville church located at 40000 Six Mile Road at the corner of Haggerty and Six Mile. The event will be held twice with the first show at 11 a.m. and the second to

illow at 2 p.m. The 90-minute show features puppets, clowns, singing, and praise to the Lord.

Ernie Rettino designed, produces, and hosts the event as Psalty. He has done numerous crusades including several Franklin Graham Crusades and the Bill

Graham Kid's Crusade in Pittsburgh, Pa. Tickets are free. Cntact the Ward Church Christian Education Office at (734) 422-1836.



Naomi Atchinson. Mr. Atchinson moved from

Northville to the Plymouth community in 1969. He was office manag- Wednesday, April 1, at Aldersgate er at Eagle Laser Instrument Army in 1981, and served on active Services, Redford, for three years. Mr. Atchinson enjoyed sports. He Harry J. Will Funeral Home Inc. played football and golf at Livonia. Northville High School from where

he graduated in 1957. As a basketball coach for the Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department, he instructed his son's and daughter's basketball

teams. His main hobby was golf; he also enjoyed the family's cottage up

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his wife, Pat, of Northville; son, Doug (Pam) of

Susie (Matt) Lohman; brother, Chicago. Services were held on Thursday,

Thomas Lumpkin officiating. Memorials to the Mannia Meal, 1050 Porter, Detroit, MI 48226 (c/o

would be appreciated by the family.

JOHN BENNETT

John Bennett, 85, of Northville ed at the service. Interment was in formerly of Redford, died March 29 at Oakwood Nursing Home. He

was born May 15, 1912, in Pinex Mr. Bennett attended college for three years. He was elected a state representative for the 34th District. A veteran, Mr. Bennett is sur-

vived by his wife, Edith (Bissell); daughters, Linda (Michael) Siggia

Plymouth, formerly of Northville, of Livonia, Carol (Frank) Marra Brian Jay Drogmiller, 37, died died March 23 in Redford. He was Budd Lake, N.J., and Barbara March 28 in the VA Medical Center, born July 3, 1938, in Sessions (John) Wisz of Livonia; brother, Ann Arbor. Mr. Drogmiller was Hospital, Northville to Orson and Frank Benedetti of Eastpointe; and grandchildren, Andrea, Christina, Gina, and Angela. Services were held

> Methodist Church in Redford. Arrangements were made by

ELEANOR A. JOHNSON

Eleanor A. Johnson of Northville, formerly of Belleville, died March 23, at Martin Luther Memorial Home in South Lyon. She was 93. Mrs. Johnson was born Feb. 5, 1905, in Detroit to Sophia and

Richard Mach. She is survived by her son, Glen Santa Barbara, Calif.; daughter, (Barbara) of Ypsilanti; daughters, Yvonne Ash of Northville and Rodger (Shaleen); and parents-in- Shirley (Carl) Rorabacher of Saline; law, Bob and Ethel Palenchar, all of daughter-in-law, Evodean of Wayne; sisters, Mildred Jamieson of South Lyon and Charlotte March 26, at the Schrader-Howell Schwartz of Canton; 15 grandchil-Funeral Home with the Rev. dren, 25 great grandchildren and

three great great grandchildren. Mrs. Johnson was preceded in death by her husband, Frank, in Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church) 1972; son, Franklin in 1993; brothers, Carl, John, Walter and Richard; and sisters, Clara, Edna,

Sophia and Gertrude. Services were held on Friday March 27, at the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home Northville

Pastor Paul Schaefer of St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church, lymouth officiated at the service. Interment was in Michigan Memorial Cemetery, Flat Rock.

Memorials to St. Peter Lutheran Church of Plymouth or the Martin Luther Memorial Home in South Lyon would be appreciated.

Ex-Walled Lake teacher lobbies for inclusion of gays When the Walled Lake Schools about their sexual orientation.

Board of education approved a first reading of changes to the district's non-discrimination employment policy, Gerald Plas believes they left one very important part out sexual orientation.

"They left out the obvious group f homosexuals and bisexuals, Plas said.

"I just think they ought to deal with it – get on with it." Walled Lake does not have sexual orientation clauses n their employment policies, staff conracts or student codes of conduct. "We just follow the federal guidelines," said Lois Lange, Walled Lake

"We are current with the federal Plas, a recently retired Walled

Lake Middle School sex education teacher, said he has discussed the ssue with school leaders for years and made some progress with the district in 1986. That year, Plas sald, district officials permitted the use of the term "homosexual" in curriculum related to Acquired mmune Deficiency Syndrome.

But since that time. Plas said, he continued to witness the verbal and physical abuse of gay students which causes students to drop out of school. If teachers are open

POLICY TEXT

Text of the Walled Lake Consolidated Schools Proposed Non-Discrimination **Employment Policy:**

The board shall not discriminate in its policies and practices with respect to compensation, terms or conditions of employment because of such individual's race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, height, weight, marital status, political belief, military service, or handicap or disability which does not impair an individual's ability to perform adequately in that individual's particular position or activity."

said, it would increase the comfort level of gay students. "If you have closeted teachers,

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you end up having unhappy employees," according to Plas, who said he himself is not gay. "I think, if you could start by let-

ting the teachers be who they are and make it okay to support the kids who are different, you would see the dropout rate change." Plas believes not including sexu-

al orientation in school non-discrimination policies also leads to gay students turning to drugs and alcohol and committing suicide. "We end up with kids who are

committing suicide because of their school experience," Plas said. "A season doesn't go by when I haven't heard about a former stu-

dent committing suicide." The Walled Lake resident, who retired within the last month after teaching in the district for 29 years, said these students need teachers to be open about their sexual orientations.

"When the kids have a role model, they have a safe place to go," Plas said. "They would rather quietly deal

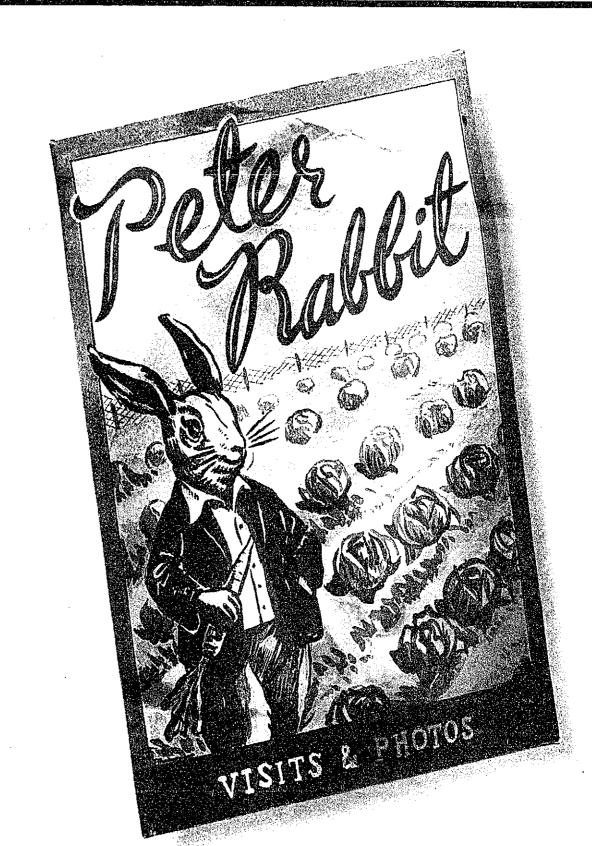
with the suicides," Plas said of school administrators. Their priorities are their paychecks."

Women's Survival Center seeks volunteers at courthouse

April orientation for prospective tion of paperwork for Personal on the HelpLine. volunteers

Protection Orders. Volunteers are needed to work at Volunteers are also needed to 335-2685. the Oakland County Courthouse make follow-up calls to clients who

The Women's Survival Center of assisting victims of domestic vio- have PPOs to offer continued sup Oakland County has scheduled an lence and stalking with the comple- ports and information and to work For more information, call (248



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Planners quit committee over OST zoning goals

Brent Canup,

Planning Commissioner

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEI

Conflicting philosophies on how "Why am I wasting my to use the new high tech Office Service Technology ordinance time on this committee?" caused three Novi Planning Commissioners to resign from their positions on the Master Planning and Zoning Committee earlier this in-part a reaction to the city's

month. Economic Summit held March 14. They were upset, March 18 after There, local business and property being directed by council to vary owners, along with city officials from their earlier decision to focus only on the Haggerty Road connec-bring in high tech research firms encouraged use of the ordinance to tor area for use as a high tech area which are a large tax revenue source.

"Why am I wasting my time on But while the committee, made this committee," said of four planning commissioners, Commissioner Brent Canup. "Why decided to focus only on the are we doing the research to have it Haggerty Road Connector corridor, ran right over. I resign from this the directive targets four other committee The entire commission was

In addition, other critics of the directed by the city council to rezonings say current property schedule a public hearing on April owners, not the city taxpayers, 15 for the purpose of rezoning sevshould fit the bill of rezonings. eral areas to the Office Service and Commissioner Michelle Bononi, Technology ordinance. who also resigned, called it a "dog

The commission held a public hearing on Master Plan changes last night.

The city-initiated rezonings are worked very hard and if we are to be treated with utter disrespect I he said.

and nony show."

the Civic Center to rezone I properties to OST zoning ordinance. If approved by the city council, the rezoning Bonont and Chair Eda Weddington were to the two votes would change: against the public hearing. Fundamentally, Weddington is Property north of I-696, west opposed to city initiated rezonings.

The Novi Planning

of Haggerty Road bounded by Commissioner Art Vrettas the Haggerty Connector and resigned and called it a "conspirasouth of Fourteen Mile Road. He said he warned the commis-(The mobile home community sion weeks ago that it would be along I-696 is not included.) railroaded by council. Commissioners who spoke out against the council were replaced Property on the south side of

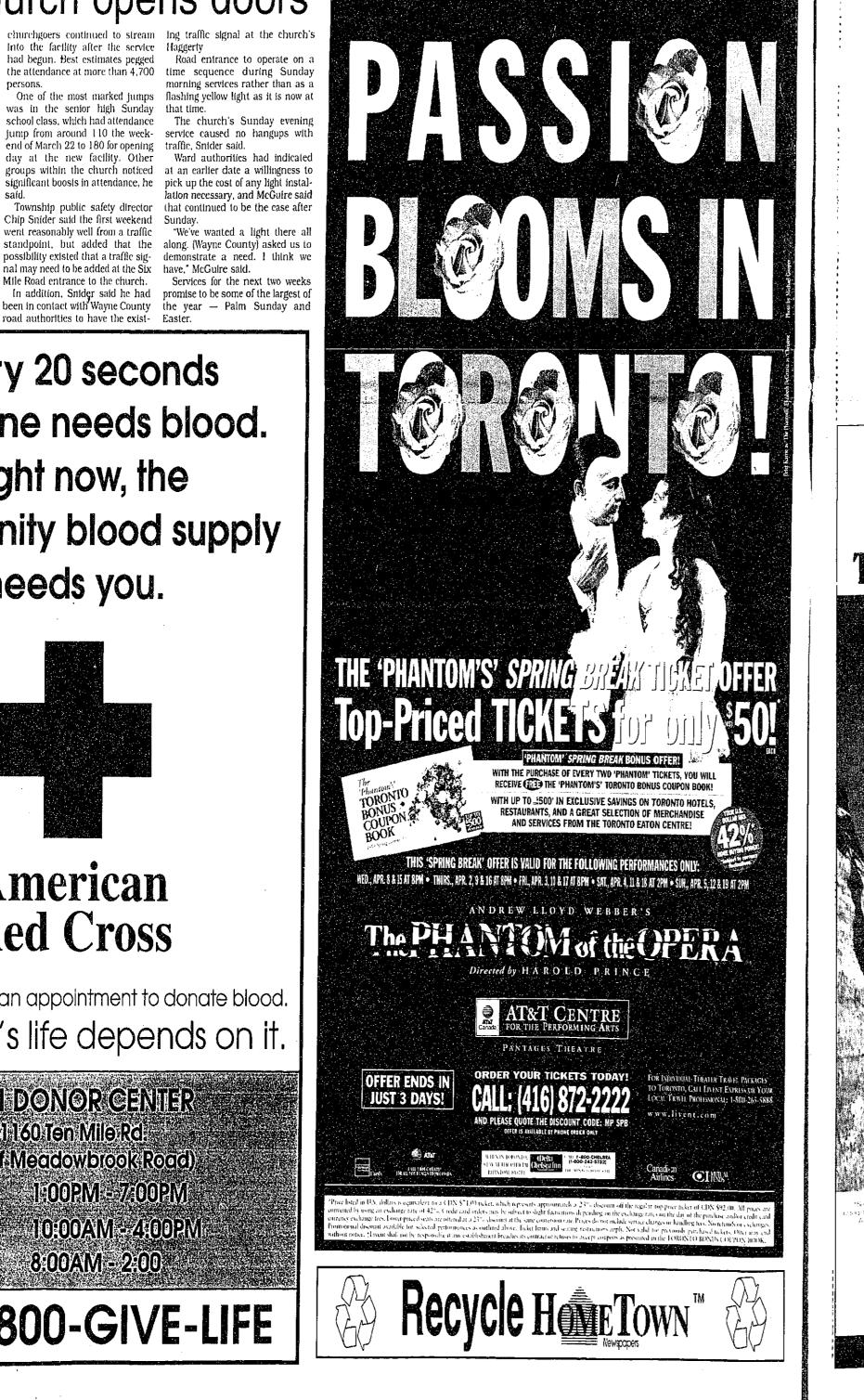
last summer, he noted. Twelve Mile Road on either Pointing at the newer commis corner of Meadowbrook Road. sion members he said "You came The boundary extends down on to do what the council wanted Meadowbrook Road on either you to do - you kissed up." This shouldn't have been a surside of the street to I-696. prise, some said. The council set aside \$8,000 at a February meeting Property on the north side of for work on the rezonings, accord-

Grand River Avenue between ing to Jim Wahl, planning director. Taft and Beck Roads. Commissioner Robert Churella said the rezonings will increase property values. Property south of Twelve "I can't see why everyone's so Mile Road and east of the

upset about it. We knew it was "The (committee) members CSX railroad tracks. coming. It's money wisely spent,"

Northville High PUBLIC HEARING scholars make Commission will hold a public hearing April 15 at 7:30 p.m. ir National Merit cut All four Northville High School throughout high school, were students announced in September endorsed and recommended by as semi-finalists in the 1998 their high school and submitted National Merit Scholarship SAT I scores. The semifinalists also Competition have been named as filled out an extensive application

with a self-descriptive essay and finalists. The students will compete information about participation against 14,000 other students and leadership in school and comaround the nation for a chance to munity activities. be one of 7,400 students to receive Each finalist will be considered Merit Scholarship status and \$28 for one of 2,200 National Merit \$2,000 Scholarships to be awarded million in scholarships. They are Charles Fan, Megan on a state representational basis. Another 1,200 scholarships are Hiemstra, Brian Mount and to be offered by corporations, com-Stephen Traicoff. According to program coordina- pany foundations and other busitors, 90 percent of semi-finalists mess organizations. Most of the corporate-sponsored scholarships are become finalists. The students were entered into designated for children of employthe program after recieving high ees of the company but some are marks on the 1996 Preliminary retained for other finalists. A final 4,000 scholarships for SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test as juniors. Their finalists attending some 200 uniperformance on the test put them versities will be presented as Merit the top one percent of the country's Scholarship Awards. high school graduating class, The corporation will announce according to the National Merit the winners in April of 1998 to add to the list of more than 170 000 Scholarship Corporation. To advance onto the Finalist other students who have earned level, the students maintained out- the Merit Scholar title since the standing academic records first awards were offered in 1956.







Pawsitively Aaahsome Above left, a judge takes a close look at a long-hair cat during competition at Saturday's Cat Fancier's show at the Novi Expo Center. Above right, udging comences in Ring No. 6. At right, Cindy Baird of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, chats with a woman as her prized Maine Coon cat Hemingway appears to be nonplused with the busy environment. At left, Claire Andrus of Flushing shows off some of the finer points of her Perslan cat Serena. It was the Mid-Michigan Cat Fanciers' 186th show of champions and house cats. The show has become a regular feature at the Novi Expo Center.

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That was the word Ward the attendance at more than 4,700 time sequence during Sunday Evangelical Presbyterian Church persons. senior pastor Jim McGulre used to One of the most marked jumps describe the first Sunday of ser- was in the senior high Sunday that time. vices at the landmark house of school class, which had attendance jump from around 110 the weekworship in Northville Township. Doors opened for the first time end of March 22 to 180 for opening traffic, Snider said. this weekend at the 200,000- day at the new facility. Other square foot facility. It was built groups within the church noticed at an earlier date a willingness to after years of Ward's congregation significant boosts in attendance, he pick up the cost of any light instaldoing ample fund raising and nego- said. tiating with Northville Township officials to arrange building on the Chip Snider said the first weekend Sunday. Six Mile and Haggerty Road site. "It was an explosion of humanity standpoint, but added that the along. (Wayne County) asked us to

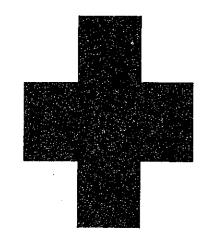
- I can tell you that," McGuire said possibility existed that a traffic sig-demonstrate a need. I think we Tuesday.

nal may need to be added at the Six have," McGulre said. He said all three of the church Mile Road entrance to the church. Services for the next two weeks services were stuffed with parish- In addition. Snider said he had promise to be some of the largest of ioners. Exact head counts weren't been in contact with Wayne County the year - Palm Sunday and available. McGuire said, because road authorities to have the exist- Easter.

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Another ordeal ahead

Widow of plant manager braces for trial of shooting defendant Gerald Atkins

By JILLIAN BOGATER Staff Writer

When Nancy Izzard first heard about a shooting at the Wixom Ford Assembly plant, she quickly

paged her husband Darrell to see if he was all right. While attending a meeting, she walted that November day for a response that never came. It wasn't until 4 p.m. that she found out her husband of almost 25 years had fallen victim to a shooting rampage by Wixom resident Gerald Atkins. What happened that day

remained a mystery for Nancy until almost a year later when she finally heard witness accounts of her husband's valiant last moments during preliminary examination testimony.

Fighting back tears, she listened as Darrell's co-workers talked about his heroism, how he cleared others out of the way as the gunman chased him through the plant. With the prosecuting attorney by her side, last week Nancy made the trip back to the scene of Darryl's amirder

"I really needed to do that. Most of it hurt quite a bit, but some hurt that cared about everyone. That's what broke my heart."

While painful, Nancy said visiting the Ford plant was an important step toward closure.

Jury selection for Gerald Atkins' murder trial began Monday. Atkins faces numerous charges, including one count of first-degree murder,

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one man and injured several oth- the Novi city limits. front of Judge David Breck, Oakland County Circuit Court. It of Brighton, 9 counts of assault arrived to assist Wixom officers Atkins is being held in the

away of a motor vehicle and weapon fired by a convicted felon.

Atkins is charged with Izzard's murder and injuring three others. He kept police at bay for five hours before surrendering in the Nov. 14 He wasn't aggressive, he just went incident. Atkins' attorney, J. Herbert

Larson of Bloomfield Hills, said he plans to use an insanity defense.

'HE LOVED WHAT HE DID' Nancy and Darrell met on a blind moving to Brighton Township in more," she said. "When someone date 26 years ago. At the time he described how (Atkins) was chasing worked as a licensed private pilot Darrell and described Darrell drop- for a Romulus-based alteraft firm ping down then getting back up and she worked at the Ford Rouge and eventually worked as a manufacturing planning manager

"He loved what he did," Nancy said about his job. clearing out people and I knew that We can't abandon her." all along. When I first heard about

nine counts of attempted murder, went to the trouble. He was usual- California. They belonged to the distribute. Over the weekend,

how on Nov. 14, 1996. Atkins is firing a weapon by a convicted Bulgarelli found Atkins competent More than a year after the Ford alleged to have rampaged through felon, and one count of unlawfully to stand trial in August after a Wixom Plant shootings that killed the automobile plant just across driving away a motor vehicle. ers, the accused trigger-man - Atkins, then 29, is accused of charges stems from Atkins' shoot-- However, Atkins' lawyer, Herb Gerald Atkins will go to trial in 26 charges, including one count of ing at Novi Police Officer Vere Larson, is expected to try to show

is estimated the 12 jurors will with intent to murder, 12 felony - immediately after the 9-1-1 call — Oakland County Jail. spend as many as two to three firearm charges, two counts of from the plant came in-

> wouldn't run away from it. "I didn't really know what hap-

knowing he would do something like that. He did try to save himself. out there to see what he could do."

FRIENDS PROVIDED SUPPORT The lizards lived in the Lake Sherwood neighborhood, just out-1995

Although Nancy finds comfort in the home her husband cherished, after the trial she plans to sell it again, that tore out my heart to plant. They married shortly after- and return to Milford and the important that they know he was ous delays and rights of the crimihear that. He was such a good guy ward. Darrell joined Ford in 1978, friends who have stood by her side throughout the tragedy.

"We all miss Darrell a whole lot," said Hanne Bishop, Nancy's best him have anymore of our lives." friend. "We can't bring him back The day of the assault, "he was - but we can stand by Naney's side.

