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Fuerst Farm has a future, but not set in stone

By JEREMY MCBAIN
 Staff Writer

In an city known for its high-priced modern subdivisions, officials are working to save an early twentieth century home from dying of old age.

Since the Novi School Board sold the Fuerst residence, located on the southeast corner of Ten Mile and Taft roads to the city in 1997, citizens and city officials have teamed up to save the home and restore it.

"Our purpose in acquiring it was to keep it from demolition. Some members of the school board at the time talked about demolishing it and making it into an additional parking lot for the high school," said Kathleen Mutch, member of the Fuerst Property Task Force Committee and Novi city council member.

The owners of the property, sisters Ruby and Iva Fuerst, sold the farm to the Novi school district in the early 1970s with an under-

■ Sunday, residents are invited to a picnic on the Fuerst Farm. Inside, the story and a peek into the Fuerst family scrapbook appear on page 8A.

standing they would have a life estate.

The sisters continued to live in the home until their deaths in the

early 1990s.

The Fuerst family bought the farm in 1918 after they sold their original farm in Detroit to the University of Detroit. Mutch said she is not sure why the Fuerst family came to Novi, but it is believed that they had some family living on Walled Lake at the time.

Along with the barns, the property already had a home built in the mid-1800s by Cyrenius Simmons in what is called Greek Revival style. At the time, Novi was

just starting out as a township and the Simmons residence was used as the gathering place for the first town meeting.

But, sometime in the late 1920s, something happened to the original house. Mutch said it is not known if it burned down or the Fuerst family tore it down. Regardless, the Fuerst family built a new home in 1930 on top of the original home's foundation.

After the school district bought the property and home, about

seven acres of it was sold to the Novi Library and then school officials used another portion to build the high school.

Other segments of the property became the Novi Civic Center and the Novi Police Department.

This left about ten acres of land encompassing the house, four small buildings, an orchard and four barns.

According to Mutch the home was built in the Arts and Crafts

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GOOD SPORTS



Photo by TOM HIBBELN

Novi Athletic Boosters work hard to sell hot dogs and other food at the concessions stand during a girls' basketball game.

A hot dog at a time, boosters raise cash

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN
 Staff Writer

The support never ends. It may be a smiling face that offers a hot dog during halftime of a football game, a fan in the stands wearing the number of the student athlete he or she is cheering for, or it may be a little financial support that goes to new equipment bags for the tennis team.

The support encompasses many different forms, but it can always be traced back to the dedicated parents and community members who are the Novi Athletic Boosters.

"The parents who make up the boosters work very hard and are extremely dedicated," said Novi Athletic Boosters President Dan Harfoot.

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 Novi Athletic Boosters president

"The most important thing the boosters do is raise money that goes to benefiting the children. It is all going back to the kids."

And even school construction hasn't stopped the boosters. While the Novi High School concessions stand is out for the season, they're improvising.

Harfoot said more than 300 parents attended this season's fall kickoff Aug. 25, showing the support is continuing to grow.

The kickoff is an opportunity

for parents to meet with their kids' specific coaches," Harfoot said.

"We have the kickoff to gain parent support, but really anyone can join."

There are three ways interested people can sign up for the boosters: Purchasing the \$50 annual family passes that includes the membership and passes to all contests, individual passes for \$30 that allow the holder entrance to all contests and a

general membership for just \$1. Harfoot said already this year around 340 families have purchased family passes, while last year the boosters sold 210 family passes.

"We just want to get more support out for the kids and fill up those stands," he said.

With the inevitable transition of construction in the Novi School District, the boosters needed a little creativity as the Novi High School concession stand was out of commission due to renovations.

The repairs are to expand and remodel the existing concession stand but when construction began during May, the workers discovered the foundation of the

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Are Fendt, Main Street a likely mix?

By JEREMY MCBAIN
 Staff Writer

After 41 years in the city, the future of Fendt Transit-Mix Company in Novi is uncertain.

For the last four years, Novi city officials and Fendt officials have been working to find a new location for the concrete factory, currently west of Novi Road, to make way for a planned expansion westward of the Main Street project.

However, efforts to discover a new home for the company in Novi are not going very well.

"It is real difficult to find a site for that kind of use. There is not very much heavy industry zoning in Novi in the right location," said City Manager Ed Kriewall.

As part of the road bond ballot proposal that will be before voters in November, the city has plans to build a ring road through the Fendt property from Grand River Avenue, west of Novi Road, con-

necting to Main Street.

The southwest ring road's projected cost is \$1,322,000 and is slated to begin in the summer of 2002.

Fendt Controller Karen Giles said the company has tried to purchase several different properties in Novi in the last four years, but those properties were unusable for a new location for Fendt.

Fendt currently has convenient freeway access.

She said every time the company finds a property in Novi that may be suitable, zoning problems come up and the plan is killed.

Because Fendt has been in Novi since 1958, the company would like to remain in the city, she added.

But chances of the company staying in its current location are very slim, due to corporate expansion plans.

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Police take aim at council's statements

By JEREMY MCBAIN
 Staff Writer

Statements made at a Sept. 13 Novi City Council meeting that City Manager Ed Kriewall's new pension is the same as that offered to the Novi police unions are off-target, local cops say.

Novi Police Sgt. Robert Gatt, president of the Novi Police Sergeant's and Lieutenants Association, said members of the association will not get even close to what Kriewall has until July 1, 2000.

"Lieutenants and sergeants presently have the lowest benefits of everyone in the city," Gatt said.

In addition, the Police Officers Association's contract negotiations have halted and are going to arbitration, with no indications members of this second police union will get the 2.5 multiplier.

At the Sept. 13 meeting, council members voted 4-3 to approve a retirement window for Kriewall that would raise his pension. If he retires by the end of March, his retirement pension will be calculated by multiplying the number of years he has on the job by 2.5. That comes out to roughly \$80,000 annually, Kriewall said.

This window is open to all appointed city officers. In addition to Kriewall, this would be the city clerk and city assessor, but Kriewall is the only one with enough seniority to retire at this time.

During the meeting, comments were made stating that this was the same plan that was given to members of the police union.

This prompted Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford to say, "Certainly,

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Candy designer Kyle Magnan bites a confection.

Middle-schooler's candy wows the Wonka factory

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN
 Staff Writer

Oompa, loompa, doompity do, it was a candy lover's dream come true for Kyle Magnan.

Magnan, 12, used his creative imagination and love for candy to be selected as one of seven "WONKAmaginators" — kid candy creators between the ages of six and 14 — for his own delicious candy concoction, "Ooey Goopy Chocolate Chewies." They're hollow, marble-size chocolate balls with chocolate sauce on the inside.

"The candy is about the size of a big marble," said Magnan, who lives in York-shire Estates subdivision.

"It is great for chocolate lovers like you."

"WONKAmaginator" Magnan and six other children were flown to Itasca, Ill., just outside of Chicago, to be part of the first-ever tour for children at the Willy Wonka Candy Factory.

Magnan and the other children were selected to attend the first annual WONKAmaginator Summit during a nationwide contest where children submitted delicious and creative candy ideas that may be used by the Nestle Willy Wonka Candy Factory in the future.

"We were thrilled to recognize Kyle's wonderfully imaginative candy creation by inviting him to participate in the WONKAmaginator Summit," said Chuck Dodson, Willy Wonka Candy Factory vice president of marketing.

"We loved opening the factory's gates to the seven special winners who opened their imagination to us."

The Summit, held on Sept. 11, was the first time the candy factory opened its doors to the public for tours of the facility.

"We went on a tour of the factory and tested out a lot of the new candies," Magnan said.

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Community Calendar

Thursday, Sept. 23

Novi Rotary
The Novi Rotary Club meets at noon at the Novi United Methodist Church at 41671 Ten Mile Road. For information, contact Bob Lambright at (248) 348-6500.

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. (248) 344-2167.

Stress class
If your life is swamped by stress, Oakland Physical Therapy - at Prosdorfer Park Medical Center, 47601 Grand River - is holding a free class on relaxation techniques tonight at 7 p.m. Register by calling (248) 380-3550.

Friday, Sept. 24

Novi Expo Center Shows
Two shows are at the Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Drive, today through Sunday.
The American Woodworking Show features seminars and tool demonstrations. Admission is \$10 and parking is \$5. Children under 12 free.
The International Gem and Jewelry Show features 150 dealers. Admission is \$6, children under 12 free.
For information, call (248) 348-5600.

Saturday, Sept. 25

Country-Western Dance
Novi Parks and Recreation and Jeanne Rowe of Steppin' Time are sponsoring a Country-Western Dance from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road.
Admission is \$7 for residents and seniors; \$8 for non-residents. For information, call (248) 348-9116.

Monday, Sept. 27

Novi City Council
The Novi City Council will meet tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 47175 W. Ten Mile Road. For information, call (248) 347-0400.

Northville school board
The Northville school board meets tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the third floor conference room at Old Village School, 405 W. Main Street, Northville. For information, call (248) 349-3400.

ZONTA
The ZONTA Club of Farmington/Novi meets at 6 p.m. at the Embassy Suites Hotel (between Seven and Eight Mile roads, off I-275). ZONTA International is a worldwide classified service organization of executives in business and the professions, working to improve the legal, political, economic and professional status of women. For information and reservations, call (313) 536-8043.

Tuesday, Sept. 28

Business Network International
The Novi Chapter of the Business Network International will meet from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at Kerby's Koney Island at Eight Mile and Haggerty roads. For information, call (810) 323-3800.

Civil Air Patrol
The Sixgate Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, meets at Novi Middle School, 25299 Tati Rd., from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Adults and youths who have finished the sixth grade are welcome. For additional information call (248) 349-2669.

Youth Assistance
Novi Youth Assistance board will meet at 7 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, Mayor's Conference Room, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road.

Wednesday, Sept. 29

Business Network International
The Greater Novi Chapter of the Business Network International will meet from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at the Novi Hilton, 21111 Haggerty Road. For information, call (810) 323-3800.

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

Seniors business
The Novi Senior Social Club will meet at 1 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center for its regular monthly business meeting.

Thursday, Sept. 30

Camera Club
The Novi Camera Club meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center. For more information, call Hugh Crawford at (248) 349-5079.

Chess Club
The Novi Chess Club will meet from 7 p.m. to 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, (248) 344-4269 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.

Northville School Board
The Northville School Board meets at 7:30 p.m. in the third floor conference room at Old Village School, 405 W. Main Street. For information, call (248) 349-3400.

Johnson joins fire department as second in command



Novi Assistant Fire Chief Jeffery Johnson prepares to climb aboard Company #1's engine. Johnson sees his new job as a great opportunity to advance in his career.

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Staff Writer

Just hard as assistant fire chief for the Novi Fire Department, Jeffery Johnson looks at his new job with excitement and is watching for opportunities to enhance his career. "This is excellent for me," he said. "Novi Fire Chief Arthur Lenaghan is going to be a good learning experience because of his background. I call him my mentor. I hope to learn from him." Johnson, who arrived here about three weeks ago, said he knew Novi was a special place from the time he came to interview for the position. "The firefighters love their job. You can tell. I just really felt comfortable, because I could tell I was moving into a friendly department," he said.

Everyone in the Novi Fire Department looks out for each other like they are all part of some big family, Johnson explained. Lenaghan said he was happy to have Johnson as part of the team. He added that Johnson came highly recommended for the position. "He'll do very well here," Lenaghan said. Novi has not had an assistant fire chief since 1995. Lenaghan said that because of organizational changes and Novi's growth, the department needed a second in command.

Before coming to Novi, Johnson was a battalion commander for a fire department in Loveland, Ohio, where he had been working for 17 years.

Johnson grew up in a community near Loveland and came back to the area after attending college at Columbus State University in Columbus, Ohio for a degree in emergency medical service. Originally, he went to college to learn to be a paramedic, a career goal he picked up from volunteer work he performed in a local hospital while in high school.

