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Static blurs Time Warner cable TV franchise renewal

By JEREMY MCBAIN
 Staff Writer

The fight over cable service in Novi is continuing - and may reach a level not common in the U.S.

The Novi City Council denied Time Warner Cable's franchise renewal Monday, based on a rec-

ommendation by the Southwest-
 ern Oakland Cable Commission.
 This is required in the Federal
 Communications Commission-regu-
 lated process, as SWOCC and
 Time Warner undergo formal
 negotiations.

Meanwhile, the city agreed start
 talking to a competing cable firm,

Ameritech.

The motion to deny Time Warn-
 er passed 6-1. Council member
 Robert Schmid voted against it.

"What we are doing is taking the
 next step," said Mayor Kathleen
 McLallen.

SWOCC attorney John Dono-
 hue said the denial would lead to

formal negotiations with Time
 Warner, after which SWOCC
 would probably send a recommen-
 dation to approve a contract with
 the corporation.

If those negotiations break
 down, the two entities could go
 into an administrative hearing
 process that is like a trial, but is

presided over by an FCC represen-
 tative.

"That time frame could go on for
 months," Donohue said.

"Once we start the administra-
 tive process, we are in a trial. I've
 been in enough trials to know I
 don't know how long it will take,"

Donohue added that only two

communities in the country that
 have ever gone through this hear-
 ing process.

Time Warner's Bob McCann
 said the cable corporation would
 also file for an administrative
 hearing if necessary. He cautioned
 that if the city goes into negotia-

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And the NHS band plays on

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN
 Staff Writer

The finished product will be
 beautiful music to the ears and a
 dazzling, synchronized display for
 the eyes.

But it is the preparation, dedica-
 tion and hard work of the 160
 band students that make the
 rewards of the Novi High School
 Marching Band even greater.

Led by Director Scott Boerma,
 35, the band has just completed a
 grueling six-day camp to fine-tune
 its sound, learn the basics of
 marching and memorize the songs
 and routines for upcoming foot-
 ball games, competitions and per-
 formances.

"The purpose of the camp is to
 put the music with the marching,"
 Boerma said.

"More than a third of the band
 are new students and many of
 them have never been asked to
 work hard this before."

It's a time for band members to
 synchronize their sound and
 steps.

"They are surrounded by tons of
 positive energy which definitely
 helps them get through the week,"
 Boerma added.

"Once they finish, it gets a lot
 easier and they have already made
 160 new friends."

From new freshmen to return-
 ing seniors, the band members
 met Aug. 16 to Aug. 21 from 9
 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. to meet new
 friends, learn new musical scores
 and prepare for the upcoming sea-
 son.

"The camp is a challenge for a
 lot of the students but I think they
 find it real rewarding," said Drum
 Major Julie Oberts, 16.

"Physically and mentally, the



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Continued on 6 Raising those flags high last week were the color guard for the Novi High marching band.

New manager skates into city ice arena

By JEREMY MCBAIN
 Staff Writer

Center Ice is officially gone and
 Suburban Arena Management of
 Farmington Hills will be taking
 over management of the Novi Ice
 Arena this September.

Center Ice's contract was offi-
 cially terminated Wednesday.

After several debates on council
 procedure that lasted past mid-
 night, the Novi City Council
 approved a contract Monday with
 Suburban, subject to the resolu-
 tion of several council members'
 concerns.

That news was just fine to Cen-
 ter Ice President Terry Seyler, who
 said Tuesday. "We are just happy
 to be out of there. They just
 wouldn't listen. They wouldn't let
 me do it, now they are paying for
 it."

The motion passed 5-1. Council-
 member Craig DeRoche voted
 against the contract and Council
 Member Laura Lorenzo had to
 leave before the vote.

"At this point, the document as
 presented appears to be accept-
 able to council," said Mayor Kath-
 leen McLallen.

"Time is of extreme essence."

Council members asked that
 the contract contain several items.
 One is that the goal of the Novi Ice
 Arena is to operate without a
 deficit. Another is the possibility
 of Suburban supplying its own
 fidelity bond, which would protect
 the city's assets at the arena.

Lastly, an "out clause" for both the
 city and Suburban was requested.
 Those issues were not resolved
 Monday night due to the late hour
 and the desire of a lawyer repre-
 senting Suburban Ice President
 Tom Anastos for more time to dis-
 cuss the requests with his client.

"The process of putting together
 this agreement is a product of a
 series of quick negotiations," said
 Anastos's attorney Bob Riley.

"At midnight, I don't think it is
 appropriate for me to give advice,
 to my client on a flurry of amend-
 ments."

Because of this, council decided
 to strike down a motion to support
 the contract with several amend-
 ments, in favor of a motion to sup-
 port the contract, with several
 council suggestions.

"I am not going to sit here
 tonight and redo this entire con-

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All fired up

Science Camp at Novi Meadows was lit up by Carroll McBride of Mobile Education Productions, who with camper Matt Jylka's help, showed how lively helium and propane can be.

Road workers have flagging energy

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN
 Staff Writer

Construction orange haunts the
 reality of the Michigan commuter
 on what may seem a constant
 basis.

It is not just the unfashionable
 color itself, but what it signifies —
 the thought of road delays, possi-
 ble damage to vehicles and the
 untimely request of an unwar-
 ranted detour.

The average commuter deals with
 the fact road work will be

part of the daily driving ritual,
 but rarely will take into con-
 sideration the lives of those
 who work behind the con-
 struction lines.

Vance Palmer, 18,
 is one of those peo-
 ple.

On an overcast
 summer afternoon,
 Palmer has the job of
 working the southern end
 of the flag traffic control team
 for the construction company of

Summit Transport.

Holding the reversible sign,
 which reads on one side

"SLOW" and the other

side "STOP," Palmer

entertains himself

by watching the

oncoming traffic
 and looking for cute
 girls his age.

"Lots of time the low man
 on the totem pole or some-
 one who gets into a little trou-
 ble will have to be the flagger,"

Palmer said.

"The job of flagging is really
 hard on the feet."

While Vance Palmer looks down
 Taft Road to his flagging partner,
 his sister Kandi, he leans on the
 sign to take some of the weight off
 of his feet as northbound traffic
 comes to a halt.

Kandi Palmer, 25, just started
 her job of flagging a little over a
 month ago.

Prior to flagging, she was work-

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Melissa O'Rear is busy aiding her congressman boss.

Back to school for a political education

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN
 Staff Writer

The learning never stops.

Novi resident Melissa O'Rear is a
 mother and a field representative for
 Congressman Joe Knollenberg, R-
 Bloomfield Hills, who now finds herself
 embracing the role of student.

As one of 24 participants of the
 Michigan Political Leadership Program,
 O'Rear is busy learning more about
 the political world on a daily basis.

Offered through Michigan State Uni-
 versity, the Leadership Program is a
 10-session program for people who are
 interested in trying their hand at poli-
 tics.

O'Rear, although still learning, feels
 the political world is just the business
 for her.

"This has been a whirlwind year," she
 said. "Being involved in this program
 has been a learning experience — it
 has been challenging and has helped

me do my job better."

As Knollenberg's field representative
 for Michigan's 11th District, O'Rear
 said her job entails being the eyes and
 ears of the community she grew up in.

Raised in Detroit, O'Rear's family
 moved to Novi and she was graduated
 from Novi High School in 1972. After
 high school, she attended Oakland
 Community College and studied com-
 mercial art.

O'Rear said she can trace her politi-
 cal roots back to her five-sibling family
 and parents.

"My family was very close," she said.
 "I have to give my parents the credit.
 They encouraged discussion at home. I
 remember watching the news and talk-
 ing about politics."

Raising her daughter, Colleen May,
 20, O'Rear found herself free-lancing as
 a graphic artist. She continued to pur-
 sue career challenges, leaning towards

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Community Calendar

- Thursday, August 26**
- School Board Meeting**
The Novi Community Schools Board of Education will meet beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Educational Services Building at 25345 Taft Road. For more information call (248) 449-1269.
- Novi Rotary**
The Novi Rotary Club meets at noon at the Novi United Methodist Church at 41671 Ten Mile Road. For information, contact Bob Lumbright at 346-6599.
- TOPS**
Take-Off Pounds Sensibly for all ages meets at 7 p.m. at the Novi Meadows Clubhouse on Napier Road. For more information, call after 6 p.m. (919) 344-2167.
- Monday, August 30**
- First day of school**
Novi Community School students 1-12 and Kindergarten P.M. only report for the first day of school.
- Tuesday, August 31**
- Property taxes due**
This is the last day to pay City of Novi taxes without incurring a four percent late fee penalty. For information on paying your taxes, call the city treasurer's office at 347-0440.
- Wednesday, September 1**
- Planning Commission Meeting**
The Novi Planning Commission will meet beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center on Ten Mile Road west of Novi Road.
- Monday, Sept. 6**
- Labor Day**
City offices closed. Library closed. Lakeshore Beach open from 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, September 7**
- Seniors meeting**
The Novi Center Seniors will hold their general meeting at 11 a.m. in the Community Center of the Novi Civic Center.

- 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 349-2669.
- Menopause Support Group**
Providence Medical Center's Conference Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., hosts a monthly menopause support group from 7:30-9 p.m. for women with concerns about menopause. Call 380-4115 for more information.
- 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.
- Chess Club**
The Novi Chess Club will meet from 7-10 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. There is no charge to attend and all players are welcome. For more information, call Tim Sawmiller, 344-4268 evenings after 6 p.m.
- Optimist Club**
The Novi Optimist Club meets at 7:30 a.m. at the Big Boy Restaurant on Novi Road, across from the Novi Town Center.

Novi library eyes Power Park site for new location

By JEREMY MCBAIN Staff Writer

The Novi City Council and the Novi Public Library are looking at swapping land for a new library. The council and Library Board of Directors entered into a memorandum of understanding Monday for both groups to study the feasibility of a land deal. The city is looking at

using the library for office space, while the library is looking at city land south of the Novi High School as the location for a new 80,000 square foot library. But, before voting to approve the memorandum, some council members asked that the library keep other locations in mind. "I'm a little disappointed that

this is not in downtown," said Council Member Robert Schmid. Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford echoed this concern. President of the Library Board Patrick Brunett said this memorandum is just so the library can look at the Power Park acreage and find out if it can be used for a new library. A decision to look into building a new library came about after a needs assessment study indicated the current library is too small, said Library Director Brenda Evans. The library looked into just expanding, but discovered this plan presented several problems. Additionally, the library would have to move out of its building during the renovations and pay a

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BACK TO SCHOOL DAZE



A mom and her kids shop for back-to-school supplies at the Novi Toys R Us last fall. Novi malls and shopping centers are sizing up the needs of students and fitting them well.

Malls know what kids need for school

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN and MELANIE PLENDIA Staff Writers

The summer sky is wanting into the fall school season. The Novi and Northville school systems are about to kick into overdrive, as school doors will be opening up for thousands of students on Monday.

The question remains the same: Are you prepared? School shopping is never easy. For some parents and kids who would describe themselves as procrastinators, that frantic feeling may be kicking in about now.

For the last minute shopper, treat this as the Cliffs Notes to a passing grade. The first stop on the tour welcomes the shopper to the suburban oasis known as Twelve Oaks Mall. With more than 175 different stores, literally everything the back-to-school shopper may need could be found under one roof.

Foot Locker Manager Jim Schultz said the store's 30 percent off sale has helped business the past week stay steady. "We have everything from shoes to sporting apparel," Schultz said. "We have socks, hats and T-shirts — different things people can use in the gym or at school."

For the younger student, a worthwhile stop for a parent may be Gymborse. Manager Sheri Elliot said her back-to-school staff is helping children from newborns to seven-year-olds gear up for the new school year.

Elliot said her store carries everything the youngster needs from head-to-toe, with the season's most popular items being jumpers for girls and drawing pants for boys.

For the older student, the best bet is for the parent to accompany the recipient, as style preferences become more complex. But Southfield mother Anne Murray said she isn't nervous when it comes to shopping for her two teenage sons. "They are both very picky when it comes to clothes," Murray said. "I am looking for clothes that don't hang off their bodies, but they will still consider cool. I'll pick out some things and hope they like them."

Some of the stores Murray was considering during her mall visit were Abercrombie & Fitch, Banana Republic, Gap and Structure. Gap Manager Brian Bonenfant said the Gap, which caters to shoppers in their early teens and up, is offering many different promotions for the back-to-schoolers.

Jeans, T-shirts and vests are currently on sale, with the hot items for this season being fleece vests and flak pants. For the student who is looking for something convenient their school essentials, a stop into Bentley's Luggage might do the trick. Assistant Manager Amar Shtiman said many of the store's backpacks are 20 percent off until Aug. 31.

She said many of the backpacks come with a limited lifetime warranty and Bentley's Luggage sells other necessities like wallets and planners.

If mall crowds and hundreds of stores intimidate, the Super Kmart at West Oaks can be the one-stop shop for all the school basics. Follow the special signs on the floor as it leads to a stockpile of school supplies.

"We have quite a few (students) coming in now and when we get their lists from teachers there will be a second wave," said Store Manager Mike Ratkewicz. "We've gotten hit pretty heavy in the last week since our back-to-school ad came out. We advertise stuff that students of any age can use everyday."

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Teens use fake money at mall

Two 17-year-old Canton boys and an 18-year-old Canton man were arrested Aug. 19 for using fake \$20 bills to purchase items at the mall.

Police News

A cashier at the store said one of the boys purchased shirts using fake \$20 bills that appeared like real ones and asked.

The boy saw with the two others at the time, but he ran when he was approached.

According to the boy, he knew the bills were fake and he purchased them in Detroit.

He said he told the boy to stay at the counter and wait to find a manager. The boy left the counter, but was caught outside the store by the store manager.

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County roads, take me home

The Road Commission for Oakland County will hold a public hearing on its proposed \$102.8 million budget for the year 2000 tonight at 7:30 p.m.

Among the major projects included in the road budget are reconstructing the Grand River bridge over the CSX railroad tracks in Novi.

The road commission's 2000 budget is a preservation overlay of one and a half inches of asphalt to Ten Mile Road from Marindale to Novi Road.

This work will cost \$60,000 per mile. The hearing will be held at the Oakland County Board of Commissioners' Auditorium, 1200 N. Telegraph Road in Pontiac.

For information, contact the road commission's offices at (248) 645-2000.

Clogging Fever

If you find your foot tapping when you hear C & W and bluegrass music, or if you just need a fun way to exercise, check out the clog dancing classes offered by the Novi Parks and Recreation Department.

Two new beginner's classes are on offer. Each cost \$30 for residents, \$36 for non-residents for a 14-week session. One class runs Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., beginning Sept. 15 and the other is on Fridays at 12 noon, beginning Sept. 17.

For experienced clog dancers, two clubs are available. The Tollgate Clogging Club meets Mondays from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Wednesdays from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The Sixthgate Clogging Club meets Wednesdays from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Fridays from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Both clubs have a \$3.50 drop-in fee per session. The classes are held at the Novi Civic Center. Any questions? Contact the teacher, Barbara Barrett at (248) 698-4874.

Beach party

As part of the City of Walled Lake's 24th annual Fall Festival, a craft show will be held Sunday on East Walled Lake Drive, Liberty and Market streets.

The event features 180 exhibitors, including wood crafts, ceramics, jewelry, antiques and hand-painted clothing. Children's entertainment will include pony rides and face painting.