Hanne and her husband, Joe, the shooting I had no doubt that met the lzzards 12 years ago short gave them to Shirley Braatz, anoth feelings at all. Darrell was helping out. He always by after moving to Milford from er friend and church member, to Nancy also contributes senseless

One of the felonious assault first-degree murder for the murder - Wirwille who was on the freeway - the former Farmington Hills man Jury selection began Monday in of plant supervisor Darryl Izzard during the altercation, Novi police is insane.

together

"At first Joe and I did a lot of pened. Now I try to live with it things with her because Darrell worked so much," Hanne said. LIFE "Then we did things as couples and always helped each other out. "Darryl's death came as a real shock to us. We really miss him

that happening to me.' Friends from a support group taken out of my hands," she said. "I side Milford, for 15 years before Nancy started and members of her want to do something. I want to church plan to attend the trial. take some control in my life and Their three children will also be by Nancy's side.

> court to represent Darrell. It's real real. I think we keep that alive by nal going to court. Atkins already took so much away from us. We can't let until judged guilty," she said. "But While Hanne won't be able to

and her supporters to wear. She

Wixom plant shooting trial begins with jury selection weeks listening to testimony of felonious assault, one charge of District Court Judge Harold

> series of mental examinations by both the prosecution and defense

12 firearm charges, two felony by the first one there. I knew if there is same church, Milford Presbyterian, Shirley made calls to make sure a assault charges, unlawfully driving was a problem in the plant he and attended couple's activities support system of friends would be son Atkins should have had that in place for every day of the trial.

TAKING CONTROL OF HER

Now that the trial has arrived Nancy looks ahead at where she plans to take her life. She has considered lobbying for court victims terribly. I couldn't even imagine rights or gun control.

"My whole life is changed and regain something back. When assessing her involvement "It's very important that we be at __with the court system. Nancy said

> she's disappointed in the numer-"I can understand no one's guilty

when everyone watched him kill heart-shaped buttons for Nancy a history, he functioned in society." experience. I look at Atkins I don't have any

violence to increased promotion death."

and tolerance of it on television and in music.

"There's just too much violence on TV and radio. I think that's true. Atkins liked to get himself psyched up Ilistening to the radio.) A lot of people do that. They dress the part. they listen to it and they get all hyped. I only wished he listened to Christian station."

Although Nancy seriously considers lobbying for gun control, she doesn't want to ban guns altogeth-

"My husband comes from a familv of hunters," she said. "I'm not anti-gun but I'm (concerned about) who has them and how they're used. "I don't think there's any rea kind of gun. He even had problems when he as younger with guns,"

Since Darrell's death, Naney worked with the Arbor Hospice to create the B-tweeners support and social group for those who have lost a significant other. She came up with the idea after going through grief sessions and realized they didn't offer enough long-term support

"It's nice to see someone who has lost someone a few years ago and see they have survived. I want that too

With the end of the trial just weeks away, Nancy looks forward to continuing the life she put on

hold a year-and-a-half ago. "We've been through so much, hopefully we can just live with our someone ... it's not as if this was a memories and with each other and attend the entire trial, she made spur-of-the-moment thing. He had be better people," she said of the

> "I've realized when things happen it doesn't end there. Whatever Darrell did won't end with his

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American Intercultural Student Exchange is currently accepting applications from families across he U.S. who are interested in hosting a foreign exchange student for the upcoming school year. Families may choose to host a

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Drivers get insurance refund

The Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association has adopted Gov. Engler's proposal to refund \$1.2 billion to Michigan vehicle owners, according to state Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi.

The MCCA voted to return \$1.2 billion of the surplus to its member insurance companies on or before June 30. This equates to approximately \$180 per vehicle.

The Michigan Insurance Bureau. regulates insurance which providers, will monitor the insurance companies' return of the funds through either refunds or credits.

The House legislation also refunds an average of \$180 per vehicle, or \$1.2 billion from a \$2.5 billion surplus in the state's catastrophic accident fund. It also caps the per vehicle assessment at \$6 for the next two years.

The catastrophic accident fund pays the medical expenses of those severely injured in accidents. The House legislation is pending in the Senate.



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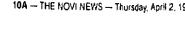
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HURSDAY, APRIL 9 Alive

Ministries :30 a.m. - People who Make Things Happen Tracy :30 p.m. — That's Italian

30 p.m. - Cosby and Company 00 p.m. - Novi Street Beat 30 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y :00 a.m. - Fitness Motivators 30 a.m. -- The Happiest People :00 a.m. - Abundant Life Arabic

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Dr. Kenneth Pawlowski. coordination, reaction time," Hockey Championships: Squirt on how they develop."

On Its Way

sultant at Silver Springs who coordinates the Title I schedule. The schools DARE drug awareby the grant.

education series, after school pro-



Cookies 'n'crafts

By WENSDY WHITE Stalf Writer

his vear.

Elementary last week.

Kids were baking something

They mixed measured and

be served at the school's parent's

The after school baking session

eral Title I grant given to the school

games, they're designed to refine

for children who need extra help.

exotic after school at Silver Springs

Pawlowski said. Math and reading workshops designed to teach parents activities they can do at home to foster their children's growth have been held in baked Mexican wedding cookles to the evenings using grant money. "We're trying to cultivate that partnership that needs to exist between school and home

was one of many funded by a fed- Pawlowski said. The grants were originally designed to target students at risk Silver Springs has also used the of academic failure, but the \$85,355 grant to pay for rug hook- requirements for spending the ing, paper making and junior mas- money were recently changed, ter gardening classes, among oth- according to Robert Sornson. Northville's director of special edu-The crafts aren't just fun and cation.

 "It used to be that we identified the children's large and small low-performing students and we motor skills, according to principal served them with the money but now, under the new provisions, "There are physical skills that they don't ask us to identify just directly correlate with academic low performing students, they say learning. Things like balancing, take your whole school and improve it with these funds, Pawlowski said, "Kids learn differ- Sornson said, "Now we can offer ently and we're trying to capitalize programs that are more generous in who they include. For what I In addition to the lunchtime and consider a small amount of money after school crafts, the grant has within the scope of the overall also been applied toward science, school budget, I think the results reading and handwriting lessons have been astounding."

Title I grants were revamped in "It's just to give students that 1995 and offered to schools in extra boost to maintain skills they which at least 2 percent of stuhave and to learn new ones," said dents in a district quality for free Vivian Henderhan, learning con-meals. In Northville, Meads Mill and

Silver Springs qualified within the district and received a total of ness program was also supported \$126,226 this year. Schools are given the authority

"Our program basically has had to use the grant for any programs four components. Teacher assis- they deem best for their students. tants in the mornings for first and above and beyond what is already second grades, a parent/teacher being offered in the district.

Northville charges for driver's training

By WENSOY WHITE

There are no more free rides when it comes to learning to drive at Northville High. As of April 1 public schools will be allowed to charge for driver's training where formerly they were

mandated by the state to offer it In Northville, the cost to each student will be an estimated \$120-130

That's a cost that may be prohibitive to some.

Amanda Benish is a 17-year-old senior that drives to school so she can leave for a work co-op. She said she took the driving course at Northville High because the price was right.

"There was no charge, that's why my parents said 'Just take it here'," Benish said.

Up until this year, the state of Michigan mandated that districts offer driver's education. The state then reimbursed the district for part of the cost.

"It varied each year but roughly it was about 30 cents on the dollar. That formula was determined by the state after the sessions were completed and the district submitted their actual cost to the state." said Roy Danley, the district's director of personnel who also handles the driver's education pro-But Danley said the amount of

reimbursement varied. "Originally, way back when, it started out with 100 percent reimbursement then gradually, over the years it went down until now it's at

less than a third," Danley said. Last year, 183 students took driver's training at the high school. costing the district \$40,000. Now, the state will give the dis-

trict \$70 for each student, which the district is required to match. Under the new funding arrangement the reimbursement will stay

about the same, roughly 30 per-By charging students the differ-

ence, district officials say they hope to avoid dipping into the general fund to cover the program. "It's money that was being divert-

ed from textbooks, teacher's supplies and other instructional areas so it's a matter of where the district's resources should be applied," Danley said.

Danley said the district didn't opt to discontinue the program altogether because many believe the training is superior to what is offered at private schools. If Northville didn't offer the pro-

gram, the state would give each student a \$70 voucher toward private driver's education.

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Mom offers to settle Northville suit for \$1,100

By WENSDY WHITE Staff Wrder

and abandonment of the countersuit alleging defamation of character, attorneys for Robin Zaas have Superintendent Dr. Leonard offered to drop the multi-million Rezmierski. dollar lawsuit filed against the Northville Public School District last September.

Zaas attorney the offer to the district, however he see how we would do that. The alless American. did announce it at a press confer- gations are all false." ence, which he held at his Southfield law office

they did, we're willing to get rid of Anderson's character by making the past two weeks. After the Zaas in schools and administrators has seen no offer in writing, but covery process, and attorneys for this lawsuit," Esseninacher said. inflammatory comments to the case headlined a front page article should take action to prevent this," rejects even the thought of settling both seles are gathering informa-"If they are willing to go public media, and admit failing to protect this -- "Clearly we want to clear the Press, the story was picked up by --

For \$1,100, an admassion of guilt - willing to drop the case." No deal, said school officials "Absolutely not." said

> "Through the harm that this has caused there is no way I can rec- more than \$11 million. ommend this as a course to follow

Craig — That's admitting guilt and culpabil-

student and outline steps they will good name of Dr. Anderson first local television and radio stations children and the schools are absurd. The harm that's been

doesn't happen again, my client is Essenmacher, a personal friend The focus of the coverage ranged day when parents have to take a staff and students in the building of the Zaas family said he came from how bullying is handled in case to court." onto the case after the initial law- public schools, to whether the allesuit was filed in order to help Zaas. gations in the lawsuit are credible. could have prevented the abuse in dollar amount ... that is not possi-To the original 11 claims, Essenmacher added four more in coverage was slanted. February, upping the damages to

stress the abuse of Stephanie and - not about money. How can you put - he said. Essenmacher hasn't formally made ity. I cannot with good conscience her subsequent four of attending a price on a child's future?"

He added that he would not rec- the settlement, which he said is in legal fees, Essenmacher said he is the offer. It's not just something 1 the Detroit firm of Keller. Thomas, ommend dropping the counter suit reaction to the media attention that proving money is not the issue. "If they're willing to admit what that alleges Zaas defamed the lawsuit has attracted during about bullying in the Detroit Free he said.

and even Good Morning America. neglecting this dury. It's quite a sail caused to Dr. Anderson and the Essenmacher said he felt the the first place.

"The publicity has clouded what The claims in the amended suit Essenmacher said. "Our motive is don't think that's too much to ask."

"The issue is these things go on

plaintiff to be transferred to anothe inappropriate behavior can never this lawsuit is all about," er class and that was denied. We be rewarded in our society,"

By offering the out of court set- other side vet. I've spoken to my court," said Terry Miglio, lead Essenmacher also engineered tlement for \$1,100 to cover Zaas' client and yes we are serious about attorney for the school district with -ihrew out for publicity."

"They have a duty to protect their Stephanic at all. That admission is 26.

is meanprehensible and to think Essenmacher said the district we would drop all that for a lesser ble. All of this was brought on by "There was a basic request by the - this person's charges. This type of Attorneys for the district back

Rezmierski. Schwarze.

Rezmierski maintains that he ... The case is currently in the dis-"There was no abuse of tion Depositions are set for April

Hundred parents rally around Amerman Elementary principal

By WENSDY WHITE

Families with children at tional limelight. Amerman Elementary School have rallied behind the school's princi- to write the letter because they felt been getting all the negative atten- the media hasn't offered all the to help you with other issues you years. Also in place at the school bal. Dr. Stephen Anderson, to offer the Free Press reporter didn't tion. support as he faces a multi-million - research the article. dollar lawsuit.

the front entrance to the school. been scheduled for next week.

Parents said they were inspired "This reporter apparently did not-At least 100 parents signed a bother to contact the Northville are struggling to rebuild the repu- and even on Good Morning in the community for making our home special coupons that she

banner boasting "We Love Our Police, the Department of Social tation of the elementary school and America. Principal" that now hangs above Services, the local newspaper, the lits caretaker. parents of the two "accused" chil-Students have applied hand prints - dren or any other parents who had and signatures to another banner - a child in the class in which all the that states "Dr. Anderson's the alleged extreme abuse is said to

ended up harming the students left letter continued.

regarding a front page article that that the article appeared under a - a shadow over an excellent school who has a student in Kindergarten ment and are quick to point out thrust the lawsuit into the interna- "Children First" heading, but in an excellent school district," the at Amerman, "He cares not only that Amerman has been been wondering why their school has Many Amerman parents feel that many principals are that available the school improvement team for

> The letter was formulated by disturbed by reports in the news- ly respect him. He really has an them being good," programs. members of the American PTA who papers, on local television stations interest not only in the school but O'Brien said her daughter brings

"[The reporter] has defamed a he's so caring that it just really kind and caring principal and cast ticked me off," said Terri O'Brien

"Dr. Anderson is so educated and going to be a part of." Other parents share that senti- heart.

about kids but about parents. How - declared a "no-put-down zone" by facts in the case and they've been may be facing at home? I just total are peer mediation and "catch

> kids better for the world they're - earns by solving conflicts, and that she takes these small rewards to

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Thursday, April 2, 1998 --- THE NOVI NEWS --- 13A War in Afghanistan Taleben diplomat speaks with Meads Mills kids seven factions of Freedom

By WENSDY WHITE Sfaff Writer

Some Meads Mill Middle School Fighters and students appreciate their lives a lit-Wardak said tle more now, and hope to soon the Taleben has share their good fortune with othjust recently begun

After being exposed to the cul- restore a meature of Afghanistan through visitsure of peace, ing speaker Seraj Jamal Wardak, the students are initiating a plan to ago the Taleben reach out and help students across founded the globe Khandahar and Wardak, second secretary to the lis in charge of

Taleben Ambassador to America, 80 percent of came to Meads Mill from his post at Afghan soil," the Afghanistan embassy in Flushing, New York, He was invited by social studies

teacher Khris Nedam, who spent he wasn't in four years living in the country, Nedam said she met Wardak about politics, while working as a translator and but to expose secretary at the Afghan embassy in the students to Washington D.C., where Wardak life in another

worked prior to joining the Taleben part of the movement. Though the Taleben has been controversial at times, Wardak said he believes it is the first strong uni-

fying force in the region. Afghanistan has been ravaged by war for many years, Wardak said. Russia invaded the country in 1979 and loose assemblages of

against the troops. When Russia translating pulled out in 1986, and after the communist government fell in 1991, surviving Freedom Fighters returned to their families.

Wardak said. But Wardak stressed that town to talk world. "He wants the students to

"Two years

understand what kind of a life the kids in their country lead. To open their eyes,

Freedom Fighters took up arms Nedam said,

Wardak's words from Dari, one of they can take that home and think items of dress and described the look like toys in order to target Afghanistan. "If we can help them Wardak played a video documen- ing out features on a map." understand what children over tary depicting battle in the Afghan But students related most to his kill, because a person is more of

geography of the country by point- young children.

"They are meant to maim, not

Afghanistan.

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The harsh reality of life in Alghanistan spurred many Meads Mill students to act.

"The kids loved it, and I got lots sit on dirt of good feedback from their parhe ents," Nedam said. "They really The came away with the idea that schools lack they're lucky. They haven't had to electricity deal with the idea of their friends and though getting shot, or finding food for the the climate next day. They really came away there is simi- with compassion."

> In order to help, the kids decided to adopt a school in the country and began outlining fund-raisers for school supplies.

Wardak agreed to deliver the money and document its impact with a video camera. He will also arrange pen pals who will send letters that Nedam can translate into English

Meads Mill students met during lunch Tuesday to plan fund raising efforts, which may include a used book sale, collecting change at lunch time and charging for services like baby sitting or lawn care

"Wardak's going to go back and enforce the money and make sure 100 percent goes to the kids," Nedam said. "Even though the kids in Afghanistan want to go to school and want to learn. because of all the fighting and destruction they don't have that option. Not all kids are as fortunate as the kids in

Afghan native Seraj Jamai Wardak, with Meads Mill teacher Khris Nedam, discusses his nation.

two national languages in of a way to help."

agricultural Photo by HAL GOULD development. The bombs are made to

there are going through maybe desert. He also displayed cultural descriptions of conditions at the burden if maimed not dead," But in-fighting continued among Northville Township police work out four-year union contract

By CHRIS C. DAVIS Staff Writer

cers appeared ready to sign on for board of trustees late last month. was tagged with the arrangement,

a new four-year contract Tuesday, The township board of trustees which alerted the unions that the packages in 2000. The contract per year for three years, with a 4-Northville Township's police offi- of the contract by the township deal. An informal understanding

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following the unanimous approval voted unanimously to approve the township would reexamine benefits calls for pay increases of 3-percent percent boost in the fourth year.

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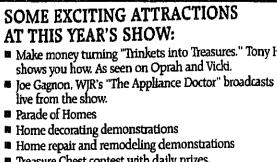
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Librarian wins national honors Continued from 1

van until moments before it's ready

to roll. In 1990, she was promoted to assistant director of the library, an advancement in a career she planned when she was 13 years old

and fell in love with libraries. "I can't imagine doing anything else. It gives me the opportunity to bring people and books and information together," Druschel said.

Eight years ago, the reading group, the most direct expression of her lifelong passion for books, was launched. It's been, said Evans, "a springboard into the world of ideas and limitless topics for exploration."

Selections have ranged from "Middlemarch" by George Ellot and "Uncle Tom's Cabin" by Harriet Beecher Stowe to "Like Water For Chocolate" by Laura Esquivel and "Allas Grace" by Margaret Atwood. Each year, a trip is taken to a dlfferent country via its literature: past years have taken in China, Russia and Japan. This year, reading on Ireland encompasses everything from the historic role of women to the IRA.

"Let's Talk About It" is more than a reading group, it's a place where senior women seeking something more challenging than Bingo can soar together through the world of ideas. The book discussion group draws retirees from many backbanker, a civil servant.

"It's a reward you can give yourmoney. It's time and commitment discussion group. on your part." Druschel said.

"Everyone of us is going to come out of it a little changed, because Charles. we're getting a different perspec-

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Hockenberry "Waist High In The World Of," by Nancy Mairs

"Midwives," bv Chris Bohlatian "Miss Ophelia," by Mary Smith

Selections by and about Elisabeth Kubler-Ross

"Midnight In The Garden of Good And Evil," by John Berendt Katharine Graham sampler

"Tuesday's With Morrie," by Mitch Albom

"Old Friends," by Tracy Kidder

been gone for many years now, Johnson, Charles finds the comradeship in self that really doesn't take much books she wants with Druschel's

"People don't read today like they used to, I think it's a lost art," said "Pauline is wonderful. She's just

a wonderful leader. She goes out of Christina Charles, 82, loved to her way to bring extra things to do chat about books with her older and make it interesting."

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ing. Druschel hones in on selec- to help maintain a quality of life forbers and add spark to their discussions

"They're not excited about going bowling. Something like this that book is kept on what each nursing can stretch your brain and keep home resident has read, to enable you challenged as a group is wonderful," she explained.

Charles, for example, who raised six children, brings a unique - and opinionated - perspective to the group, Druschel sald.

"May Sarton would have sat up and paid attention if she heard reading pillow filled with Styrofoam Christina's opinion about her. She said she was spoiled, pampered, could write very well, but she was selfish," she added.

bers go on vacation, they often take evaluating each book's potential for their reading with them. They also meeting, one of the others will White and William Manchester's phone up, to check on her health.

"it's a very caring and supportive group with a lot of different perspectives and different opinions," Druschel said.

Druschel and Outreach Librarian grounds - a nurse, a teacher, a. sister, Juanita. While her sister's Georgia Garvesteen and clerk Carol

> "Everyone's there waiting for you and if you're ten minutes late, it's 'where've you been?," Druschel said.

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> the librarians to round up new offerings. When Druschel first began working on the program, she realized a bedbound patient had difficulty reading heavier books. She and her husband, Dick, designed a laptop pellets. The couple makes about 25 pillows each year and donates them to nursing home residents. In her own reading, Druschel

When discussion group mem- runs through 50 books annually, her group.

> multi-volume blography of Winston Churchill.

ladies clearly find something more through the channel line-up on cable TV.

opportunity to see how ordinary people lived. It's a measuring rod for your own life and can help you have more satisfaction in your life

thing," Druschel explained. "I don't think I could get through a day if I didn't have the ability to

there," he added.

In books, these highly literate deeply satisfying than flicking

time, the money to go into. It's an Music in Farmington Hills.

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many as 25 books a month. A note-Woodworking became more than just a hobby after high school for Gross. He said he got hooked when he was 3-years-old, after making a small doorstop. "It kind of snowballed from

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Wood shop in 5th grade conirmed his interest and he naturally went on to Lawrence Tech-

for a B.S. in architecture. So how did becoming a fulltime firefighter for Plymouth fit in?

fighting in Novi and I kind of get bit by the bug," he explained. But still his heart lies in woodworking and he hopes to devote more time to creating his own line of furniture in the near future. He leans toward the Arts and Crafts style which dates around 1860 to 1925. He even just helped design

"A friend talked me into fire

a log cabin-style house for a northern Michigan resident. "It starts out with an idea on paper and it winds up to be something tangible you can see,



be said.