In college, Johnson had a chance to work with ambulance crews stationed in a fire department. There, he saw the firefighters in action and decided that was going to be his new career goal. "I pursued my goal while going through paramedic training. It worked out to my advantage. It gave me an opportunity to get into the fire department," Johnson said. The opportunity came after Johnson received his degree in 1983 and returned to Loveland. Because full-time firefighting jobs are rare, he volunteered for the fire department and worked odd jobs to pay the bills.

After two years, a full-time position opened up and Johnson jumped at it. "It was an exciting challenge for me. What I really wanted to do was help people and serve the public. This is the kind of job where you can do that," he said. After a while, Johnson started looking at other aspects of his career and became interested in the administration. "I liked being in a position where I can work with many other employees and manage people. It's chal-

lenging. It is kind of exhilarating to have a problem and come up with a solution to it," he said. Johnson said he loved dealing with the daily difficulties that a fire department administrator must face, such as working with the city council and dealing with the media.

He added he is planning on staying with the Novi Fire Department for quite a while. "The chief has indicated that at some point he is going to retire. I'd like to have an opportunity to take that challenge on if it is viable," he said.

But even while he works in the role, Johnson still maintains the duties of a firefighter and takes part in rescue calls - most notably, the train derailment Sept. 10 near Novi Road and Grand River Avenue. "Every time the fire bell rings brings something new for Johnson and the rest of the Novi firefighters. One minute they can be calmly going about a normal routine, while the next they can be racing to the scene of a house fire. The situation a firefighter must face at a house fire is intense, Johnson said. While people scramble from the burning building, Johnson and the other firefighters are putting on their equipment and preparing to fight the flames.

All the time, their adrenaline is rushing, and they are striving to do the best job they can possibly do, the assistant chief explained. "You deal with a lot of stressful situations that people could get hurt in. All of your skills and every-

thing you learned you put it into action," he said. When asked what image sticks out in his mind the most during his career, Johnson said he tries to remember the positive incidents - times where, instead of cleaning up after a bad accident or house fire, he is helping deliver a baby or reviving someone who has just had a heart attack.

"People are pretty receptive to the fire department, but those are the times where you get the gratitude that makes you feel good," he said.

While Johnson becomes acclimated with his new administrative job, he is also looking forward to making Novi a home for his family. Currently he lives in Farmington Hills, with his wife, Elizabeth, remains in Ohio working towards a degree in dental hygiene. Johnson said she is graduating this June, and will be moving to Michigan with the couple's two daughters, Heather and Holly.

"It is going to be kind of difficult for the next eight or nine months," Johnson said. "I feel like I fit in," he said. Johnson added, "I plan to do a good job for the citizens. I'm very customer-service oriented. If they need anything, they can call me or the fire department. We are here to help out any way we can."

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Men sleep while waiting for food

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A 19-year-old Highland man and a 15-year-old Livonia man were arrested around 11:30 p.m. Sept. 18 after they were found sleeping in the driver's seats of a 1997 Ford Escort.

Officers approached the vehicle when the men were taking a nap and asked them to get out of the car. The 19-year-old man was arrested on charges of sleeping in a vehicle. The 15-year-old man was arrested on charges of sleeping in a vehicle.

The driver said he had about four beers while at a golf outing. He was given a sobriety test and taken to the Novi Police Department.

While at the department, he was given a chemical breath test which indicated he had a blood alcohol concentration of 0.19 percent.

Both men were taken to the Novi Police Department. While at the department, the driver was given a chemical breath test, which indicated he had a blood alcohol concentration of 0.18 percent.

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Novi Briefs

Civic Center parking

Parking at the Novi Civic Center is going to be an adventure for awhile. Construction crews started tearing up cement in the parking lot Monday so it can be repaved and expanded. According to Director of Public Information Lou Martin, 80 new parking spaces will be added to the lot. Construction will last until Nov. 15. Visitors to the Civic Center can park in the parking lot in front of the Novi Police Department, the high school parking lot next to the Civic Center or the parking lot in front of the Civic Center. City employees will be parking behind Power Park to leave additional room for the public.

Cancer awareness

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The disease is the number one cause of death for African-American women and the number two cause of death for Caucasian women. To promote awareness of breast cancer, the Oakland County Health Division's Health Education Unit will be at the J.C. Penney entrance in Twelve Oaks Mall from Tuesday, Oct. 19 to Friday, Oct. 22. Open from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. those days, the display stresses the importance of mammography for early detection of the ailment.

Start 'em young

On Sept. 12, Kumon Math and Reading Centers held a picnic in Novi to honor 50 students who are taking Algebra classes by fifth grade or are almost there. The supplemental education center has branches in Novi, as well as neighboring communities. The Kumon method was developed in 1954 by Toru Kumon and has been taught to over eight million students in 40 nations.

Kick up your heels

A fall Country-Western Dance will rock the the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, on Sept. 25 from 7 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Couples and singles are welcome to join the fun. The night is sponsored by the Novi Parks and Recreation Department and line dancing teacher Jean Rowe of Steppin' Time. A dance lesson will be given at 7:30 p.m.

Admission is \$7 for residents and seniors 55 and up, \$8 for non-residents. While beverages and munchies will be on sale, no alcoholic beverages or cigarettes are permitted in the Civic Center. For information, call (248) 348-9116.

man said he was masturbating with the nylon and looking at the pornographic magazines. The man also admitted to having marijuana in the vehicle.

The officer searched the man's car and found a baggie of marijuana and a wooden pipe. He also found several pornographic magazines and many pairs of ladies nylons.

A fifth man exited the store with a milk he had just purchased. Officers gave the other four men citations for loitering.

BREAK-IN

Someone broke into an apartment sometime between 6:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Sept. 15 on the 22000 block of Rotunda.

The resident of the apartment arrived home to find someone had torn open a screen door and then pried open the doorwall to get in.

After breaking inside, the thief took a VCR, TV, stereo and \$80 in cash from the apartment.

CUSSING ICE CREAM MAN

A passenger in an ice cream truck swore at children and drank beer in front of them Sept. 15 on the 1400 block of Nardere.

A complainant stated a white male in his teens with blonde hair was riding in the ice cream truck with the driver and swore at her daughter.

According to the complainant, the man said, "Hey little F---ing boy, what do you want?" He was also drinking from a beer bottle.

The complainant said she did not see the plate number of the ice cream truck or get the name of the ice cream company. Citizens with information about the above incidents are urged to call the Novi Police Department at 348-7100.

Teachers graduate from school leadership studies

By B.J. HAMMERSTEN Staff Writer

September is the time of year for school to get going, not the time to recognize graduates.

But nine teachers from the Novi school district have graduated from the Galileo Leadership Consortium and deserve recognition for their commitment to leadership as educators of our youth, school officials say.

Rita Traynor, assistant superintendent for instruction of the Novi school district, said the project was designed to develop educators as leaders within their organizations, with the specific intent of extending the capacity of the educational systems within which the teachers work.

The 1999 Novi School District graduates include Anne Chinn and Debbie Madeja from Parkview Elementary, Jodi Balconi from Novi Woods Elementary, David Ascher and Jennifer Michos from Novi Meadows, Paul Hoffman and Kim

"We want teachers who are willing to lead with courage and vision."

John Burkart, Kellogg Foundation

Hogan from Novi Middle School and Kristin Weinbeck and Gail Zielinski from Novi High School.

The consortium involves 10 educational systems, six K-12 school districts (Farmington, Livonia, Northville, Novi, Southfield and Walled Lake); two community colleges (Oakland Community College and Schoolcraft); and two intermediate school districts (Oakland Intermediate School District and Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency).

Traynor said the project is funded by both the Kellogg Foundation and the individual school systems.

"We at the Kellogg Foundation are proud of the Galileo Leadership Program and believe the teachers hold the key to preparing young people for their futures," said John Burkart, program coordinator for the Kellogg Foundation.

"We want teachers who are willing to lead with courage and vision—focusing on ways of linking the power of community with the dreams of the children they serve."

According to Traynor, the two-year leadership academy meets 14 different times.

Different speakers and workshops are presented to the teachers, addressing issues relevant to education and leadership.

The curriculum is built around four major components: personal assessment, changing organizations, influencing strategies and planning for action.

The Galileo Leaders Class of 2001 has been recruited and includes seven teachers from the Novi School District.



A select group of teachers from the Novi Community School District participated and recently graduated from the Galileo Program intended to create a new generation of leaders in education. It is sponsored in part by the Kellogg Foundation. The teachers are (from l-r): Kim Hogan, Paul Hoffman, Gail Zielinski, Jennifer Michos, David Ascher, Debbie Madeja and Ann Chin.

The teachers are Jane Fungfeld from Village Oaks, Kathy Boyd, Joanne Peurach from Novi Middle School, Jeanne Dial, Lisa Fenchel, Marianne Malarkey and Gail VanGorder from Novi Meadows and research," Traynor said. "The program offers great merit for staff development. I wish we could do it for everybody."

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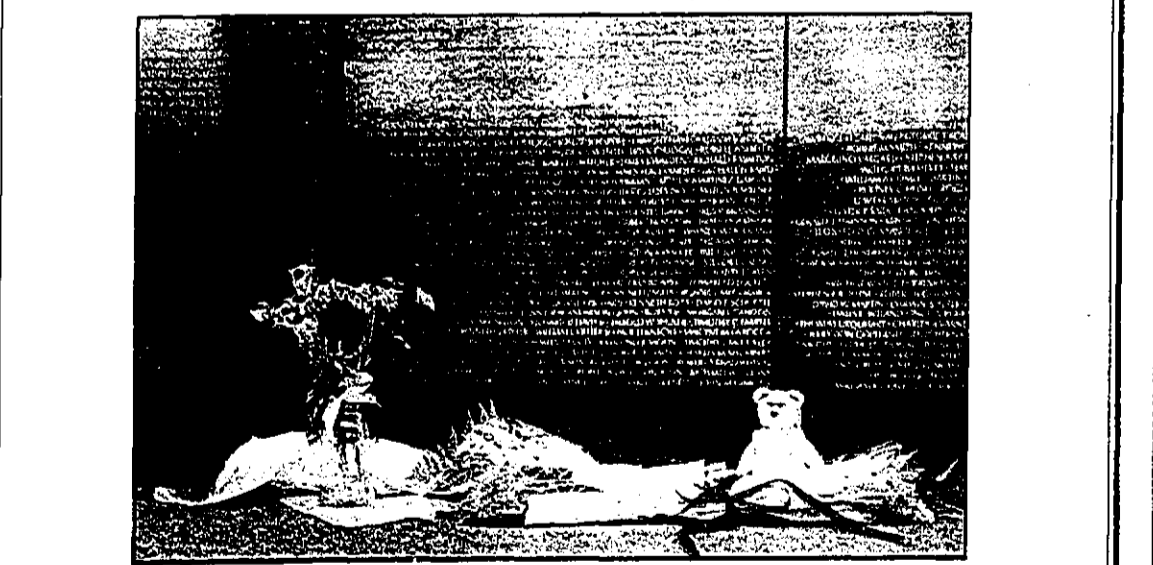
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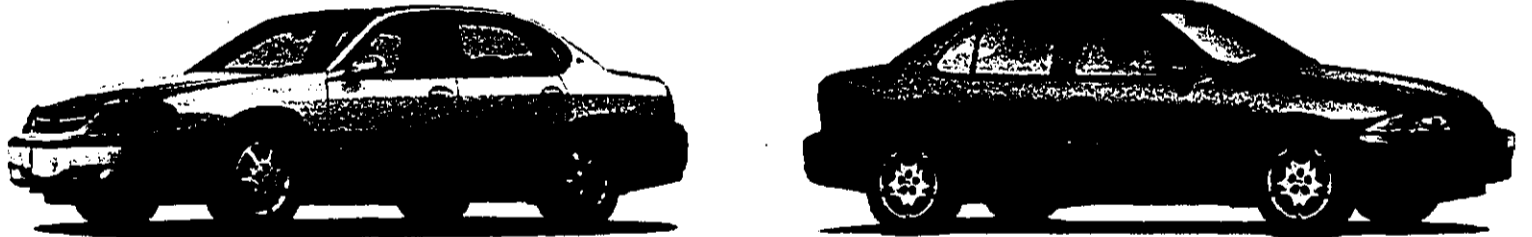
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Novi preschool has room for young learners

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN

It is really helpful for kindergarten teachers because they have already learned many social skills," Valade said. "When they get to kindergarten, the children will already know how to get in a circle, line up and have their own items and know how to share."