The event runs from 12 noon to 5 p.m. For more information, call 624-8477.

IDENTITY STOLEN

A Troy man reported someone stole his identity to lease a vehicle Aug. 18.

The man said someone stole his identity by creating a fake driver's license and Social Security card in his name. Using this identification, the suspect leased a car from Varsity Ford in Novi.

The dealership did some follow-up on the incident, but could not locate the suspect. The address he gave when he leased the car turned out to be that of a vacant office building in Southfield.

The dealership considers the vehicle the man leased as stolen.

The woman was attacked by an unknown man around 2 a.m. Aug. 22 while she was behind her home on Nardere Street.

The woman said she was in a storage shed behind her home and heard a noise. When she looked outside of the shed, she saw a white male wearing blue jeans standing behind her house.

The man grabbed her arm and screamed as the man hit her in the head with an unknown object in his hand. The woman said she did not see what it was that he hit her with.

She fell to the ground and the man ran away.

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BACK TO SCHOOL DAZE

New students learn from the old

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN Staff Writer

School doesn't begin in Novi until Aug. 30, but the learning process has already begun.

Novi High School's incoming freshmen, the graduating class of 2003, received their first taste of a new scholastic adventure Tuesday as the new students participated in the orientation and registration process offered by the high school.

Novi High principal Jennifer Cheal said the 429 incoming freshmen were split into two groups, one morning and one afternoon, in order to make the registration process more personable.

"Every class has a role in the educational community at their school," Cheal said. "We want the kids to feel connected to one another and take care of each other."

The freshmen orientation process included comments from Cheal, Novi Middle School Principal Milan Obrenovich and teachers. The day also presented the students an opportunity to pay for their yearbooks, the issuing of student

identification cards and locker assignments.

"This is a time for us to talk to the students about procedures and get the logistical stuff out of the way," Cheal said. "When school starts on the 30th, we want to focus on the academics."

With 1,569 students attending Novi High this year, this day was set aside just for the freshmen. And with 22 new students joining the Novi school district at the freshmen level, a "business" day made for an easier transition, Cheal said.

A special picnic and campus life program anchored the evening's activities, allowing the new students, parents and teachers an opportunity to get to know each other better.

"The school is large and this is a way to try and make it a more personable place," Cheal said. "Teachers will be coming to the picnic and cooking. We are going to introduce the freshmen cheerleading team and play the light song."

The orientation and registration process also emphasized the role of extracurricular activities the students can participate in.

Cheal said members from the school's 20 different clubs will be present to answer questions for the both the students and parents during the campus life program.

"Get involved with clubs, music and sports," Cheal said to the students.

"You can never be in high school again. Go around once, make it the best."

During the orientation, students were also able to explore the school and practice opening up their lockers.

The evening's picnic went from 5:45 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. with the campus life program running from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Cheal said one student from each class addressed the crowd and one recent graduate also spoke about their experiences at Novi High.

There was also a video shown to the freshmen class made up last year's television students.

"This is a nice chance for parents and kids not to work and it allows them an opportunity to network with each other," she said.

"We want to get both the students and parents involved in the high school."

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Freshmen Peter Beaucacon, 14, and Pierre Arzaman, 14, look through freshman packets during orientation.

Kindergarten butterflies kept calm with early planning

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN Staff Writer

Butterflies flutter in the stomach of both the parent and the student. It is here, the long anticipated first day of school — not just any first day of school, but the first day of kindergarten.

Kindergarten can cause anxiety for both children and their parents.

The Novi School District has implemented a set program to decrease anxiety and make the transition into school easier for the children attending school for their first time and parents who yet haven't experienced their child leaving for school.

Novi Woods Elementary, Orchard Hills Elementary, Parkview Elementary, and Village Oaks Elementary schools are all working at making the school transition easy as possible for students and parents alike.

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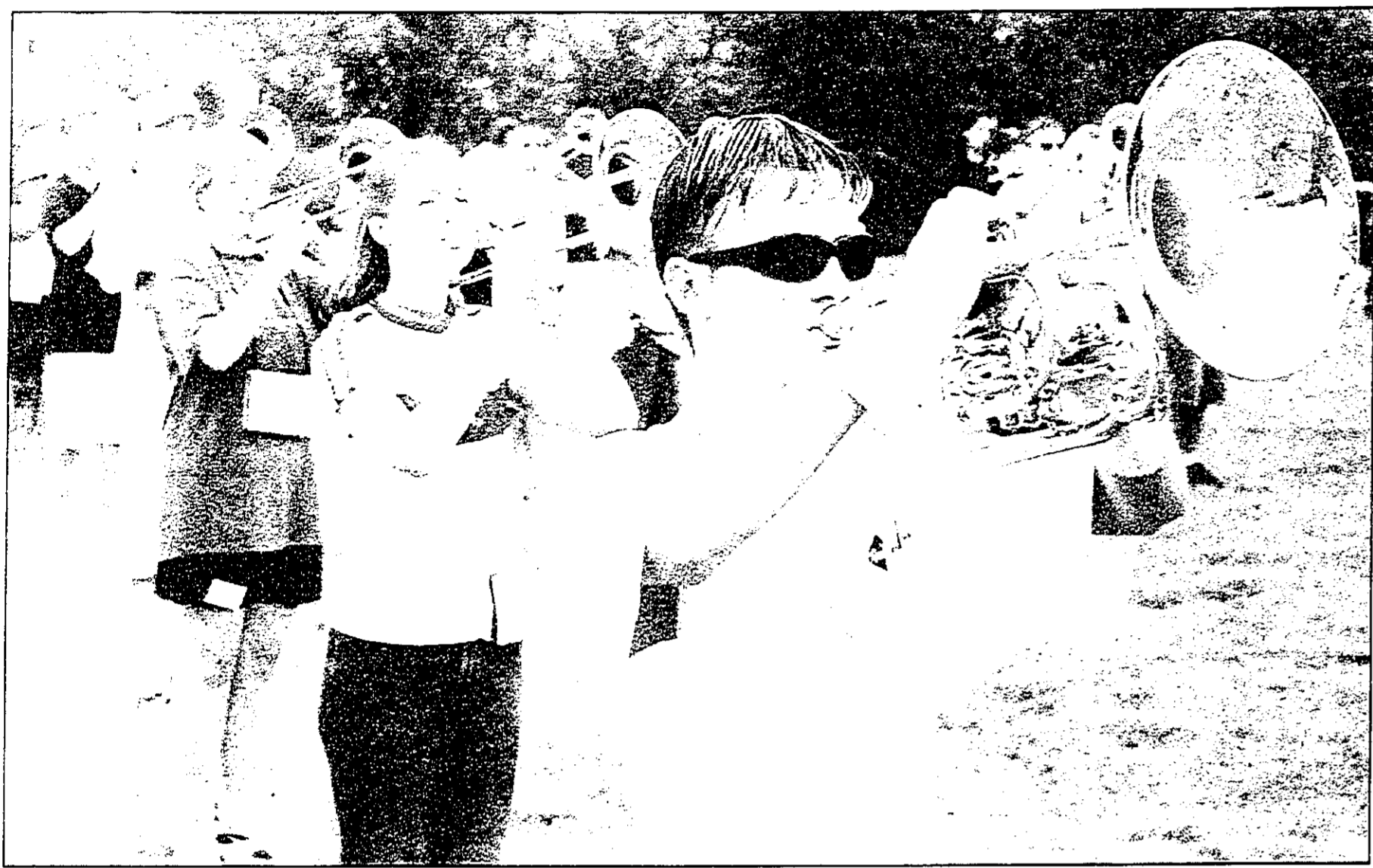
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The boys (and girls) in the band



A section of horns begins a tune during Novi High School's marching band camp last Thursday.

Band camp gets student players in tune and in step

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camp is really hard. There are a lot of things the members have to think about."
Oberts, a junior, said besides the music, the marching band members have to know where they need to go, what to play and how to stand.
A bass-saxophone player, Oberts said she is excited for her new role as drum major.
"There are two drum majors and this is my first year doing it," Oberts said.
"My main responsibility is to stand on the podium and keep time, but what I really like is

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Scott Boerma,
NHS band director

helping everybody out when there are questions."

Along with hard work and new buddies comes many of life's lessons that aren't always taught in the classroom, the band director finds.

"More than anything, being a part of the band will help the students learn responsibility and commitment," Boerma explained.

"If a member misses a practice or rehearsal it will effect the rest of the band."

"Once you commit to the group, students must learn how to prioritize and budget their time."

As a precursor for upcoming events including Novi High School's home-show competition, Fan Fare and the band season's concluding state championship, Boerma said the discipline of music can be beneficial for students.

"There have been many studies on how music fosters high levels of learning skills and can help correspond a student to a higher level of thinking," Boerma said.

"Learning music can positively effect course work in many different areas."

After the marching band season ends, band students will audition for a spot on the symphony band or join the concert band, Boerma said.

There is also a jazz band that plays jazz, Latin and rock music, and the winter drum line and winter color guard.

He said there are many school musicals and other activities interested musicians will have the opportunity to compete in throughout the year.

"After a second place finish in the state competition last year, Boerma said it is the band members' commitment to excellence he aspires for."

"Our focus is not to win but to go out there and just do the best we can possibly do," he said.

"We will always try to win, but it is the effort I am looking for."

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John Heider



Novi High School Marching Band Director Scott Boerma directs his troops from atop a twelve foot platform.



A line of flutists, in casual dress, march in place during their rehearsal last week.



The marching band's percussion line waits for the signal from Director Scott Boerma to begin a song.



Novi High School Marching Band campers walk in step at their grassy practice field.

Right: A member of the horn section launches into one of the marching band's numbers at last week's Thursday morning practice.



While they wait for their normal practice field to be renovated, the band practices on a spare lot off Taft Road.



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Novi set to tune into cable offer from Ameritech

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 However, McGinn said Time Warner would consider taking the City of Novi to court if the company was not convinced it was getting a fair share.

And at the end of the FCC administrative process, if one of the parties does not like the outcome, the matter can be taken to court for a real trial, Donohue said.

Donohue said the city council should remember Time Warner is not an exclusive franchise in Novi and another cable company could

be competing since 1997, when the last Time Warner contract expired. Since then, Time Warner has been providing cable to Novi without the constraints of a non-exclusive franchise.

"I'm glad to see the route we are taking," said Council Member Craig DeRoche.

"I know some other providers have been interested in Novi. I hope there is competition."

McGinn said he was just as frustrated with the length of this process as Council and perhaps even more so.

"We have begged and pleaded to have this process proceed faster than it has," he said.

Before opening up the new series of discussions with Ameritech, Council members expressed concerns that Ameritech did not want to negotiate with the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission.

"Ameritech has made it clear they will not be negotiating with SWOCC. It is their corporate policy," City Manager Ed Kriewald said.

As a result, the city council formed a committee composed of Council Members Schmid, Laura Lorenzo and Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford to speak to Ameritech.

That motion passed unanimously.

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New manager for Novi ice rink has roots in professional hockey

By JEREMY MCBAIN Staff Writer
 For Tom Anastos, hockey is not just a hobby. It's a business.

Anastos has been a hockey coach for Michigan State University and a member of the professional hockey team, the Montreal Canadiens. He is now the president of Suburban Hockey and Suburban Arena Management of Farmington Hills. And he is the future manager of the Novi Ice Arena.

"I've been with Suburban Hockey from the beginning. When I was 12 years old, I was a student," he said. As president, he has helped the

company move from its early days as a hockey summer school to creating year-round hockey programs in arenas throughout metro Detroit.

Suburban Hockey started in 1974 as a hockey school run by a group of college students in Dearborn. The company created the Michigan Hockey Magazine and got into marketing their programs. It was such a success that Suburban moved from hosting summer schools to hosting year-round programs in the early 1990s with around 90 employees.

Most of these programs are

designed to make use of ice time in a way that is most beneficial for an arena. For example, Anastos said if he had an hour of ice time and sold it to 18 of his friends to skate, he would probably spend money at the rink's concession stand, thus boosting the arena's profits.

The company's success is centered around its combination of programming, marketing and facility

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other cities throughout the metro Detroit area. Suburban opened its own facility in Farmington Hills last April. The arena has two ice rinks, a concessions stand, a sport shop and a weight room.

As for the new staff of the Novi Ice Arena, Anastos said they will have the same abilities as the rest of his employees.

"Our company is built with people that have played under the microscope. We just look at this as another situation that puts us in a situation that is very challenging," he said.

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Suburban Hockey wins contract

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 Crawford disagreed, saying the policy was too broad and would be difficult to enforce.

"We are opening a Pandora's box. We will get complaints from all over," he said.

Crawford motioned to accept the contract, subject to the council issues being resolved.

"I am not going to be able to support this because of the incentive clause and punitive damage for conflicts of interest," said DeRoche.

A second motion to have the city's Finance Department review Suburban's books for the Farmington Hills facility passed unanimously.

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exception to the contract's stipulation that Suburban would be given six months' notice if the city were to sell the arena.

That should probably be more of a three-month period rather than a six-month period, DeRoche said. He reasoned that if a potential buyer for the arena learned they must wait six months, it might scare that buyer away from the deal.

DeRoche also said he was not satisfied with explanations on a potential conflict of interest brought up in the last meeting - Suburban's ownership of another ice arena in Farmington Hills.

Anastos said conflicts exist and the two arenas would actually help each other out. He said his arena in Farmington Hills does not have the capabilities that the arena Novi has, including ample parking and bleachers.

"I had a lot of concern over conflict of interest. But I could not have it explained away to my satisfaction," DeRoche said.

Because of this, DeRoche suggested the contract include some sort of penalty fine to be applied if Suburban has a conflict during its operation of the arena.

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Tom Anastos at his Farmington Hills Suburban Hockey arena. Photo by JEREMY MCBAIN

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Plans call for marketing arena

By JEREMY MCBAIN Staff Writer
 Suburban Arena Management released its business plan - calling for "heavy" promotion, building improvements and the quick implementation of programs - to the Novi City Council on Monday.

Suburban's vision is to "develop the Novi Ice Arena into a self-sustaining, operationally sound and productive contributor to service recreational ice-sport related needs of the City of Novi, its citizens and the local community."

Its primary objective is to stop the financial bleeding of the facility. Suburban President Tom Anastos said. The rink currently has a \$400,000 deficit.

"In order to do so, ice rental time must be immediately booked for the fall/winter season," the business plan stated. "Planning for the holiday non-programming and spring season programming will commence immediately after the fall scheduling is secured."

According to the financial plan, under Suburban's management, the Novi Ice Arena will generate \$1.36 million in revenue between September 1999 and June 2000. After total expenditures are paid, the arena will have a profit of about \$20,551 for the first 10 months.

"The facility clearly has the potential to meet the goals and objectives of the city, however, it will require efficient operations, aggressive programming, marketing and constant evaluation," Suburban said.

Primarily, Suburban said, ice time will be sold to hockey and figure skating groups. Non-prime time hours will be used for instructional programs, as well as recreational programs. Suburban will attempt to implement a "learn to skate" program, high school pre-season league and late evening adult hockey rental for the fall.

"We will also plan daytime programming for hockey players and recreational skaters during school breaks," the plan stated.

Suburban will also be undergoing a massive public relations and marketing campaign. It will sell ice time, programs and services through direct calling, direct mail and advertising.