Novi grad preps

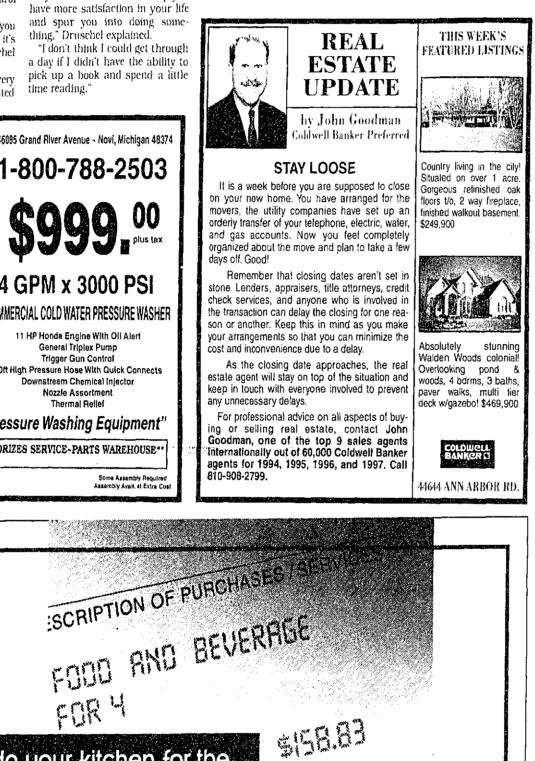
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Allergy and Asthma Center of dren. A question and answer ses-Michigan in Novi, will be giving a sion will follow and up-to-date rel-"It can take you into places and talk on asthma Wednesday, April 8, evant books on asthma and allerworlds that you might not have the at 7 p.m. at Borders Books & gies will be available.

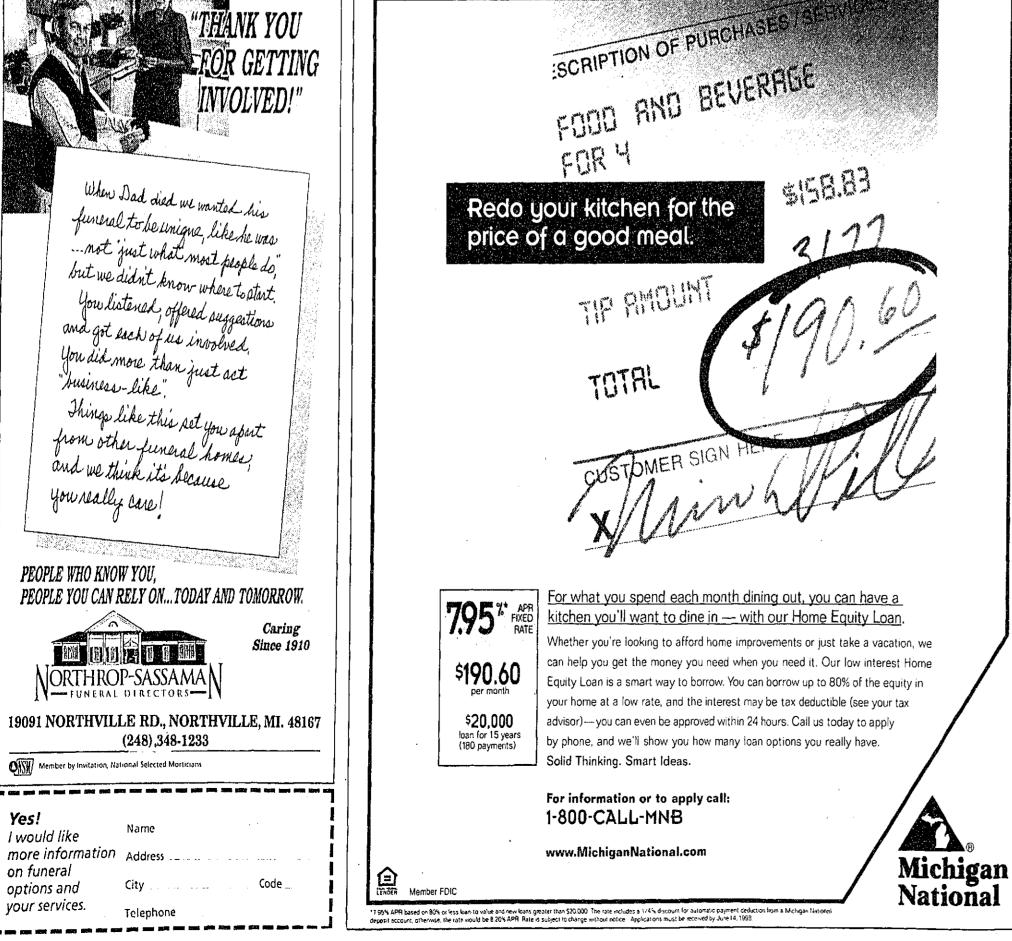
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"Each one of these people is a special friend of mine." Outreach is another program that remains near and dear to Druschel's heart. Books are delivered to local nursing homes by



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Voters approve school bond

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mittee were planted in residents' front yards. However some disappeared Thursday night, according to Superfisky, and a few signs that said "Vote No. Enough is Enough" were mysteriously posted. They listed no identifiable political com-

As for the administration, they were already turning the wheels in the process as soon as the approval came in.

Jim Koster, assistant superintendent of business, was on the phone Monday morning with attorneys to put the bond sale in place. He also plauned to round up the players in the infrastructure improvement process to begin a schedule. As the process continues, the athletic and band boosters as well as PTO parents will be involved, he said.

Generally, Koster expects playground improvements to start immediately, the athletic field Improvements to begin in Octoberand parking changes to happen next summer.

The elementary school planning is already underway, with bidding to occur in the fall or early next vear and construction to break ground in March of 1999.

Koster said the district will continue to use Fanning/Howey & Associates as architects and A.J. Etkin for construction management. Both are currently working on the new middle school

Proponents of the bond contenders and wet, torn and rocky field

The students, therefore, were noticeably happy about the bond's successful passage "They were very excited," Boerma

all season long. The committee, too, breathed a sigh of relief this week.

ed that athletic fields were in poor Calandro, a member of the eitizen's condition with old, wooden bleach- committee. They key to success, he

Equipment improvements mean more fun, safety

The Federal Consumer Christoph a certified playground Products Safety Commission specialist with the district's began studying playground architectural equipment in the early 1980s Fanning/Howey & Associates. more closely as a result of child Slides are shorter and openings deaths and lawsuits regarding in ladders and footholds are blocked off so children don't get playground equipment. Approximately 200,000 chil- caught, instead of nails and

dren visit emergency rooms screws, the structures are held across the nation as a result of together with hidden clamps so playground injuries. as not to scrape skin or catch Today's playground structures student's clothing. are built, of course, to sell. But In addition, cushioning - such they are also built with new safe- as woodchips - for students to ty standards in mind, said Nancy land safely if they do tumble off.

conditions. Parking lots were said, was the "ability to get inforgrounds were outdated and unsafe. they understood the issue and the have been slipping, sliding and able to do that people would undertripping all over the practice and stand." football fields for years, according

to band director Scott Boerma. "Not only is it dirty and uncom- would get to the polls and vote.

ular \$5.5 million proposal that dld not include the elementary school.

This Saturday's victory means \$2.7 million in improvements to athletic fields, \$1.7 million to parking improvements, \$1.8 million for playground changes and \$12.5 million for a new elementary school at Eleven Mile and Wixom roads. The amount adds up to more than \$17.3 million, however, interest earnings and money from a state settlement will make up the differ-

firm

The ramifications of the new school in particular, mean additional dollars in upcoming years for teachers, administrators and sup-

The development of subdivisions around the city caused the student population to grow to 5,345 this invested time ensuring supporters trict will have spent nearly \$100

Last year, voters turned down a the elementary school is opened.

spur voter turn out By ERIC DOBSON Siaft Writer Weekend elections are fast

becoming the trend in many school districts, according to Debby Brauer, spokesperson for Novi schools. The reasoning is that school

Saturday ballots

district residents have more free ime to vote on a Saturday. And It's working. Saturday spe cial Novi school district election produced the highest in voter turnout in the last six years.

Some 3,114 ballots were cast. 12.5 percent of registered voters. This is the second time Novi schools has used a Saturday ballot. The first was a special election September 3, 1995, which

produced the second highest oter turn out, with 2,819 regisered voters hitting the polls. Compared with past annual

elections held on Mondays, twice as many voters expressed their opinions in the Saturday ballots.

The only exception to this

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occurred on June 13, 1994 when

Tuesdays are traditionally the "It's a convenience for the vot-

ers," says Brauer. "Saturday elections are more accessible to the voters. This is something they asked for That convenience may soon be

gone however. A series of bills has been proposed in Lansing that would require school districts to consolidate all their elections in November with municipal, state and federal elections.

Loren Bennett, R-Canton, have

fortable, it becomes dangerous," he explained. said. "It's been a real pain for them

"We're very pleased," said John

More money coming for local roadways **Continued** from 1 be used with the federal funds

already been spent on the project, paid in part of federal highway

money. It's estimated it will take from two to three years to complete the Connector

Upgrading the Beck and Wixom interchanges is expected to cost money we need to improve the \$60 million. The proposed federal

money would go towards the new design of the two intersections. By mid-1999, the design work is expected to be finished. Local and state matches would

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Gov. John Engler earlier this

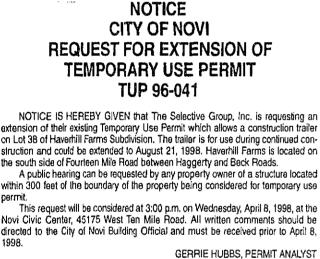
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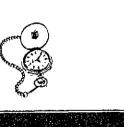
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year, up 33 percent from 1990. The bursting with cars and play- mation into the hands of people so population increase meant an expansion of Novi High School, the Novi High School band students need. I had confidence if we were building of Parkview Elementary and a new middle school along with the most recent elementary school In addition, the committee in the past decade. In all, the dis-

million on the improvements once

port staff.

2,818 ballols were cast. But that was a annual school election with two major issues on the ballot as well as school board trustee posi-Linns

days on which special elections are held while Mondays are used for the annual school elections.

The bills, sponsored by Ser already been passed by the Michigan Senate and are currently being considered by the House



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their eyes sparkle as they

talked about the organiza-

board a couple of years ago.

tions they're involved with.

Independence (CCI).

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at work at the information booth at Twelve Oaks

The two groups have joined forces for the first time-

This year Special Olympics will be back at Novi

Bowl for the first time in 15 years. CCI had their first-

community through their groups. What makes it

What makes the joint effort extra special is that

this year for a Bowl-A-Thon to be held at the Novi-

Road bowling alley on Saturday, April 18.

more touching is that it's a family affair too.

Bowl-A Thon fast year at Novi Bowl.

Ann Fay is Jerry's sister.

In Focus

By John Heider

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commutiv for a couple of decades.

As derry put it, the children, and the dogs, benefit

It just seems natural after shaking the hands of the

owners for me to reach over to pet the dog. This time

lunch when I got a chance to shake Duke's paw. He

gave my hand a big kiss which surprised Am Fay.

But having just eaten one of Novi Bowl's wonderful

1/2 pound burgers. I don't know if it was me or the

On Saturday, there'll be plenty of CCI dogs-in-

training that won't be on duty so you can come in

Even if you don't bowl, you're welcome to stop by

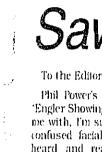
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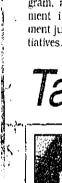
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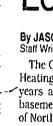
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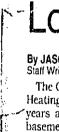












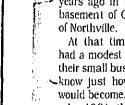
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By JASON SCHMITT Staff Writer

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Andrew Gomes, 8, concentrates on making a bal-

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oon dog during a Community Education class.

By the late 1800s, Frank N. Perrin ran a carriage manufacturing company, a wagon shop and a blackmany miles that their shoes may be turned by his expert hand, and his trade is rapidly increasing and

With specialization in later years with gunsmiths. tinsmiths, hingesmiths and whitesmiths, as well as the Industrial Revolution and mass production techniques of the early 20th century, the art of blacksmithing began its eventual decline to obscurity. for a whole new generation to appreciate.

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

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struction of the Tim Pope Memorial Becky was, the very day of the presen-Playstructure. A member of the steer- tation, working to organize the club's ing committee, she was deeply involved DSA breakfast ... because that's the in that project from start to finish. As - kind of effort she gives to this commu-Kathy Crawford put it when making the nity. presentation, "There would probably We can think of no one more deservnot be a Tim Pope Playstructure with- ing. Congratulations.

Lee BeGole – Lifetime Achievement

its wagon to the Jaycee's annual little things BeGole has done for the Distinguished Service Awards community over the years. He too Breakfast in order to give out a Lifetime scems to be everywhere in town, some-Achievement Award. The first was times even now when he is supposed to handed out last year to former Novi be retired. Township Supervisor Frazer Staman.

Novi police chief Lee BeGole. In making the presentation, The Novi tremendous effect on the community's News cited BeGole's involvement in people. How many youngsters had their establishing public safety systems in first experience talking to a police offithe city. He was hired in 1954 to run cer during one of the local subdivision the public safety department, which bike parades he'd often attend? How also included firefighting. For many many adults were put at case when years, he was Novi's sole police office. having to deal with law enforcement And that led to memories about because of BeGole's easy going manner BeGole's adventures putting out field fires with a broom and breaking up bar fights by himself. And he also ran the department in the years that followed when Novi began to experience growth. growing the police department with in.

DSA nominees

It has often been said that just being nization's board of directors. nominated for a Novi Jaycees Distinguished Service Award is, in and of itself, quite an honor. That's true, of course.

The folks who were nominated for this year's DSA also deserve congratulations for their list of achievements community over the past year. They were:

 Former Novi city council member and State Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-No

ghborhood Service Unit Director. vi Lions Club and member of the orga- tion.

More honors

Let's not forget all the others who Coonce and Janice Church. have been recently honored. Many make contributions to the Novi community through their efforts. And the following are just a few, those who were honored in a variety of ways also at the Jaycees DSA breakfast.

Jeffrey Littleton was named Firefighter of the Year. Pat Fanning was named Police Officer of the Year. Shannon Janes was named Novi City Employee of the Year.

for Two were selected

There are folks who get things done, - out Becky's persistence ... I've never and there are folks who really get really heard the woman say. I can't do

a moment to say "congratulations."

that. Becky Staab falls into the latter cate. The Jaycees also noted her many gory. And she does it in a low-key way other activities - involvement in the that doesn't draw a lot of attention to Novi Jaycees, running its Needy Family herself or her activities. But, as many - Christmas program, involvement in the residents of Novi will recognize, she Novi High School Senior Class Party. seems to be just about everywhere, membership in the Novi Choralaires. In the past, she co-chaired a school dis-It was for that reason that the Novi triet committee to review the Fuerst Jaycees singled her out this year for Farm site and organized a Jaycees, Arts Council craft show. The list goes

because of her involvement in the con- But it should be lost on no one that

The Novi News has recently hitched What should not be missed are all the

When he was still on the job, BeGole The second this year went to retired was known to show up at virtually every community event. That has a and unique sense of humor?

> These attributes ought not be overlooked for the contributions they make to a community.

Again congratulations are in order.

• Elinor Holland, a member of the Nov i Beautification Commission and Senio r Housing Implementation Committee, as well as the Oakland County Senior A dvisory Committee.

• Paul Kemp, a volunteer at Charter and accomplishments on behalf of the House of Novi who does cooking demon strations for the residents and keeps a n eye on those without family members.

 Clara Porter. Director of Communit v Education for Novi schools and also vi • Janice Church, Novi Girl Scouts Ne ce chair of youth recognition for Novi Yo uth Assistance and on the advisory cou Jerry Coonce, a president of the No neil of the Community That Cares Coali

Members of the Tim Pope Memorial Playstructure Committee were honored for their efforts with that project over the past year, including Karen Leppanen, Cindy Bush, Dan Davis, Anne and Ken Heartland, Tom Marcus, Tom Pope, Charley and Becky Staab, Glen Bonaventura, Nancy Cassis, Mary Drafta, Warren Jocz, Margaret Pope, Kathy Crawford, Colleen Gorman-Klann, Sarah Pope and Jeff Russell.

Outstanding Service Awards, Jerry All deserve a round of applause. letters' to the editor

This newspaper welcomes felters to the editor. We ask, however, that they be issue-oriented, confined to 400 words and that they contain the signature, address, and telephone number of the writer. The writer's name may be withheld from publication if the writer fears bodily harm, severe persecution, or the loss of his or her job. The writer requesting anonymity must explain his or her circumstances. Submit letters for consideration by 4 pm Monday for that Thursday's paper. We reserve the right to edit letters for brevity, clarity, libel, taste and relevance. The week prior to an election, this newspaper will not accept letters to the editor that open up new issues. Only responses to already published issues will be accepted, with this newspaper being the final arbiter. This policy is an attempt to be fair to all concerned.

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Enthusiasm is contagious

brought Donna Piirala on their goal.

The two met while Donna was - from this fund raiser.

The other is Jerry Harris of Novi Bowl who has 1 remembered just in time. Duke was on duty so I

been working with Special Olympics for the last 15 - wasn't properly introduced so to speak until after

These individuals are all committed to helping the - and meet them. There will also be raffles and maybe

Ann Fay, who has multiple sclerosis, became Carol Dipple is a Staff Writer for The Novi News.

donation.

couldn't help but notice how the point where she was homebound.



Doin' the twist First industry was blacksmith

Louie

Barbara

bells, fancy locks and keys.

In a time when most utensils and tools had some half is a working forge, often used by present-day form of ironwork attached to them, the blacksmith blacksmiths to demonstrate their knowledge of a was perhaps the busiest of his fellow workers. He long-ago craft. often doubled in another related profession, such as veterinarian or wagon maker.

producing line metalwork such as hinges, guns, booklet about Northville, published in 1892, "Mr. wrought-iron tools, iron tires, padlocks and more. Perrin stands preeminent ... as a thoroughly reliable the blacksmith handled nearly all the items neces- shoer of horses ... Valuable stock is brought from sary for daily life.

ically demanding task, requiring great strength and extending." stamina

The workplace began with a hearth, a large fireplace or furnace, designed to withstand immense heat year-round. To maintain an appropriately hot fire, a bellows was connected to the chimney, providing air to keep the fire going nonstop. Generally, an Luckily, historical villages like Mile Race and apprentice served much of his time regulating the fire Greenfield Village have managed to keep this art alive

by operating the bellows. able to shape the metal into often amazingly intricate works of art.

than almost any other occu-

artisans in America.

black metal, or iron, which for years to come as a blacksmith.

the man would "smite" (hit) with a hammer. A "whitesmith," on the other hand, worked with lighter met- the corner of Main and Hutton streets, may be seen als, polishing their works to a high finish, such as at Mill Race Historical Village. Part of the building

From forging horseshoes - the job of a "farrier" - to smithing plant in town. According to a promotional

The process of smithing was, by definition, a phys-

By hitting the iron on his anvil, the blacksmith was

Though many farmers in the early days had their

When Jamestown, Va., was own forge barns to provide for an emergency horsesettled in 1607, one of the shoe, the village blacksmith manipulated the more more blacksmiths in America and pots.

blacksmith remained among town's first mill. the most significant of the

colonists who arrived with the detailed work farmers did not have the talent, or the group was a blacksmith. The time, to undertake. The blacksmith was responsible profession was in such for creating nearly every piece of hardware available demand that soon there were in early America, including nails, saws, axes, handles Novi's first industry was a blacksmith shop, opened in 1829 by David Guile. Daniel Johnson was an early

For more than 300 years, the Northville blacksmith, who built his shop near the In 1865, John Hirsch moved to Northville from New York. Though he worked also as a carriage and The name itself refers to the wagon manufacturer, he will be known in Northville

Ameritech doesn't want to be fair



attacks on the monopoly. Next week is a big one in Judge Randall Bono's courtroom in Madison County, Ill. The joined Kelley in objecting to the settlement. The president Richard McLellan. judge is scheduled to approve or reject. Illinois attorney general filed a separate objec-Ameritech's offer to settle a lawsuit for \$78 mil- tion. lion. It's a class action case brought by Line - FYI, besides denouncing Ameritech in this

these grounds: The amount is inadequate. The original suit. tomers' attorneys' fees.

· Ameritech isn't offering to pay cash but suspect Ameritech's lawyers deliberately made more of its dubious services. "Class members - it unattractive and unreadable. who are current IWMP [Inside Wire The knaves want you to buy more and more is (734) 953-2047 ext. 1881.

Every time I open the Maintenance Plans, or Line Backer) subscribers devices so that you have to play telephone tag mail. Ameritech has a will receive a limited number of pay-per-use rather than complete calls, but they don't want new opponent. Not services (three-way calling, automatic dial back you to know about your legal rights in a lawsuit. just a competitor, but and repeat dialing), prepaid cards for Ameritech A second piece of mail comes from the someone who thinks pay phones and expanded IWMP coverage," Michigan Competitive Telecommunications the telephone-tag Kelley said.

Providers Association - that is, Ameritech's "Since customers paid cash, they should get - competitors.

Attorney General cash back, not additional services," said the MCTPA said Ameritech just jacked up some of Frank J. Kelley has attorney general. In other words, customers our rates nearly 6 percent. As of March 1, when joined the fray. And if should be free to spend their money as they we make local toll calls (within our own area codes), the charge went up nearly 6 percent to • Class members would be forced to release 18 cents a minute.