Valade, who has been teaching for 20 years, said she really enjoys her job with the four-year-olds.

"The boys are my favorite age," Valade said. "The children have a sense of humor and they are really active. It is fun to see them learn."

"This class is a little more structured," she said. "Last week I assessed their skills and we will be doing work on a one-on-one basis."

The Novi Community School District Preschool Program encourages socialization, positive self-esteem, independence and opportunities for group learning.

The preschool program is open for children ages three to five and non-school district residents may register if classroom space is available.

"This is the parents' first exposure to Novi schools," Shved said.

"We work very hard to make it a positive experience for the parents and children. The preschool program is a great introduction."

There is still availability in this year's classes. For more information call the Child Care Services at (248) 449-1245.



Young students Samantha Jackson (left) and Christiana D'Amibale (right) work with teacher Jan Valade at the Novi Community School District Preschool program last week.

Some newspapers to be delivered in a new way

By CHRIS C. DAVIS

Beginning with last week's editions, Novi News subscribers will be receiving their newspapers in their mailboxes instead of on the doorstep.

HomeTown Newspapers circulation manager John Wiley said Monday that the modification was the

first in a series of changes slated for delivery of HomeTown's publications. The change affects about 100 News takers. These subscribers will receive copies of their newspapers from the U.S. postal service instead of a HomeTown carrier.

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Hometown holds fall job fair Sept. 29

In the opinion of its organizers, the autumn job fair being hosted by The Observer and Eccentric/HomeTown Newspapers is more than just fair.

The fair is slated for Sept. 29 at the Laurel Manor Banquet and Video Conference Center in Livonia from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

HomeTown East Division publisher Grace Perry said the fair is an excellent opportunity for job-seekers to find the positions they're looking for. The event is now in its third year.

"We had some 2,500 people show up at last year's job fair, so we know that it's successful," Perry said.

"We've taken steps to make it as accessible for people at all hours. They can come at their lunch hour if it's convenient, or wait until later in the day, if that's better for them."

Laurel Manor is located at I-275 and the Jeffries Freeway (I-96). For further directions, call Laurel Manor at (734) 462-0770.

More than 100 companies will be recruiting employees, including: Alterra, Absopure Water Company, AIG-Carron, American Blind, American Systems Tech, Bartech Group, Best Buy, Boyer & Associates, Career Center Temps, C-21 Town & Country, Charter House of Novi, Circuit City, Commerce Bank, Contemptra Staffing, Conway Central Express, Crain Communications, Dart Development, Day Personnel, Dearborn Federal Credit Union, Detroit Medical Center, E & E Manufacturing, Eddie Bauer, Employment & Training Designs, English Gardens, Entech Personnel, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Express Personnel, Federal Reserve Bank, First Federal of Michigan, First Investors Corporation, Fitness USA Supercenters, Frommer & Associates, Furniture Express, Gage Marketing Services, Gordon Food Services, Graybar Electric, Greenfield Die & Manufacturing, 1/2 Off Card Shop, HCR Manor Care, Handman Company, Health Care Professionals, Hematite, HomeTown Newspapers, Jabl Circuit, Kinder-Care, Kohl's Department Stores, Kroger Company of Michigan, Lakeside Building Maintenance, Leasing, Acceptance Corporation, Livonia Marriott, Lord & Taylor, Mass Mutual, Begley Org., Matruess Shoppes, MeLife, Molded Materials, Nextel Communications, Nightingale-West, NOVO Print USA, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Office Team, Old Kent Bank, OLDE Discount, Overnite Transportation, Parisian, Paychex, Payroll 1, Permanent Staff, Personnel Unlimited, Phoenix Group, Pinkerton Security, Plastipak Packaging, Power-Flo, Providence Hospital & Medical Centers, Prudential Individual Financial Services, QC Insurance Services, Republic Bancorp Mortgage, Roush Industries, Royal Oak District, RS Electronics, Sears Hardware Stores, Skyway Precision, Snelling Personnel, Special Tree Rehabilitation Services, Spira-Tax, Staffco, Staffing Services, Staff Pro America, Staffing Office Systems, Target, Tempco Medical, Thrifty Florist, Total Armored, Trans Inns Management, United Parcel Service, University of Michigan, Village Green, Visiting Nurse Association, Virginia Tile, Waste Management, and Wyndham Garden Hotels.

Job seekers are encouraged to come with 50-80 resumes, and dressed appropriately for on-the-spot interviews.

Perry said tentative plans are in the works for another such job fair sometime in March, 2000.

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers publishes 16 twice-weekly community papers in Oakland and Western Wayne Counties. The HomeTown Newspapers publishes papers in Northville, South Lyon, Brighton, Novi, Northville, Milford and Livingston County. Both are subsidiaries of HomeTown Communications Network of Livonia.

The Log Book

The following is a complete list of the emergency runs of the Novi Fire Department for the week ending Sept. 19. Each incident is listed by type, location, time and the Engine and Squad number which responded to the call.

MONDAY, SEPT. 13
 Fire alarm, 45200 Grand River, 4:39 a.m., Engine 1.
 Medical, 29882 Rousseau, 9:59 a.m., Squad 2.
 Electrical fire, 44601 Ford Way, 10:29 a.m., Engine 3.
 Fuel spill, 40140 Grand River, 12:46 p.m., Engine 1.
 Medical, 41268 Llewellyn, 2:32 p.m., Squad 3.
 Fire alarm, 30600 Orchard Hill, 3:43 p.m., Engine 3.
 Service, 22450 Tower Court, 3:52 p.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 41833 Primrose, 4:40 p.m., Squad 2.
 Fuel spill, 1-96 and Novi Road, 5:30 p.m., Engine 1.
 Medical, 1-96 and I-275, 5:53 p.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 45182 West Road, 6:51 p.m., Squad 2.
 Medical, 46100 West Road, 7:35 p.m., Squad 2.
 Service, 22450 Tower Court, 9:55 p.m., Squad 3.
 Fuel spill, 1-96 and Novi Road, 10:18 p.m., Engine 1.
 Investigation, 24784 Highland, 10:52 p.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 41421 Cornell, 11:30 p.m., Squad 2.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 14
 Fire alarm, 39750 Grand River, 6:48 a.m., Engines 1, 3.
 Fuel spill, Eight Mile and Chase, 8:30 a.m., Engine 3.
 Medical, Fourteen Mile and Kingswood, 3:04 p.m., Squad 2.
 Medical, 41081 McMahon Circle, 6:32 p.m., Squad 3.
 Injury accident, Eleven Mile and Meadowbrook, 10:15 p.m., Squad 1.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 15
 Medical, 42500 Arena Drive, 9:47 a.m., Squad 3.
 Injury accident, Eight Mile and Haggerty, 1:51 p.m., Squad 3.
 Medical, 31210 Wedgewood, 2:12 p.m., Squad 2.
 Vehicle fire, Grand River and Beck, 3:18 p.m., Engine 4.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 16
 Medical, 41816 Independence, 1:47 a.m., Squad 2.
 Fire alarm, 39750 Grand River, 6:41 a.m., Engines 1, 3.
 Medical, 42445 Ten Mile Road, 5:53 p.m., Squad 3.
 Fire alarm, 21553 Haggerty, 7:04 p.m., Engines 1, 3.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 17
 Fire alarm, 39750 Grand River, 5:28 a.m., Squad 1.
 Injury accident, Ten Mile and Christina, 2:46 p.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 25636 Adams, 3:18 p.m., Squad 1.
 Injury accident, Eight Mile and

Haggerty, 4:18 p.m., Squads 1, 3.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 18
 Investigation, 41875 Carousell, 3:57 a.m., Engine 2.
 Investigation, 26850 Wixom, 9:10 a.m., Engine 4.
 Medical, 45182 West Road, 9:50 a.m., Squad 2.
 Fire alarm, 25788 Laramie, 11:49 a.m., Engine 4.
 Medical, 47250 Ten Mile Road, 1:23 p.m., Squad 4.
 Medical, 236 Endwell, 2:47 p.m., Squad 2.
 Service, 25540 Glenmoor, 3:27 p.m., Engine 4.
 Medical, 45182 West Road, 4:49 p.m., Squad 2.
 Medical, 22723 Cortes, 10:21 p.m., Squad 3.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 19
 Medical, 24500 Meadowbrook, 12:26 a.m., Squad 1.
 Service, Novi Civic center, 1:50 p.m., Squad 4.
 Injury accident, Laramie and Eleven Mile, 6:56 p.m., Squad 4.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that J. B. Electric is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of a storage trailer on the property located at Maple Place on the south side of Fourteen Mile Road east of Novi Road.

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 3:00 p.m. on September 29, 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 29, 1999.

GERRIE HUBBS
 PERMIT ANALYST
 (248) 347-0415

NOTICE - CITY OF NOVI
REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT
TUP 99-049

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Singh Homes is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of a sales trailer at the Tollgate Ravines project site from October 1, 1999 through October 1, 2000. Tollgate Ravines is located on the west side of Meadowbrook Road south of Thirteen Mile Road.

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 3:15 p.m. on September 29, 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 29, 1999.

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CITY OF NOVI
NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR GENERAL ELECTION - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1999

To the Qualified Electors of the City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan.

Notice is hereby given that Monday, October 4, 1999 is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the above election.

If you are not currently registered to vote or have changed your address within the City of Novi you may do so at the following locations listed in this notice.

In Person:

- At the City Clerk's office or at the office of any county clerk during normal business hours.
- At any of the Secretary of State Branch Offices located throughout the State during normal business hours.
- At the specified agency for clients receiving services through the Family Independence Agency, the Department of Community Health, Michigan Jobs Commission and some offices of the Commission for the Blind.
- At the military recruitment offices for persons enlisting in the armed forces.

By Mail:

- By obtaining and completing a Mail Voter Registration Application and forwarding to the election official listed below by the close of registration day, October 4, 1999. Mail voter registration applications may be obtained by contacting:

Toni L. Bartholomew, City Clerk
 13175 West Ten Mile Road,
 Novi, MI 48375
 (248) 347-0456

NOTE: A person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person in the City of Novi or are at least 60 years of age or are handicapped.

The following proposition will be submitted to the electors at the General Election on Tuesday, November 2, 1999:

State and Highway Bonding Proposition

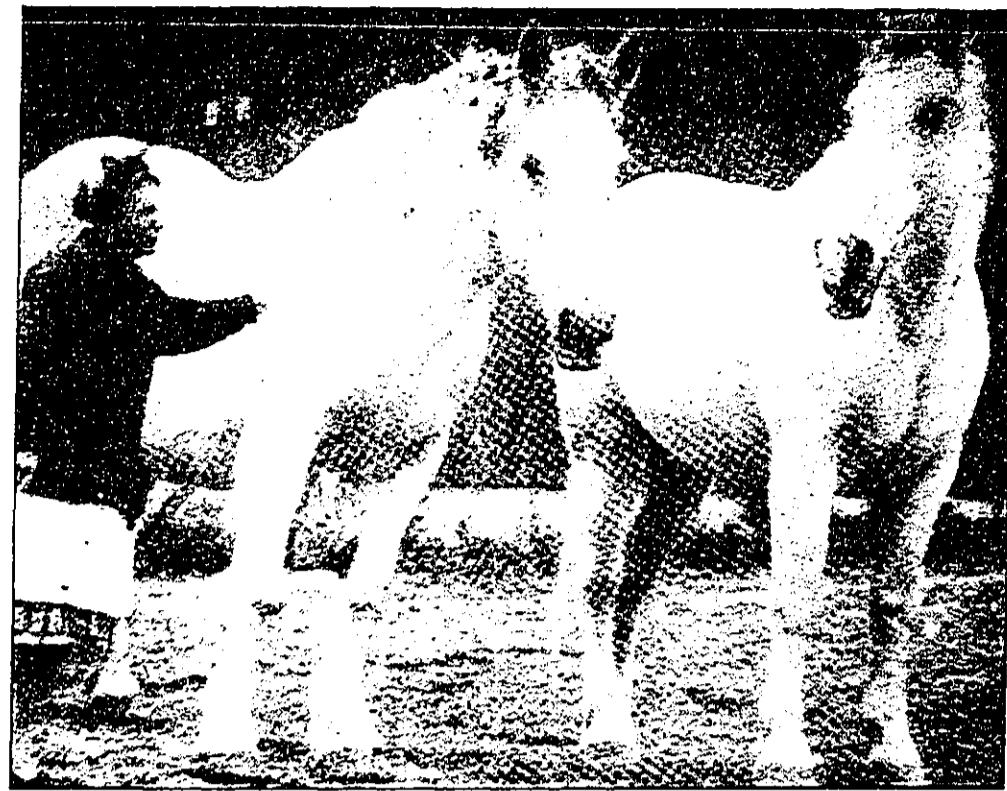
Shall the City of Novi, County of Oakland, Michigan, borrow the principal sum of not to exceed Twenty-Eight Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars for (28,500,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, for the purpose of defraying the City's share of the cost of parking, repaving, repainting and improving new and existing bridges, streets and highways within the City, including necessary rights of way, sidewalks, bicycle paths, traffic signalization, curbs and gutters and proper drainage facilities therefor?