"Suburban will work with the local user groups to meet as much of their demand as feasible before filling holes with in-house programming and outside sales," the plan stated.

Additionally, Suburban will use public relations to restore the city's confidence in the facility and give the ice arena a good reputation.

As for financial plans, Suburban's is basing its predictions on ice utilization at \$200 per hour and \$150 for non-prime time periods, skate rental rates, concession costs and pro shop costs.

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BACK TO SCHOOL DAZE

Northville schools have action plan for crises

By MELANIE PLENDA

Northville schools have a plan in place to deal with a crisis, such as the death of a student or staff member, school evacuations, natural disasters, and even the death of a president or significant leader, among others. The booklet also has courses of action for students contemplating or attempting suicide and threats to students by outsiders.

Robert Sorson, director of special education and chairperson for the project, emphasized the importance of having a plan in a crisis situation. He pointed out that during crisis situations, precious moments are lost because of lack of preparation or knowledge of procedure. "This plan, he said, would remedy that problem."

Sorson also said that knowing the proper method of response has already come in handy in past years when there have been deaths in a family or the death of a student. "It allows us to know that we can respond quickly because we have a plan in place," he said.

A typical plan begins with a school administrator, usually the principal, calling a member of the response team.

The team includes Rezmierski and Sorson at the top of the list. It continues through school psychologists, social workers and counselors.

Each member is required to be in communication with the appropriate parties such as paramedics, the police or parents.

After that, each member has a myriad of tasks including assisting in crowd control, arranging for classroom coverage, and monitoring attendance.

The district has worked in conjunction with the Northville police and fire departments on this project to ensure that the procedures are effective and accurate.

Later this month they will also discuss the plan with the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

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"I'm not convinced that we need to go to extremes," Rezmierski said. "I'm more enamored with the good our kids do than the bad."

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*M/W 6:30 P.M. Rotation Sept. 13 T. Bennett
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*T/Th 7:00 P.M. Hi/Low Impact Sept. 14 R. Dennis
Highland Middle School (cafe, corner of John St. & M-59, W. of Millford Rd.)
*T/Th 7:00 P.M. Low Impact Sept. 14 M. Lloyd
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Fire Log

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MONDAY, AUG. 16
Medical, 24701 Waxom Road, 5:54 a.m., Squad 4.
Care fire, 1-96 and Novi Road, 5:57 a.m., Engine 1.
Service, 2206 Old Novi Road, 6:43 a.m., Engine 2.
Medical, 24500 Meadowbrook, 7:43 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, Nine Mile and Novi Road, 9:21 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 45825 Eleven Mile Road, 10:45 a.m., Squad 1.
Service, 45145 Twelve Mile Road, 12:18 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 24185 Haggerty, 12:57 p.m., Squad 1.
Brush fire, M-5 and Thirteen Mile Road, 2:12 p.m., Engine 2.
Fire alarm, 24166 Trailgair, 2:24 p.m., Engine 4.
Medical, 24230 Karim, 3:50 p.m., Squad 1.
Injury accident, Grand River and Haggerty, 4:42 p.m., Squad 1.
Wires down, Ten Mile and Novi Road, 5:38 p.m., Engine 3.
Medical, 24299 Bramblewood, 6:25 p.m., Squad 3.
Building fire, 42761 Georgetown, 9:16 p.m., Engine 1, 3.
Service, 45182 West Road, 9:36 p.m., Squad 2.

TUESDAY, AUG. 17
Medical, 22511 Dartmoor, 8:10 a.m., Squad 4.
Medical, 24500 Meadowbrook, 9:22 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 25425 Trans X, 9:54 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 23706 Chipmunk Trail, 12:28 p.m., Squad 3.
Electrical fire, Meadowbrook and Twelve Mile, 8:14 p.m., Engine 2.
Medical, 49449 Deer Run, 9:50 p.m., Squad 4.
Medical, 1619 West Lake, 9:55 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 41822 Chalet, 10:50 p.m., Squad 1.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 18
Wire down, 2205 Novi Road, 12:57 p.m., Engine 3.
Service, 22450 O'Justin, 2:28 p.m., Squad 3.
Service, 45734 Lakeview, 3:44 p.m., Squad 1.
Vehicle fire, 29200 Meadowbrook, 4:14 p.m., Engine 2.
Gas line break, Bethany Way and Ten Mile, 4:19 p.m., Engine 3.
Medical, 47250 Ten Mile Road, 5:14 p.m., Squad 4.
Medical, 23985 Novi Road, 5:39 p.m., Squad 3.
Injury accident, Pontiac Trail and Beek, 10:36 p.m., Squad 1.
Fire alarm, 42735 Lancelot Ct., 10:54 p.m., Engine 2.

THURSDAY, AUG. 19
Mutual aid, Dearborn Heights F.D., 1:14 a.m., 506.
Vehicle fire, 1-96 and M-5, 3:34 a.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 47250 Ten Mile Road, 11:25 a.m., Squad 4.
Medical, 35595 Ten Mile Road, 11:56 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, Twelve Oaks Mall, 12:46 p.m., Squad 1.
Fire alarm, 21875 Haggerty, 1:57 p.m., Engine 3.
Dumpster fire, 45211 Pontiac Trail, 2:21 p.m., Engine 2.
Medical, 39595 Ten Mile Road, 3:28 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 24722 Novi Road, 5:42 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 41326 Llewellyn, 10:34 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 29984 Montmorency, 10:35 p.m., Squad 2.

FRIDAY, AUG. 20
Injury accident, Grand River and Taft, 6:35 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 1247 East Lake, 7:12 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, Eight Mile and Turnberry, 8:34 a.m., Squad 3.
Investigation, 29907 Montmorency, 10:31 a.m., Engine 2.1.
Car fire, 25998 Petros, 12:41 p.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 41539 Ten Mile Road, 2:24 p.m., Squad 3.
Service, 21053 Dundee, 4:00 p.m., Squad 4.
Medical, 42835 Brookstone, 5:06 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 41563 Ten Mile Road, 9:35 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 26085 Town Center, 10:49 p.m., Squad 1.

SATURDAY, AUG. 21
Fire alarm, 46400 Grand River, 2:18 a.m., Engine 4.1.
Fire alarm, 42705 Grand River, 2:39 a.m., Engine 3.1.
Medical, 42808 Georgetown, 3:31 a.m., Squad 1.
Car fire, 1-96 and Beck Road, 7 a.m., Engine 1.
Medical, Powers Park and Ten Mile Road, 10:47 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 25624 Jackson, 11:19 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 40000 Grand River, 12:25 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 20980 Woodland Glen, 2:04 p.m., Squad 3.
Injury accident, LaRoi and Montmorency, 3:57 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 1-96 and Beck Road, 5:25 p.m., Squad 4.
Medical, 24031 Glen Ridge, 5:59 p.m., Squad 3.
Injury accident, Grand River and Beck Road, 9:10 p.m., Squad 4.
Medical, 21354 Glen Haven, 9:43 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 45182 West Road, 10:21 p.m., Squad 2.

SUNDAY, AUG. 22
Medical, 1422 Nardeer, 2:23 a.m., Squad 4.
Medical, 1422 Nardeer, 4:03 a.m., Squad 4.
Medical, 42016 Loganberry Ridge, 6 a.m., Squad 1.
Fire alarm, 2150 Old Novi, 7:09 a.m., Engine 2.
Medical, 21354 Glen Haven, 9:20 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 24373 Kings Pointe, 2:24 p.m., Squad 1.
Building fire, 1481 Nardeer, 3:54 p.m., Engine 4.1.
Trash fire, 2213 Old Novi, 7:23 p.m., Engine 2.
Medical, 27790 Novi Road, 8:19 p.m., Squad 1.

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Taft Road extension gets new name

By JEREMY MCBAIN Staff Writer

At least you'll know you're on the west side of Novi and that a pack of... After discussions, not all the names... entered a road naming contest for the Taft Road extension, the Novi... local Naming Committee decided... on calling the new thoroughfare... West Park Drive.

According to Novi City Manager Ed Kriewall, the committee wanted to get the road to convey the idea it was on the west side of Novi. The committee agreed up the naming of the new road to the pub-

lic last fall. Entries were to be submitted by Nov. 2, 1998.

"I personally liked the name 'Northwest Bypass.' It kind of gave you the idea this road was a bypass. But a lot of people said it was too long," said Kriewall.

Kriewall said the biggest concern the committee had in choosing a name for the road was making sure it would not be confused with other roads in Novi. The committee wanted to be sure emergency crews would easily know what road to take, he said.

Director of Public Information Lou Martin said while looking at all the names submitted, the com-

mittee decided it really wanted a name that conveyed the fact that a park was located near the road. Using the fact that the road was on the west side of Novi and near a park, the committee came up with West Park Drive.

Other names that were submitted to the committee were: Red Wings Drive, Beging Parkway, Fred Letwin Parkway and Sheskom Drive.

Martin said the name Kriewall Drive was submitted, but Kriewall himself turned it down.

"His position was, he didn't like names after people because it could cause friction between some

groups," Martin said.

Kriewall would not confirm this. Martin said his favorite was Sheskom Drive. This was because the name was that of Native Americans that had lived in the same area of the Taft Road Extension.

"Once there was an Indian trail that ran right by where the construction is, I thought that was really cool," he said.

Construction of the new road is progressing, added Kriewall and should be finished by late October. Jeremy Mc Bain's email is jmcbaib@homecomm.net.

NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC AUCTION

The City of Novi will hold a public auction on Saturday, September 18, 1999.

Location: Novi Civic Center
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Time: 11:00 a.m., prevailing eastern time

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(8-26-99 NR, NN 918905)

NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 99-041

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Theierhaus Microfinish is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of a 40'x60' tent at 42925 W. Nine Mile Road for use during an Octoberfest for customers on September 16, 1999.

A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for temporary use permit.

This request will be considered at 3:30 p.m. on September 1, 1999, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Official and must be received prior to September 1, 1999.

GERRIE HUBBS PERMIT ANALYST (248) 347-0415
(8-26-99 NR, NN 918903)

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 1, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **FATA AUTOMATION SE 22-32** located at the northeast corner of Twelve Mile Road and Ten Mile Road seeking **PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN APPROVAL, WOODLANDS PERMIT APPROVAL AND WETLANDS PERMIT APPROVAL.**

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Part of Parcel 22-16-300-005

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ORDINANCE NO. 18,585
ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 585
CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning & Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 15, 1999.

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Obituaries

MARION MAGDELEN THOMPSON
Marion Magdelen Thompson passed away at her Farmington Hills home Aug. 18. She was 93. Thompson was born Sept. 6, 1905 in Green Bay, Wisconsin. She was married to the late David W. Thompson.

She was predeceased by a daughter: Marilyn J. Thompson. She is survived by: sons Robert (Mary Lou) Thompson and David B. (Barbara) Thompson; daughters Sylvia R. (Clifford) Martin, Dory (Dennis) Lamont; sister Rosalyn Michaels; 17 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren.

Funeral services took place Aug. 21 at St. Clare of Assisi Church in Farmington Hills. Father Fred Kretner officiated the burial in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Arrangements were handled by the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington.

Sympathies can be expressed through donations to Angela West-Place or Marion-Oakland West Retirement Community.

LOUISE G. RINDLE
Louise G. Rindle, of Northville, died Aug. 20 in Livonia. She was 85.

Rindle, a former operator/supervisor for Michigan Bell Telephone Co. was born Feb. 3 1914 in Ensey Township to Fred and Regina Matz. She was a member of Our Lady of Good Council Catholic Church and lived in Plymouth for many years.

She is survived by her daughter Joan Sauve of Northville and daughter Sharon L. (Lawrence) Waldsmith of Plymouth.

She is also survived by seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services were held Aug. 23 at Our Lady of Good Council Catholic Church. Officiating was Rev. J.J. Mech.

Ms. Rindle was buried at Lakeview Cemetery in Howell. Sympathies can be expressed through Mass offerings or the donor's choice.

Arrangements were by Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth.

City taxes hit Aug. 31 deadline

City of Novi summer tax payments are due to the treasurer's office by Aug. 31. The treasurer's office is located on the first floor of the Novi Civic Center at 45175 West Ten Mile Road.

Please remember that postmarks are not accepted for payments received after the Aug. 31 deadline. All late payments will have a 4 percent penalty added. The city of Novi is urging all taxpayers to keep this deadline in mind in order to avoid the penalty.

Also, for assistance in understanding more about your tax form, Novi has added a "talking tax form" to the city web site. Novi's official web address is www.ci.novi.mi.us.

The self-explaining form can be found by clicking areas "Services" and "Finance" and then entering the heading "Know your tax form." The form has a text box at the top that explains all areas as your mouse moves upon it.

For more information, please contact the city treasurer's office at (248) 347-0440.

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Read then Recycle

Kids log 5,228 hours of reading

By JEREMY MCBAIN Staff Writer

Novi youth just couldn't seem to put their books down this summer. According to Mindy Schafer, assistant department head for youth services, participants in the Novi Public Library's summer reading program, "Outback Adventure '99," logged a total of 5,228 hours of reading this summer.

"It went great. We had some positive feedback from parents," she said.

A total of 1,325 Novi students registered for the program. It was open to children of all ages.

In the past, the summer program kept track of reading by counting how many books children would read in a summer, but this year it changed to how many hours a child read.

To keep track, children would register at the library and get a timecard. As they read, they would color in the appropriate amount of time on the card.

When the card was full, the children would bring it back into the library for a new one. Schafer said the library did not keep track of which student logged the greatest number of hours reading.

All of the participants were rewarded for their reading, she said. "As long as they are reading, we don't care how much, just that they are reading," Schafer said.

Children were also rewarded for coming into the library. Each time they came into the library, their name was put into a weekly lottery. If their name was picked, they would win either a gift certificate to Borders Books or Guernsey Farms Dairy.

Along with the reading program, the library also hosted a number of events.

With the events, children could read about magic or animals at home and actually meet a magician or see the animals they read about at the library.

The most popular program was the "Lizard Lady," Teress Killen. About 300 children were able to meet Killen's variety of lizards, snakes and turtles on July 28, Schafer said.

"Taking a close second in popularity to the reptile show was the Ice Cream Sundae Party July 30 that closed out the summer reading program. Schafer said about 650 ice cream sundaes were served that day.

Jeremy Mc Bain's email is jmcbaib@homecomm.net.

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City ought to seek engineering bids

To the Editor:
It disturbs me as a Novi taxpayer that the City of Novi does not competitively bid engineering services. For over 22 years of service, JCK has been the engineering firm of choice through acclamation, rather than by bid. During the Aug. 9 city council meeting, the Novi City Council once again gave JCK Associates the yearly nod of approval, without even bothering to formally review engineering costs. Council Person Laura Lorenzo was the only council person to question the approval on that basis. Rather than being commended for concern of taxpayer money, Lorenzo was admonished by Bob Schmid, who sits on the Consultant Review Committee, for attempting to do what we the public want, provide accountability in government.

Craig DeRoche, the other council member serving on the Consultant Review Committee, made an interesting point. Craig mentioned that the council itself initiates a lot of unwarranted consultant expense through its many engineering requests. With a no-bid contract now approved 6-1 by council, JCK Associates has the opportunity once again to accumulate more than \$4 million for engineering services. Many of the fees are obtained from private development, bond issues and the City of Novi engineering requests.