"Last August it raised rates on local toll calls written and unread- tices which the company might have used since - such as calls from Detroit to Mount Clemens able legal notices, you 1987. As I pointed out in an earlier column, - from 15 cent to 17 cents a minute. should read Kelley's Ameritech, even when caught and brought to Interestingly, in Chicago, where Ameritech faces court, refuses to admit it did anything wrong. real competition for these calls. Ameritech The attorneys general of Wisconsin and Ohio charge only 4 cents a minute!" said MCTPA's

McLellan, by the way, is a close political pal of a Republican named Engler. McLellan goes onto detail three more places Backer customers who said they were cheated. column, I filed my own objection to the settle- where Ameritech is jacking up rates. It is hard "Plainly, this settlement is a complete ripoff ment. I asked Judge Bono to require Ameritech to explain them because Ameritech deliberately for Ameritech customers," said Kelley as he to re-send out notices of the settlement in the makes them difficult to understand; why else objected to approval of the settlement. He cited same-size headline and body type that it used would it use such an obscure term as "intraLATA"?

One gets bruised knuckles beating up on Bob sought \$226 million. Ameritech is trying to set- sentences of 30 words maximum. The Cooper and his company's knavery, but it looks the for one-third of that amount plus the cus- Ameritech notice had a sentence with 170 as if Ameritech doesn't want to do anything fairwords and was virtually incomprehensible. I ly-

Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events. His voice mail number

eneral in the Clinton administra-

tion. blames federal funding of

abstinence programs for runaway

teenage sex and teenage pregnan-

cies. Among her many fancies and

weird programs to solve the diffi-

culties we face is her suggestion

that condoms could be distributed

Saw gov's speech full of vision

I also asked that the notice be written with

on its mailed advertising.

Phil Power's recent article titled

"Engler Showing Signs of Wear" left me with, I'm sure, something of a confused facial expression. I too heard and read the governor's full of vision and action.

I saw a Michigan in which unemployment is at a record low, crime rates have dropped for five straight vears, K-12 funding is at a record high, and a record of number of for career day families have moved from a welfare check to a paycheck. The governor did a wonderful job of laying out

his aggressive agenda for keeping Michigan on the right track: a \$3 billion income tax cut, a much needed third grade reading program, and a \$500 million investment in protecting our environment just to name a few of his ini-

Letters

Gov. Engler has done well for of Novi Middle School's Career Day. State of the State speech. However, Michigan over the past seven As a representative for McDonald's unlike Mr. Power, I saw a speech years. I can only imagine how great a third term will be. Matt W. Ikle

Thanks to NHS

To the Editor would like to thank Mrs McNeal's class from Novi High School for inviting me into their classroom to share my interviewing skills and help prepare them for their first job. Also, I would like to thank Ellen Townsley and her committee for inviting me to take part

Restaurant in their business partnership with Novi School District, I am amazed at the different techniques teachers use and delighted with the students response. As a parent of a Novi student, I realize my son is receiving a well-rounded education preparing him for the future.

Liberals have

To the Editor:

eliminated shame

on every street corner where the sexual behavior is rampant. How low does our lowest common denominator have to get before we can get back to moral cohabitation. marriage, and children conceived and born of two people in wedlock? The liberal mentality has climinated shame from the conse-Nancy Collins quences of illicit sexual behavior.

introduced sex education to 7year-old children in some of our schools, and pardoned, excused, even embraced all kinds of behavior that even banana republics don't accept today.

Joycelyn Elders, former surgeon Take a ride with Mayor Ben Marks

> with Ben Marks every everyone of us." our lives.

be a terrific year for 'Let's Talk," says Marks. ning for reelection to the court. "Republican National Committee member Chuck Yob, executive director of Detroit

INFO TV-12 is your "former Detroit City Councilmember Mel Ravitz" Department Director James DeSana connection to the have all appeared on the show to share their Remember, you're getting in-depth coverage information super- views of local, county and state issues that too. "Let's Talk" is one hour long. You may just highway. Take a ride directly affect the quality of life of each and learn something you can't get out of a 10-sec-

Tuesday at 9 p.m. With this fall's elections, "Let's Talk" will be Marks makes his "mark" on INFO TV-12 as he Tune into "Let's Talk." hosting any and all candidates for attorney gen- skillfully interviews people in the spotlight. If The subject of conver- eral, governor, and county commissioner and sation is topical. The Supreme Court justice.

pace is fast and there To date, the Democratic candidate for gover- know he's a natural born statesman. In fact, he are no holds barred as nor, Doug Ross, has appeared on the program. was one of the founding fathers of Farmington Marks talks with Invitations will be extended to candidates Larry Hills. He worked with eight other individuals to guests that play an Owen and Geoffrey Feiger as well. Marks antic- construct the original charter for the city more important part in all ipates their appearance in the next few weeks. than 20 years ago. He has served on many Stay tuned this month for Marks' chat with boards and commissions in addition to being a 1998 is shaping up to Supreme Court Justice Cliff Taylor who is run-member of the Farmington Hills City Council for

guests: Mayor of Warren Mark Steenbergh, executive director of the Longacre House. Renaissance and former speaker of the state director of the American Civil Liberties Union House of Representatives Paul Hilligond, Michael Steinberg, Secretary of State Candice Outreach Coordinator for the Southwestern Oakland County Prosecutor David Gorcyca, and Miller, and Michigan State Transportation Oakland Cable Commission.

ond soundbite on the network news.

you're wondering where his political savvy and experience comes from, you'll be interested to $9 \, 1/2$ years and a former mayor and president And don't miss these other high profile of the Municipal League. His present title is

Maru Linda Calderone is the Community

Long Plumbing in business nearly 50 years

The Glenn C. Long Plumbing and Heating company opened nearly 50 years ago in the Eight Mile Road basement of Glenn and Lois Long

At that time the young couple had a modest view of the future of their small business. Little did they -know just how modest that view In 1964 the Longs built the

building where Edwards Caterers is now located to continue its growth. Just 10 years later the business was moved to 190 E. Main Street in downtown Northville, where it now thrives as Long's Fancy Bath Boutique and Long's Bath Design Center. Jim Long, son of Glenn and Lois, and his wife, Virginia, now own and operate the business.

"We've been in this town a long time and now we have over 110 employees," Jim Long said. "My father and my mother started it and for many years he did all the estimating and ran the crews and she was the bookkeeper, secre-

The bulk of Long's business is mechanical contracting, but it also performs bathroom renovations, plumbing service and repair and it has an extensive showroom of bath

Long's growth expands outside of Northville, with an office located in Tampa Florida that employs over 90 employees. But all of the growth hasn't

changed the once small-town business. The company annually gives back to the community, donating equipment to community groups and organizations.

and we have made annual dona-



"We have collected Toys for Tots Virginia Long displays items from the Fancy Bath Boutique. tions to schools, churches, the Recreation, Our Lady of Providence said. "We have a lot of people who chamber, Northville Parks and and Habitat for Humanity," Long come to us looking for things. I was 0373.

born and raised in this town and this town has been very good to us. It's a wonderful place to live and for us to be a part of this community it's only natural for us to give back.' Toni Bonner, manager of the

Fancy Bath Boutique, said the Longs create a family-type atmosphere for not only their customers, but their employees as well.

"The intrinsic rewards we receive as employees are that we feel we're part of the family," Bonner said. "I think that's why everyone has stayed here for so long." It's that same treatment of cus-

tomers that has made Long's successful for nearly half a century. The store is divided into two parts, the Fancy Bath Boutique and the Bath Design Center. The boutique has all of the bath acces-

sories one would ever need. "It's amazing the people that come in and say they have been looking for a place where they could find some ideas," Virginia Long said. "We really feel that the Bath Design Center and the

Boutique work well hand-in-hand." "We work hand-in-hand to compliment any of the work people have already had done," Bonner said. "Sometimes the customers will start on the Design Center side and end up on the Bath side and we will provide them with the comprehensive bathroom accessories. "That's why people come here. If they want wood, if they want

acrylic or they want ceramic, they know they can find it here." The Design Center is managed by Ron Jones and assists the cus-

tomers with the remodeling and refurbishing of bathrooms. Toni Bonner and Ron Jones may be reached at Long's at (248) 349-

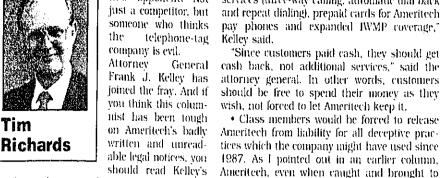


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Area churches gear up for Easter celebrations

Continued from 1 church at 349-8847.

PRESBYTERIAN FIRST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE, 200 E. Main in Northville, will have Palm Sunday services at 9:30 and 11 a.m. and Maundy Thursday Communion Service at 7:30 p.m. On Good Friday, April 10, there will be a combined service at First United Methodist Church of Northville at 7:30 p.m. On Easter Sunday, April 12, regular services will be held at 9:30 and 11 a.m.

For more information, call First Presbyterian Church at 349-0911.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE, 777 West Eight Mile Road, will have an early worship on Palm Sunday at 8 a.m. The youth musical "What Would Jesus Do?" will be presented at the 9:15 and 11 a.m. services. The Maundy Thursday Holy Communion service will be at 7:30 p.m. On Good Friday, April 10, there will be a community service. at 7:30 p.m. Easter Sunday begins with a Surrise Service at 7:30 a.m. A breakfast will be served at 8 a.m. Two more services are scheduled on Easter Sunday - at 9:15 and 11 a.m.

For more information, call the church at 349-1144.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY CHURCH, 770 Thayer Boulevard in Northville, will use the regular Mass times on Palm Sunday. On-Holy Thursday there will be no morning Mass, but there will be a 7:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration until midnight. The schedule for Good Friday is: no morning Mass, noon-Stations of the Cross, 1 p.m. Liturgy of Good Friday, and a 7 p.m. Tenebrae Service. The Blessing of Food begins at 1 p.m. on Holy Saturday with the Easter-Vigil Liturgy beginning at 8 p.m. On Easter Sunday, Masses have been scheduled for 7:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. in the church, and 9 and 11 a.m. in both the church

and in the social hall. For more information, call the church at 349 2621.

THE MEADOWBROOK CON-GREGATIONAL CHURCH, 21355 Meadowbrook Road in Novi, will have a Service at 10 a.m. on Palm Sunday tollowed by a pancake breakfast following. A catered dinner is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Maundy Thursday, April 9, followed by a Communion and Confirming of Confirmands. On April 10, Good Friday. Meadowbrook will participate with the Novi clergy at the ecumenical service at Holy Family Church at moon. There will be two services on Easter Sunday > 9 and 11 a.m.

For more information, call 348-7757

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, 201 Elm Street in Northville, will have the following schedule on Palm 8:30 a.m. Holy Sunday: Commension, 9:45 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Adult Bible Studies, and 11 a.m. floly Communion. Maundy Thursday. worship will be held at 7:30 p.m. Good Friday Holy Communion Service will be at 1 p.m. with a worship service at 7:30 p.m. On Easter Sunday, there will be a 7 a.m. Sunrise Service, an 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service; a 9:45 a.m. Sunday School; 10 a.m. Adult Bible Studies; and 11 a.m. Holy Communion Service

For more information, call the church at 349-3140.

NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH, which meets temporarily in the chapel of Our Lady of Providence, 16115 Beck Road between Five and Six Mile roads, will offer Holy Communion following the procession with palms this Sunday, April 5, at 10 a.m. Special instrumental and vocal music will be highlighted.

Maundy Thursday's Holy Communion service is scheduled

age, 13220 Andover Drive, south off North Territorial Road between Napier Road and M-14. An edited video of Northville residents Donand Shirley Blokkenga's trip to The Holy Land will be the mediated Word for the evening Call [734] 459-8181 for details and directions

On Good Friday, New Life will worship with St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon Road in Plymouth in a liturgy of solemn collects. Pastor Ken Roberts will preach at the 7:30 p.m. service.

Easter will feature a 10 a.m. communion service with special vocal music and brass ensemble. From 8:30 until 9:30 a.m. an Easter breakfast is offered with a 9 a.m. egg hunt for children ages 2 to 12. A gift for each child after the egg hunt and during worship will be part of this day of celebration at the Our Lady of Providence Chapel in Northville Township,

For more information contact New Life Lutheran Church Pastor Ken Roberts at (734) 459-8181 or (734) 207 5223.

JAMES CATHOLIC ST. CHURCH, 46325 Ten Mile Road in Novi, will gather for Communal Penance at 7:30 p.m. at Holy Family Church, A Private Penance will be offered on Wednesday, April 8, beginning at 7 p.m. at St. James. There will be no Confessions on Saturday April 11 or 18.

The Liturgy of the Lord's Supperwill be held at 7:30 p.m. on Holy Thursday, April 9. On Good Friday, a 1 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death has been scheduled. Holy Saturday, April 11, there is a 1 p.m. Blessing of Food and an 8 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass. Easter Sunday, Masses will be held at 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. For more information, call the church at 347-7778,

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN

CHURCH, Nine Mile and Meadowbrook, in Novi, will present for 7 p.m. at the church's parson- a contata "Thy Will Be Done" on

Pahn Sunday at 10 a.m. with Lord's Supper. The topic for the Maundy Thursday service at 7 p.m. with Lord's Supper will be "Jesus Gave His Last Will and Testament." On Friday, April 10, the 7 p.m. Tenabrae Worship Service focus will be "Jesus Died at Calvary." Easter Sunday Sunrise Service will focus on "Jesus Rose from the Dead" and will be held at 7:30 a.m. An Easter breakfast follows at 8:45 a.m. A Festival Service has been scheduled for 10 a.m.

For more information, call the church at 349-0565.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE, 217 N. Wing in Northville, will have a Good Friday service at 7:30 p.m. On Easter Sunday, the 9:30 and 11 a.m. worship services which will feature anillustrated sermon involving music and drama.

For more information, call the church at 348-1020.

NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY, 41355 Six Mile Road. one mile west of Haggerty in Novi, will present this year's annual Easter production "Once and for All" on April 3, 4 at 7 p.m. and April 5 at 4 p.m.

For more information or to reserve a free ticket, call the church at (248) 348-9030.

The community is also invited to communion services on Good Friday, April 10, at 12:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Pastor Otis Buchan will be leading worshippers in the memorial and celebration of Christ's death and resurrection. For more information call the church at (248) 348-9030.

FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBY-TERIAN CHURCH, 4440 West Ten Mile Road in Novi, will present an Easter cantata "The Power of His Love" arranged by David T. Clydesdale on Palm Sunday, April 4, at 7:30 p.m. This dramatic musical features two drama casts, and the Sanctuary Choir. The community is welcome.

For more information, call Faith with an Early Easter Baptism and Community Presbyterian Church at (248) 349-5666.

NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 41671 West Ten Mile Road in Novi, will have a sit-down dinner for Maundy Thursday, participate in the ecumenical community service at noon at Holy Family Catholic Church in Novi; an Easter Sunday Sunrise Service at 7:30 a.m.; Easter breakfast at 8:15 a.m. and Festival Worship at 10:30 a.m. For more information, call the church at 349-2652.

CHRIST SPIRIT OF EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, 40700 West Ten Mile Haggerty and between Meadowbrook roads, will have a service at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 4, and a 10:30 a.m. service on Palm Sunday, On Maundy Thursday, April 9, the washing of the feet and sharing of the Holy Meal will be held at 7:30 p.m.

The congregation will gather on Good Friday at Holy Family at noon for the community ecumenical service. At 7:30 p.m. they will commemorate our Lord's death solemnly with a 7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Service of Darkness.

The Easter Vigil (at Antioch Lutheran Church) begins at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 11.

On Easter Day, the Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord, the Early Service of Celebration will be held at 7:30 a.m. followed by the Easter Breakfast. The Resurrection Festival Service will be held at 10:30 a.m.

For more information, call the church at (248) 477-6296.

Celebrate with a thousand is the theme at FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE, 21260 Haggerty Road north of Eight Mile Road in Northville, for Easter morning worship. Holy Week begins with "He's Alive," a musical drama presentation, with orchestra, drama, adult and children's choirs at 11 a.m. on Palm Sunday and will be capped

Communion Service at 8 a.m., a free Easter Feltowship Breakfast at 9 a.m. and the celebrate with a thousand Easter Celebration service at 10:30 a.m. when 1,000 people will enjoy music, a life orches-Ira, a drama, and an Easter message, A Children's Worship Service is available, along with free child eare, and a gift for guests. A special invitation is extended to the community to "Be One of a Thousand" and celebrate this great day with 999 other Easter worshippers. For more information, call the

church at (248) 348-7600.

LUTHERAN VICTORY CHURCH, will hold a Palm Sunday service at 10 a.m. at the Novi Meadows School cafeteria, located on Talt Road between Ten Mile Road and Grand River.

For more information, call 349-2669.

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH. 39200 West Twelve Mile Road in Farmington Hills, will have 8:30 and 11 a.m. services on Palm Sunday. On Maundy Thursday, April 9, the congregation will gather at 7:30 p.m. There will be two services on Good Friday, April 10. one at noon and the other at 7:30 p.m. On Easter Sunday, there will be a 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service with Eucharist; a 9 a.m. Easter Celebration with Eucharist; and an H a.m. Easter Celebration with Baptism and Eucharist, Both will the 9 and 11 a.m. services will include a children's message. An Easter breakfast will be served at 10 a.m. The proceeds from the breakfast will go towards the cost of Confirmation Camp for the junior high youth. Nursery service will be provided on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday at 7:30 p.m. and on Easter Sunday at 9 and 11 a.m.

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

- Compiled by Carol Dipple

Novi High schedules Prom Fashion Show for Thursday

By ERIC DOBSON Staff Writer

Novi High School's Junior-senior prom is still more than a month off, but Thursday, April 2, will find many of the students dressed and ready to dance.

The high school's Fuerst Auditorium will play center stage for the fifth annual Prom Fashion

Show fundraiser. The junior class year's prom, which will be held at Burlon Manor in Livonia on May 9. Planning for the fashion show started three months ago and both the student officers organizing the more than willing donate prom event and the class sponsors have

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been busy.

"It's a big job and there's a lot is sponsoring the event with the more work involved than with the proceeds going to help pay for this prom," said Gale Zielinski, 1999 class sponsor. "The prom is a breeze compared to the Prom Fashion Show.'

Various local businesses were dresses, tuxedos, flowers and other services.

it without them," Zielinski added. "They've come through year after year for the school. It's definitely appreciated by the students. It makes this a lot easier."

In addition to the fashion show, and different from years past, students will be providing entertain-

"Last year there were skits, but they didn't go over to well," said es.

junior vice president Jessira Cash. "So this is kind of new. Especially the magic and dancing. That's never been done before."

The sophomore class is also helping out by providing free ment including magic acis, danc- refreshments after the show as

well as running a raffle, with the prizes coming from local business-

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Novi soccer is fortunate to have two returning stars in Lydia Raburn and Kristi Arrington. But faced with matches against some of the best teams in the state, success for the Wildcats will require their best...

169m Effort

By JASON SCHMITT Sports Editor

Although soccer is one of the biggest team sports around, Novi will taunt one of the best 1-2 punches in the area this year with the return of Lydia Raburn and Kristi Arrington.

The two combined for 52 goals and 30 assists and single-handedly proved they could take over games. In consecutive Kensington Valley Conference (KVC) games last year. Arrington scored five goals against Lakeland and Raburn came back to score five goals against Howell, Raburn earned first-team allstate honors for her accomplishments.

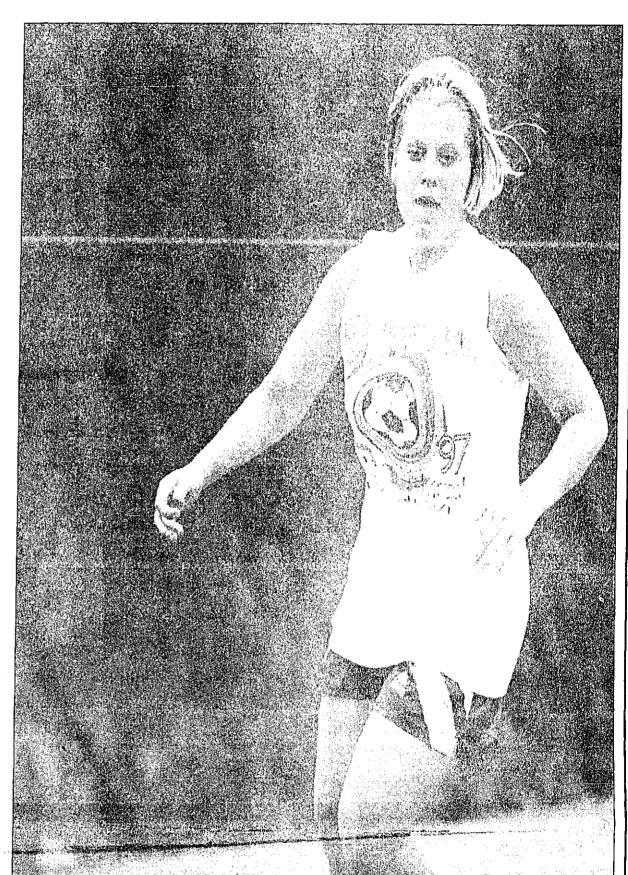
But coach Larry Christoff agreed that

said. "I anticipate us meeting again, but Milford's going to be in there scrapping." Novi finished 9-2 in the KVC and 17-3-1 overall.

If the Wildcats are going to go anywhere this season, senior hallback Jessica Kenny will play a key role. Last year Kenny sustained injuries that kept her out for much of the second half of the vear.

"I think with her being healthy, she'll be a tremendous asset to us," Christoff said

Along with Kenny, the other halfbacks who will be counted on to produce are Yvonne Irimescu, Julia DiPonio, Kristin Shea and Jill Gibson.



it would be the play of his team that makes Novi successful this year, not the individuals.