The following City Charter Amendment will be submitted to the electors at the General Election on Tuesday, November 2, 1999:

City Charter Amendment

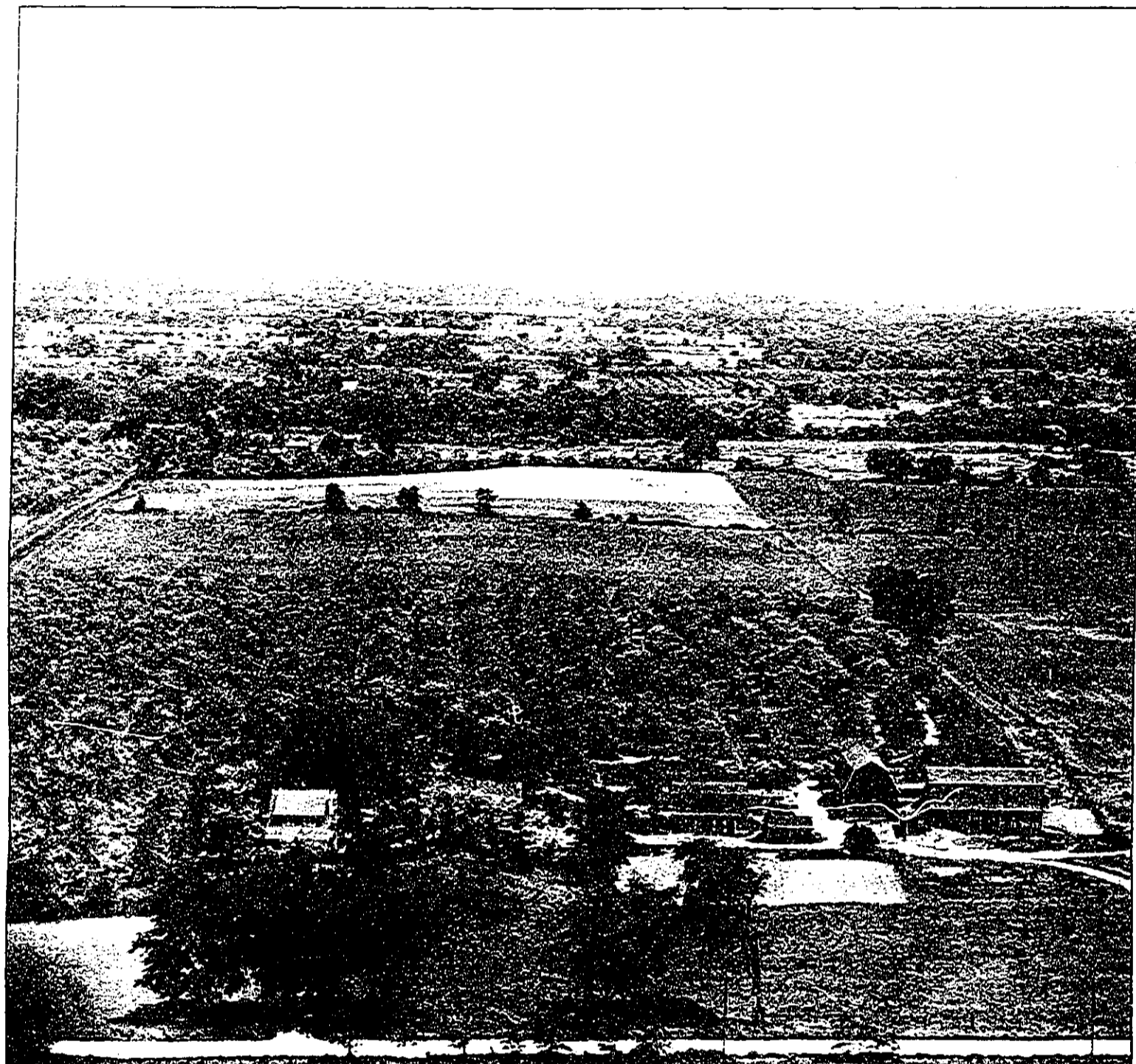
Shall the City of Novi Charter be amended by adding Section 15.12 to provide for the use of existing City property for the development of a golf course and/or banquet facility while allowing the City to develop such uses on property acquired in the future specifically for such use after voter approval at a General City Election?

(9-23-99 NR, NN 924626)



Photos courtesy of City of Novi archives

Back 40 and more
At upper left are a team of draft horses, a once not uncommon sight in Novi's farm country. Above, from left, Ruby and Iva Fuerst demonstrate that they were far from city slickers.



An aerial view of the farm at the corner of Taft Road, before the Novi Civic Center complex and Novi High School were built.

A vanished world

City officials ponder ways to retain Novi's historic rural legacy

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style of the time. The home was designed with built-in storage and other innovative flourishes of the era.

According to a report by Architect Historian Dane Archer Johnson, used to successfully get the property onto the National Register of Historic Places: "The site and group of buildings originally known as the Fuerst Farmstead is one of the most important historic resources in the City of Novi and for a wide range of reasons. These include its important role as an orchard, since Novi was a primary area of fruit production in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Of the number of orchards in Novi, only the Fuerst Farm remains intact. Other farms have sold their land to developers, or their houses and barns replaced with new construction. This aspect alone makes the Fuerst Farm a critical symbolic presence in Novi."

But this historic site is in danger. Old age is taking its toll on the home and its surrounding buildings and vandals are doing their share of destruction.

The oldest of these barns fell victim to an arsonist early this spring and was burnt to the ground. In addition, vandals have broken into the home, spray painted walls,

"We'd like to have it restored as much as possible to its original look."

Kathy Mutch,
Fuerst Property Task Force Committee

pulled down drapes, damaged floors and knocked out windows. This activity forced the city in 1998 to install electronic security in the building to keep intruders out.

In the meantime, city officials and citizens have formed the Fuerst Property Task Force Committee, consisting of Mutch, Bob Pfeiffer, Bob Stech, Jim Rose and Jim Evenhuis to look into new ways to use the property.

In addition, city officials, who normally concern themselves with new development and construction, have indicated they will donate some of their time to helping preserve the Fuerst Farm.

"We'd like to have it restored as much as possible to its original look," Mutch said. But, she said the city can not afford to keep the

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Little house in Novi Township

Above, apparently every where that Ruby Fuerst went, this small calf was sure to follow.

Center, the Fuerst sisters in the fashions of the early 1900s.

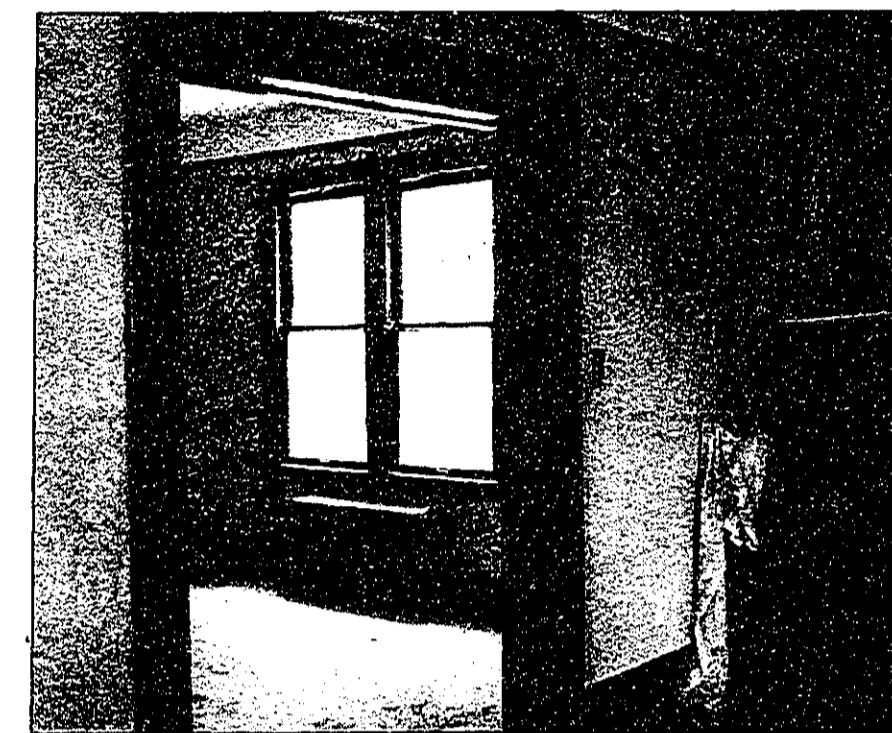
Ruby, at left, was proud of her dark hair and in later years sported a bonnet to protect it from sun bleaching. Iva, at right, was a blonde.

Far right, Iva strikes a thoughtful pose in the family's field, but her canine friend is more animated.

Photos courtesy of the City of Novi



Time takes its toll on old farmhouse



Empty nest

At left is a photo from the Fuerst scrapbook; at right is the dining room today. The glass doors were stolen.

Photos by Lewis Poulos, city archives

Before and after shots show decay of 1930 residence

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home as a "house museum" and the committee is looking at uses that will generate revenue.

"Just the stabilization, let alone the restoration will be expensive," she said. "To invest that kind of money and just have it sit there, the return will not be enough to justify the investment for most taxpayers."

Rather than just making the home a historic showplace, the committee is looking at uses that could serve other purposes as well. Mutch said part of the house could be used for community group meetings, while other parts can be made into office space for the city.

Additionally, the barns can also be converted for community activities.

Mutch said the committee has been talking with the Center for Creative Studies in an attempt to get the group to develop one of the barns into a creative art studio.

She added that these plans are only in the development stages. Nothing has been solidified and the committee is open to any other suggestions.

"If there is anyone out there who has thought of a use for the site, we would love to hear from them," Mutch said.

Suggestions are being taken by the Novi Director of Developmental Services Kerreen Conroy at 347-0475.