The council will bid everything from thumbtacks to equipment, but will not competitively bid one of the major items of city government, engineering services. The ongoing procedure of not bidding price and quality of engineering services shows a lack of respect towards the taxpayers of Novi.

Yes, the Consultant Review Committee composed of two city council people, city administration and JCK Associates have met many times over the past year. I attended one of their meetings last winter. At that time, I told Bob Schmid and Craig DeRoche of the committee how displeased I was with the poor construction of the newly dedicated repairs within Walden Woods I. Repairs based on JCK recommendations were less than adequate for what council should have demanded at the time. However, with proper JCK inspection of concrete at the time of construction, the whole situation would have probably been avoided.

At that same meeting with the Consultant Review Committee, I also asked the question of why water due to construction of Walden Woods I subdivision was being diverted into a heavily wooded area in front of the sub. I was told by JCK Associates that the county planned to do that way and that the plans once implemented could not be changed. The answer was indeed weak. So what you have now is a canopy of trees constructed by a swamp scarred with repairs within Walden Woods I over again. I suggest you drive by Walden Woods I and see your engineering dollars at work.

So my question is, what does the Consultant Review Committee do when challenged with engineering quality issues of which they do not want to address or perhaps know very little about in terms of solutions? It is apparent nothing except for business as usual. That is, awarding a no-bid, cost plus contract to an engineering firm whose credibility is perhaps suspect.

Jim Uley
JUST SAY NO TO ROAD BOND
To the Editor:
Having just reviewed the end of the Krieviald just promoted the \$25.5 million road bond proposal which we will vote this November, I'm shaking my head in disbelief. What an insult to the intelligence of an resident. How much city money did we spend for this advertisement for Harold's Frame Shop. In my experience, it is not the road congestion that causes the need for the alignments. It is the chukholes we have due to Michigan winters, excessive salting, heavy truckloads, etc. that causes the need for alignments. Frame repair is usually the result of a collision. The city certainly has enough money from the various street and the dedicated 1.0 mill road fund in the budget to maintain the many, many miles of city and county roads.

For Krieviald to insinuate that if we don't approve the road bond issue we will end up at Harold's or other facilities for our kids... that is ludicrous! These are the same tactics used to gain voter approval for the \$9 million park ballot issue which purchased the tree farm future development for our kids... We were told that if we didn't buy land now, we'd be able to find it or afford it in the future. And we had a bad judge in the \$33 million

additional \$25 on top of that. The job includes a paid training session and a 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. or so stint on election day. This really amounts to paid volunteer work, Bartholomew said, as well as a social event.

Bartholomew says she is six workers short and has to hire more, but willing to work an entire election day shift or just a half-day. The pay is \$7.25 an hour, while precinct chairpersons get an

more workers," she said. Election law permits the city to hire one youth worker 15 and up per each three adults. Adult workers must be a registered voter in any Oakland County community. To get involved, call 347-0460 or 347-0456.

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As We See It

SWOCC shows more teeth than was thought

As negotiations drag on between the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission and Time Warner over the renewal of the company's cable franchise with the cities of Novi, Farmington and Farmington Hills, something close to unprecedented has happened.

Both sides are talking about asking the Federal Communications Commission for an administrative hearing, a process similar to a court trial, because the two parties can't come to terms. Monday, the Novi City Council denied the renewal of the franchise renewal, which expired in May 1992.

What SWOCC representatives say is likely is that the next step, continued formal negotiations, will result in an accord.

It's not been uncommon to hear complaints in Novi that SWOCC seems to be a rubber stamp for Time Warner. However, SWOCC's attorney John Donohue said that only two communities in the entire nation have ever gone on to the FCC's administrative process - and ours seems to be pushing in that direction.

The cities have some jurisdiction over the cable company, because it uses the public rights-of-way and also provides an exclusive service.

What does SWOCC want, after surveying residents, that it says Time Warner won't provide? The commission is asking for nine channels for public access. Time Warner offers less than now available. Time Warner will not honor SWOCC's request to include the South Lyon School District, which covers part of Novi, as a public access channel.

SWOCC also wants to control these

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access channels, something the cable corporation hasn't conceded. SWOCC seeks a one-time public access upgrade grant of \$375,000 from Time Warner, which has counter-offered \$187,000.

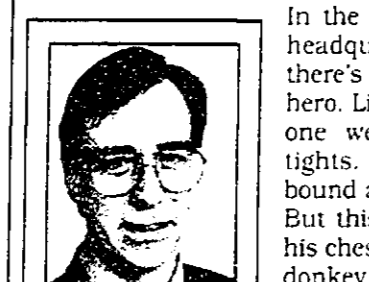
Time Warner is asking SWOCC to give up certain rights now offered by the 1983 franchise, including a waiver of local cable ordinances. SWOCC contends Time Warner is seeking the right to transfer the franchise without approval from the three cities. SWOCC also says Time Warner is asking the communities not to offer its competition "a level playing field" and wants the ability to offer non-cable services over the system without municipal regulation.

SWOCC additionally charges that Time Warner has insufficient staff for its public access studio, doesn't obtain permits before construction, doesn't properly bury cable lines and fails to meet consumer service standards.

Meanwhile, the council also agreed to enter into separate negotiations with another cable provider, Ameritech. Ameritech apparently has a corporate policy against negotiating with a consortium such as SWOCC. Of course, from a corporate perspective, it's easier to work with one city than with three. It's a shame the cities will be split on their negotiations with Ameritech, but we also expect this is just one more bargaining chip to use against Time Warner. And residents will welcome a second option for cable service, as well.

With luck, SWOCC and Time Warner will reach an understanding. However, we expect a mega-corporation can play for time to get what it wants. It's SWOCC's credit that they've stood by their guns.

A donkey will knock at your door



Mike Malott

In the Democratic state party headquarters in Lansing, there's a poster of new superhero. Like all superheroes, this one wears a cape and red tights. He's overly muscled, bound and apparently can fly. But this one has a big "D" on his chest and has the head of a donkey. The poster proudly proclaims, "The Democrats are Back."

That tells me one thing - Democrats have been somewhere else for a while. I'll speculate here they were stuck in "Feiger Time," which is a lot like the "Twilight Zone," and it's a long way back from there. State Party Chairman Mark Brewer isn't willing to accept the premise. Democrats have not, as some argue, been out of touch with the electorate, he says.

"We had a very bad election last time. I won't blow smoke at you," Brewer said. But it wasn't as bad as it appears, he also contended. A mere 1,300 votes spread across four representative's districts, the right four, would have put Democrats in control of the state House.

As it is, things are pretty dismal for the Dems in Michigan. The GOP controls both chambers of the Legislature and the governor's office. Among statewide offices, only the Attorney General's office is held by a Democrat, Jennifer Granholm. And now even the make up of the state Supreme Court is becoming a big issue for the Democratic party.

So the party is learning how uncomfortable it is to be a minority. A prime example is events in the House this spring, where Republicans quickly pursued their agenda and Democrats felt run over. If the role of the minority in the Legislature is often to simply be the naysayers, to slow things down and put a wrench in

the spokes of the proposals they like least, Democrats weren't even terribly successful at that.

Regardless of where Democrats are, or where they've been, they have a plan for coming back. For one, the state party is planning a statewide door-to-door canvass this summer and until the next election. The party has trained some 300 delegates and volunteers who will be wearing out shoe leather on the weekends walking in communities "from Monroe to Marquette."

The goal, admittedly ambitious, is to get to every house in the state by the time the next election is here, Brewer said. The Dems will be using the canvass to explain the party's call for strengthening public education. They say they want to hire more teachers, reduce class sizes, modernize classrooms and institute a core curriculum. But also, they'll be looking for voters' political persuasion and opinions on a variety of issues.

If Democrats are smart, they'll make a top priority of the latter. Voters are clearly disgusted with politics in general. I hear more and more from folks who feel the Democratic party doesn't represent the average guy. Door knocking is an excellent way for the party to reconnect. Voters, from what I've seen, appreciate when politicians come looking for them and their opinions. I would urge any resident of the state to give party members an earful when they come knockin'. And I hope Democrats leave with a better idea of what voters really want and a restored relationship with their constituents.

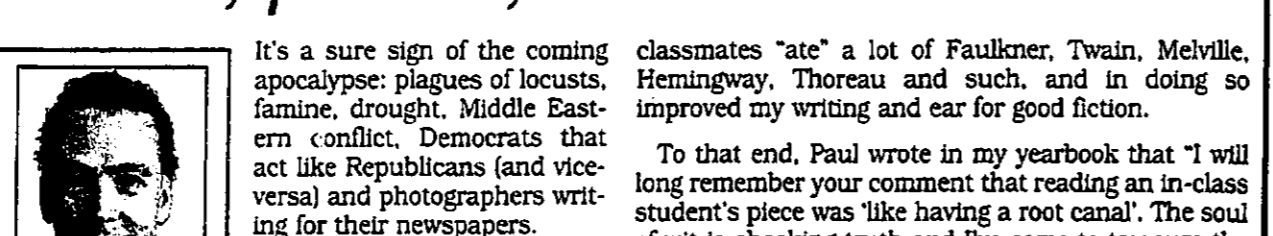
Michigan needs two parties in full contention for running the government. Regardless of political leanings, we all need strong representation from both ends of the political spectrum.

As we are seeing now, one party domination of the system eliminates much of the advantage of having a two-party system in the first place.

Mike Malott reports on the local implications of state and regional events. He can be reached by e-mail at mmalott@homecom.net

In Focus

By John Heider



The new Northville High School rises above a field of soybeans just along Six Mile Road.

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Congressman's assistant earns 'extra credit'

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positions where she was mostly self-employed.

She spent time in sales and when her daughter became older, O'Rear earned her health insurance license. She worked for American Family Life Assurance for close to a year.

"I was in the wrong industry," she said.

"I was not having fun and then I was approached by Knollenberg's office and they asked me to consider a position. God must have been watching out for me."

Working in the past on political campaigns and staying involved in

different volunteer organizations, O'Rear seems to have found her niche with her new role in politics. Candidates she worked for include State Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Nowi.

"Our role is to work for citizens and different organizations throughout the community," she said.

"We try to help them. We do inquiries on their behalf. Hopefully we can help them achieve what they are trying to do."

Now O'Rear finds herself in the final sessions of the Learning Program, which are designed specifically to provide experience to political novices interested in learning

more about the political process.

O'Rear said many of the participants use the experience from the program as a stepping stone to further their current careers or catapult a campaign for public office.

"The program presents a good feel of what you would be doing as an elected official," she said.

"We have discussions and exercises after the sessions. It has been a lot of fun and we have learned a lot."

"Each weekend we learn different subjects like the legislative process, personal leadership and campaigning. This weekend we learned about the media."

Novi residents encouraged to seek political scholarships

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN
Staff Writer

Interested in an opportunity to learn more about the workings of the Michigan political system?

The Michigan Political Leadership Program, offered through Michigan State University, is a fellowship program that kicked off in 1992 to help interested participants develop skills in the areas of personal leadership development, effective governance, public policy analysis and campaign techniques.

Since it's inaugural class in 1992, the MPLP has graduated 230 fellows, among them Novi City Council Member Craig DeRoche and late City Council Member Tim Pope.

Co-director Lynn Jondahl said

the program seeks applicants who are actively involved in civic activities throughout Michigan communities.

The program awards 24 grant-funded fellowships, 12 men and 12 women, who participate in 10 different weekend sessions.

"The program is a bipartisan program, that looks for applicants who have shown an active role in community involvement," Jondahl said.

"There are no educational requirements. Participants come from diverse backgrounds."

Beginning in February and concluding in November, classes meet one weekend each month at different cities throughout the state.

Funded by MSU and the insti-

tute's annual fund raiser, tuition for the program is free.

"In order to accept different people from different backgrounds, the decision was made to keep participants from paying," Jondahl said.

"Different interest groups from all over Michigan contribute to the program and Michigan State takes care of about 25 percent to a third of the costs."

Jondahl said the major fundraiser is held in Livonia during February and the MPLP invites prominent Democrats and Republicans to speak to the attendees.

Beginning in 1991, Michigan's term-limits law has broadened opportunities for interested politicians. After the 1998 election, the first election in which the term lim-

its law was in effect, the state saw seven new senators and 64 new representatives among the 148 members of the Michigan Legislature.

"Anticipating term limits and a lot more turnover, we thought more people were going to run for office," Jondahl said.

"This is a way for them to develop practical skills and have a diverse philosophical perspective."

A current student, Novi resident Melissa O'Rear, said the present class is attended by a township supervisor, a deputy sheriff, a social worker, school board members and attorneys.

"It is a bipartisan program that includes many independents as well," O'Rear said.

"There is a heavy emphasis on group projects and teams. The participants have become friends. We are already looking forward to having a reunion down the road."

MPLP weekend sessions begin Friday at 5:45 p.m. and end on Saturday at 5 p.m. Each weekend introduces the students to new subjects politicians will likely face in their careers.

O'Rear said this past weekend's subject was "Politics and Media." She said the weekend was enlightening to her on how to deal effectively with members of the media and how to present herself to the public.

DeRoche, who was in the first graduating class of the MPLP, said he also feels the program has many

benefits.

"It has inspired me to become more involved in politics and it has been incredibly useful in an effective manner," DeRoche said.

"The program gave me skills and helped me learn the inner workings of government."

DeRoche said he is looking to expose more Novi residents to the program, as it will help existing or aspiring politicians learn more about the process.

"Novi has been well represented, but I would like to see more people go up there," DeRoche said.

"It has shown me how public service is important and it has been extraordinarily rewarding."

Newcomers club seeks new Novi homeowners for membership

The Novi Newcomers are planning its annual Kick-off Dinner for Wednesday, Sept. 22 at 6:30 p.m. at the Wyndham Gardens Hotel.

All Novi Newcomers members and those interested in learning more about the group are invited to attend. Membership is drawn from

those who are recent arrivals in town.

Novi Newcomers is a social and civic community organization that

sponsors activities ranging from social gatherings to events for children and family programs.

Interest groups range from Mom

And Tots outings to groups for golf, Euchre and Bridge, as well as an annual road rally.

For more information about the

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Northville prepares to open its doors to history

AAUW's tour of classic residences set for Sept. 18; five homes participate

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN Staff Writer

The welcome mat has been laid down for heritage, history and tradition.

Five Northville homes will open its doors to the public Sept. 18, during the Northville-Novati American Association of University Women fifth annual Historic Home Tour.

In conjunction with the Northville Victorian Festival, the fundraising tour runs from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and will take 1,000 home decorating enthusiasts on a trip through the homes and neighborhoods while providing the admirers with some of the unique history of the time period.

"It has been a lot of fun planning and working with the families and we are looking forward to good weather and a great day," said tour chair Mary Jane Kearns. "The tour will compliment the Victorian Days and help people get a good feel for downtown Northville."

In its fifth year, Kearns said the tour sells only 1,000 tickets and it sold out three weeks prior to the tour last year.

Kearns said AAUW uses the money earned from the tour towards college scholarship assistance to Oakland County Community College's Women Center, Schoolcraft College's Women's Resource Center and community activities such as the annual Excited About Science program for girls.

This year's participants on the tour will visit homes in a one-mile radius of each other in Northville.

Featured this year are a Sears catalog home, an arts and crafts adaptation, an antique home, a restored and remodeled farmhouse and a new home built on a historic property.

Located in the Orchard Heights subdivision, the first home on the tour is the new home of the Turnbull family.