"It's going to be a team effort this year," he said. "We've never had to relyon our superstars. I think this year's team expects a lot from itself. They feel this will be their year to play some of the best teams in the state."

That won't be hard, seeing that Novi plays in a district that regularly has two or three top-ranked teams. Last year's state champion Livonia Stevenson won-Novi's district.

"Whoever wins our district could winthe state title. We're looking for a good season," Christoff said,

Novi will also have to look no further than defending KVC champion Brighton for a good test. The Bulldogs won the conference crown last year, topping Novi twice, and will again be the team to beat along with the 'Cats.

between us and Brighton," the coach year."

In goal, sophomore Sarah Clark has a season under her belt and should be solid between the pipes.

One area of concern for Christoff is in the backfield, senior fullback Erin Spindler and senior defenders Marissa Hermann and Elizabeth Thompson are back and will also have some pressure on their shoulders.

"All three of these girls did a good job in this area last year," Christoff said

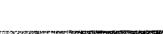
The team is deep, with halfbacks Jenny Bagdady, Jennifer Corless, Katie Mieras and Nicole Angelocci making the squad. Katie Bailey, Sara Heusel, Tiffany Gillespie and Angie Pantaleo will also play roles in the backfield.

Along with being deep. Christoff's team is loaded with experience. Novi lost just three seniors from last year and has 10 seniors and seven juniors back.

"I feel we have a strong backbone with these seniors," the coach said. "I think "It's gonna again be a real horse race - they might surprise a lot of teams this



The Wildcats will be counting on strong performances from players like junior halfback Jill Gibson





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Young players need to step up

By JASON SCHMITT Sports Editor

Playing in one of Michigan's toughest softball conferences, Novi faces some of the states big dogs, including Brighton, Hartland and Lakeland. In years past the 'Cats haven't

fared too well against these giants, but 1998 may be a different story.

"We were a very young team last year, and we're still young this year," coach Carol Diglio sald. "But now we've got a yearunder our belt. We're a much stronger team this year."

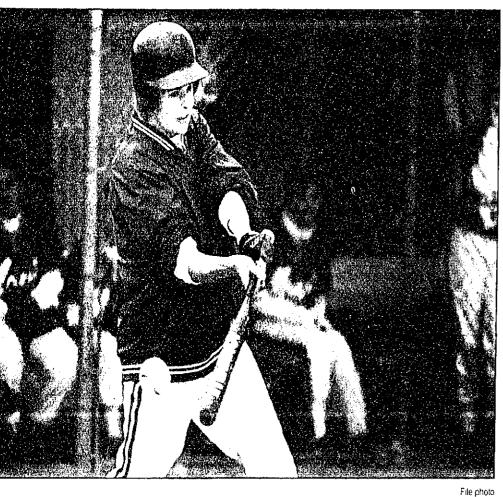
Novi's young lineup consists of just three sentors, six juniors and four sophomores. Fortunately for Díglio, all four sophomores gained experience as freshman and are ready to start for the Wildeats.

Joelle Frantz and Katie year lefter winner Katie Copp. Cameron both earned secondteam all-Kensington Valley Con- field," Diglio said. ference (KVC) honors in their rookie seasons and are expected to lead the 'Cats in 1998.

and they are both very versatile." the coach said. "Joelle is verythis year. Katie led the team with fellow sophomore Sarah Bajorek ference a .464 average last year."

will pitch the first game of double – also see time at first base.

base and the outfield will be four- will share time in right and the favorites, with Hartland and starting at 1 p.m.



Senior Katie Copp (above) is one of just three seniors on this years' softball team

other outfield positions. "Katie is very strong in the will be the eatchers for Frantz league.

Senior co-cantain Melanie and Cameron. Turck will get the nod at second — "It's very early and we've strug- was hard to bounce back after year. base, although she will also play gled to get out on the field," the our slow start," Diglio said. "This "I'm very excited though. This "They are my top two pitchers third base and some onfield. Kim coach said. "It's tough to get a year we're not intimidated by team is like a breath of fresh air. The schoot will lead the way in the high

team's success this season.

play center field and Heather she said.

- Tuller will share time at second. _____good_look_at_these_girls_when ____those teams anymore. When we __kids really seem to be dedicated to _____hurdles. Alberty, Sterett and Tristan Jessica Gilbert has earned the you've been practicing on asphalt go up against a Brighton we think the program." strong and is really throwing hard starting shortstop position and and a gyn floor. It's a world of dif- we can win. Our attitudes are If the Wildcats are to make any event.

will sure up the left side of the Diglio said Novi's pitching and Diglio will find out just how undoubtedly have to step it up. Ave - new crop of sprinters this season. Frantz will start for Novi and infield at third. Nicole Senko will defense will play a key role in the much when the Bulldogs come to nius finished third in the state in the Justin Reaume is the number one town tomorrow for a doubleheadheaders. Cameron will pitch the Diglio has a slew of outfielders "Our defense is looking really er. Novi faced South Lyon in the champion in the two-mile nur. utghteaps and split her time led by co-captain Kristen Sullivan solid right now. We're a small season opener last night (after between first base and the out- in left. Speedy Judy Namm will team and we have some speed," The Novi News' deadline). Satur- like to see him go at his school day the Wildcats take on Walled

Boys hope new season brings instant success

By JASON SCHMITT

make any noise in the Kensington Valley Conference (KVC) this year, a long time. If'll have to have some surprise performances from everyone. Milford

year before they were the youngest, the league championships. most inexperienced team in the the other top teams to beat.

"The whole KVC is just amazing," some, and this is an established deal. Last year we were considered one of the contenders, but we finished fourth. There are always three or four teams wing for that title."

KVC placers from last year. "Id like to think we'll be competi-

out great at the end of the season."

Avenius is not the only Wildcat

returning who can score. Chris

both the long jump and the high

onship in the long jump, and fin-

jumper," the coach said. Pole vault-

ished third in the high jump.

jump.

waves, junior Kevin Aventus will

starting to change."

Also splitting time between first Fraser and Danielle Thompson Brighton is the preseason Lake Central for a pair of games time of 4:20.58 in the state finals.

"If we can keep him healthy, I'd record again," Smith said of Avenius' "There's always a lot of great runners out there, but he always comes

-favorites in the event. "I think they are also state caliber If the Novi boys' track team is to pole vaulters," the coach said. "They

have the best chances we've seen in Coming off a season full of injuries, senior Ty Clark will have But that's not impossible, just ask one last go at the KVC championship in the 400-meter dash. Last The Redskins came from nowhere year Clark battled through injuries to win the KVC title last year. The to finish runnerup in the event at

"He's not training very hard yet," league. Lakeland and Brighton are his coach said. "If he was healthy, I'd put my money down for him to win the 400 in the KVC. But this kid coach Bob Smith said. "It's awe- has a lot of pride so we'll see what happens.

David Thompson has matured according to his coach, and will be tough to beat in the discus. Harvey Steele is the front runner in the This is a young Novi team that shot-put competition with Nate does, however, return five of six all Plecha being a dark horse in both events

Joining Perkins in the long jump Lakeland right behind. Last year tive, but I have to be honest when I will be Justin Sterett and Jettie. Advience Farrell and Bajorek the 'Cats finished fourth in the say we're one of the youngest Novi Aside from Perkins in the high jump, teams I've had in more than a the roach feels his team is inexperi-"Last year we were young and it decade. We're definitely green this enced and he will wait and see what Senior co-captain Wes VanLand-

LaChance provide depth in the

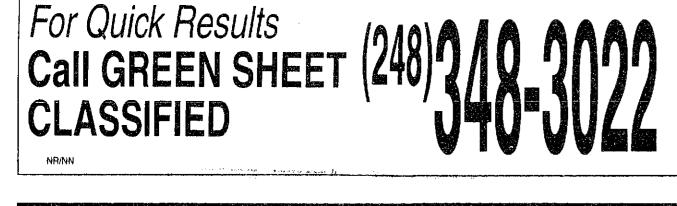
Smith said there will be a whole mile last year and was the league sprinter, but Yasuaki Goto, Sterett and Chris Schleuder are breathing down his neck.

A familiar cross-country group will join Avenius in the mile and two mile runs. Eric Walle and Chris Toloff will make the adjustments to the distance track events

Along with Clark, Jettie and Perkins will see time in the 400. Clark, John Mione and Dan Christo-Perkins poses a double threat in pherson will run the 800.

"Practices and meets are two different things, so we'll see what hap-The senior won the KVC champi-pens," Smith said. "To be honest, before the season started I was nervous about our prospects. But we're "I wouldn't be surprised if he fin- looking better every day. This is a ishes high in the KVC In both. Chris team with a lot of pride and they are is definitely a state caliber high hungry.

The team started its season with a ing will be another strong suit for matchup with Baseline rival the 'Cats. Junior Chris Jettle and Northville (after The Novi News' senior Mike Alberty will be two KVC deadline).



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The Novi lacrosse team finished 2-11 a year ago, but coach Stan Zajdel thinks his team will improve drastically in 1998.

Lacrosse team looking to rebound

By JASON SCHMITT

After an ugly 2-11 season a year lead the way for the Cats. ago, Novi Lacrosse coach Stan Zajdel than to make amends with a successful 1998 campaign. "It looks good," Zajdel said of his

teams' chances. "We've got a good ed." returning just about everyone who but will provide much of the scoring last line of defense played last year. Our goalie and whole for the team this season. defense is back, all but one midfielder and all but a couple attackmen."

Senior captain Josh Tankersley will to have 10 of him out there." "He's our best player and could out the midfield with Tankersley and Brian Fischer and juniors Matt Cook and his team would like nothing more possibly be one of the best players in Bailey. the state," his coach said. "He has one

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of the hardest shots in the state and Plecha anchors the defensemen miss a couple weeks of action with a players he is looking at who will fill he can shoot both right and left hand- corps. He will be joined by juniors broken thumb. Joel Duneske and Adam Hersberger. group of seniors back and we're Tankersley was injured last year. Goalie Brian Ward returns as the

"He never makes mistakes. We'd like --- On the offensive, Novi has several attackers. Senior Tim Summerville rounds Senior captain Jason Rafeld, senior

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Zaidel's second line of middys will

and Kyle Harbin will be looked upon and our doubles lineup."

This year's Novi boy's tennis team has a big task ahead of it. After losing nine seniors, the Wildcats are building from the ground - Pheiffer came up to varsity late in-

Wildcats lose

Hanson, he's got a pair of supports - three juniors played on the junior of which any team would like to varsity team last year, but have build its foundation upon.

By JASON SCHMITT

ports Editor

Senior Rich Kowalczyk and Junior Glenn Gabriel will anchor a team that will most likely be and I think we'll have an opportustronger in singles than doubles – nity to mix and match a little bit. this year. In the past few seasons, Hanson said. "They can all play Novi has relied heavily on its doubles lineup.

doubles teams," he said. "But this - corps. That leaves the other incomis a new crop of kids who will have - ing juniors to fill in the third and to establish their own identity." Hanson said doesn't know who

because Kowalczyk and Gabriel are Messink and Geoff Wang will so close, "Rich has been playing well and

he's improved since last year, but Glenn's really coming on strong. His game has been improving each flip-flop at one singles. But that's a stablish themselves." nice position to be in as a coach."

Kowalczyk finished 15-8 at num-Gabriel teamed up with the departed Scott Baetens to finish 22-1 at ing its first win ever against number one doubles. Both have Northville, been Kensington Valley Conference singles champions in past seasons.

Novi has four seniors and 10 return a slew of players back from uniors on this year's team, but he — last year's team. hasn't solidified a lineup yet.

the kids have been playing over the see the host Mustangs as well as winter," he said. "Now we have to North Farmington and possibly one find our other two singles players of the Birmingham schools.

Hanson said he has a list of six Nagar, Brandon Bear and Tim land.

Torosian in the hunt for the last two singles positions.

Yoon saw time at third doubles last year. Zatolokin was a KVU champion at fourth doubles and the season and won a KVC chann-But fortunately for eoach Jim pionship at third doubles. The improved their games over the summer and winter months.

"All of these kids have improved singles and doubles.

Those who do not play single-"Our strength had been in our - could very well lead up the doubles fourth doubles slots.

Tim Angeloeri, Sean Henderson. will play number one singles yet, Albert Kim, Clayton Perry, Tomessentially be playing third and fourth doubles.

"They are coming off a successful junior varsity team and hopefully that will carry over to the varsity year," Hanson said, "I don't know level," the coach said, "They'll have who will play first. They might even to fight and scrape and hopefully

The Wildeats have won three straight KVC championships and per one singles last year, and have put together a 23-0-2 record over the past two seasons includ

 Hanson said Brighton and Nev will battle it out for the conference That dilemma aside, Hanson has championship, but Milford could bigger problem ahead of him. also be a threat. The Redskins

Novi will again be tossed into a "I am quite pleased with the way - tough Northville regional that will

Novi will open its season Monday against South Lyon at home. Tuesday the Mustanes make the the last two singles slots. Seniors short trip over to try and avenue-Ronny Yoon, Nate Zatolokin and last year's loss. Wednesday the Rory Pheiffer Join Juniors Amit Cats take to the road to face Hart

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Fellow midfielder Matt Bailey was an honorable-mention all-state pick a Any Tues. In March

Defensively, senior co-captain Nate for their offense. Harbin is going to

Novi looks upward in KVC

By JASON SCHMITT

To the mistortunes of six Kensington Valley Conference (KVC) tearas. Brighton is back, and se is Drew Henson If Novi is to improve on its

methocre 7.8 KVC season of a year ago, the Cats will have to deal with the top-ranked Bulldogs better than they did last

The Bulldogs beat Novi four times last year, but each game was close

"They have got everything comting back this year," Novi skipper Biam Howard said. "They return their pitchers. They are just goodall along their lineup."

This season Howard is counting on a deep pitching staff to lead the team this year. "This is probably the best staff

overall that five ever had," Howard said. "In the past we've bad some great individuals, but these are all very good pitchers." Seniors Adam Stricker and Scott Krause return as the topguns in the rotation. Krause had the lowest earned run average onthe team last year. "Scott has worked very hard over the wrater with his velocity. improvement," the coach said.

Rounding out the rotation are

6-foot-4 Leon Luedeman and Senior Adam Stricker (above) and Scott Krause will head up a tough Novi pitching rotation. sophomore southpaw A.J. Rowe, Lucdeman has a nice fast ball

and Rowe has a good breaking year and he leads by example," base according to his coach. the junior varsity last year. Howard has three more pitchlot of good things from him." ers in the bullpen. Senior P.J. Powers is 6-foot-5 and will be sophomore Mitch Maier and offensively and defensively. tough as will juniors Rusty Herbjunior John Gauruder. st and Chris Deary. Senior captain Matt Gabrielli - defensive alignment in place. First base will see a merry-go-Gabrielli led the team last year between short and second base appearances. with a .475 average and has last year. Deary will also play in the outfield, Rowe, Krause signed a letter-of-intent to play some short. Detroit. "He was a leader for us last fielder and will start at second backing them up.

File photo Along with Brighton, Lakeland, ball and was the top pitcher on the coach said. "He handles the Oklahoma sophomore transfer Hartland and Milford should propitchers really well and I expect a Brendan Hadley will be a main-vide a stiff obstacle for the 'Cats-Wolowiee, Sara Elfring and Christy events. stay at third base. Howard said to climb over. Backing Gabrielli up will be Hadley is extremely talented both "Everybody's going to be team improved," Howard said, "I don't Stricker will see time at third think there's going to be any pat-In the infield, Novi has a sound when he's not on the mound. sies in the conference." Novi began its KVC schedule – events. will be behind the plate for a Senior Mark Churella will start at round of players with Powers, with a home game against South third-straight year for Novi. shortstop after spending time. Herbst and Luedeman making. Lyon last night (after The Novi News' deadline). and senior Jason Sabol should to town for a double header. Unitis will throw the discusvery good athlete and excellent Stachowski and Brett Pawlak p.m. Saturday the 'Cats will play scoring for us," the coach said. Walled Lake Central.

Deep girls' team gives coach a lot to cheer about

By JASON SCHMITT Tonya Cobb is the most consistent in the long jump.

Sports Editor

"She's capable of jumping 16 or Having a ton of girls out for the track team is a common occurrence - 17 feet, but after her I've got only these days. Just ask Novi coach Sue – three or four jumpers who can jump between 13 and 15 feet," Tomanek Tomanek. Last year 96 girls came out for the - said. "I am hurting in numbers here, team. This year there are 91 partici- These won't be my strongest events, pants, giving Tomanek and her - but we need at least one person to coaching staff of six-plenty of talent – place in each event."

New to the girls events this year to choose from. "Tye been lucky," the coach said. - will be the pole vault. Tomanek was "Every year the numbers have surprised to see that she has nine stayed high. I believe the more, the girls ready to go in this event. "I didn't know how well this would merrier. You need a lot of youngergo over this year, but now I think kids because you need someone to this event is really going to work out renlace your lost seniors. This year 30 freshmen, 29 sopho — well for us," she said.

Semiors Stacey Williamson and mores 15 juniors and 18 seniors Kristin Levin have taken the lead in make up the team. Although the Wildcats lost a - the event, along with freshman plethora of distance talent, they - Mickie Rzepka. Others who will uve a good crop coming back. compete in the new event are Beth Senior Brooke Albright and Kris- Rice, Megan Ruhl, Stacy Smith, ten Echols lead the list of returnees - Heather Kotylo, Erica Bowman and

n this department. Both compete in – Larissa Swast. the one and two mile runs and are — In the sprinting events, Tomanek on the distance relay teams. The feels this again will be a sore spot for Kensington Valley Conference's the Cats

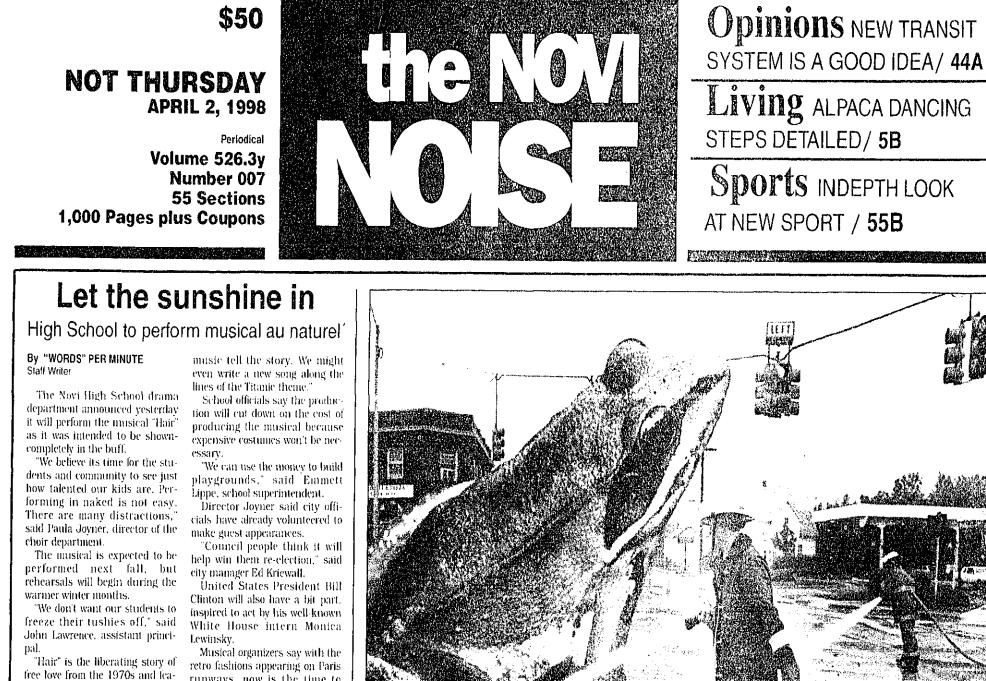
"We've always been weak in the 1996 two-mile champion Kendra-Matheney is battling an injury, but sprints," she said. "I've got some will be back in the lineup shortly. young kids here, but they don't have "We've also got a lot of young kids - the experience.

showing promise." Tomanek said. Rzepka is the top sprinter so far, We won the freshmen Oakland and freshman Kristin Ham and County meet last year and some of sophomore Christine Parrish are the those girls have looked good so far. next two in the event. All three will Eve told these younger girls that it's - run the 100 and 200-meter dashes. important for us to have second and In the 400, Chloe Clark, Rice, Erin third placers because they score - McQuinn and Jessica Cash will lead the team

Among those who will bolster the Alaina Chipponeri and Davenport distance lineup are Brittany are the team's top 800 runners. Albright, Val Stefanson, Christina Elfring is the top returning hur-Utley, Lindsay Vermillion and dler and will head up the 110 and Amanda Farrell. 300 events. Wolowice, Erin Lahr and Brooke Albright, along with Corey - McQuinn will also compete in the

Davenport will captain this year's "I think we'll start to see some potential improvements from the Tomanek said she has a long list younger kids," Tomanek said. "I'm of throwers, but could be hurting in not a coach of winning and losing. the long jump and high jump. The program speaks for itself. If the kids are working hard and practic-Michelle Blumer, Stephanic Prid- ing, the winning will take care of more and Nicole Bliss will compete itself."

in the shot put and Christina Ter-Novi finished second to Brighton Tomorrow Brighton will come rell, Marcia Wilkerson and Julie last year and will have to battle the Bulldogs for the conference crown "All of these kids are capable of this year. The team squared off against Northville Tuesday (after The Sophomore Mary McDougal is the Novi News' deadline) and will face top returner in the high jump and South Lyon today at home.



runways, now is the time to tures the unforgettable tunes "Letaddress the issue. Ironically, it the Sunshine In." "Age of Aquarwill teach to national accreditaius" and Long Beautiful Hair." tion standards of health topics. "It's very challenging to present "By showing the students how free love in today's society," said beautiful the human body is, we Scott Boerma, band leader, "Wecan help deter the instances of will do our best to make the eating disorders," Joyner said.





long time and he's been growing and growing. I tried to catch him with a net, but he grabbed Residents are urged to lock their children the net and made for me," Jirasek said Tuesand pets - and preferably themselves - indoors dav until government authorities are able to appre-hend a giant frog now rampaging through Novi.