FARM PICNIC

The Fuerst Family Picnic, hosted by the Novi Historical Commission and the Novi Parks and Recreation Department, will be held Sept. 26 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

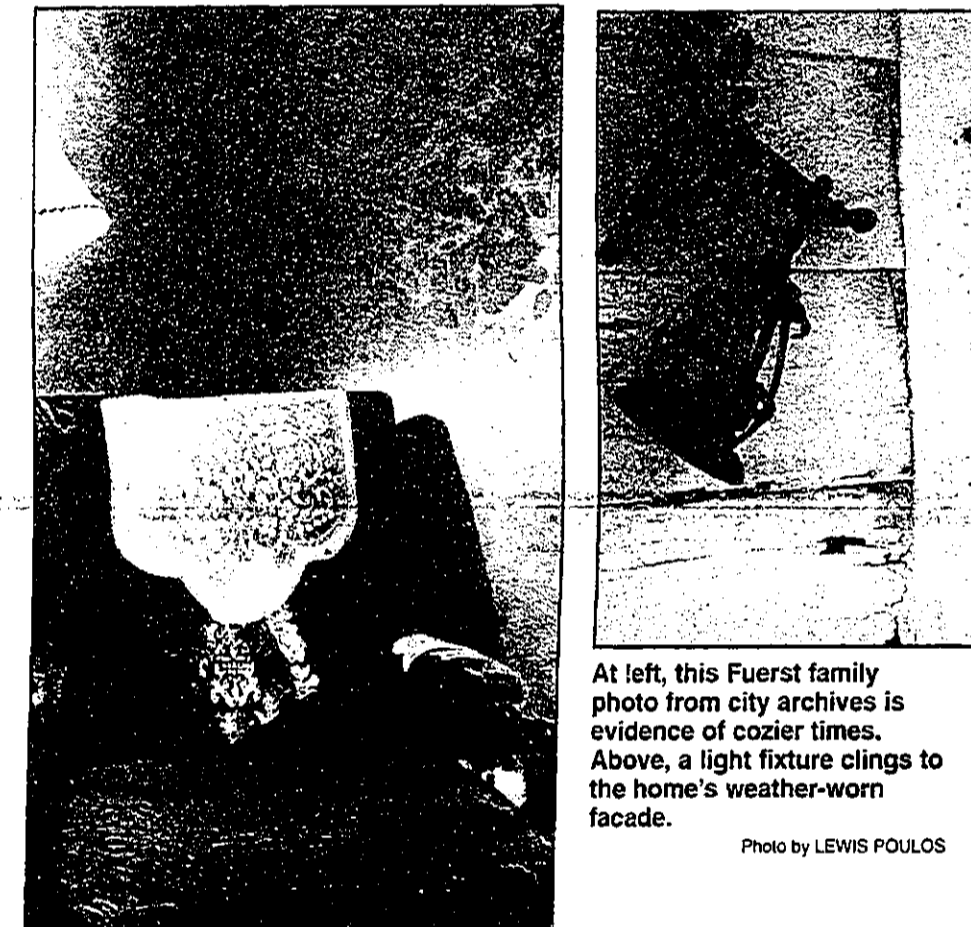
This is one of the last events of Novi's celebration of the 30th anniversary of the municipality's incorporation as a city.

The picnic will include tours of the old Township Hall and the Fuerst grounds, as well as an opportunity to learn more about the history of the surrounding community.

The afternoon activities will include old-fashioned games for children and live folk music from Tom Lee between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m.

There will also be a special visit from Novi's own Margaret Schmidt, a.k.a. "The Farm Lady," and some of her special farm animal friends. Tollgate Education Center will be bringing its horse-drawn hay wagon.

Local Color Brewing Company will also be on hand providing food and refreshments, but guests are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch, lawn chairs or a blanket. Parking will be available in the Taft Road/Novi High School parking lot. Call (248) 347-0400.



At left, this Fuerst family photo from city archives is evidence of cozier times. Above, a light fixture clings to the home's weather-worn facade.

Photo by LEWIS POULOS



Photo by courtesy of City of Novi

Above is the Fuerst front parlor, decorated in a comfortable style of the era.

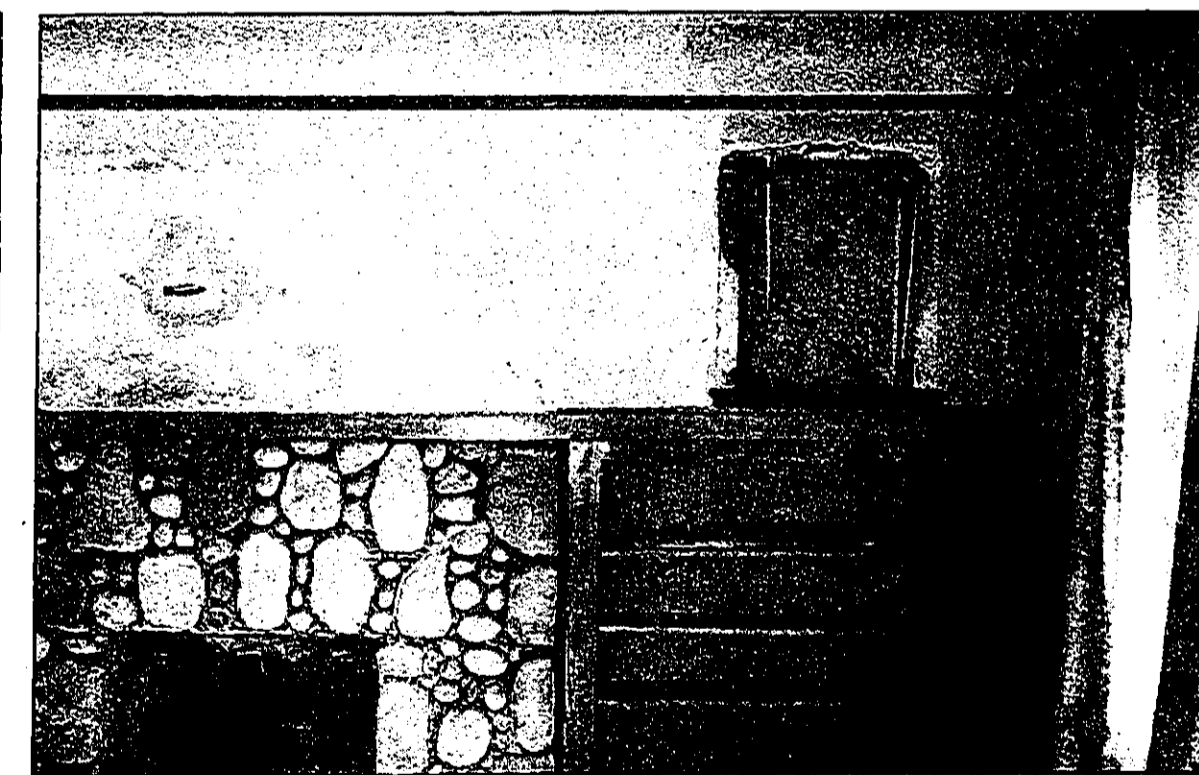
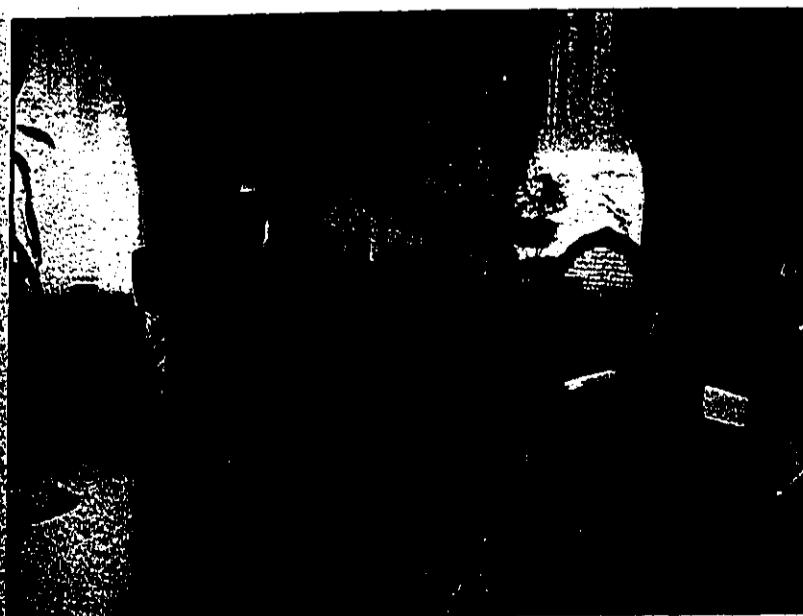


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Above is the front room today; glass doors on shelves were stolen. Vandalism has also taken its toll on the Arts and Crafts bungalow. Curtains and wallpaper are original to the Fuerst family.



Country gentry

This Fuerst sister at the near left may have fed her own chickens, but the far left photo shows that the family lived in a comfortable, very middle-class style.

Photos courtesy of the City of Novi

Economic Summit tackles growth issues

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN
Staff Writer

Road construction, business development and the future of Novi were all discussed with the public during the Novi Chamber of Commerce's Economic Summit III.

The summit, held Sept. 16 at the Novi Civic Center, had presentations by Mayor Kathleen McLaughlin, City Manager Ed Knevel, Novi Director of Development Services Kerreen Conley and Planning Consultant Rod Arroyo.

"The future of Novi is in excellent shape," McLaughlin said.

"Not everything is perfect but we have had some amazing success."

The third summit looked at Novi's past achievements, what is in the future for development in the community, information about the city's infrastructure, and a question and answer session regarding these issues discussed.

"Transportation continues to be Novi's primary concern," Knevel said.

"We have to keep going, we have to keep pace with our city's growth."

Knevel said receiving federal funds for roads was a timely process and that the next step for Novi was the \$24.5 million road bond. The funds from the bond will go to projects including paving and widening of Belmont Lane, Dwyer Drive, Meadowbrook Road and Twelve Mile Road.

Inter-urban improvements will be done at Ten Mile Road and Meadowbrook Road, Beck Road and Eight Mile Road, Ten Mile Road and Taft Road, Ten Mile Road and Grand River Avenue, Novi Road and Fourteen Mile Road, Ten Mile Road and Beck Road, and Ten Mile Road and Cranbrook Road.

Knevel said there will also be improvements done to Crescent Road East, expansion done to Novi Road between Ten Mile Road and Grand River Avenue, widening of Nine Mile Road between Novi Road and Venture Drive, additions to Main Street West and interchange improvements at Beck Road and Interstate 96.

Conley and Arroyo spoke about the development trends in Novi and the changes that have been made

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Kathleen McLaughlin, Mayor

to zoning ordinances and fees to allow more developers easier access to lot zoning in the city.

Arroyo said Novi's master plan for development has the maximum population capacity for the city at 74,000 people.

Currently Novi has a population of 49,000 which is about a 50 percent increase from the 33,000 people who were residing here in 1990.

Arroyo added the city can reach its growth goals through action items including the downtown gateway rezoning ordinance, the Ramco-Gershenson fountain walk project, Main Street West and additions to the Novi Town Center, which includes the construction of three new buildings.

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Novi Economic Development

Coordinator Greg Capote said the city is looking to expand more into the OST zoning district by bringing in companies like Husky Injection Molding Systems, FATA Automation, Inc. and Tower Automotive.

"There are 1,200 rezoned acres in Novi that will help us bring the best and brightest businesses to Novi," Capote said. "A company like Husky is a benchmark in the automotive industry and it is the kind of company and jobs we want created in the future by the OST district."

But the meeting was not all about the success of Novi.

Novi Expo Center President Blair Bowman said he was looking into all options regarding a possible relocation of the Expo Center. Con-

ley said the city is working with Bowman to keep the center in Novi. Audience members expressed concerns about the lack of affordable housing in the city and the lack of technical services offered by the current work force.

Novi property owner Jim Listerman expressed concerns about moving a business to Novi because of the transportation problems and the lack of labor needed to be successful.

"I think my questions were answered satisfactorily," Listerman said.

"The public forum section was interesting and I came here to find out information about the Beck Road and I-96 interchange."

Willard said more than 70 people attended the event.

"The feedback from the meeting was very supportive and we saw a lot of positive results," Willard said.

"We have had two previous summits and plan to make this an annual event for the community."

Obituaries

ROMEO J. MARTELLO

Romeo Joseph Martello, 47, of Novi died Sept. 13 in Commerce Township. He was born Sept. 11, 1952, in Middle Village, Queens, N.Y.

Mr. Martello was a painter in Florida and came to Michigan two years ago. In addition to being an avid golfer, he enjoyed horses.

He is survived by a son, Ralph of Novi; mother, Anne Martello of Port St. Lucie, Fla.; brothers, Robert of Staten Island, N.Y., and Carl of Novi; and nephew, Ralph Martello and niece, Christine Martello.