Ann, Bruce and their two children Katelyn, 13, and Jasen, 10, are looking forward to displaying their house which is reminiscent of Northville's Victorian heritage and tradition.

Built directly north of Bruce Turnbull's parents home, the new Victorian-style house was designed to fit into the style of the older neighborhood.

"Our builder tried to fit our new home into an older neighborhood," Ann Turnbull said. "We always try

to support the Victorian Festival and look forward to showing our home."

Also in the Orchard Heights subdivision is the home of the Maise family on Grandview.

Peter and Carol along with their children Eric, 8, and Kelly, 7, are looking forward to showing their arts and crafts-style home which was built in 1929.

Featuring steeply pitched roofs of irregular shape, patterned shingles and cutaway bay windows, the recent additions has helped create a Victorian Queen Anne curbside appeal to the Maise home.

"Our home was the last house built on the block before the Depression of 1929," Carol Maise said. "Since being asked to display our home, we have done some digging at the library and learned a lot about the history of our home. We are the fourth owner of our house."

The first home on the tour in the "Cabbagetown" section of Northville or "North-Side" area is the Russel home on Grace.

Mark, Heidi and their two children, Hilary, 8, and Colin, 5, have lived in their Northville home since 1989.

The Russel's original home was a Sears catalog house — homes which were built from kits sold through different mail order catalogs.

As the home tour approaches, the Russel family has been working on renovations, said Heidi Russel.

"The home tour has given us a little extra incentive into doing some things to our home," Russel said. "We are real involved in the downtown here and we are excited for the upcoming Victorian Festival."

Russel added that some of the renovations they have done included an 800 square-foot addition, construction of some interior walls and landscaping.

The home tour makes another stop in "Cabbagetown" at the Kelly home on Horton.

John, Michelle and their children Ryan, 16, Jack, 14, Mike, 13, and Megan, 8, moved into their 1894 Victorian farm house in 1988.

Their Victorian farm house has been renovated and enlarged in the Queen Anne style, featuring an attractive landscape, steeped pitched roof and significant front porch.

"Our home is very unique," Michelle Kelly said. "It is a very fun,



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Eric Maise sits on the bannister of the stairway leading up to his home on Grandview.

eclectic house. We are looking forward to the home tour. It should be a fun day."

Located in the historic district of Northville, the Freedland home on Main Street has the Victorian character and charm which represents the Northville community.

Although only living in their present home for one year, Michael and Sue Freedland are enjoying their new neighborhood and house.

With their children, Barry, 30,

Jennifer, 28, Joshua, 26, and Emily, 21, on their own, the Freedlands have recently enlarged the size of their downtown home and fireplace adding to the homes original character.

"This is a great neighborhood — we get to walk the town and the people are real nice," Sue Freedland said. "It is going to be a little scary having a lot of people come into our home, but the tour will be great. We are proud of what we did."



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Originally a Sears catalog house, the Russel residence at 777 Grace has been refurbished through the years.

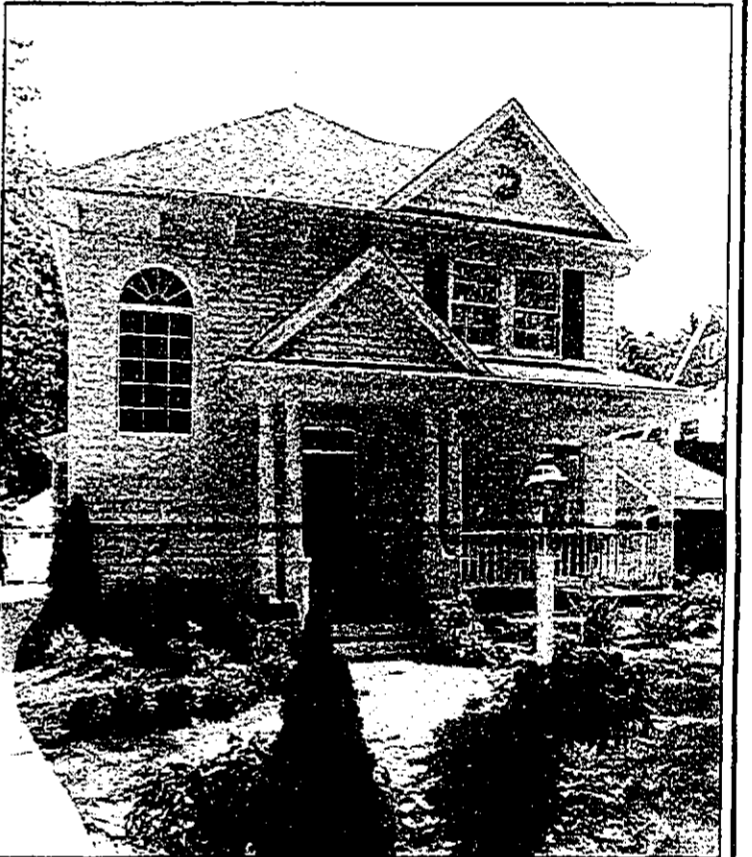


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Don't let the old look fool you — the Turnbull home on Eaton was built in 1998.

These boots are made for showin'

Northville city hall employee shares family's antique shoe collection

By CHRIS C. DAVIS Staff Writer

No matter what the situation, Shari Allen is always putting her best foot forward.

Allen is the third woman in her family to own a collection of antique miniature shoes, many of which are now on display at her workplace, the Northville city offices.

But shoes and mobility aren't things that are important to Allen simply in the sense of being a hobby. Shifting from here to there is Allen's middle name.

"Officially, I'm a floater," Allen said. "I'm always moving around. When someone's on vacation and there's a spot to be filled, I'm the one that has to do it."

Allen still refers to the shoe collection as her grandmother's. (It's labeled as such in the display case.) Even so, the micro-sized footwear has taken on special meaning to Allen through the years.

Allen said she first remembered seeing the collection at the home of Inga Allen, her grandmother, who lived near what is today The Dandy Gander.

"I used to line all the shoes up and play with them," she said. "I always thought they were pretty."

Allen became owner of the collection in the early 1970s. Almost immediately, Allen said she purchased a curio cabinet in which to store the pieces. Not all of the shoes fit

inside the cabinet, she said, most of which were made from either porcelain or glass.

A few of the shoes are made from other materials, and at least two of the pairs of shoes are bronzed baby shoes from Allen's family.

Allen said she held particular fondness for a Victorian-style boot that had a cabbage rose on the portion of the boot that covers the top of the foot.

"The size of the shoe is rather unique," she said. "You don't see a lot of the smaller heels on a lot of shoes."

By and large, most of the shoes in the collection serve little practical purpose aside from glittering in the sunlight. However, Allen said a couple of the shoes are actually ashtrays, and other pair is set up as a salt and pepper shaker.

"I suppose with some of the high-heel boots you could put flowers in there, but I never have," Allen said.

Still another shoe was made by her father and Northville fire chief Jim Allen.

Allen said she's added only a few items to the collection since coming into ownership of it. Allen's major collection interests are in perfume bottles and mermaids, a few of which have snuck into the display case alongside the shoes.

"The shoes are just things I like having that I think are pretty to look at," Allen said. "They have a lot of personal meaning to me."



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Shari Allen holds one of the hundreds of tiny antique shoes she was given by her grandmother and great-grandmother. The display can be seen at Northville city offices through the end of August. For more information on the collection, call the Northville city offices at (248) 349-1300. The offices are open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



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John and Michelle Kelly's living room on Horton Street is a classic example of 19th-century English architecture.



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Michael and Sue Freedland take pride in a beautiful front door of their Main Street home.

AAUW HOME TOUR

WHAT: Fifth Annual American Association of University Women Home Tour

WHERE: Downtown Northville

WHEN: Friday, Sept. 18

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While autumn hasn't yet fully arrived, the new 1999-2000 Michigan Fall/Winter Calendar of Events and Travel Guide has. The 96-page publication provides some 700 event listings, the names and locations of more than 100 color mills and a map that reflects approximate peak fall color periods regionally across the state.

The brochure lists more than two dozen fall color tour routes that navigate almost every region of the state. Also featured in the publication is a catalog of new Michigan merchandise bearing the Travel Michigan trademark and light-house logo.

Among the travel routes listed: the 9.5-mile-long stretch of Iron-King Mountain Drive on the Keweenaw Peninsula in the Upper Peninsula. The road moves 800 feet above lake level against Lake Superior, which provides a blue backdrop against which some of the most stunning autumn color lives. Prime time for this stretch of road is from mid-September into early October.

Travelers needing the status of fall-color conditions call toll (888) 784-7328 beginning Sept. 15. Travel advisors will also be available Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., to assist with making travel plans. Internet users can access Travel Michigan's website at www.michigan.org to obtain information on fall color tours and to access the site's interactive travel planner feature.

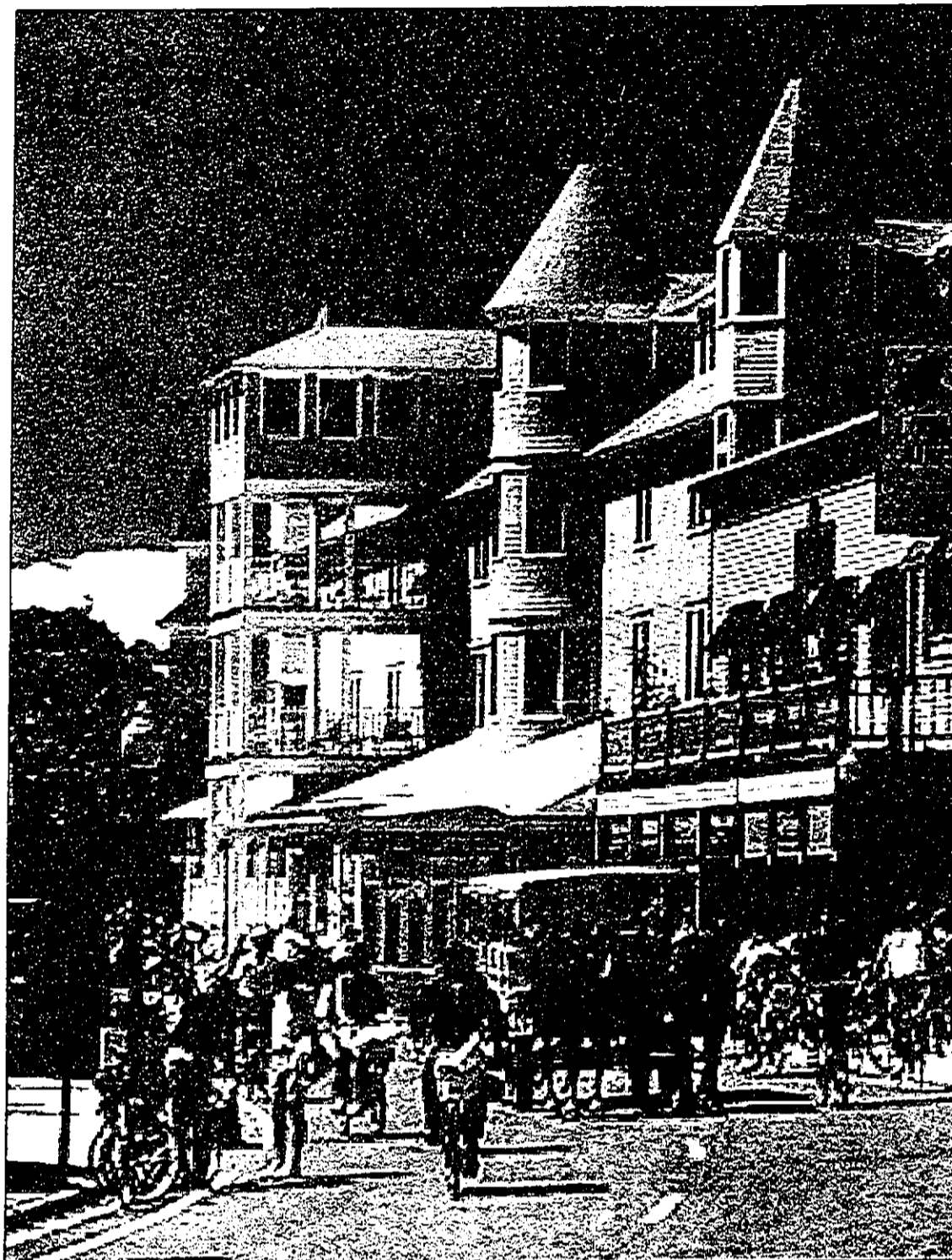


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Tourists take advantage of a late summer afternoon on Mackinac Island's Main Street. The island is one of Michigan's top tourist draws, popular with both residents of Michigan and from other states.



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Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore in the Upper Peninsula is one of the many scenic lookouts in Michigan's rugged northern half.

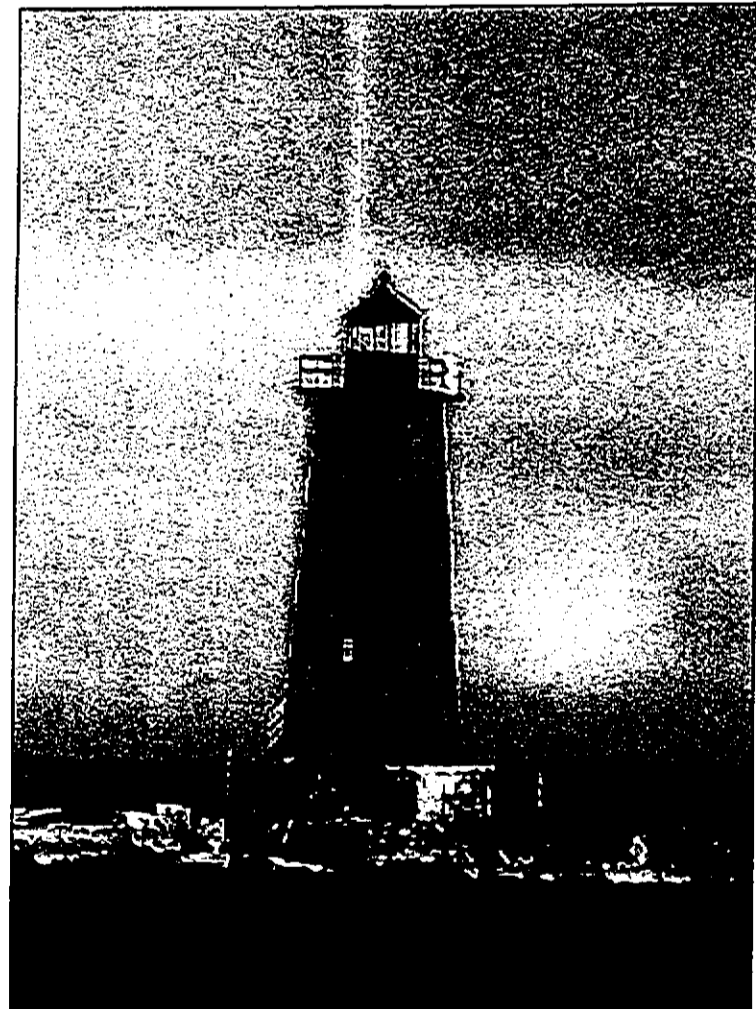


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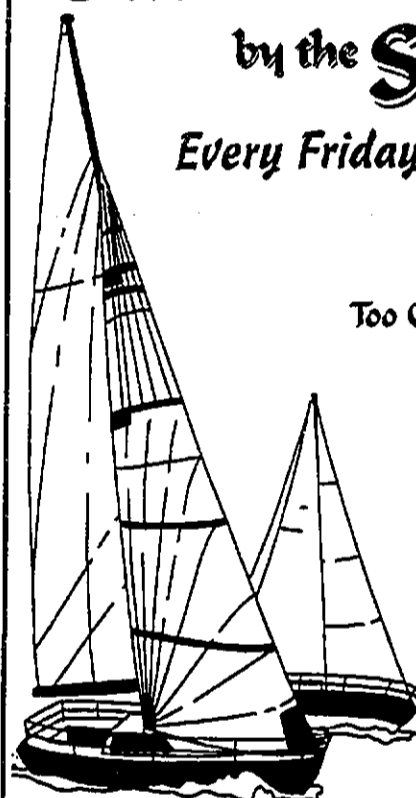
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Disaster plagues Watergate in 'Dick'

By Jon M. Gibson
GUEST REVIEW

It's almost tragic to see movies like the Watergate-parody "Dick" actually be pushed through the Hollywood system.