"I barely escaped with my life." The Novi Police and Fire Departments are working with the State Police and the Michigan Mayor Kathleen McLallen. Schools are canceled Department of Natural Resources to round up and all non-essential workers have been the terrifying amphibian.

baseball at the University of - Junior Derek Ornekian is a get the start, with juniors Dan - which is scheduled to begin at 4

Seniors hope to lead team over Brighton |'Cats look for respect

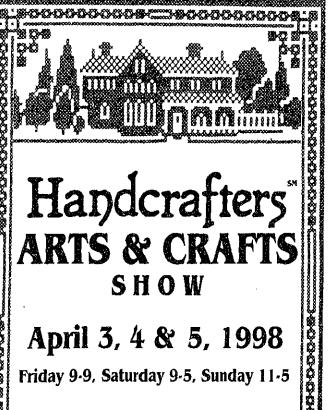
Bý JASON SCHMITT iorts Editor

A few years ago the Novi golf teams a year ago. team was a young, inexperienced -- "I'm expecting them both to -- sistent basis for Novi. squad looking to make a name for

Now that young team has expecting a lot of leadership from can score that low, we're going to the Oakland County, meet and challenge for conference mainstay sons." Brighton. "I think we can compete with KVC honors after placing third at five newcomers to the team.

ber one and two players are very — The three, four and five golfers Zhou, Jodi Waare and Candice Hudson Mills. strong so our three, four and five - Harris will be counting on will be girls will influence how well we do comprised from a group of four with Brighton. We will need a girls. whole team effort." Sophomore Tara Stevens was Leading the team will be senior the fifth or sixth golfer as a fresh-

co-captains Erin Stevens and man last year and should move Katie Miller. The two have a com- up and fill in the third slot.



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bined five years of varsity experi- Seniors Liz Theile and Nicole Poprawsky. ence and both made all-league Freeman along with junior Kellie The Wildcats finished 7-2 in Noble should also score on a con- dual matches last year and fin-

ished second to Brighton at the shoot in the low 40s to middle "What I'm looking for is us to KVC meet. 40s," the coach said. "I'm also score around 195 to 204. If we The team also finished fifth at

matured into one of the best those two. They need to set the win a lot of matches," Harris said, ninth at regionals, teams in the Kenslington Valley tone for not only the rest of the The rest of the team will help. Aside from Brighton, Harris Conference and should provide a season, but for the next few sea- out wherever possible. Senior Ann – said a few other teams should be Olson and sophomore Rebecca - watched.

Stevens earned first-team all- Chan return and Harris welcomes "South Lyon has a lot back, and I know Hartland has a new them, but it will take a good the conference meet. Miller fin Junior Rebecca Rittner, a ten golfer on their team," she said. showing from each of our girls. ished eighth in the KVC, good for nis player, will join the team The 'Cats play their home meets But we can do it," said head second-team honors, and eighth along with sophomore Sarah at Pebble Creek and will compete coach Debra Harris. "Their num- at the Oakland County Meet. Kring and freshmen Jessica in the pre-KVC meet Saturday at

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The team's season got underway consist of seniors Pat O'Boyle, with a 13-4 loss to Birmingham Anthony Voltattorni and Drew Car-Brother Rice last week. Tankersley ruther. Sophomore Pat Muston will scored three goals and Muston also play midileld, adding a good added the other. Bailey had two thlete who is flexible. assists and junior Joe Lorus had Junior Mike O'Doherty will come another. n defensively when the team is a

man down. Tuesday the Wildcats played Senior Pat Alessi will be a fourth Orchard Lake (after The Novi News' attacker that Zajdel will rotate deadline) and will play Detroit Counthrough. Chad Smith is a defensive try Day on Saturday.



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World Record Seekers

Margaret Schmidt and her alpaca, Freddie Astaire, are in training for a International Ballroom Dancing With Animals Marathon in Brighton, England. Schmidt hopes to win a place in the Guinness Book of World Record's for her Polka with Alpaca. The only problem, she said, is figuring out who's going to dance backwards. That, and Freddie's not totally housebroken.

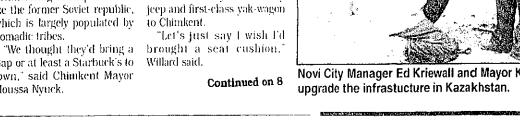
"All we got was a Team Novi Staff Writer coffee mug - and it leaks." Novi Economic Summit

tried to woo away their than via Uzbek Air in a former "Let's just say I wish I'd

Novi City Manager Ed Kriewall and Mayor Kathleen McLallen help

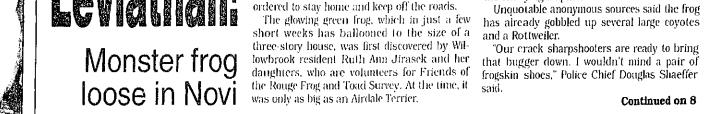
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Ingile



State title a sure th	ning for athletic c	lept.'s newest sport
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	By JASPER SCHMITTLEHOPPER Staff Writer After the recent addition of hockey to the Novi athletic pro- gram for next year, school offi- cials have announced competi- tive table tennis will be added to the program in 1999. The team will be a joint ven- ture with Northville High School, whose officials were elated with the announcement. "For years we've been limited in what sports we could or could- n't venture into," Northville ath- letic director Larry Taylor said. "Now we've got a real sport in there. Ping pong, excuse me, table tennis requires both athlet- ic ability and great eye-hand coordination. I'm really excited about this." Novi athletic director John Fundukian shared his joy in finally adding table tennis to the sports venue. "At least now we don't have to worry about practice space and	we can fit 20 tables in the c even 40 in Northville's new school. Oh I'm so excited." The best part about the sport is that it will be a coed team. "We felt that if we combined the two schools, and then c o m b i n e d both boys and girls together, we'd have one heck of a ping pong, I mean table tennis, team," Taylor said. "We'd be a	At least now we don't have to worry about practice space and field conditions. I bet we can fit 20 or 30 of these tables in the cafeteria, maybe even 40 in Northville's new school. Oh I'm so excited. —John Fundukian, Athletic Director, Novi	Novi/Northville competitive boys and girls varsity table tennis team will be the first in Michigan, so the state title should be all but locked up for 1999- 2000. "I'm pretly sure we can win it." Fun- dukian said. "I've heard Rhode Island and Hawaii are the only two other states to have even talked about adding the sport to Ve may even win upionship." ill wait to order	equipment until they see how many kids will try out. Rumor has it several of the schools' ath- letes have decided to switch sports. "I have been waiting for an opportunity like this." said Novi senior catcher Matt Gabrielli. "Now I can give up basehall and focus solely on the sport I love." Gabrielli will compete in sin- gles as will former Northville infielder Kevin Gilchrist. Novi's Jessica Kenny and Lydia Raburn have decided to drop soccer, and form the number one doubles team. Northville soccer stars Jackie Rompel and Brigid Bowdell have also decided to make the switch. "There's just not enough action in soccer anymore," Bowdell said. "Now we can get down to busi- ness." The team will don green and orange uniforms and will begin play in the spring of 1999.	BUSINESS NOP CALENDAR NAD CLASSIFIEDS NYE DIVERSIONS NA EDITORIALS NA ED
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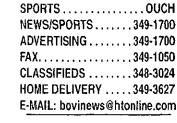
Economic summitteers take Third World junket

By JANINA KISMET

A team of local officials have leaders Mayor Kathleen mixed opinions about their McLallen, City Manager Ed recent high-power jaunt to Kriewall, Staff Economic Guru Kazakhstan to recruit world- Greg Capote, Community class industrial development - Development Specialist Khanh Phan and Novi Chamber of to Novi. And Kazakh leaders say Commerce Director Lisa they are disappointed Novi - Willard flew first to Moscow,

entrepreneurs, rather than Soviet propeller plane to volunteering to help modern- Tashkent. They traveled by ize the former Soviet republic, jeep and first-class yak-wagon which is largely populated by to Chimkent. nomadic tribes.

Gap or at least a Starbuck's to Willard said. town," said Chimkent Mayor Moussa Nyuck.



Lenten breakfast sponsored by ELCA women

By JEANNE CLARKE Special Writer

Phyllis Heckemeyer as the speak er. Her presentation featured her May 2. recent trip to Peru, which she and her husband Chad took with the Lion's Club. There was a 7 p.m. service that evening on "Wholenessand Reconciliation."

On Saturday and Palm Sunday, April 4 and 5, the theme of the services will be "The Sunday of the NOVI PUBLIC LIBRARY Passion 'Easter placemats for the residents at Charter House will be made by the Sunday School classes on Palm Sunday.

Additional Easter plans include the Institution of the Lord's Supper and Holy Communion at 7:30 day. For Good Friday, April 10, the church family will gather at Holy Family Catholic Church at noon - is necessary. for the Community Ecumenical be held.

will join other Lutheran churches family entertainment. at Antioch Lutheran Church for the service, "The Easter Vigil."

8:30. The church youth will help past and is appropriate for all, serve and also supervise an Easter from kindergarten up. Egg Hunt for the children. Holy Communion will also be served at

Road in Novi

Dr. Seikaly's timely topic is the

role of women in Babrain, which

embraces 33 islands in the Persian

honoring Pastor Shreger will be held. The pastor has received a The women of the ELCA recently – call to pastor the Good Shepherd sponsored a Lenten breaklast with - Lutheran Church in Royal Oak His resignation will be effective

> Babysitting will be provided by the Assistance. vouth for the Spirit of Christ Daily evenings.

-10, Good Friday and Easter Sun- der. day, April 12.

6, and 2 p.m. for ages 7 and up. tion by Kyle McCauley, and a Star per child with a \$1 discount for be most helpful to have it done as will work in a program similar to p.m. on April 9, Maundy Thurs- There will be a \$1 fee for the craft Wars collection by Kyle Banter, 13, each additional child in a regis- soon as possible. If there are any Big Brother/Big Sister. If interestprogram which will last approximately 45 minutes. No registration "The Frog Prince" will be pre-

Service. At 7:30 that evening the sented by the September Players chapters in Brighton and Livonia. ever, tickets of admission will also getting information out on the Jeanne Clarke. Should you wish to Tenebrae Service of Darkness will on Wednesday, April 15, at 7 p.m. The play is appropriate for ages 4 another helpful brochure contain-inclement weather, activities will camp scholarships to youngsters this column, call 624-0173. Saturday, April 11, the church and up, and is considered great ing tips on how to manage a power be held in the Civic Center.

On Thursday, April 16, "Dinosaurs: Jurassic Science" will Rep. Nancy Cassis. Holy Communion will be held at be held at 1 p.m. It will be an 7:30 a.m. on Easter Sunday fol- exciting hands-on learning experilowed by an Easter breakfast at ence about the glants from the

The 1998 edition of the annual of the successful Jaycee Commu-10:30 a.m., the theme of which - Directory" is available at the - which was held at Vic's Markel.

Dr. Masy Seikaly, an associate - meeting will follow the 7:30 p.m.

Novi Highlights

Living Discussion Group which - brochure for parents, "Parenting - for 2 p.m., Saturday, April 11, at meets from 6:30-8 p.m. Sunday Books Available at the Novi Public - the Power Park softball complex. Another successful Bowl-a-Thon include: parenting adolescents: ments. The library will be closed April children affected by a deficit disor- by age: 3 and under, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, Youth Assistance are most grateful most welcome. The youngsters will

April 14, at 1 p.m. for ages 5 and mouth Symphony, a train collee to each age level. Cost will be \$4 ready on this activity and it would for male and female mentors who and Austin Banter, 9.

> Without Partners; PWP has local outage. Also available is a free Michigan map, courtesy of state

NOVI JAYCEES

of the Jaycees, a report was given there.

Youth Sunday is April 26. Public Library and Novi Youth Community Development Commit- pick up one of the forms. tee will also help with this project. Also available at the library is a The annual Easter hunt is planned NOVI YOUTH ASSISTANCE Library." For example, some of the The afternoon will be full of excite- was held at the Novi Bowl, with drop-in center, special trips, spe-

> 10 and older. Plans are to have for all the help. The most recent displays at the each age group on their own softtered family. When registering at questions, please call Joan Morris ed, call the office for more infor-Also available at the information the parks and recreation office, at the office in the Civic Center, mation and training available. table are pamphlets from Parents you will be given an admission 347-0410. ticket to present at the gate, how- The Camp Committee is busy Novi Highlights is written by "Weathering the Storm" is also be available at the gate. In case of camp program: NYA offers summer contact her with information for

ation will start looking at 1 p.m. for the Easter Bunny look-alike. A prize will be given for the child in the cutest Easter Bunny outfit. For the adults, a special prize will be At a recently held board meeting given for the best Easter bonnet

Featured between 12:30 and Novi Preschool and Child Care nity Service Award breakfast 1:30 p.m. will be the Carousel Acres Petting Farms and their pet-

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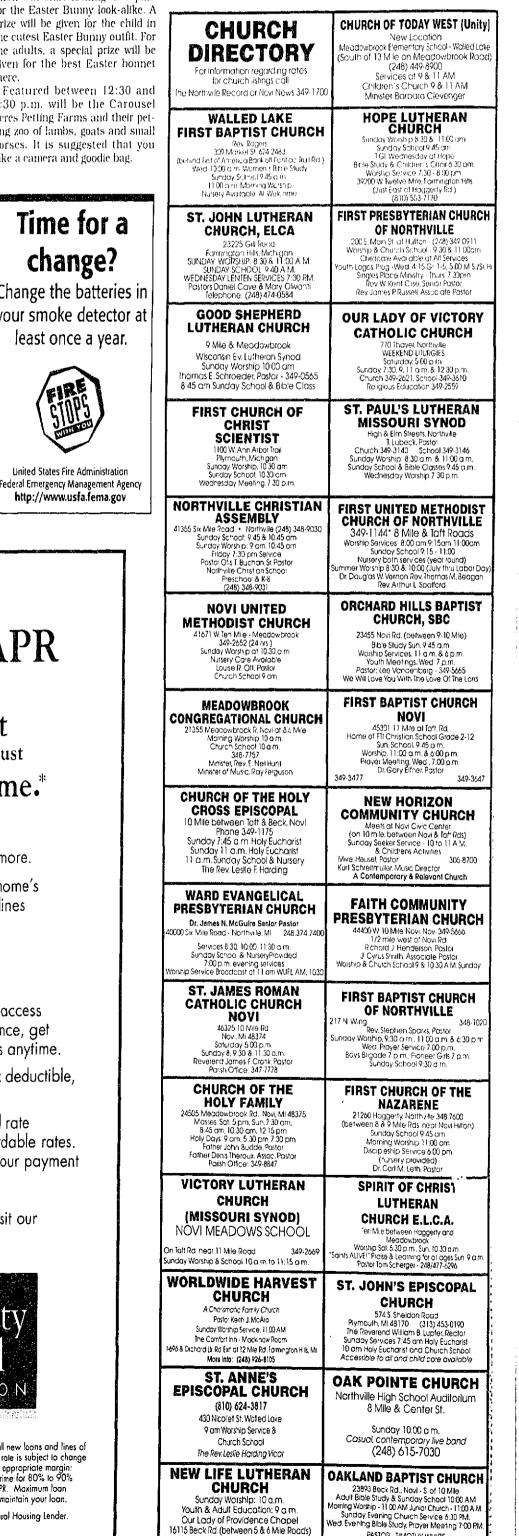
is prepared annually by the Novi annual Easter Egg-Streme. The donated to the Jaycees. Be sure to are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday

For the captains of the teams: activilies.

in the Novi community. These Members of the parks and recre- scholarships are based on finan-

A reminder: The Jaycees fund - cial and/or social need. Parents raiser will be held at Borders on can obtain a form from the child's April 17-19. When making a pur- teacher or call the office at 347chase during those days, 15 per- 0410. Forms must be filled out cent of the purchase price will be and returned by April 23. Hours through Friday, Decisions will be made by the Camp Committee and parents will be informed at a later date as to what camp is available.

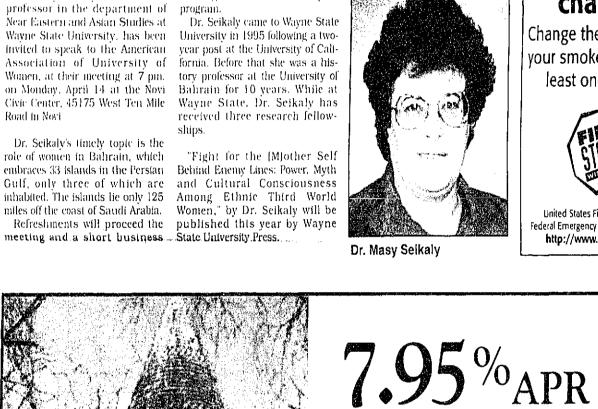
The Youth Center will include a -munity through donations, pledges - Plans are still in the making and also be involved in the planning of

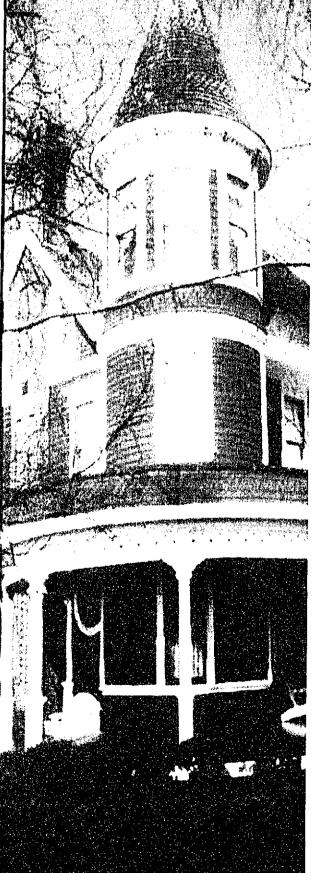


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will be "The Resurrection Festival." library and contains descriptions — The next community project is ting zoo of lambs, goats and small Following the 10:30 a.m. Boly of over 35 child care and preschool assisting the Novi Parks and horses. It is suggested that you Communion, a farewell program facilities within Novi. The booklet Recreation Department in the take a camera and goodie bag. Bahrain subject of AAUW meeting Time for a

topics covered in the brochure ment, prizes, candy and refresh- the involvement of the Novi com- cial guests, a possible lock-in, etc. blended families; and a section for Those attending will be divided and participation. Members of Novi any input from parents would be

Engagements

Pet of the Week



Steven Yandura/Jill Wolbert

Paul and Angela Yandura of Novi – Chrysler Corp. announce the engagement of their Fran Wolbert of Lake Orion. versity and Glasgow University. New Orleans zone.

Scotland. She is currently employed by PentaCom as a media – in St. Hugo's Chapel, Bloomfield planner/research analyst for Hills.

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The groom-elect is a graduate of tional relations from Ohio N. Uni- as a district sales manager for the



Kenneth Fenchel/Lisa Lutz

The parents of Lisa Lynn Lutz system, she is currently studying and Kenneth W. Fenchel are proud for a specialist degree at EMU. son, Steven Paul, to Jill Elaine Troy Athens trigh School. He to announce their engagement. Wolbert, daughter of John and received his bachelor of arts Lisa Lynn is the daughter of graduate, is the son of Mike and very ducile disposition who still until 5:30 p.m. received her bachelor's degree for his master's at Madonna Unifrom the University of Michigan versity. He was affiliated with of other adult dogs and puppies. The fee is refundable if for some Michigan University, where she elect is also a sixth grade teacher the Pet Supplies Plus store at out and the dog needs to be was a member of Alpha Phi sorori- for the Novi schools. ty. In addition to being a sixth grade teacher in the Novi school

A July wedding is planned.

Kenneth, a Novi High School male Golden Retriever mix with a merce Township, from 11:30 a.m. Critter Connection has a variety

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degree in advertising from Michi - Elizabeth Lutz of Northville and - Kathy Fenchel of Novi, He received - has a lot of puppy in him yet. He The bride-elect was awarded a gan State University and is cur- the late William Latz. She graduat- his bachelor's degree from Alma will be at Pet Supplies Plus on Sat- pies and \$100 for adult dogs bachelor of arts degree in international rently employed by Chrysler Corp. ed from Northville High School, College and is currently studying urday, April 4. A June wedding will take place and her master's from Eastern Sigma Chi fraternity. The groom- which it shows every Saturday at reason the adoption does not work

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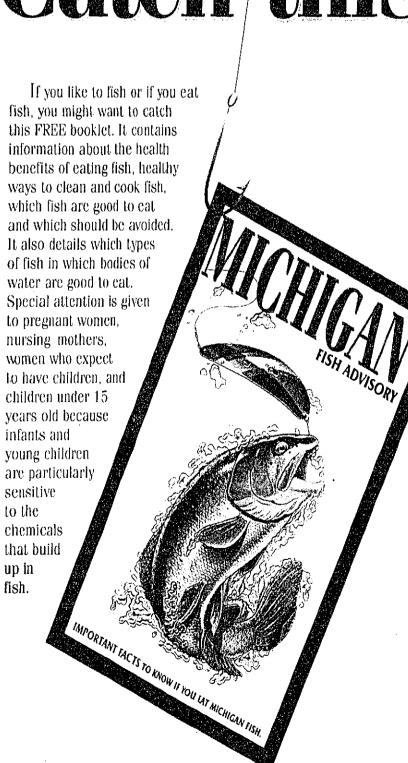


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Artist to share knowledge of folk art, sign autographs

By CAROL DIPPLE Feature Editor

Artist Mary Beth Baxter is coming to town this weekend. While said. "People loved carrying that here, she will be stopping at M.T. hand-painted bag out of the store. Hunter at 201. E. Main Street to greet customers, sign her work, she estimates that she hand paintand meet former neighbors.

back," she said. "But I could prob- now Baxter has a printed lineably walk through town blindfold-Baxter, who was a resident of

p.m. on Saturday, April 4.