Services were conducted Sept. 15 at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. John Sullivan officiating. Interment was in Riverside Cemetery of Plymouth.

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Thornton Creek parents fight to gain smaller class sizes

By MELANIE PLENDA
Staff Writer

Tensions between parents at Thornton Creek and school administrators seemed to be eased after an administrative subcommittee meeting last Tuesday.

In attendance in the cramped conference room at the school board office were 22 parents who were disturbed over the large class size of the third grade at Thornton Creek. The ratio is 28 students to one teacher.

"This issue was brought up in the spring and hasn't been dealt with as far as I'm concerned," one parent said.

Some of the parents wanted to see another section added for the third grade. This was not a viable option according to Superintendent Leonard Reznierski. He said that contrary to popular belief, there are not that many teacher candidates available that meet the high standards set by the Northville school district. He also said that even if the district did begin looking for a new third grade teacher, it could take several weeks to fill the position.

This in turn was not viable for

the parents because many vehemently were opposed to disrupting their children so far into the semester. One parent even related a story of how her child, upon hearing the news that he might have to switch classes, flew into a tantrum and begged not to be taken away from his current teacher.

Reznierski said that even if a new teacher was hired quickly, there remained a significant lack of space to put a new class. Some of the parents suggested that the health teacher be put "on a cart" or be mobilized and go to each classroom. Linda Pitcher, curriculum supervisor, advised strongly against this saying that it was the "least desirable solution."

According to Pitcher, the health teacher has a good deal of equipment that was necessary to the curriculum. That being the case, Pitcher said it would be incredibly difficult to teach from a cart. The parents seemed to understand that argument but still were not satisfied.

Reznierski recommended that the school keep the three third grade classes without adding a

fourth and instead keep the teacher aides in the class and just extend their hours. He said that this was positive in many ways, one of which being the student-to-teacher ratio would be 14:1 instead of 28:1.

The parents were skeptical of the qualifications of the teacher aide due to the fact that aides are not required to hold teacher certification or even a college degree. However, Pitcher explained that the aides went through the same rigorous training that the teachers did this past summer, have learned the curriculum and would continue their training throughout the year.

After the meeting both sides seemed satisfied, but some of the parents warned the administrators and the board members that they would accept the plan of having a teacher aide, but that some serious planning needed to be done to avoid similar situations in the future.

As she left the room, parent Sheryl Tripp Khoury, who helped organize the parents said, "I think they know now who they are dealing with."

Class Notes

Novi schools

The electrical contractors from the Aspen Co., based out of Novi, have left their jobs for unstated reasons.

Novi School District Superintendent Emmet Lippe said the electricians were working on the new Deerfield Elementary School, Novi Middle School and the renovations of the fifth and sixth-grade building at Novi Meadows when they walked out last week.

The school board went into a special session during its meeting last Wednesday to officially discharge the contract with Aspen and are currently looking to have the work rebid by different companies.

Lippe said the rebidding process

will take between six and eight weeks and there are currently electricians working in the buildings at which Aspen had been working.

Representatives from Aspen declined to comment.

Orchard Hills Elementary will have an all day assembly about math on Sept. 24, offered by Professor Bill Hart. Hart will spend the day at Orchard Hills going into different classes, providing the students with facts about math.

Novi Woods Elementary will be bringing in the cool autumn season by having a "Scarecrow Day" today. The kindergarten classes will be dressed up as scarecrows and there will be many events to celebrate the arrival of fall.

On Sept. 28, Christy Lane's "Dare to Dance" assembly will be presented at Novi Meadows and the other elementary schools in the district. Christy Lane is coming from California to present her dance assembly to the kids.

Walled Lake schools

A rededication ceremony of Walled Lake Central High School has been scheduled for Sept. 26 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. A ribbon-cutting ceremony of the school will take place at 2:30 p.m. The rebuilt school is located at 1600 Oakley Park Road at South Commerce.



A walk in the past

A woman dressed in Victorian-era costume walks along Friday's parade route in downtown Northville. The city held its annual celebration of Victorian heritage over the weekend.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Consultant battle heats up meeting

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Staff Writer

The battle over consultant bidding is heating up and perhaps generating a bit of political infighting.

At its Sept. 10 meeting, the Novi City Council's Consultant Review Committee voted 2-1 to accept a contract with the law firm Fried, Watson, Bugbee as the city's attorney.

Council Member Craig DeRoche, who sits on the committee, had previously attempted to send this contract out for bidding. Because the other committee members did not go along with this at their meeting, DeRoche tried to raise the issue at the Novi City Council meeting Sept. 13.

DeRoche told his fellow council members he wanted to bring the matter up at the meeting to make sure they are aware of the decision.

Council Member Robert Schmid, also on the Consultants Review Committee, said the final report of the committee is not ready for the council yet, adding that a memo from DeRoche outlining his concerns would be included in that document.

Schmid pointed out that all of the committee members agreed that the consultants should be put on a rotational three-year review process.

Every three years, the consultant's performance and cost will be studied in depth, he said. At the present time, the contract can be put out for rebidding, if it is necessary.

Council Member Kathleen Mutch, the third member of the review committee, said she was a little surprised that DeRoche brought up the issue at the council meeting.

"He knew his [concerns] would be part of the final report to council," she said.

The council can look at the final report, with DeRoche's notes and decide for itself if the contract for city attorney should be sent out for bids.

"(DeRoche) made the recommendation, but neither (Schmid) nor I could support that recommendation. But I said, 'Why don't we include my memo with our report because our report would be discussed,'" Mutch said.

"This way, the report would not seem biased towards any one point-of-view, she added.

Mutch suggested DeRoche might have another reason for bringing the issue up at the council meeting.

"I think that it might be potential political benefit to a candidate that would make this recommendation at this time," she said.

Before the Sept. 10 meeting, Schmid also accused DeRoche of raising the matter for its potential political gains.

Schmid, DeRoche and Mutch are all up for reelection to city council this November.

DeRoche stressed the matter was not a political move on his part. He pointed out his other recommendation, a three-year cycle for the consultants, passed unanimously in the committee and no one said he was being political.

"Just because they disagree with me, they call it political, it does a disservice to the city council and taxpayers," he said.

DeRoche said the attorney issue is a very important one to him because of the number of lawsuits the city finds itself facing each year.

"This is something I really want to work on. Watch how hard I work on getting this attorney situation worked out," he said.

Jeremy McBain's e-mail is mcmbain@tlh.com.com.net.

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Substance abuse at school and work?

Counselor speaks to community about impact of drugs

By B. J. Hammerstein
Staff Writer

Consultant, counselor and author Oliver Dean will be speaking Sept. 29, speaking with different business, residential and educational communities about substance abuse, its effects on employers and other intergenerational aspects related to drugs.

Sponsored by the Novi Chamber of Commerce, the Community that Cares Coalition, the Farmington Public Schools and Non-Community Schools, Dean will be discussing his research in a series of four presentations.

Author of the book, "Facing

Chemical Dependency in the Classroom," a basic text on student assistance programs, Dean recognizes and identifies techniques to help parents of school aged children talk about drugs.

"He is an absolutely wonderful speaker and we are very proud to bring him here," said Novi Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Lisa Willard.

"He speaks all across the board to many different generations. He always provides great insight when he speaks."

The first presentation will be at the Holy Family Catholic Church, 24505 Meadowbrook Road, at 8

a.m. Dean will be speaking to the Ministers Association and other interested guests. The presentation will be free of charge. Interested guests should contact their pastors for more information.

A luncheon-workshop from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Walsh College, 41500 Gardenbrook, will help identify the assets of four generations of American customers and workers, recognize how these assets interact on self-directed teams and identify four techniques to help communicate more effectively with customers and co-workers ages 33 to 42.

The workshop is geared towards

managers, supervisors, EAP counselors, union leaders, employees and the cost is \$20 per person which includes a box lunch.

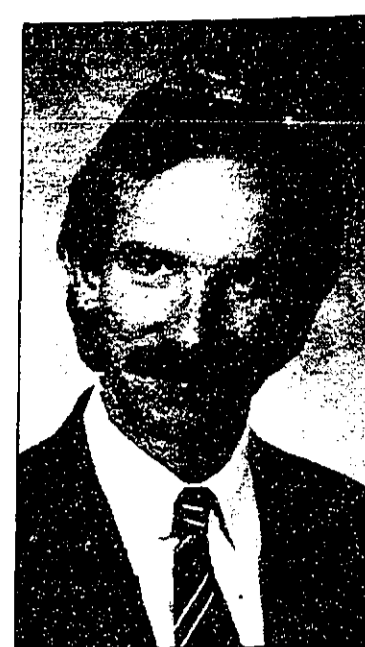
The luncheon-workshop will focus on generational age difference between employee and employer on the views of drug use. Dean will also address the issues on how substance abuse affects the workplace.

At 3:30 p.m. Dean will be speaking at the Novi Instructional Technology Center to social workers, high school counselors and other invited members of the community involved with education about substance abuse.

And at 7 p.m. Dean will be at Novi High School Auditorium in an open discussion to the public about raising resilient children in today's high risk world.

Dean is a former history teacher, a certified prevention consultant and certified mediation trainer.

For information regarding the workshop and Orville Dean, call the Novi Chamber of Commerce at (248) 349-3743 or the Novi Community that Cares Coalition at 347-0572.



Oliver Dean

Public Access

MONDAY, SEPT. 27

10:00 a.m. — Potpourri: Tim Smith
10:30 a.m. — The Cutting Room
11:00 a.m. — Harvest Ministries
11:30 a.m. — Cosby and Company: Stress Management
12:00 p.m. — Intercessions Word Ministry
12:30 p.m. — (con't)
1:00 p.m. — Adventures With Pirate Pete
1:30 p.m. — Building Scene
2:00 p.m. — Financial Strategies: Business Consulting
2:30 p.m. — Wanda Windwalker
3:00 p.m. — (con't)
3:30 p.m. — (con't)
4:00 p.m. — (con't)
4:30 p.m. — (con't)
5:00 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y
5:30 p.m. — Up Close Today
6:00 p.m. — Fall Harvest
6:30 p.m. — Bagels and Talk With Tracy
7:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection
7:30 p.m. — Aviation Journal
8:00 p.m. — Mountain Ski Series: The Tribe
8:30 p.m. — Travelin' On: The Panoramic West
9:00 p.m. — Out in the Open
9:30 p.m. — (con't)

TUESDAY, SEPT. 28

10:00 a.m. — Legislative Forum
10:30 a.m. — Fall Harvest
11:00 a.m. — Law Talk: Peter M. Weper
11:30 a.m. — (con't)
12:00 p.m. — Summit University
12:30 p.m. — (con't)
1:00 p.m. — Iditarod
1:30 p.m. — Lansing Connection
2:00 p.m. — Center for New Thinking
3:00 p.m. — (con't)
3:30 p.m. — (con't)
4:00 p.m. — (con't)
4:30 p.m. — A Culinary Adventure: Local Color Brewing Co.
5:00 p.m. — The Way, The Truth, and The Life
5:30 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen: Joe Knollenberg
6:00 p.m. — Harvest Ministries
6:30 p.m. — Community Connection
7:00 p.m. — Potpourri: Tim Smith
7:30 p.m. — Financial Strategies: Business Consulting
8:00 p.m. — Salon Glamour and Etiquette With Gloria: Unique Hair Coloring for Men
8:30 p.m. — (con't)
9:00 p.m. — Let's Talk With Ben Marks: Richard Posthumus
9:30 p.m. — (con't)

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 29

10:00 a.m. — Show Me Show: Detective Fox
10:30 a.m. — Sampler Pioneer Women: Their Lives Through Song
11:00 a.m. — (con't)
11:30 a.m. — Consumer Corner: Fire Safety
12:00 p.m. — Legally Speaking: Civil Rights
12:30 p.m. — MDOT Today
1:00 p.m. — Study in Scripture
1:30 p.m. — AMVETS
2:00 p.m. — Restoration Now
2:30 p.m. — Ready or Not: Substance Abuse
3:00 p.m. — (con't)
3:30 p.m. — Legacy: The Gift of Life — Organ Donation
4:00 p.m. — Critter Connection
4:30 p.m. — Community Connection
5:00 p.m. — Aviation Journal
5:30 p.m. — Community Connections: Public Access
6:00 p.m. — Senseless Death
6:30 p.m. — (con't)
7:00 p.m. — Adventures With Pirate Pete
7:30 p.m. — Cosby and Company: Stress Management
8:00 p.m. — Novi Street Beat: Survival Flight
8:30 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y
9:00 p.m. — Movie Lovers Guide to