Amazingly enough, the movie attracted such popular teenage phenomons as Kirsten Dunst and Michelle Williams (television's "Dawson's Creek"), but is worse than any teen fare this year.

The movie's humor comes only from the stupidity of the two leads (played by Dunst and Williams) — a White House dog-walking duo. Dunst plays a repulsively similar remodeling of her role in "Drop Dead Gorgeous," making it less of an impressive feat for the young actress to hit the half-witted character of the ground.

The script feeds the two unintelligent girls into an unbelievably predictable and utterly mundane story that flows as sluggishly as frozen water.

The relentlessly sly and tricky

President Nixon (played with charisma by Dan Hedaya, possibly the best role in "Dick") simply adopts the girls as executive secrets, doing anything to distract them from clear evidence that they uncovered about The Watergate scandal.

The sallow extent of the plot is revealed in only a few minutes, leaving only undesired screen time to be filled with mindless chatter.

What is worse is "Dick" constantly makes a mockery of its title, using any instance to further its sexual innuendo deeper into your skull.

Slightly funny at first, but horribly retched towards the end, "Dick" is simply staid: Disastrous.

The only redeeming aspect of the movie is its soundtrack, packing lively music dated to the 70s mood that "Dick" mocks.

However, nothing could have saved this feature from its dreadful big screen transfer, except maybe a paper shredder.



Kirsten Dunst and Michelle Williams play White House dog-walking duo in "Dick."

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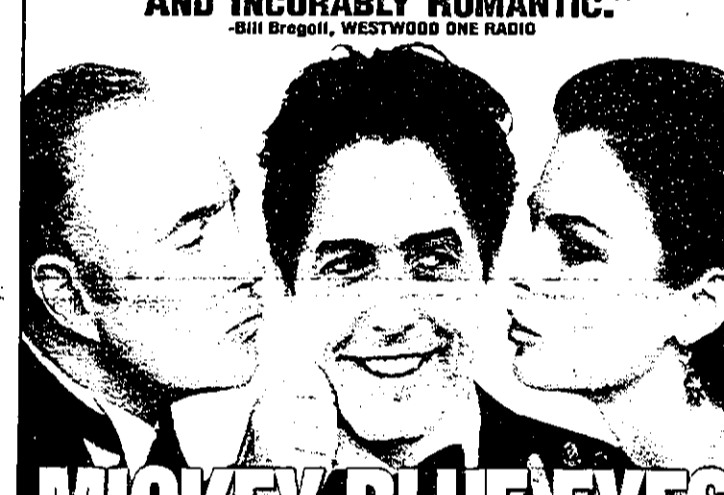
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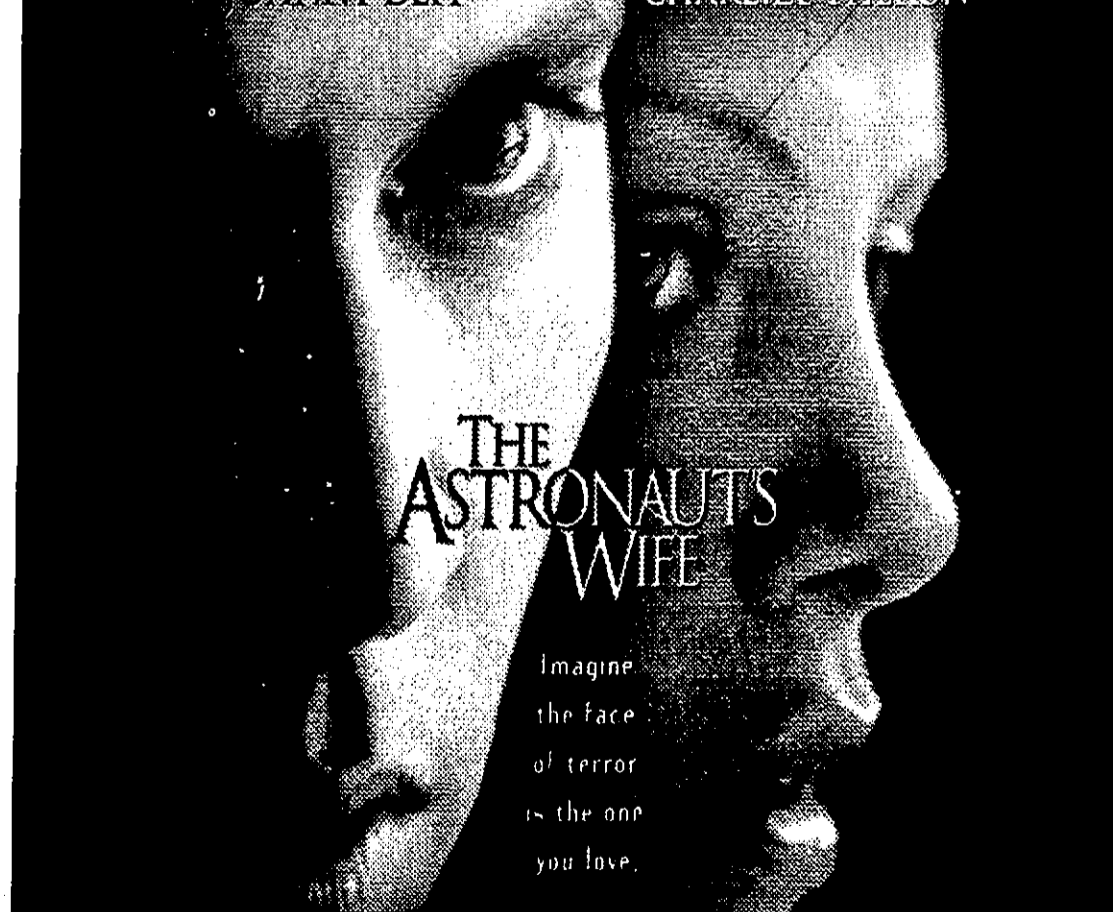
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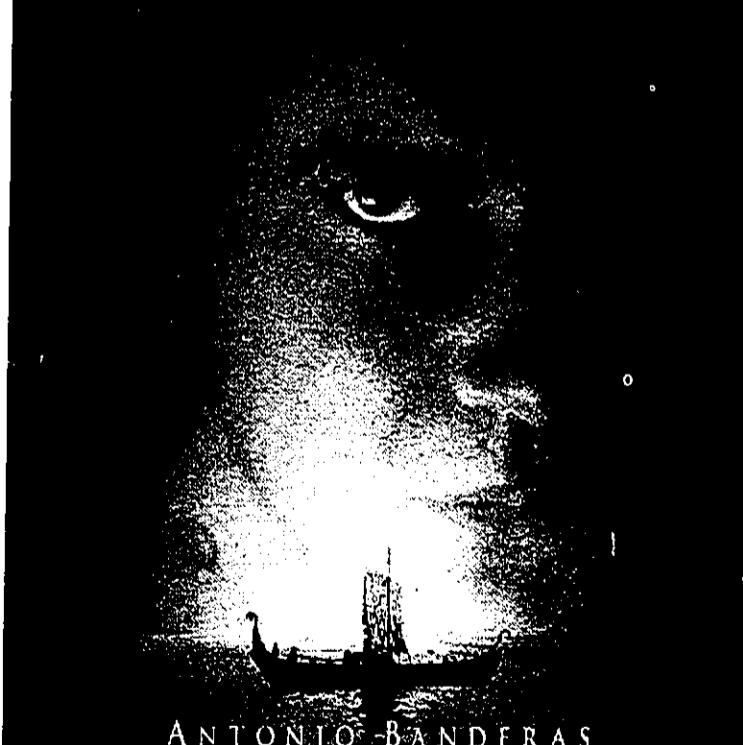
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Novi High School football co-captains Dan Kittle, left, and Jon Cervi run their teammates through some warm-up drills during a recent practice. Kittle and Cervi are the lone two captains in 1999.

Oh Captain, my Captain

Most sports teams still rely on the leadership provided by the team captains

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Being a captain at the varsity level isn't all it's cracked up to be.

Well that's not exactly true. As any athlete will tell you, being voted or named captain can be as big an honor as there is. Being the one or two guys elected captain by the same peers you've shared both great moments with, as well as the bad ones, it's not that bad.

But what exactly does a captain do? Are they the lockerroom cheerleaders, the ones encouraging their teammates to play harder, longer, better?

Well yeah, they are leaders inside the lockerroom and outside of it. But often there's much more to it, even if they don't know it.

"We lead the stretching drills, organize the team dinners," senior co-captain of the football team Dan Kittle said. "Once the games get going I'll get a better feel for what it takes to be a team leader."

For now, Kittle and fellow captain Jon Cervi are spending their time leading the team by example.

"I'm not a real vocal guy, but I feel I need to set an example, especially for the younger players," he said. "I try to work extra hard to set a good example out on the field."

Bob Smith, coach of the defending state champion cross country team, said he relies heavily on his captains to lead the team through warmup drills and summer workouts.

"They have to be willing to sacrifice their summer to make sure the team practices," Smith said. "That leadership has been the secret to our success."

The cross country team has three captains this year: senior Nick Bassitt and juniors Chris Toloff and Eric Walle. It was their decision to begin summer practice two weeks earlier than its normally scheduled start. The team was working out as early as June 21.

"We just really wanted to start the season earlier," Walle said. "Usually the more miles you put in, the easier they are to run in the season. We knew we had to do more this year because it will be tougher to defend the championship than it was to win it."

"They're my right-hand tools," Smith said. "They handle the stretching, the warmups, hydration. Sometimes they choose their own workouts. I know these three guys will take care of it."

"I give so much credit to our captains over the last two or three years."

Not all teams have captains. The football, boy's cross country, girl's tennis, boy's golf and boy's soccer teams have team-voted captains, but some other sports elect not to.

The Novi girl's cross country program, which has been to four of the last five state championships, have senior leaders rather than captains. This is a method head coach Norm Norgren thinks works best for his program.

"I demand senior leadership," he said. "They've been here before and they know what

to do. To me there's no one kid who's more important than any other one."

Regardless of the sport, it is an honor to be elected by your peers.

"I was excited because it was a high honor, and I know a lot of guys on the team respected me," Kittle said.

The football team normally selects four captains, but only two were chosen this season because of a lack of overall voting.

Walle said it shows him that his teammates listen to what he has to say.

"Coach can't be there all the time, so we basically have to push each other out there," Walle said. "It's good that we have so many good leaders on this team."

With so many swimmers on its roster, the team has three captains for the 1999 squad. Seniors Amy Hartland, Emily Nicol and Leslie Nimer have been selected by their teammates. Nimer for the second-consecutive year.

The tennis team has co-captains, with Tara Stevens and Anrutha Nagarajan leading the team.

The defending state champion soccer team has elected for three captains this year. Ryan Rzepka, Scott Jettie and Frank Raburn will try to lead the team back to the championship game.

Be it great leadership or superb coaching, something must be working. Not many schools can say they won two state championships last fall.

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Injuries will tell the tale for 1999 season

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Novi girls cross country coach Norm Norgren had better hope his girls start leading their on-going injuries, or he won't be able to lead them.

It seems most every returning veteran is currently nursing a nag and injury suffered over the summer, in the spring and even farther back. Six of the Novis' top seven runners either currently have an injury, or are coming off a major injury that kept them out of the lineup in 1998. Junior Brittany Albright is the lone survivor of a flu that has plagued the program for two years now.

"Right now, there are so many questions," Norgren said. "We have so many injuries, and I don't know how the young kids are going to respond. We seem to be working with a lot of carryover injuries."

Norgren said he hopes to have all of his seniors healed up and ready to go when the season really gets going in early September. Defending Kensington Valley Conference champion Kristin Echols is among those currently ailing, and she'll be a huge part of the team's success this season, if it is to have any at all.

"We're going to slow with the injuries, take it easy," the coach said.

"She's been working hard to come back, and her stamina isn't that bad because she's been doing a lot of other things."

Along with earning a conference championship last year, Echols went on to place 21st and medal at the state meet. The team failed to qualify as a unit for the first time since 1993, but two other runners joined Echols at Brooklyn.

Alaina Chippone is gone, but Albright is back and ready to step it up this year.

She ran a personal-best time of 20 minutes, one second at states after qualifying 22nd out of the regional elite.

They will be joined three other seniors who Norgren expects to rebound from injuries to lead the team. Cat Waller finished 25th at the regional meet last year, but

missed the track season with a knee injury. She's a consistent top five runner. Novi will need if it wants to compete against the conference favorites.

Both Val Suckman and Amanda Farrell missed most of last season with injuries, but have the potential to give Novi a shot to beat Brighton. Stefanson saw most of her success as a sophomore before succumbing to all sorts of leg troubles last year. Both are expected to run varsity.

Novi can only run seven at varsity events, so the battle for the five through seven slots is a heated one.

Juniors Vidya Mahadevan and Kim Thompson competed often last year on varsity, but will have to overcome pre-season injuries to compete in '99. Thompson is experiencing some growth-related problems and Mahadevan hasn't ran yet, but is expected to join the team this week.

In their absence, several other runners have made their presence known.

Juniors Kelly Phelps, Amanda Noworyta, Alison Morris, Beth Boivar and Cynthia Kouchary will battle it out with sophomores Emily Cross, Bethany Kittle and Caitlin McMann for varsity positions.

Freshmen Gina Bissi, Anna Vynar, Tai Kono, Nina Schmitt, Jenny Thomson and Margo Wolowicz have showed promise early and will push for a spot. 37 girls in all came out for the team.

"We had a very good turnout," Norgren said. "The sport itself has grown by leaps and bounds in the last few years. Ten of the underclassmen out are brand new to the team."

Norgren said this particular group of girls have been working extremely hard.

"We're hoping to get healthy and if we can, we can make a run for the conference," he said. "But for now, Brighton is the team to beat."

He also expects Milford and South Lyon to be right there along with his team.