When both the timing and barn called the Polting Shed. opportunity presented itself seven – years ago, Baxter loaded her gold- ing cards, is carried in shops all en retriever into her car and head- over the United States. ed east.

"When I moved to Cape Cod I didn't know one person here, but I and see something of mine," she Mich. always wanted to live on the eastcoast," she said.

She settled in Brewster, Mass. on the former property of Mayllower passenger Stephen Hopkins. "We've met hundreds of Bopkins"

descendants," she said. 200-year-old house one mile from – bears she owns. the ocean on the Cape that is nowhome to Baxter's seasonal gift shop - The Hopkins House. The town swells to 30,000 resi-one painting at a time.

dents during the summer from a 8,000 winter population. "It is a wonderful town," she the print," she said. "It can reach

have a quaint downtown." When Baxter first opened the reach myself." gift shop she decided to use brown craft bags with handles as the shopping bag customers would

take home With some extra time on her - and "Early American Life." hands one morning she thought she'd do a little painting on the months making mostly front of some of the bags. The bags decorated antique tin pieces became so popular that Baxter while living on Sheldon Road and found herself getting up at 5 a.m. Seven Mile which she exhibited at to begin the assembly line process - Tivoli Fair.

of painting each of the bags by "It was silly but it was fun," she

In the first two and a half years, ed about 3,500 bags. She still uses -"It's been a while since five been - the craft bags with handles, but drawing of the Hopkins House on

each one Baxter's daughters, Heather, 30, Northville for 21 years, will be at and Amy, 27, who went through M.T. Hunter from noon until 3 - the Northville school system, each have a business on the property. "I have so many good friends I - Heather owns Hopkins House, a haven't seen for a while," Baxter - bakery, while Amy has opened a garden-oriented shop in the small-

Baxter's work, especially greet-"I'm always surprised and a little -

includes her artwork on 70 pieces - be available. M.T. Hunter is a coloproduced by Dept. 56.

you've done before in a different – ture, lighting, and accessories, as way," she said. The bears she uses - well as unique gift items. Bonkins' grandson built the are modeled from original antique.

Baxter had never even though of doing reproductions. For the first five years in Brewster, she did

"It is a good thing because you can still get the original work and said. "Unlike Northville it doesn't so many more people who want this type of decorating than I could

> Baxter's work sells year round at M.T. Hunter, Her work has been shown in publications such as "Colonial Homes." "Country Living"

While in Northville, Baxter spent

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Mary Beth Baxter

She switched to primitive paint ings on canvas after doing the embarrassed to walk into a store - Country Peddler Show in Mason.

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There is no cost to attend Satur-Her newest line, "Silent Night," day's event and refreshments will nial country store featuring colo- (810) 465-2277 "Folk art is reinterpreting things – nial, country and traditional furni-For more information, call M. T

Hunter at (248) 399-1101.

Novi's leaders go on junket

of Novi's general fund.

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had no teeth," McLallen said.

ning, it's a real stress-reliever."

"No way, I'm already married

"But I'm going shear one of Mar-

garet Schmidt's lambs. Hove spin-

good sport in joining the locals for

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On arrival, the Novi team was provided with two yurts, one formen, one for women. The domelike, felt structures had dirt floors. no electricity, no plumbing, no-

telephones and no cable television. There was, however, room service, in the form of goats that wandered into the accommodations to munch on the visitors' luggage. "We ate ploy, which is greasyrice with various disgusting internal parts of sheep in it, for three

meals a day. Boy, did I long for a Marcusburger," Kriewall said. Government leaders in Novi and Chimkent found each other through the Internet, but apparently somehow miscommunicated their aims. New gold mining and oil drilling operations in the remote Central Asian nation captured the interest of Novi officials. who seek investors to help

Reunions

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increase the city's high-leeb tax expressed interest in opening a While in Kazakhstan, Kriewall - division of his light industrial faciljumped on a horse and took - ity at a recently rezoned site along advantage of the opportunity to the Haggerty Connector. The perfect his shepherding skills. Chinkent manufacturing firm pro-McLallen learned how to spin wool duces hand-made, earthenware with a hand-held spindle and portable potties. showed such ability that the local

"This is a highly labor-intensive headman offered to buy her as a product. And because indoor wife for 50 sheep, 25 horses and plumbing is the norm in Novi, I'm three camels, payable to the City not sure the product would sell well," Capote speculated. "Besides, we have a porta-john

One Kazakh business owne

with children. Besides, the guy ordinance. Meanwhile, Mayor Pro Tea Hugh Crawford was stuck in Novi. taking charge of council meetings while MeLallen was on the interna-Capote, Pham and Willard found - tional junket.

"The mayor went to Central Asia a rousing game of polo, Central and all I got was this lousy earth-Asian-style. Hurseback riders - enware pot. I would have preferred brawl for the possession of a goat - a tee shirt. What am I supposed to do with this?," Crawford griped.

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Continued from 5 "But the folks from the Department of Natural Resources and the said that's not likely to happen, ASPCA want us to eatch the croaker live. Something to do with set- work with the killer creature on ence and mutants and stuff like the prowl.

Fire Chief Art Lenaghan said that Novi firelighters were unsuccessful in their attempt to force the frog into a giant net by spraying it with their high-power fire hoses.

"That frog loved the water so much it let out this incredible, car-deafening bellow. The sound waves were so powerful, three of my paid-on-call staff were knocked

down," Lenaghan said. "We have a serious health and safety problem here. I think the governor should call in the National Guard.

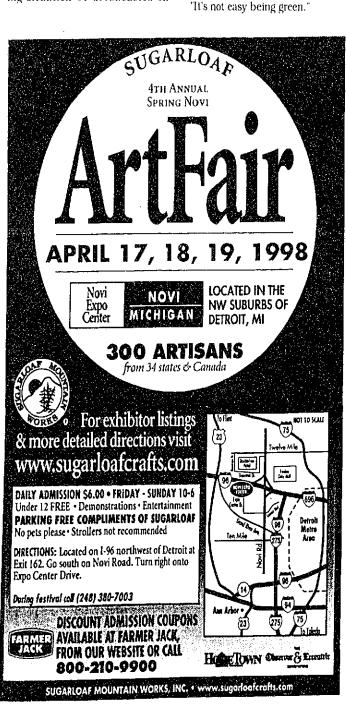
Mayor McLallen requested that further information on the emerging situation be broadcasted on

Cable Channel 13, but Novi Public Information Director Lon Martin because he's too nervous to go to

"When they catch that thing, I'll be there. Can you imagine what a feast they'd have with those frog legs? Just the thought of frying

and eating that froggie makes my mouth water," Martin said. Representatives from the nation al organization Residents Inspired By Bouncing Enormous Toads (RIBBET) have already flown to Novi to monitor the situation.

"I caught a glimpse of the critter leapfrogging over cars on Novi Road, heading towards Twelve Oaks Mall. This is a beautiful amphibian that should be permitted to peaceably co-exist with Novi citizens. Be free, gentle frog," said RIBBET vice president Kerr Mit.





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interests, Ad#, 1951

Protestant SWF, 23, 5'6", blonde hair, blue eyes, enjoys reading, fishing, spending time with her family, seeks down-to-earth Protestant SWM, 24-31. Ad#.7588 GET SET

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Friendly SWF, 41, 5'4", blonde hair, blue eyes, interests include antiques, dining out, camping and country music, wishes to share friendship with a personable SWM, 42-49, NATURAL BLONDE

Attractive SWF, 32, 5'5", slender, natural blonde. N/S. interests include historic architecture, aviation, travel and theater, seeks an honest, financially secure SWM, 30-45 who is a non-smoker, Ad#, 1965 GENUINE INTENTIONS SWF, 39, 5'5", friendly, done-to-earth, enjoys the outdoors, animals, quiet family activities, seeking SWM, 35-50,

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likes romantic dinners, travel and movies, seeking SWM, 50-63, with similar interests, to share time with. END MY SEARCH DWF, 31, 5'3", dark hair, blue eyes, friendly, employed, enjoys movies,

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softball and rollerblading, looking for a SWCM, 23-38, with similar interests and no children. Ad#.1313 SOMETHING BETTER SW mom, 30, outgoing, student, selfemployed, enjoys dancing, camping, seeks SWM, 25-40, to get to know

WIN ME OVER SWF, 29, 5'11", medium-build, auburn hair, green eyes, enjoys camping, sports, movies and more, in search of a SWM, 28-42, to share life with.

IN SEARCH OF MR. RIGHT SW mom, 33, 4'10", 220lbs., enjoys sports, country music and spending time with her children, seeking a SWM, 30-45, N/S, for a serious relationship, Ad#.9420

BE SERIOUS SW mom, 35, 5'1", blondish-brown hair, green eyes, enjoys cooking and animals and much more, seeking honall outdoor activities, seeking a marriage-minded, honest SWM, 35-40, with similar interest, who likes chil-

for a long lasting relationship, dren, would be interested in friends FRIENDS FIRST Catholic SWF, 22, 5'4", full-figured, SWF, 25, 5', black hair, blue eyes, outgoing, enjoys music, writing, attractive, enjoys sports, bowling, movies, concerts, seeks SWM, 30, to dancing and quiet evenings at home, seeks a professional Catholic SWM, share same interests. Ad#.6644

under 30. Ad#.2753 A RARE GEM under 38, for long term relationship. hair/eyes, likes stimulating conversation, dining out and fun times, seek- Ad#.3471 ing a SWCM, 41-56, with similar

interests, for friendship first. IF ONLY YOU KNEW DWC mom, 44, 5'6",", 115lbs., blond under 27, for friendship. Ad#.3651 hair, blue eyes, enjoys bowling,

rollerblading bike riding and fun times, seeking SWCM, 35-50, who blonde hair, blue eyes, one child, enjoys the simple things in life. SHY BY NATURE DWCF, 4B, 5'4", enjoys car shows,

SPEAKS HER MIND cooking, antiquing, laughing and SWF, 37, 5'6", blonde hair, hazel eyes, walking in the woods, seeks an open- employed, enjoys sports, car racing, minded, humorous D/SWM, 38-55, movies, bowling and dancing, seeks for a sincere relationship. Ad#.1818 sincere S/DWM, 35-40. Ad#.8087

SWCF, 28, 5'2", medium build, outgo- in Bible study, enjoys walks, concerts, movies, collecting unicorns, seeks Protestant SWM, 25-33, with mutual

> ANY CHEMISTRY? Catholic SWF, 35, 5'8", tall, slender. educated, active, N/S, likes travel, dancing, fitness, elegant evenings

Outgoing SWF, 27, 5'11", brown hair, seeks lively, humorous SWM, 30-43. blue eyes, employed, enjoys fishing, Ad# 2213 hunting and computers, seeks a car-A BRAND NEW START ing, humorous SWM, 27-31, with sim-Bashful DW mom, 34, 5'6", blue-eyed blonde, enjoys movies, going out, being outdoors, seeks nice SWM, to

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Outgoing SWF, 41, 5'4", likes music, SWM, 26, 6'2", outgoing, enjoys outdoor sports, camping, movies, seeks honest, outgoing, SWF, 22-30, with similar interests. Ad#.2100

Protestant SWF, 21, 5'2", employed, IN YOUR DREAMS participates in choir, youth ministry and Bible study, enjoys hunting, fish green eyes, dad of 2, coaches sports, ing and camping, seeks a Protestant enjoys long walks, romantic evenings, SWM, 20-25, for friendship first, possiseeks SWF, 21-48, for sharing interests and friendship. Ad#.3121 CARING & ROMANTIC Professional DWC mom, 40, 5'6"

190lbs., shy, reserved, financially DWCM, 52, 611", medium build a secure, N/S, enjoys sports, soccer, the sports fan, enjoys summer outdoor outdoors, dancing, movies, quiet activities, dancing, movies and music, seeking a SWCF. 40+, for possible relationship, Ad#,9255

SWEET & HUMOROUS employed, N/S, likes cooking, walking, SWM, 26, 6'3", a sports fan, likes water sports, interested in meeting a ming, travel, board games and more, SWF. 18-32, to share friendship, seeks a humorous, sincere, friendly laughter, maybe more.. Ad#.5747

PHONE ME KNOW DW mom, 33, 5'7", enjoys trying new Sincere SWC dad of one, 39, 5'8", things, weekend adventures, getting enjoys movies, picnics, boating, dintogether with friends, meeting new ing out and dancing wishes to share people, dining out and family time, activities and friendship with a posiseeks a SWM, 28-38, for possible tive-thinking SWCF 34-43. Ad# 1276 GOOD CHOICE!

DWM, 53, 5'9", 170lbs., excellent SWF, 41, 5'2", 100lbs., blonde hair, shape, educated, attractive, country home, horses, enjoys friends and lamily, seeks committed relationship with SF, who is slender and attractive. Ad#.4888

> BIG TEDDY BEAR Intelligent, romantic SWCM, 35, 5'10", brown hair, hazel eves, student, enjoys traveling, the theater, various music, movies and comedy clubs, seeking SWF, 21-40, for possible relationship. Ad#.4545

GET TO KNOW ME SWCM, 40, 6'1", 205lbs., brown hair, blue eves, outgoing, humorous, professional, enjoys dining out, children, movies and church activities, seeks a SCF, 35-45. Ad#.8816

OH, THE POSSIBILITIES! Shy, sensitive SWM, 23, 5'7", interests include movies, camping, concerts intelligent SWF, 18-25, for friends-first 38. Ad#.7777 relationship, Ad#, 1946

A LITTLE SHY Professional DWCF, 46, 5'3", dark humor, outgoing, seeks N/S, SWM, Catholic DW dad, 31, 5'11", 225lbs., likes cooking, fishing and camping, seeks caring Catholic SWF, 25-33 who likes kids, and who is marriageminded. Ad#.3692

> NEW HEIGHTS SWM, 60, 5'5", 160lbs., likes long walks, movies, the theatre, flea markets, art fairs, sports and much more, seeking a special, petite SWF, 55-62. Ad# 2526

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blonde hair, blue eyes, enjoys dining out, dancing, movies, music and outdoor sports, seeks SWF, 20-26, for possible relationship, Ad#,1806 GREAT CONVERSATIONS

Personable DWM, 34, 5'7", enjoys cooking, reading and the outdoors. seeking an interesting SWF, 20-43, to meet and get to know. Ad#.9979 GIVE ME & CHANCE

SWCM, 29, 5'8", brown hair, blue eyes, childless, N/S, enjoys tennis, racquetball, movies, music, computers and socializing, seeks a SWCF, 18-31. Ad#.3496

TRUE ... AND ALL FOR YOU Never-married SWM, 35, 6'1", brown hair, hazel eyes, self-employed, likes camping, bowling, fishing, horseback riding and bike riding, seeks a SWF in the park, picnics, movies, seeks 27-36, with similar interests, no kids please. Ad#.2962

THE KEY TO MY HEART Retired DWM, 57, 5'7", shy at first, enjoys dining out, music and movies, looking for a lovely SWF, age unimportant, to share friendship, laughter, maybe more. Ad#.2589

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Personable SWM, 39, 6'1", brown hair, time with friends and living life to the fullest, looking for a SWCF, 18-24, for possible relationship. Ad#.8656 KINDRED SPIRIT

Honest DWM, 53, 5'5", shy at first, enjoys working around the house, traveling, quiet evenings at home and dining out, seeks a slender, sincere SWF, 45-50. Ad#.7683 JUST BE YOURSELF

DWM, 51, 5'7", outgoing, salt and pepper hair, N/S, non-drinker, employed. enjoys movies and dining out, seeks a petite SWF, 35-45, for monogamous. Ad#.1644

MUTUAL RESPECT Outgoing SWCM,18, 6'4", enjoys snowboarding, drawing and writing seeking a loving, caring SWF, 18-22 for possible relationship. Ad#.3369 WAITING FOR YOU

Handsome DWM, 46, 6', 175lbs. brown hair/eyes, likes outdoor activities, dining out, music and more, seeks an honest, respectable SWF 34-46, for possible relationship. Ad#.6251

ANYTHING ROMANTIC SWCM, 30, 6', loves kids, movies quiet times at home, conversation and music, seeking SWF, 18-42, for possible relationship. Ad#.4173

YOUR OPPORTUNITY SWM, 52, 5'7", outgoing tun-loving likes music, communication, moonli walks, rollerskating, dancing and more, seeks a secure SWF, age unimportant, with similar interests Ad#.1231

GET TO KNOW ME Catholic DWM, 54, 5'9", N/S, shy, enjoys camping, country music, animals, seeks D/SWF, 45-50, to share quality time with Ad#.3332

ATTRACTIVE SWM, 28, 6', medium-build, dark hair, blue eyes, enjoys sports, movies, and playing guitar, in search of an music and dancing, seeks SWF, 18-

> SOMEONE SPECIAL FOR ME Professional SWM, 49, 5'11", slim, dark hair, green eyes, outgoing and friendly, enjoys dining out and music. movies and the theatre, family time and more, seeks an attractive, SWF, under 44. Ad#.8345

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SWF, under 50, for friendship. Ad#.4952

HARLEYS & BLUE SKIES SWM, 26, 6'1", honest, dependable, employed, enjoys working out, snow skiing, hot rods, dining out and more, seeks a SWF, 24-27, with similar interests. Ad#.1957

TRUE BLUE Career-minded SWM, 32, 5'8", long blond hair, outgoing, friendly, never married, seeking fit, cute, bright SF, under 38, for possible relationship. Ad#.2112

CAREFREE SPIRIT SWM, 18, 5'7", outgoing, enjoys going out, hunting, outdoors, seeks SWF,

18-20, with similar interests. Ad#.4139 SHY GUY SWCM, 21, 6', college student, has variety of interests, enjoys sports, seeks SWCF, 18-25, for a relation-

ship, Ad#.4187 BELIEVE IN LOVE

DW dad, 35, 5'10", dark brown hair, brown eyes, outgoing, honest, caring, enjoys evening cuddling, the outdoors, long walks, sports, dining out and family time, seeks SWF, 18-34, with similar interests, for possible relationship. Ad#,3149

A SOUL MATE Catholic WWWM, 56, 5'8", N/S, nondrinker, caring, enjoys sports, music, sation, good friends, seeks attractive, feminine, SWF, 40-55, for a lasting relationship. Ad#.6699

PRINCE CHARMING SWCM, 19, 5'9", 175lbs., likes auto DW dad , 39, 6', outgoing, enjoys fishracing, adventure movies, spending ing, camping, seeks SWF, 30-39, to spend quality time with, Ad#.1706

STEAL MY BEART SWM, 38, 5'8", outgoing, enjoys dancing, volleyball, biking, seeks fun-lov-

ing, SF, under 49, who is young-atheart. Ad#.3037 GENUINE LOVE SWCM, 21, 6'1", 200lbs., brown hair,

quiet, enjoys basketball, baseball, volleyball, movies, dining out, long walks seeks a faithful, honest, caring SWCF, 19-25, to develop a serious relationship. Ad#.1964

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more, seeking employed SWF, 22-32, seeks caring, understanding, trustworthy SF. Ad#, 1031

ing, the outdoors, traveling, seeking SWF, 21-25, to spend time together. Ad#.115

RETIRED PROFESSIONAL Protestant DWM, 63, 6', N/S, light drinker, energetic, fit, caring and romantic, likes sports and traveling, seeking N/S SCF, under 64, to share a possible relationship, Ad#.2358 GOOD CHOICE

fandsome DWCM, 55, 5'11", slim brown hair, blue eyes, seeks thin, adventurous SWC, 40's gal, under 50, for flying, romance, travel and more. Ad#.3303

A MUSIC LOVER SWCM, 45, 5'9", medium build, from Brighton area, likes dancing, bowling, dining out, seeking a SWCF, under 55, N/S, for possible relationship. Ad#.1469 LIFETIME OF SMILES

Active, optimistic DWCM, 51, 6', red dish-brown hair, blue eyes employed, participates in Bible study, enjoys biking, reading, travel, work ng out, seeks adventurous, romanic, fun-loving S/DWF, Ad#.2020

INCURABLE ROMANTIC 5WM, 38, 5'10", 170lbs., blue eyes interests include tennis, golf, bowling, seeking compassionate, humorous SF, 25-40, for loving relationship. Ad#.5921 CHARMING

DW dad, 27, 6'5", 200lbs., hobbies are outdoor activities, snowmobiles, movies, shooting pool, horses, stock cars, seeks fun SWF, 22-32. Ad# 4240

ON COMMON GROUND Catholic DWM 42 6'1", from Brighton, enjoys camping, boating, fishing, biking, animals, seeking sin cere, honest, caring Catholic DWF 35-46, no children please. Ad# 1954 HAPPY AGAIN

Sincere SWM, 58, enjoys bowling golf, camping, walking, seeking honest, dependable SF, with similar interests, Ad# 7514 A GREAT GUY

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Easter cantata planned

Faith Community Presbyterian Church, 44400 Ten Mile Road in Novi, will present an Easter cantata "The Power of His Love" arranged by David T. Clydesdate on Palm Sunday, April 5, at 7:30

The dramatic musical features two drama casts. The ensemble cast of five which includes the role of Peter, portrayed by Kelth Angelocci: Mary, portrayed by Mary Kay Davis; Marcus the centurion, portrayed by Michael Church; and Camilla, the wife of Pllate, portrayed by Beth Copland; retells the story of Easter several years after the actual event, while the pageant cast, the Sanctuary Choir at Faith Community, brings the "memory" scenes to life on centerstage. Through the personal perspective of these characters. the audlence experiences their thoughts and feelings, and witnesses the power of God's love change each life. The community is invited to

attend. For details call (248) 349-5666.