THURSDAY, SEPT. 30

10:00 a.m. — Fitness Motivators: Step Aerobics
10:30 a.m. — Novi Street Beat: Survival Flight
11:00 a.m. — Abundant Life Arabic Ministries
11:30 a.m. — People Who Make Things Happen
12:00 p.m. — Bagels and Talk With Tracy
12:30 p.m. — Home for Life: Exterior Painting
1:00 p.m. — Michigan Living: Winter Car Care
1:30 p.m. — That's Italian
2:00 p.m. — Fall Harvest
2:30 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y
3:00 p.m. — Reading With Tatiana
3:30 p.m. — Adventures With Pirate Pete
4:00 p.m. — Law Talk: Peter M. Weper
4:30 p.m. — (con't)
5:00 p.m. — Shaarey Zedek
5:30 p.m. — (con't)
6:00 p.m. — Battle of the Books
6:30 p.m. — Christian Singles Today
7:00 p.m. — Good News for Living Healthy: Aromatherapy
7:30 p.m. — Building Scene
8:00 p.m. — People Who Make

Things Happen: Joe Knollenberg

8:30 p.m. — Community Living Centers
9:00 p.m. — Hastings Paradise Valley Days
9:30 p.m. — Wise Guys: War of the Generations

FRIDAY, OCT. 1
10:00 a.m. — Let's Talk With Ben Marks
10:30 a.m. — (con't)
11:00 a.m. — Harvest Ministries
11:30 a.m. — Lumen Christi
12:00 p.m. — 3:30 p.m. — To Be Announced
4:00 p.m. — Choose to Have a Drink/Think Before You Drink
4:30 p.m. — Farmington Families in Action: Managing Middle School Madness
5:00 p.m. — (con't)
5:30 p.m. — Alcohol: Middle School Years
6:00 p.m. — (con't)
6:30 p.m. — To Be Announced
7:00 p.m. — Cosby and Company
7:30 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen
8:00 p.m. — Community Connection
8:30 p.m. — Good News for Living Healthy
9:00 p.m. — Aviation Journal
9:30 p.m. — Potpourri

Kids Day America is Sept. 25

Children's health, safety and environmental awareness will be observed Sept. 25, as chiropractic offices nationwide will be participating in Kids Day America '99.

Dr. Patricia Chelnyak will be sponsoring the event locally in her office from noon until 3 p.m. at 29375 Novi Road, Suite A-101.

"The day is going to be a lot of fun for the kids," Chelnyak said. "The event will also have complimentary refreshments, balloons and there will prize giveaways. Chelnyak will also be providing free posture and scoliosis screenings for children.

The Novi Police Department will be on hand providing free fingerprinting for identification purposes. The Novi Fire Department will also be present giving safety lessons and showing fire trucks. Kids Day America 1999 will also have a special appearance by "McGruff" the Crime Dog.

The event is free. Donations will be accepted, all of the proceeds going to Mother Against Drunk Drivers.

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MICKEY BLUE EYES (PG-13)
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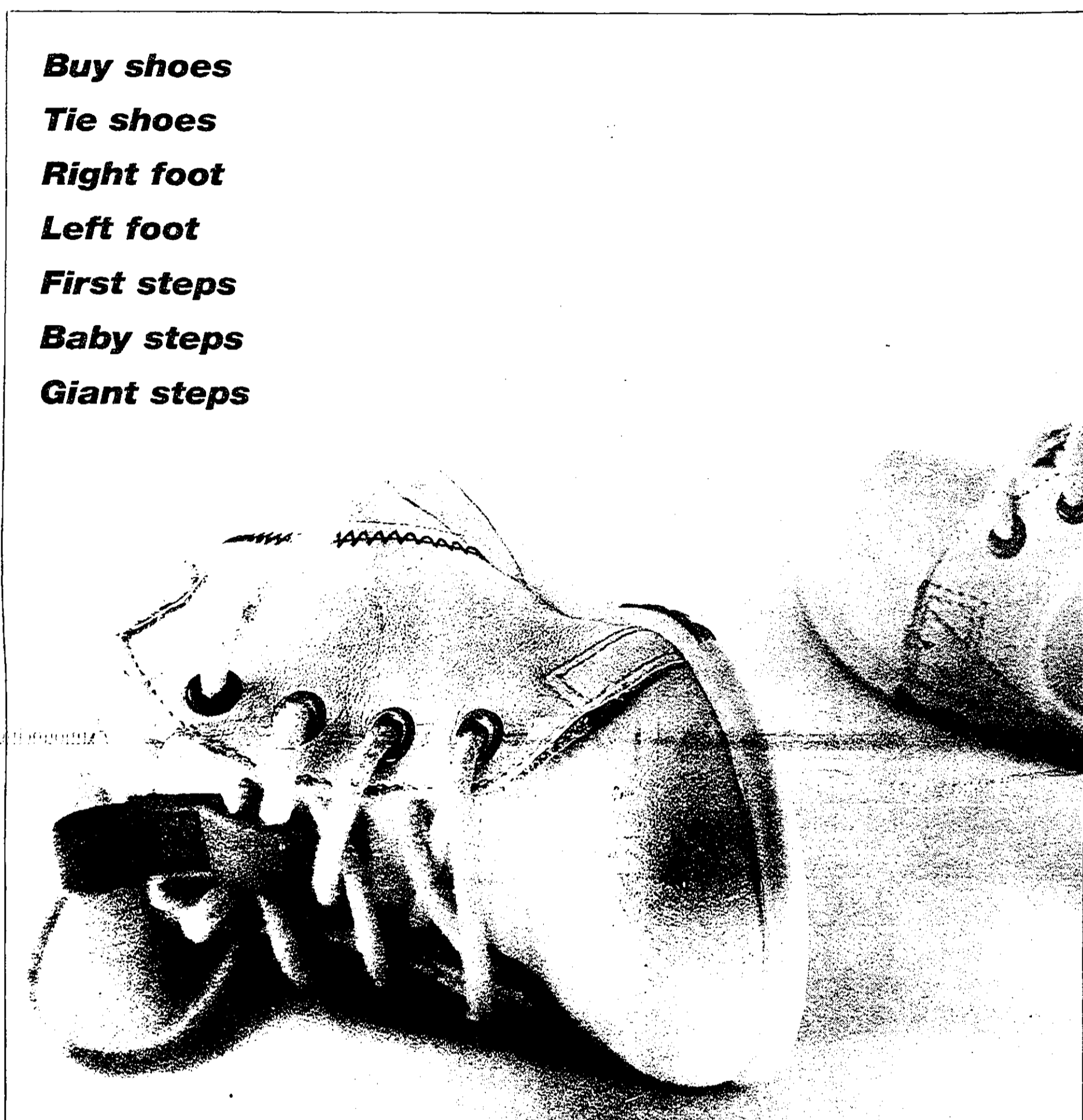
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Fendt seeks new site to make way for downtown

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Giles said currently Fendt can not grow because Northville's zoning rules will not permit it.
The zoning is even making it hard for Fendt to do simple upgrades to the existing site added.
"We can't because the City of Northville wants us to move because we

are not a part of its plans. The City of Novi wants us out of here," she said.
Krewall said the city is planning to develop the land Fendt is currently located on into retail and restaurant development, similar to Main Street, across Novi Road from Fendt.
While the Novi's new downtown

is in the early stages and has not proven to be successful yet, Krewall said that does not mean a similar development would not work on the Fendt property.
He said the Novi City Center, on the southwest corner of Novi Road and Grand River, is comparable to Main Street and is very successful. That is just north of the Fendt property.

In addition, developers have bought other properties near Fendt for projects similar to Main Street, Krewall added.
Krewall stressed that while the city would like Fendt to move to make way for new development consistent with Novi's downtown designs, the firm will not be forced out.
Plans for the new road can be changed to work around Fendt and the city will not pursue any condemnation plans to take the property from the company, Krewall said.
Giles added Fendt is doing its best to work with the city on this matter.

"The bottom line is we can't go out of business just because they want to move us. We were here long before Main Street," she said.
Jeremy McBain's email is jmcbain@ht.homecomm.net.

Police say their retirement benefits don't match city manager's

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Krewall's decision, making less than what is offered to those officers.
Council Member Kathleen Mutch agreed saying since it was offered to other city employees, Krewall deserves it.
This was jumping the gun, as far as the police union representatives are concerned.
The Sergeant's and Lieutenant's Association will not get the 2.5 multiplier until next June; members that retire before then only get a 2.0 multiplier.
"There are people in the associa-

tion eligible to retire, but it would be foolish for them to retire now," Gatt said.
Additionally, members of this association will have to pay seven percent of each paycheck for this benefit.
Sgt. Herb Harbin, vice president of the Sergeant's and Lieutenant's Association, pointed out members did receive a three percent pay increase with the latest contract, but, because they have to pay for the pension benefit, members will actually see four percent less pay on each paycheck.
Krewall does not have to pay for this benefit.

Currently, police officer's pension's are judged with a 2.25 multiplier and they must pay 3 percent of each paycheck for this.
"To read we already have it just tucked a few people off," said Nov. Det. John Nelson, president of the Police Officers Association.
"It took us years to get it increased from 2.0 to 2.25, even though we were willing to pay for it."
Nelson said he just wanted the city council to understand members of the police union do not have the 2.5 multiplier.
Gatt stressed he had nothing against Krewall and fully believed

the ones who ratified our contract," he said.
Mayor Kathleen McLallen's signature was on the Sergeant's and Lieutenant's latest contract and the Police Officers Association's last contract that expired June 30.
Council Member Mutch, who said at the meeting that members of the police union have the same pension plan, said she knew the pension plan was only offered to the Sergeant's and Lieutenant's Association when she voted.
"I didn't intend for it to sound like it was all [police unions]," Mutch said.
She said at the time she did not

realize the association didn't have the plan until July 1, 2000 and that the members will have to pay for it.
Krewall said when the matter was brought up to council, it was understood only the Sergeant's and Lieutenant's Association were the only police union to have this benefit.
While it was not officially decided in yet, Krewall said it was negotiated into the association's contract and the police union requested the July 1 starting date.
Jeremy McBain may be reached via e-mail at jmcbain@ht.homecomm.net.