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9/9	Brighton	A
9/11	Ypsilanti	A
9/14	South Lyon	A
9/18	WL Western Inv.	A
9/21	Hartland	A
9/28	Milford	A
10/2	Redford Union	A
10/9	Oakland Co.	A
10/12	Howell	A
10/16	Gabriel Richard	A
10/29	Lakeland	H
10/25	KVC Leag/Kens	A
10/29	Redford Union	A
10/30	Regionals	A
11/2	Lakeland 9/10	A
11/7	State Finals	A

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	H/A
8/31	WL Central	H
9/2	Harrison	H
9/9	North, Tourney	A
9/11	North, Tourney	A
9/14	Brighton	A
9/21	South Lyon	H
9/23	A.A. Huron	A
9/25	WL Western	A
9/28	Hartland	A
10/5	Milford	H
10/12	Howell	A
10/14	Lakeland	H
10/16	Northville	H
10/19	Brighton	H
10/21	South Lyon	A
10/26	Hartland	H
10/28	Milford	A
11/4	Howell	H
11/9	Lakeland	AA
11/15	District	TBA
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Seniors to lead cagers

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Novi's basketball program has always had a nice blend of underclassmen and upperclassmen. But this year's team is different.

The Wildcats have eight seniors on the team this year, more than the juniors and sophomores combined. Three of the projected five starters are repeaters from a year ago, and all five are seniors.

"I'm looking forward to that," coach Dennis Cichonksi said of starting five seniors. "I'm hoping we can get rid of some of the mental mistakes that have cost us in the past."

Last year Novi finished 12-8 overall and 7-5 in the Kensington Valley Conference. They led in three of those conference losses, and in two of them held late double-digit leads.

Forwards Kelly Bendernagel and Kristen McGinnen lead the charge. Both earned all-conference honors a year ago and provide a solid two-thirds of the starting front court. At 6-foot-1, McGinnen will provide low-post scoring and rebounding and will defend under the basket. Bendernagel is a bit smaller (5-8) and more versatile than McGinnen. Her biggest weapon is her ability to drive to the basket and draw fouls.

Joining them in the front court is forward Erin Quinn. She too can drive to the hole and runs the floor extremely well. Her anticipation of the ball makes her a good rebounder as well.

Jessica Gilbert and Beth Rice will start in the back court. Rice will run the show from the point. Both saw ample playing time last year as Juniors.

Senior forward Colleen Levens will be the first off the bench this season.

"She's shown the most improvement, all around, on the team this year," Cichonksi said. "She's got a good left hand and she'll spell Bendernagel, Quinn or McGinnen when we need to."

Senior forward Herbst will also see time down low, as will junior forwards Karen Edwards and Jenny Krysoff.

In the backcourt, Christina Parrish and Mickie Reepka will add speed and depth to the guard positions. Parrish was a backup last year and Reepka played on the junior varsity. Junior Allison Tingwall and sophomore Brittany Barrett will also play some guard. Barrett at the point.

Sophomores Kate Rose and Megan Collihan both possess good rebounding skills and will add depth at the forward positions.

"We should be able to present some matchup problems for other teams," Cichonksi said. "The girls are gonna have to live up to their roles or the team if we are to be successful."

Milford will be the conference favorites, but Novi should be right up there with them.

"I feel with the kids we've got, we've got a legitimate shot at a run for the title."

Four return to soccer team

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

In any normal year, this would be a solid team returning for coach Brian O'Leary's soccer program.

But coming off a state championship campaign in which five players earned some sort of all-state mention, the nine seniors lost signify that this is anything but a normal year.

Seven of the 11 starters are gone from that magical team, four of which are now playing Division I soccer in Michigan, Illinois and Indiana.

The hopes of this season rest on the shoulders of the four returning starters and newcomers from a 14-0-2 junior varsity team that followed in the varsity squads success.

Senior forward Joe Irimescu will lead the team and have the chance to assert himself as one of the best players in the state. His statistics went down last year after having a productive sophomore season. He played on a line with Derek Orneski and Brent Pawlak — a line which produced 38 goals.

"He's our biggest offensive weapon, and I think he'll be better this year," O'Leary said. "Because he knows he's the best player out there, I think that helps him. He likes it and he's stepped up his game."

He'll have to help bring along the other two forwards, which are yet to be determined. Four athletes are vying for the two spots, including seniors Rob Martin, Kevin Callender and Kevin Southworth as well as sophomore Brandon Davis. Both Callender and Southworth will also see time at midfield.

That's where the strength of the team is. Outside midfielders Ryan Reepka and Scott Jettie

Netters replenish, take from the well known as JV

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

It doesn't really matter how many players the Novis tennis team graduates from year to year.

The program has developed into a finely-tuned machine which generates quality varsity players to replace the lost, no matter what the number is.

The junior varsity team did its job to help replace the nine starters lost from a year ago and Novi is poised to make yet another run at a conference title.

But if that is to happen, the youth on the team's roster will have to mature quickly. Three of the Wildcats' top four singles players are sophomores, two of which are new to the lineup.

Sarah Holt played third singles last season, but will move up to play the top spot this year.

The sophomore improved "immensely" according to her coach after playing in several USTA tournaments in the offseason.

Two other sophomores, Melissa Roemer and Carolyn Vermeulen, have snagged second and third singles in their first year on the team. Both have looked solid in their first few matches this season.

Northville's Jessie Mills topped Holt 6-2, 6-1 at first singles. Kerry Woolfall defeated Melissa Roemer 6-2, 6-4 at second singles and Lauren West topped Vermeulen 6-2, 6-3 at third. In the fourth spot, Joanna Lee defeated Holt 6-0, 6-1.

Novi played them even in doubles action. The Mustangs' Nicole Linholm and Lauren Farris topped Stevens and Nagarajan 6-2, 6-3 at one doubles and Sabrina Hovious and Rachel Huang topped Novi's Sarah Ehlers and Suzanne Inamura 6-7 (5), 6-1, 6-2 at fourth dubs.

But the Wildcats snatched second and third doubles from the Mustangs. Nakazawa and Cypher topped Sarah Portier and Gina Hajicki 7-6 (5), 6-2 at two and Andrews and Dinsmore beat Rebecca Hullman and Renu Govai at three by a score of 7-5, 6-0.

Novi came back to finish third at the six-team Holt Invitational last Saturday. Nakazawa and Cypher won the second doubles flight by finishing a perfect 3-0 on the day.

Roemer and Vermeulen took home runnerup finishes and Holt, Dinsmore/Andrews and Hapanowicz/Zhou all placed third.

Brighton is the clear-cut favorite to win the Kensington Valley Conference title, something the Cats have won or shared the last four years.

"I think we can give them a run, but we're going to have to be at our best when we play them," Hanson said. "They're going to have to play up to their abilities."

SOCCER SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	H/A
8/27	Churchill	A
8/28	Plym. Tourney	A
8/31	Canton	H
9/2	Brighton	A
9/3	WL Central (S)	A
9/3	WL Western	H
9/9	South Lyon	H
9/14	Hartland	A
9/16	Milford	A
9/23	Howell	A
9/28	Lakeland	H
9/30	Brighton	H
10/5	South Lyon	A
10/7	Hartland	A
10/12	Milford	A
10/19	Howell	H
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11/1	Regionals	A
11/10	Semifinals	A
11/13	Finals	A

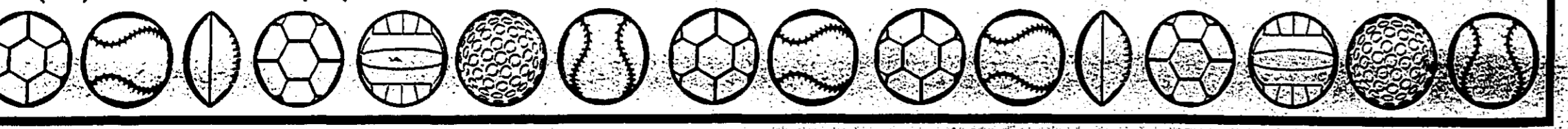
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Date	Opponent	H/A
8/26	South Lyon	H
8/30	Saline	A
8/31	Hartland	A
9/2	Milford	H
9/9	Howell	A
9/13	Lakeland	H
9/15	Brighton	H
9/17	South Lyon	A
9/18	Warren Inv.	A
9/20	Hartland	H
9/22	Milford	A
9/25	Howell	H
9/30	Lakeland	A
10/2	KVC	TBA
10/15	Regionals	TBA
10/18	Semi Finals	TBA
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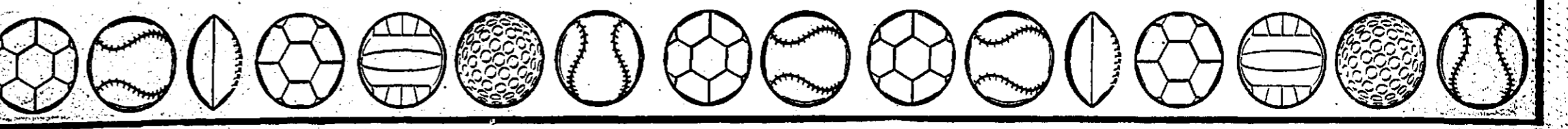
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Staff looks to boost egos, gain bragging rights



Jason Schmitt

With the fall sports season upon us, finally, it's now time to bring in fall. And with fall comes football. And with football comes the high school games on Fridays, the big matchups in college on Saturdays, and the big Sunday afternoons watching our hometown teams lose another one.

Hot Picks

The second season of hot picks has begun, and everyone will be trying to top the defending champion, Jason Schmitt. This year we've even given the coin a chance, so hopefully, everyone has at least a 50 percent chance of finding our hot picks. Who's ready?

Novi at Farmington	Novi	Novi	Novi	Novi	Novi	Novi	Farmington
Northville at Brighton	Brighton	Brighton	Brighton	Brighton	Brighton	Brighton	Brighton
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Lakeland at WL Western	WL Western	WL Western	Lakeland	Lakeland	WL Western	WL Western	WL Western
Howell at Grand Ledge	Grand Ledge	Howell	Grand Ledge	Grand Ledge	Grand Ledge	Grand Ledge	Howell
LA Tech at Florida State	Florida State	Florida State	Florida State	Florida State	Florida State	Florida State	LA Tech
NC State at Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	NC State	Texas	Texas	NC State
Arizona at Penn State	Penn State	Penn State	Penn State	Penn State	Arizona	Penn State	Penn State
Miami at Ohio State	Ohio State	Ohio State	Ohio State	Ohio State	Ohio State	Ohio State	Ohio State
Last Week	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Season Record	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0

Plans to bring back our "Hot Picks" this season with unanimous approval in the newsroom. So much so that we have three additions this year.

Novi News' reporters Jeremy McBain and B.J. Hammerstein along with Northville record reporter Andrew Dieterich decided to take a crack at upending the defending champion.

After seeing everybody else (Bob Jackson excluded) flipping coins and looking at team colors to make their choices, I decided to make things interesting. I have added an eighth picker to our list, the coin flip.

I flip my trusty number 10 twice a week, once for each game. The flip of heads means the home team for that game will win. A flip of tails gives the nod to the road team.

After looking at my quarter's pick of games after the first week, I'd have to say a few (Chris Davis and B.J. Hammerstein) of my colleagues are in trouble.

Here's the overview of how my challengers will pick their games this year, and just why they think they'll be crowned champion at the end of the season.

Andrew Dieterich—Northville reporter

You know what Michiganers take hockey so seriously? I lived the football equivalent for the past two football seasons being a resident of Wisconsin.

And I hate to use a cliché—especially on the sports pages—but football really is life in Wisconsin. From the Badgers to Packers to the local high school teams, it's everywhere.

To not take in at least some of the constant discussion on the pros and cons of such pressing matters as the west coast offense and videotex would be virtually impossible.

Now I realize football isn't the primary sport for the players are the ones who can't skate or want to stay in shape for hockey season, but it's fun to kick the soccer team off the field once a week, have the cross-country team warm up their instruments and watch the football team knock heads.

So here's the point: football is fun to watch and I feel as if my experience in Wisconsin undoubtedly will lead to a little #1 in parenthesis by my name at the end of the football season.

B.J. Hammerstein—Novi reporter

Football is a time to rejoice. The game, the hits, the trash-talking. The competition between the teams, the fans, and the football gurus always make for interesting conflicts in the workplace, on the street or in a bar.

As the new reporter in the office, many of my co-workers or you, the readers, may not take much stock in my reasoning, my loyalties or my experience.

Jeremy McBain—Novi reporter

My winning style is simple: I am rarely wrong on anything.

John Heider—Novi/Novi photographer

With a knowing bow to the aged, withered, slightly-senile wisdom of my boss (Editor Bob Jackson), I should be able to mop the floor with the rest of these young punks in our weekly football predictions.

See, their minds have trouble focusing on any one topic for more than ten seconds. Sure they'll consider for a moment the detailed intricacies of an team's ability to defend the pass-action offense by slotting forward their defensive backs, but then they're off to play some video game, plan the next sure-to-provide-a-visit-from-law-enforcement, Kegger, or double click on the Victoria's Secret website.

Know this, too: Early on in the high school, college, pro-football season, one of these young bucks'll be all full of himself cause he guessed more teams right for that week. They'd better watch out, I may not dazzle every week with my insight, but I'm in it to win the war, not the battle!

Bob Jackson—Northville/Novi managing editor

Bob was unable to submit anything to me, so I (Jason Schmitt) decided to speak for the man.

In the two years I've known him, he's always impressed me with his general knowledge of any sport and his tremendous knowledge of hockey. But this is football, and although he will try his hardest to upend the champion, he will fall just short of that.

However, it is my bold prediction that he will finish in second place, ahead of all the other posers. Sorry Bob, but I had to say it.

Jason Schmitt—Northville and Novi Sports Editor

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But, I am a veteran fantasy football player, life-long fan of the sport and a pure fan of the game. I still play Madden football on the old-school Sega System.

Sundays are my sanctuary.

Careful thought will go into my picks, but I have some absurd loyalties which I will stick to. The Lions and Cards are my pro teams. My college teams are the Sun Devils and Wolverines and as the new Novi News reporter, well—go Wildcats.

Everytime I have to make a decision, including the decisions for these predictions, I flip my trusty two-headed nickel.

It has not failed me yet. Except for that time I bet a friend that Barry Sanders would never leave the Lions and the time that I said the Red Wings would take three straight and the time I said the Detroit Tigers are going to take it this year.

Other than that, I have never been wrong.

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Trio of captains ready to take off

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

They say winning a state championship is a hard thing to do, but defending it is twice as difficult.

We'll see what the Novi boys' cross country team can do.

The team has two big things against it in its quest for a repeat. One, for the first time in five years, there will be no Kevin Avenius. The most prolific runner in Novi history, Avenius has taken a scholarship to run cross country and track at Notre Dame.

But what could possibly be a bigger problem for the Wildcats is that they are no longer the underdogs. They no longer have the element of surprise in their arsenal.

"Everyone is gunning for us now," coach Bob Smith said. "We all have bullseyes on our backs. It is much harder to stay on top than it is to get there."

But if early season workouts are any indication, the team is doing everything it can to get back to the top. Tri-captains Nick Bassitt (senior), Chris Toloff (junior) and Eric Walle (senior) got the team together and decided to begin practice on June 21, two weeks earlier than the team usually starts.

"We have to have that common goal," Walle said. "We all want to get back there and win it again. We know we have to do more this year."

"They now know what it takes to be in the big time," Smith said. "They are really, really hungry to go back. They had the best summer they've ever had."

"You sure hate to make predictions, but they sure eased the pain of graduation."

Toloff, along with returning sophomore Tim Moore, will lead the team in 1999. They have been about as close as you can be over the last two years. By pushing each other, they have become two of the best runners in the state.