Annual show is scheduled

Dance Ensemble West, which ncludes dancers from Northville, Novi, Canton, and Plymouth, will present "Dance Collection-1998" on Saturday, April 4, at 3 p.m. The concert is an annual presentation of ballet and modern dance works and will include pieces by the senior and junior divisions of the company

The performance will be held at the Plymouth Canton High Schoo Little Theater, 8415 N. Canton Center Road in Canton. Admission is a \$9 donation.

Dance Ensemble West is a performing arts organization that has been providing dance and art education services in the community for over nine years.

The company includes senior, [unior and apprentice divisions with dancers ranging in age from 5 to 18.

The Ensemble is under the Dance Unlimited in Plymouth with Clean and Heather Fountain. direction of Barbara Raschke of artistic direction of Janelle Mac- For more information, call 420-4430.

Entertainment listing

Submit items for the entertain- are \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors ART ment listings to The Northville and children under age 12. Record/Novi News, 104 W. Main. Northville, MI 48167: or fax to 349 347-0400.

SPECIAL EVENTS

ROSES: The Roses-West Rose Society will meet at the Novi Civic 26. Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road 7:30 until 9:30 p.m. The meeting and social hour is

free and open to the public. The topic will be "The Nurseries" Roses of Romulus.

events include The Farm Lady, Margaret Schmidt on Thursday, April 23; Mrs. Frizzle catches the wave with an interactive performance of sound on Saturday, April 25: Dinotek brings dinosaurs to rates and times are available. life with real fossils and a multimedia display on Sunday, April 26: and Stellar "Stellaluna" Story time when The Organization for version of the bat Stellaluna on

Tuesday, April 28. The Novi store is located at 43075 Crescent Boulevard in Novi. For details, call (248) 347-0780.

THEATER

NOVI THEATRES: "The Velveteen Rabbit" will be performed by "the little people players" on April 24 and 25 at 7:30 p.m. and Capers on April 18 and 25. on April 26 at 3 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 West Main Street in Northville. Ten Mile Road in Novi.

For more information, call (248)

brate the upcoming spring season, mid-April, the Marquis Theatre will present a Month-long exhibits of local musical adaptation of "Charlotte's artists are held in the atrium of ST. MARY'S: Flutists Ervin

in Novi on Thursday, April 2, from little girl named Fern, her pet pig hours the Civic Center is open. Wilbur, and Charlotte the spider who weaves their lives together exhibiting at the Civic Center. The concert will begin at 4 p.m. with lasting friendship and love.

Performance dates are Saturpresented by the Michigan Mini days and Sundays, April 4, 5, 18, Roses of Belleville, Great Lakes 19, 25 and 26. During spring break, performances will be held on April 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17. All BORDERS BOOKS: Upcoming shows are at 2:30 p.m.

> No children under the age of three will be permitted.

at 135 E. Main Street in Northville. Tickets are \$6.50. Special group For details, call (248) 349-8110.

GENITTI'S: The interactive comedy dinner theater now through Bat Conservation visits with a live April at Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall

is "Trial by Errorl" Audience members may not find themselves called for duty if the jury box is full, but there are dren's are \$25. Tables for 8 to 10

always other jobs available as, say, the defendant. All dinner theater presentations ed. Ticket deadline is April 6. include the restaurant's famous seven-course, family-style Italian

luncheon and show Beanie Baby Department will present the Sunday from 2-5 p.m.

All seats are reserved. Tickets mation, call (248) 349-0522.

GATE VI GALLERY: Works in Haggerty Road between Six and pastel, watercolor, oil as well as Seven Mile roads, just west of Iprints and sketches of local land- 275.

Local artists interested in Lake on Sunday, April 5. should call 347-0400.

NEARBY

POPS DINNER CONCERT: The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra day, April 17, at 6 p.m.

color television.

Music for the concert will be sion is free. taken from famous movies. Adult tickets are \$45 and chil

are available. Advance reservations are need-

Call (734) 451-2112.

hysterical farce "Moon over Buffa-Saturday, April 3 and 4, with the Children under 5 are admitted For reservations or more infor- ater-only performances at 8 p.m. free. The family rate is \$5. Tickets are \$8 per person.

Schoolcraft is located at 18600

(Dance Ensemble West at 313)

marks by members of the Plein Air Tickets may be ordered from the MARGUIS THEATRE: To cele- Society will be on exhibit through college's bookstore at (313) 462-4409.

Web" live on stage through April the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Monroe and Alexander Zonjic, and Ten Mile in Novi. Viewing of the pianist Dave Wagner will close out "Charlotte's Web" is the tale of a exhibit is possible during the the "Classics on the Lake" season at St. Mary's College at Orchard

> in the shrine chapel on the campus at Orchard Lake and Commerce roads. Tickets are \$12 and \$20.

For details, call (248) 683-1750.

ARTISTS CLUB: The Farmingpresents its annual Pops Dinner ton Artists Club hosts the Spring Concert at Laurel Manor, 39000 Exhibit and Sale of framed and The Marquis Theatre is located Schoolcraft Road in Livonia on Fri- unframed works April 26 through May 3 at the William M. Costick The silent auction begins at 6 Activities Center, 28600 Eleven p.m. with the live auction being Mile Road, Gate 4, in Farmington held during the intermission. Raf- Hills west of Middlebelt Road. fle tickets are being sold. First Show hours are Sunday. April 26, prize is \$1,000, second is two air- 3-5 p.m.; Monday-Saturday, April line tickets and third prize is a 13" 27-May 2, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, May 3, 11 a.m. 5 p.m. Admis-

Museum has a special exhibit relating to the history of toys and other childhood memories. The museum is located at 155

South Main Street in Plymouth.

MOON OVER BUFFALO: The Hours are Wednesday, Thursday, For the kids there's the mini Schoolcraft College Theatre and Saturday from 1-4 p.m. and Admission is \$2 for adults and Genitti's is located at 108 E. lo" by Ken Ludwig on Friday and 50 cents for students ages 5 to 17.

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(from left) Jim Ernst, Dave Butler, Dennis Fifield, Keith Angelocci, and Mike Church.

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TOYS: The Plymouth Historical



Comedy classic 'Odd Couple' returns for more laughs

In characterizations that became comedy history, Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau return to the \$creen as the supremely mismatched Felix Ungar and Oscar Madison, ill-suited roommates once brought together by the economics of divorce. Reunited after many years, the

older-but-none-the-wiser Felix and Oscar find themselves on the openroad with a common destination but still driven to distraction by their opposing personalities.

In an original screenplay by Neil Simon, Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau star in "Neil Simon's Odd Couple II," directed by Howard by Deutch and produced for Paramount Pictures by Simon and by Robert W. Cort and David Madden of the Cort/Madden Company. Once incompatible occupants of the same New York apartment,

Felix and Oscar now find themselves confined to the same California rental car, a situation tolerable only because they're on their way to the same wedding. But the road from LAX to San Malina is a bumpy one, fraught

with countless challenges to an uneasy alliance optimistically forged in spite of Oscar's carcless style and Felix's fastidious ways. "About nine years ago," says Neil-Simon, "I started writing a screenplay in which I reunited "The Odd Couple" by having Felix's daughter

and Oscar's son marry.' Like many families today, the they happen to be actors. Hannah each other in Los Angeles.

from Sarasota, where he's relocat-

other for many years. "They're still the same two peo- in locales such as Guadalupe, ple that I left 30 years ago," Neil Santa Maria, San Luis Obispo.

SATURDAY,

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Simon establishes, "but they're in Palmdale, Lancaster, Shafter. a foreign land, I mean, California Arcadia, Pomona and Hidden Valon the road has got to be as for- ley. cign as Tibet to Felix and Oscar." After navigating miles of convo-

Oscar Madison (Walter Matthau) and Felix Ungar (Jack Lemmon) are on the road in "Neil Simon's The Odd Couple II." Matthau and Lemmon are among the funniest comedy duos in Hollywood.

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ed. They're now retired, or semi- San Malina, the filmmakers took retired, and haven't seen each their camera's on the road, cover- cotton, broccoli and corn. ing a variety of California terrain

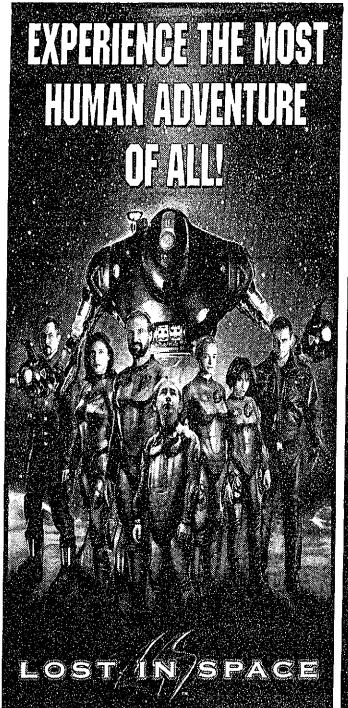
young people move away. Because that screenplay last spring. I mishap-prone pair find themselves slowest Rolls Royce, wouldn't have even considered endlessly and relentlessly lost in Ungar (Beth Peil) and Bruce Madi- writing it without Jack Lemmon the seeming vastness of the Cali- New York transit system, Felix and son [Jonathan Silverman]meet and Walter Matthau, but they fornia countryside, driving and Oscar are nothing if not fishes out cleared the decks. Very quickly drifting by hundreds of miles of of water. True to their personality Their California wedding brings they found themselves en route to desert, mountains and rolling types, the obsessive Felix remains hills. They pass thousands of steadfastly focused on the goal To reach the fictional town of acres of Joshua trees, scrub oak, vinevards, and fields and fields of

Even after accidentally destroying their car, Oscar and Felix lorge – could go wrong does," explains on; hitching rides from fruit trucks - director Howie Deutch. "And every

"I returned to and completed luted Los Angeles freeways, the and perhaps the world's oldest and Former strap hangers on the

while the nonchalant Oscar improvises way from calamity to catastrophe

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just another log on the fire. Felix claims the elegant Christine gets to drive Oscar insane, which - Baranski, Jean Smart playfully is his favorite thing in the world to boasts, "We decided that Thelmado. And Oscar is excited by the and Holly were a bad 90's version adventure of taking this trip, being - of the Pigeon sisters. We are vulin the action. It puts him back - tures-the Buzzard sisters," Just where he hasn't been for years. dancing with them gets Felix and making life miserable for Felix."

One of their misadventures aged bikers," Played by Christine sites, these two incongruous chargals are the antithesis of the together, not being able to stand of the original play. "They are rancous, raunchy

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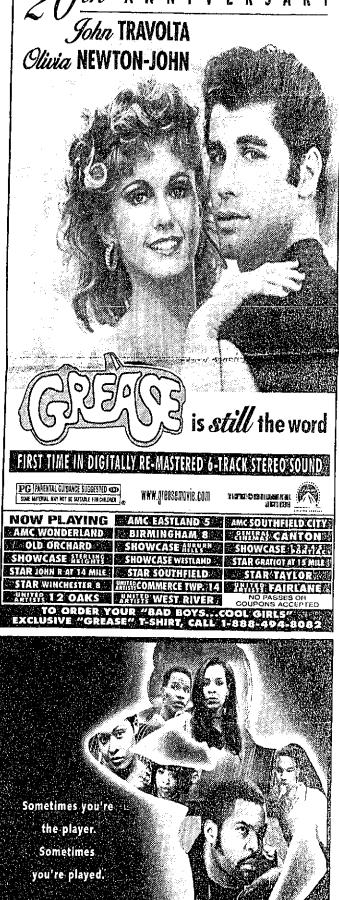
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Singles

On Campus

BETH WOOD, communication.

SINGLE PLACE, an adult ministry for single people at First Presbyterian Church of Northville, meets Thursday evenings in Fellowship Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Every Sunday, the group worships at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary followed by brunch at the Northville Crossing Restaurant, 18900 Northville Road, at 12:30 p.m.

On Thursday, April 2, Single Place will meet for dinner at Starting Gate at 6 p.m. At 7:30 p.m., the topic for the evening will be "Addictive Love Relationships," with speaker Arnold Keller, M.A.

On Thursday, 9, the group will meet in the sanctuary for a special Maundy Thursday Service of Holy Communion at 7:30 p.m. followed by a gathering in the library/lounge at 8:30 p.m.

The cost for each is \$4.

Following the presentations, the group will meet at Mulligan's of Northville at 9:30 p.m.

Upcoming events include the Bethany Dance from 8 p.m. until 12:30 a.m. at St. Robert Bellermine on April 4; dinner and movie at Diamond Jim Brady's on Saturday, April 11, at 5:30 p.m.; "Cabaret" at the Bonstelle Theatre and Traffic Jam on Saturday, April 25, and "Arsenic and Old Lace" at Plymouth Theatre Guild and Rocky's for dinner on Saturday, May 2.

On Sunday evenings, Single Place meets for coffee and eards at 6 p.m. at Tuscan Cafe, 150 N. Center Street in Northville.

On Fridays, the group meets at 5:30 p.m. at Tremor's, 17123 N. Laurel Park in Livonia.

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

A workshop on "Seeking Relationship: a Three-Fold Path to Understanding" will be held on three Sunday evenings, April 19 and 26, and May 3, beginning at 7 p.m. The speaker is Roz Lessing, M.A., L.L.P. The cost is \$24 in advance and \$27 at the door.

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

SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES of Ward Presbyterian Church, Six Mile Road west of Haggerty in Northville Township, invites you to join over 450 single adults every Sunday morning at 11:30 a.m. for fellowship and encouragement

Rev. Paul Clough delivers messages to help singles in their life struggles. Coffee, donuts, conversation and Christ are always present.

SPM has a program and activity for every age group and life situation. All programs meet at the new location, even though the room names may be the same as before the move.

Single Parents meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7 p.m. in room C317/C319. The group offers support, fun, fellowship, vacations and other activities. Free child care is available.

First Friday Night Live presents "Acts of Renewal" on April 3 at 8 p.m. in Knox Hall. A free will offering will be accepted and free child care will be available.

The Uniquely Single Group for those who have never been married meets the fourth Tuesday from 7-9 p.m.

New Start for widows and widowers meets every other Thursday in Room A-15 from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Indoor volleyball meets Wednesdays at 8:30 p.m. in Knox Hall. A SI donation is suggested.

A Growth Seminar on "Conflict Resolution" will be held on Saturday, April 4, from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. in Knox Hall. The cost is \$20. Child care will not be available.

Talk Talk Talk it Over will be held at 7:30 p.m. in room C317/C319. On April 24 Single Point's own Dick Bont will speak about "Where Do We Go from Here?" Topics covered will be "Who am I? What is your Social Style?

On April 24, the topic on "Where Do We Go from Here?" continues with "Gender Differences - Helping Each Other to be Our Best."

BYOS will be held on Saturday, April 11, at the Livonia YMCA at 8:30 p.m. Country line dancing has been added. The cost for this family affair is \$6 and \$2 for children 14 years and younger.

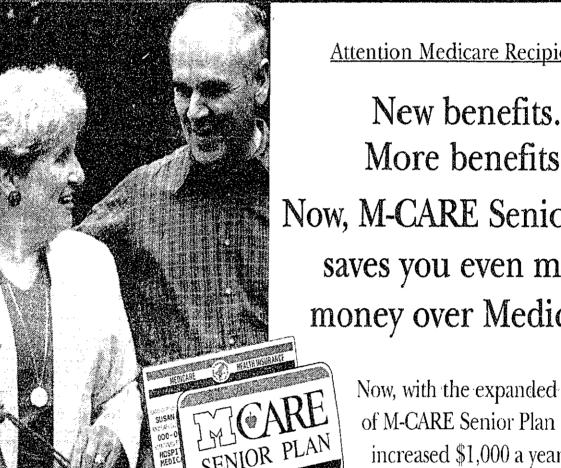
SPM Biking events for April include April 18 and 25 at 11 a.m. at Haggerty Field on Edward Hines Drive for a ride to Plymouth.

Stepping Stones for Children Going through the Loss of Parent through Divorce or Death on Thursday evenings April 23 through May 28 at 7 p.m. There will be free parenting sessions and free child care for younger children during the workshops. The cost is \$10 per child and scholarships are available. Registration closes April 3.

Get ready for the 14th annual Eagle Run Classic at Maybury State Park in Northville on Saturday, May 9 Events include 5K and 10K

Novi students named to the Honor's List for University of Michigan-Ann Arbor students fall semester at Michigan State University are: from Novi were recognized at the Honors Con-SARAH ELIZABETH ALLEN, English: PAMELA vocation. Honors received were: Class Honors, JOY BEAL, accounting: JORDAN CHRISTOan undergraduate academic record equal to at PHER BRUN, art education; THOMAS PAUL least half A's and half B's for two terms (one CHAMPINE, humanities-prelaw: CHRIS term for new students) during 1996; James B. JAMES CHIRGWIN, no preference: LORI A. Angell Scholars, an all-A record for two or more DEWITT, humanities-prelaw; HEATHER ANN consecutive terms as undergraduates; William DINSER, child development: KATHLEEN J. J. Branstrom Prize, a book of choice. LAURA DOHERTY, home economics: ANDREW KATHLEEN BUCREK, residential college, Class WILLIAM DOYLE, supply chain management; Honor: LAURA NICOLE CARTER, engineering, DANIEL JOHN FITZPATRICK, accounting; Class Honor and Branstrom Prize; EMMA MICHAEL J. GOLDMAN, political science; STAR CARTWRIGHT, literature, science and JULIE A. HARRIS, zoology: MELANIE RUTH arts, Class Honor; STEVEN CHANG, engineer-HELMER, child development; MARJORRIE ing, Class Honor and Branstrom Prize; ALEXANDER C. CHEUNG, music, Class SUE HOUSEHOLDER, animal science; NILESH Honor: AMANDA KELLY CHORBA. literature. N. HUMBAD, computer science; DEBORAH ANN JONES, engineering arts: KRISTIN science and arts, Class Honor; TIFFANY M. DeVOS, literature, science and arts, Angell MARIE KENNY, audiology and speech sciences: RUDOLPH C. KOBOLDT, crop and soil Scholar and Class Honor: CHRISTOPHER sciences; DAVID M. KOVACS, LBS-environ-**ROBERT DUPREY**, literature, science and arts, Class Honor and Branstrom Prize; KRISTIE mental science and management; BRIAN T. LEROY, LBS-no coordinate major; JASON LORENE FARRELL, residential college, Class MICHAEL MCALEER, accounting: MALINI D. Honor: JENNIFER ELISABETH GUERRA, liter-MOFFAT, physiology; CHRISTOPHER E. NELature, science and arts, Class Honor; SONYA SON, psychology; ALISON PAIGE OMURA, GUPTA, literature, science and arts, Class biosystems engineering: ANTHONY WILLIAM Honor; ALIA HAMADE, engineering, Class PANTUSO, mechanical engineering; EMILY Honor; CATHLEEN S. HOLTSCHNEIDER, lit-JEAN PARKER, LBS biological science; SAMerature, science and arts, Class Honor; REET SANDHU, LBS-zoology; MARTIN C. WILLIAM CURTIS HOOPS, literature, science SHEA, advertising: JAIME KATHRYN SUPERand arts, Class Honor; JENNIFER P. HUANG, FISKY, dieteties; CHRISTINA WOJCIECH literature, science and arts, Class Honor and TARDELLA, engineering arts: ANGELA KAY Branstrom Prize; DAVID WILLIAM HULLMAN, UNITIS, LBS-biological science; ERIN RENEE engineering, Class Honor; SHAILESH NIRAN-VANDEVEER, music therapy; EUGENE P. JAN HUMBAD, literature, science and arts, WANG, LBS-physiology: MICHELLE CHRIS-Class Honor; ROBERTO FRANCO LADEROSA. TINE WILLIAMS, accounting: BRIAN ALLEN liferature, science and arts, Class Honor and WILSON, political science; and SARA ELIZA-Branstrom Prize; CHARLES SCOTT INNES, engineering, Angell Scholar and Class Honor;

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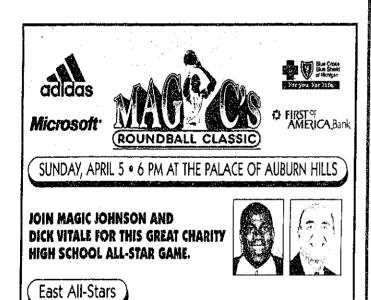


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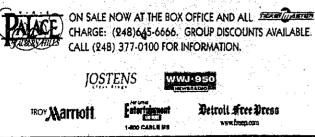
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