"They feed off each other. They really can help each other," said Smith.

Rounding out Novi's top four runners are juniors Mark Avenius and Eric Walle. Along with Toloff, the three have been a fixture in Novi running since their freshman year.

"These four guys are leading the charge. They're training like crazy and the dedication level has kicked up a notch," their coach said.

After that, there are seven guys vying for the last three spots on the varsity team.

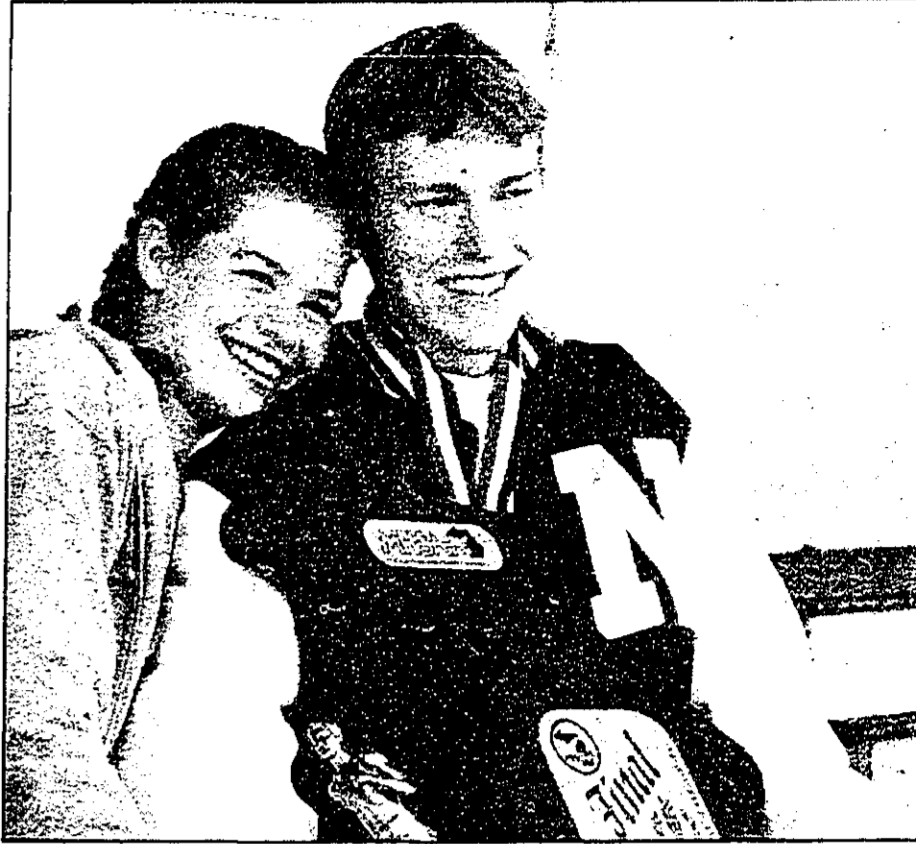
Bassitt was the team's eighth man a year ago, and looks to be in a good position this season. Others fighting for a spot are juniors Steve Swast and Dan Stevens, seniors Evan Foster and Steve Shubert and sophomores Matt Harshbarger and Mitch Erickson.

"These guys train with each other, and if one guy has a good race, they all step it up because they feel they can run with him," Smith said. "They are all within 30 seconds of each other."

Like always, Novi will have plenty of regular-season challenges to prepare them for the post season. Lakeland will try to regain the dominance they had in the Kensington Valley Conference for four years before Novi stomped them last season. Milford lost a lot, but have possibly the conference's best returning runner (Tom Greenless) and 50 other kids out for the team. South Lyon and Brighton each have two contenders and Smith feels the Lions are ready to take that next step up.

"I can't wait for next week to begin."

The Wildcats will take on Northville in the season opener today at Cass Benton.



Graduated senior Mike Burns is gone, but Novi returns four of its top seven.

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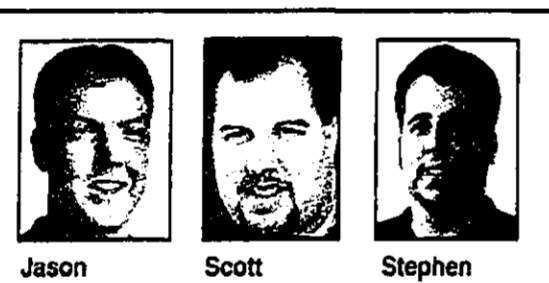
HomeTown sports editors take a stab at the KVC football race

As in years past, the Kensington Valley Conference will be very competitive in the football arena. Last year, the KVC saw a first-time champion share the league title with a team which is always a favorite in the league. Hartland won its first ever football league title, sharing the co-championship with Brighton.

This year, the league will be very competitive from top to bottom, leaving the top spot up for grabs. Below, the three sports editors from HomeTown Newspapers, which cover these teams every year, have made their predictions on how the KVC football race will shape up this year.

Out Picks

HomeTown Newspapers' sports editors Scott Kelley (Brighton Argus and Livingston County Press), Steve Bell (South Lyon Herald and Milford Times) and Jason Schmitt (Novi News and Northville Record) take a stab at who'll be the top (and bottom) of the KVC in 1999.



Jason Schmitt, Scott Kelley, Stephen Bell

- Scott Kelley Sports Editor—Brighton Argus and Livingston County Press**
1. Brighton - The Bulldogs are returning a load of talented players and should be the team to beat again this year.
 2. Novi - The Wildcats showed flashes of greatness last year with a young team. That young team is now experienced.
 3. South Lyon - Without their star running back in the lineup last year, the Lions quickly went downhill. But he is back, as is their quarterback. This team could be the sleeper of the league.
 4. Hartland - The Eagles will need to carry over the momentum from last year in order to be successful. If they can't, it will be a good learning experience for the younger players.
 5. Howell - A young team which will need this year to learn. Unfortunately, it will be the hard way.
 6. Milford - Could move up one or two spots, but not enough depth to make a run at the top spot.
 7. Lakeland - While young last year, showed some spunk. Could pull off a few surprises to move up a notch or two in the league.

1999 Final Standings	1999 Prediction	1999 Prediction	1999 Prediction
Hartland (8-1)	Brighton	Brighton	South Lyon
Brighton (8-1)	Novi	Novi	Novi
South Lyon (6-3)	South Lyon	South Lyon	Novi
Howell (6-3)	Milford	Hartland	Milford

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There's a new hope for older patients

New hope is available for older people in need of a bone marrow transplant, a procedure typically reserved for patients under age 55 because of its complications.

A clinical trial under way at the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center is expanding the boundaries of treatment for older people battling life-threatening blood cancers such as leukemia and lymphoma.

The new treatment being performed in the clinical trial uses less radiation and chemotherapy, instead allowing the immune system of the transplanted marrow to help fight the disease. The new, less-toxic approach offers an alternative.

"We think this trial is going to enable patients who need a transplant but who wouldn't be able to get one," said James Ferrara M.D., director of the U-M Bone Marrow Transplant Program. "Someone who's 60 or 65, for example, is now going to be able to receive a bone marrow transplant, which is curative therapy for their malignancy of their condition."

Bone marrow is found inside the body's large bones. It manufactures all of the body's blood cells: red cells that carry oxygen, white cells that fight infection and platelets that allow

blood to clot. When bone marrow is threatened by blood diseases such as leukemia and Hodgkin's disease, the body cannot protect itself from infection.

Bone marrow must be genetically matched to that of the patient's to be transplanted.

People over the age of 50 typically have not been candidates for bone marrow transplants because of complications that come with the procedure. In particular, disease is a threat as the new marrow works to establish itself; the new marrow's cells may attack the patient's tissues.

To prepare for a transplant, a patient undergoes a week of extensive chemotherapy and radiation. Doses are intentionally high at this stage to destroy all bone marrow. Donated marrow is then transplanted, but needs several weeks to engraft and fully produce blood cells.

The side effects during this period are serious and life-threatening, Ferrara said.

"The patients are very fragile. They're very susceptible to infection. They need daily infusions of blood products and antibiotics. They are very sick," he said.

Given how toxic a transplant can be, it is performed only if a patient's life is in danger.

"What's new is we're not trying to destroy all of the patient's bone marrow," Ferrara said. "We're allowing the new immune system from the donor marrow to do some of the work. All we want to do is eliminate enough of the patient's own bone marrow so that the new bone marrow can take hold."

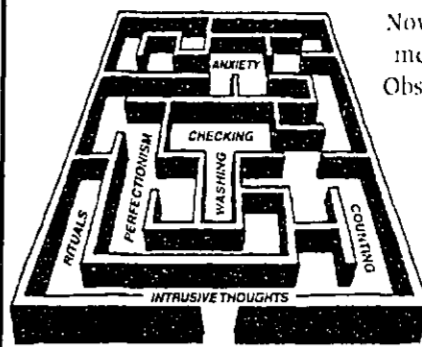
Five patients have undergone the new procedure. Four have survived and are "doing very well," Ferrara said.

The standard procedure has a 70 percent survival rate.

"This really represents a change in the way we think about transplants," Ferrara said. "For a long time in the 1980s, we thought that it was really the chemotherapy and the radiation that eliminated the malignancy or the problem. Now we understand that it's the immune system in the donor marrow that is a major component to the therapy and that's why we think that we can use less radiation, less chemotherapy and rely more on the power of the donor immune system to help eliminate the malignancy."

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Stepping Stones

It's a divorce-recovery workshop for children and parents. It starts Nov. 4 and is offered by pre-registry only. It runs every Thursday for six weeks at Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville.

The cost is \$10 and scholarships are available. For more information please call (248) 374-5920.

Panic attack and agoraphobia support group

They have monthly meetings starting in September at both Northville and Livonia locations. It's a comfortable group support setting for individuals experiencing panic attacks. The cost is \$5. For more information call Susan Franceschi at (734) 420-8100.

ABCs of Weight Loss

A registered dietitian will work with you individually for three months to set up a realistic weight loss plan, organize your appetite and discuss the best strategies for weight loss. A \$95 fee and appointment is required.

The class is sponsored by Botsford's Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave. in Novi.

For more information and to register, call (248) 477-6100.

Asthma Education

Individual sessions with a registered nurse can provide the tools to better understand and manage asthma. Day and evening sessions are available. Families are welcome.

There is a \$30 fee and an appointment is required.

For more information and to register, call (248) 477-6100.

Breastfeeding Basics

This workshop covers the "how to's" of breastfeeding and answers questions and concerns of women who are already breastfeeding.

The fee is \$20, and the classes are held at Botsford's Health Development Network in Novi.

For information and registration, call (248) 477-6100.

Circuit Training

This is a multi-stationed exercise and education program designed for the individual with limited experience using fitness equipment. Participants will be instructed on the proper use of weight and cardiovascular machines.

The class meets Mondays and Wednesdays from 7 to 8 p.m.

The fee is \$70 and preregistration is required.

For registration and information, call the Botsford Center for Health Improvement at (248) 473-5600.

Martial Arts for Special Children

Conducted by a black-belt martial arts instructor, a physical therapist and an exercise therapist for children ages 5-16 with special needs such as cerebral palsy, add, or sensory integration dysfunction.

This is a continuously revolving eight-week course held on Friday evenings from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi. There is a charge of \$100.

To register, call 1-800-968-5595.

Cancer Support Group

"Focus On Living," a self-help group for cancer patients and their families, meets the first Wednesday of each month at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia.

Co-sponsored by the American Cancer Society, "Focus On Living" provides an opportunity to discuss concerns, obtain answers and gain support from others who share the same experiences.

Registration is not necessary, and there is no charge to attend.

For more information, call (313) 655-2922, or toll free 1-800-494-1650.

Diabetes Education

This comprehensive program includes self-monitoring of blood glucose, diet and meal planning, disease management with exercise, potential complications of the disease, and presentations by a pharmacist and a podiatrist.

This is a continuously revolving six-week program held on Monday evenings from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Providence Medical Office Center, Ten

Mile and Haggerty roads. There is a \$20 fee.
Call (248) 424-3903 to register.

Surgical Preparation

Through the Sally the Surgery Star program, children scheduled for surgery are taken on a tour and familiarized with the surgical experience. A variety of educational materials and supportive teaching tools are used to help children deal positively with the idea of a hospital stay.

Admission to the program is by appointment only. There is no charge. Call the Providence Medical Center-Providence Park at (248) 380-4170 to register.

Weight on the Run

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

A \$300 fee includes enrollment in the class "ABC of Weight Loss." For more information and to register, call (248) 473-5600.

Child Health Clinics

Oakland County Health Division's Child Health Clinics provide free ongoing well care for children from birth to school entry. Families who do not have an HMO or Medicaid may be eligible. Clinics are held at 12 locations throughout Oakland County.

Services include: Heights and weights; head-to-toe physical examination; immunizations; vision, hearing and lab testing; growth and developmental screening; and counseling with referrals to physicians and area resources as needed.

Appointment is required. For more information, call: North Oakland, Pontiac, (248) 858-1311 or 858-4001; South Oakland, Southfield: (248) 424-7066 or 424-7067; West Oakland, Walled Lake: (248) 926-3300; and Holly residents: 1-888-350-0900, extension 8-1311 or 8-4001.

Healthy Solutions Seminar

Healthy Solutions are offering a seminar series over the next few weeks.

All seminars are free and begin at 7:30 p.m. Please call (248) 305-5785 or stop in healthy solutions to reserve a seat (space is limited). You may show up the night of the seminar, however a seat may not be available.

Hot Flash Study

Women who suffer from multiple daily hot flashes associated with menopause are being sought to participate in a nationwide study to assess the safety and effectiveness of an investigational hormone replacement skin patch to treat hot flashes. Women may be eligible if they are between the ages of 45 and 65, have not had a menstrual period in six months, or a hysterectomy. For more information, call 493-6580.

Blood pressure checks

Providence Medical Center-Providence Park is offering free blood pressure checks Monday through Friday from 9 to 11 a.m.

Area residents are invited to visit Providence Medical Center-Providence Park, 47601 Grand River Ave., to obtain the service. Screening will take place in Providence's Emergency Care Center located within the center.

For more information call (248) 380-4225.

Food Allergy Counseling

Individuals with food allergies can receive counseling on food choices and substitutions from a Botsford Hospital professional. The fee is \$30.

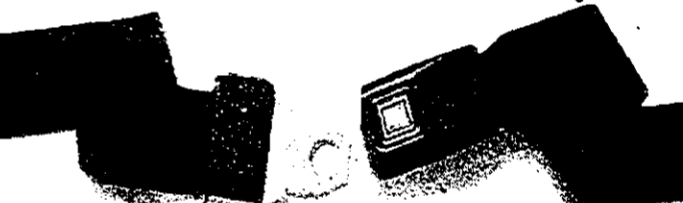
For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (248) 477-6100.

Prostate Cancer Support Group

Offering knowledgeable speakers each month, this support group provides encouragement and education about prostate cancer, its treatment and the physical and emotional issues associated with it. It meets the third Monday of every month at 7 p.m. and it's free.

Sessions take place in Botsford's 2 East A Conference Room, 28050 Grand River Ave., in Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 477-6100.

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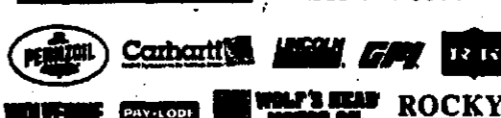
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