Library Lines

LIBRARY HOURS
The Novi Public Library is open Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The library is located at 45245 W. Ten Mile Road, just east of Ten Mile. For more information, call (248) 349-

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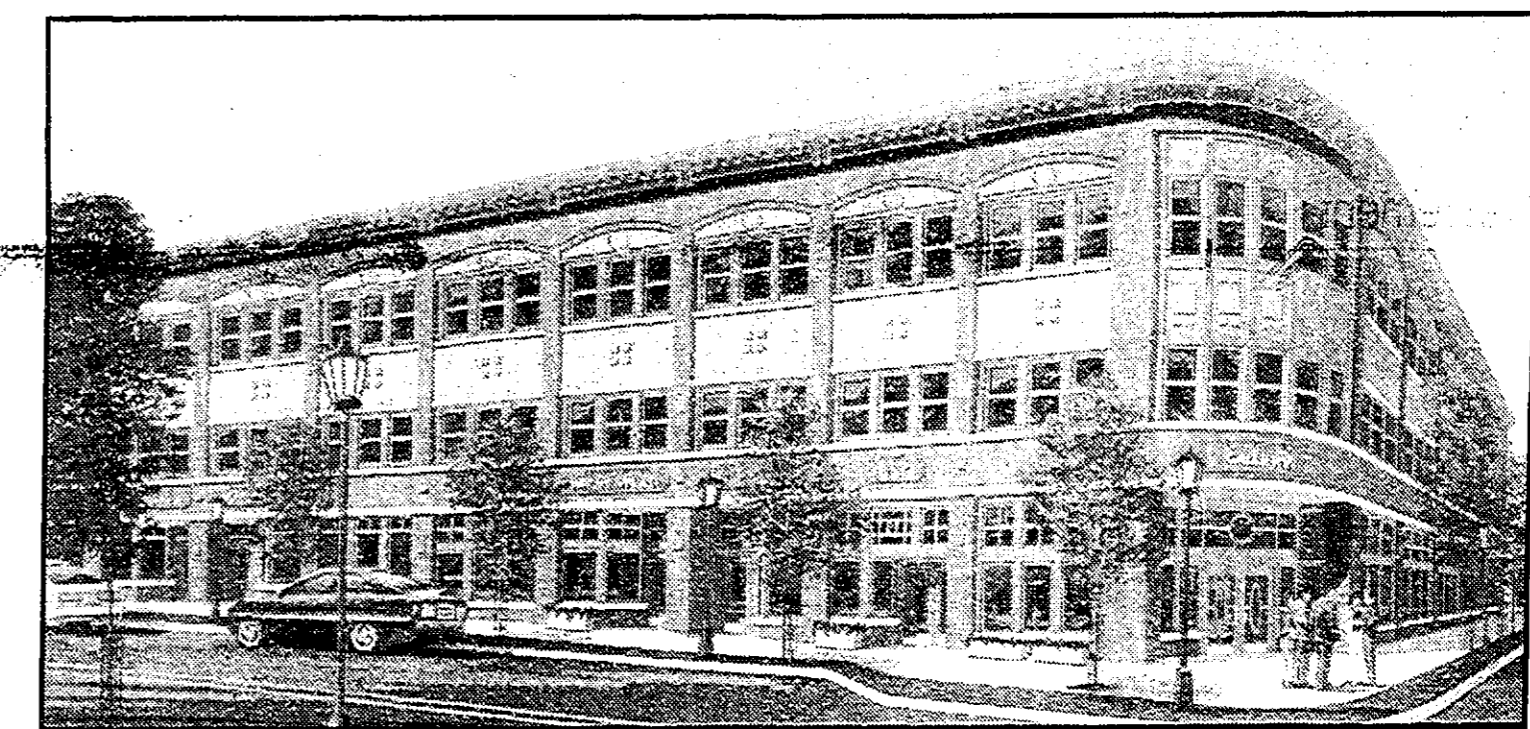
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Athletic Boosters make do while concessions closed

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 The boosters in their quest to provide adequate resources for the food and beverages that in turn can money for the kids.
 The money raised by the boosters goes into two separate funds for the children. One is a general fund and the other is a scholarship fund.
 Harfoot said the general fund's money goes to support specific items for the athletic department. The general fund has provided money for the weight room, a golf cart for the athletic trainer, tennis bags for the girls tennis team and tents for the cross country team.
 "We use the general fund to buy things that are outside the regular budget of the athletic department," Harfoot said.
 "It's the extras and necessities for the teams, not for the individual athletes."
 Harfoot said the scholarship fund goes to student scholarships. During the 1998-99 school year the Novi Athletic Boosters raised

\$21,000 for its general fund and \$4,300 for its scholarship fund.
 As a member of the Novi Athletic Booster Club, a parent will have to work the concession stand during a sporting event through the school year, Harfoot said.
 Harfoot said there is a sign-up sheet to work the concessions and never would a parent have to work when their child is participating during a contest.
 Besides this year's creative concession stands, the boosters have

also painted the Novi High School Wildcat onto the 50-yard-line on the football field.
 "All of the money we spend is used to work on," Harfoot said.
 "The coach makes a request to the athletic director, the athletic director requests the expenditures from us — and we vote on it."
 "Very seldom do we say no. If we don't have the funds we tell them to bring it back later and we will try to get it for them."
 Unlike many high schools, the

Novi Athletic Booster Club is for all of the athletics, not just one specific team.
 "By having one club, all of the sporting teams can benefit regardless of size," Harfoot said.
 "It gives the parents a chance to become more acquainted with the other sports.
 Everything we do gets shared equally and it also gets more people involved in the support of the kids."

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 But the sweet memories and the sugar-coated treats will last a long

Local boy's recipe: take chocolate marbles, fill with syrup

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 a drawn description of the candy that brought the concept to presence.
 The candy recipe ideas were judged on the basis of creativity, innovation, uniqueness and the wonderful unpredictability that defines what Willy Wonka is about.
 Drawing and conceptualizing is what Magnan does, as his Novi home is filled with paintings, sculptures and drawings he does during his free time and summer art camps.
 He also draws his own comic strip starring animals as the main characters.
 The seventh grader at Novi Mid-

dle School lives with his parents Dana and Steve and his older brother Kipp, 17.
 The Magnan family moved to Novi from Burke, Va. about two years ago and are enjoying living in Michigan.
 "The school is a nice building and they're all good teachers," Magnan said.
 "After the summit they gave me a big family pack of candy. I have been passing it out at school and everyone's my friend now."
 Allowed to bring one guest to the WONKAmignon Summit, Magnan was accompanied by his mother to the Novi High School.
 Dana Magnan said the children

were picked up from the airport in a limousine and were treated like candy executives during the Saturday festivities.
 "The people at the Willy Wonka Candy Factory went the extra mile," she said. "They made the kids feel really special and they really listened to what they had to say."
 Dana Magnan said the marketing representatives took the designs through the school's facilities and pitched their ideas separate as well

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Brutal killing of baby donkey attributed to the human factor

By JEREMY MCBAIN
 Staff Writer
 Forensic examinations by doctors at Michigan State University have ruled out an animal culprit in the brutal killing of a baby donkey Aug. 26 on Fourteen Mile Road.
 That leaves human malice as the cause of the days-old animal's death.

According to the donkey's owner, Sharon Windsor, the autopsy indicated due to the consistency and size of the wounds on the foal's head, combined with lack of puncture wounds or scratches on the rest of foal's body, it was determined the donkey could not have been killed by another animal.
 "I have a call in at the Michigan Human Society to find out if there have been any similar incidents in the surrounding area," Windsor said.
 "I would just like to find out if anyone around this location if

called them. Windsor said the donkeys are still a little spooked after the incident.
 Windsor said she is considering putting up a reward for information leading to the arrest of the foal's killer, but is unsure of its effect.
 "I'm not sure it would shake out a psychopath," she said.
 "Whoever did this is very dangerous. History tells us they will move on to bigger things, which are humans."
 In the meantime, Windsor said she is considering putting "something" in the pasture that will keep people out and protect the animals.
 If you have any information about this incident, please contact Det. Dennis Jolley at the Novi Police Department by calling (248) 348-1700.
 Jeremy McBain's email is jmcbaib@nu.homecom.net.

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As We See It

If the loophole is open, why not jump through?

You've got to hand it to Novi City Council candidate Steve Reed.

He wasn't looking for a loophole in Novi's ordinances, he just stumbled into it by accident.

Now, others are following him through the gap.

Reed read the city's sign ordinance before preparing to plant his campaign signs. As he understood it, the language said in one section that a candidate can put up signs one month before a primary election. In this case, in July.

Novi is known for its restrictive sign ordinances. Traditionally, political signs begin popping up in October, a month before the general election. And they're kept to a much smaller size here, not the huge billboards that are seen in neighboring communities. Novi has always taken a "tasteful" approach to signs.

However, the city did have a mayoral primary this year and those running in it had their signs up in July and promptly down after that election.

But Reed, who was not a candidate in the primary, noticed that the ordinance said that election signs are limited to a period commencing 30 days prior to the primary election and ending five days after the general election.

It wasn't specific as to whether this was directed just to primary candidates or also included candidates only running in the general election. So he checked first with the City Clerk's office, received confirmation of his interpretation and began sticking his signs up along his home turf of Meadowbrook Road.

Reed was then slapped with a ticket from a city ordinance officer, contending that his sign at Grand River and Meadowbrook Road was in violation of the sign ordinance.

Usually, Novi doesn't have a primary election and this issue hasn't been raised before.



Government

Reed wasn't thrilled to get a ticket, because he thought he'd done everything right. So he pursued the issue and found support in just the right corner. Novi City Attorney Dennis Watson agreed with Reed and said the city's Building Department had interpreted the ordinance incorrectly.

As Building Official Don Saven explained it, the intent of the ordinance wasn't to allow a political sign barge of several months duration for all candidates, including those who did not compete in the mayoral primary.

However, Watson determined that Reed's ticket had to be withdrawn, because the candidate correctly read the ordinance's language.

Saven, meanwhile, headed to the city's Ordinance Review Committee to propose a finetuning of the language. Knowing Novi, his contention that the July to November sign display is not the intent of the ordinance is right on the mark.

With Watson's legal ruling backing him, Reed's already put up more signs. And another city council candidate has followed his example. Lou Csordas signs are now part of the Novi horizon.

Critics see this as taking advantage of a glitch in the law that will soon be fixed. We see it as properly playing by the rules - as they are now written.

But the ordinance should be edited, so the language matches the intent and four months doesn't become the standard for the display of political signs.

District struggles with class size



Bob Jackson

I've been following, with interest, the ongoing dialogue between the Northville Public School District and a small group of concerned parents, whose children attend Thornton Creek Elementary School in Novi. Just in case you are not familiar with the debate, the parents are concerned that the student-to-teacher ratio for third grade classes at the elementary school have increased a bit. The group went to the school board a few weeks back to protest the increase, demanding that something be done to lower the ratio from its current level of 28-to-1.

Now, before I become somewhat critical, I should point out that these parents should be applauded for getting involved in the process. Too many times I've written columns or editorials bemoaning the fact that many parents in this wonderful community of ours don't bother to involve themselves in their child's education.

So when a group of parents band together to voice a concern, I think some praise and applause is in order.

With that said, however, I also need to issue a warning - it's okay to voice those concerns and it's okay to request land in some cases demand changes. But you cross the line when you stop voicing concerns and become threatening.

Take Sheryl Tripp Khoury's lone comment quoted in our newspaper this week. "I think they know now who they are dealing with," she told our reporter.

Hmmm...sounds somewhat threatening to me. All of a sudden Khoury's comment leads me to believe that this group of parents might not have the entire student body of Thornton Creek in mind when citing their concerns. That statement also leads me to believe that these parents could be demanding something of the school district that the district might not be able to give.

You see, there seems to be this little problem. It's called rapid development. Houses are springing up in our community quicker than weeds in the front yard. Houses mean families and families mean kids. Who - just in case you're not following the logical progression - attend Northville Public Schools.

The district has managed to lower class sizes for quite a few years, but as more students walk through the doors of our schools that's going to be more difficult to achieve. Sure the district can hire more teachers - they recently hired a record number during the summer - which allows them to reduce the number of kids per class. But that poses a different and more difficult problem to address: space for additional classes.

And if you've wandered the hallways of our schools lately you come to the quick realization that there isn't much space left. Unless, of course, you don't mind your child learning about math in the janitor's maintenance room.

Oh, and remember, we could always ship in more portables. Now wouldn't that cause a stir? The point I'm trying to make here is that I have watched this school district work each year to reduce class size. They've been successful at it for a number of years, and you can't get me to believe that they've abruptly lost interest in maintaining a lower student-to-teacher ratio.

So, instead of threatening to picket the school district offices in an attempt to force the district into a more difficult position - one that could effect hundreds of students - perhaps Khoury and the rest of this group should offer their time and energy to help the district battle an overcrowding problem that is only going to worsen as our community gets larger.

Because we need more people like them to ensure our children get the best educational opportunities possible.

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In Focus

By John Heider



Detail work

Brian Larson of Larson Jewelry Design polishes the base of a ring in his newly opened Main Street store.

A few things just come to mind



Chris Davis

More random thoughts and observations on life...
• It's nice to see school back in session. With color on the trees, dew on the morning grass and Labor Day now but a memory, autumn has officially arrived. (Never mind the fact that this is the official first day of fall.) Best wishes to all of this year's students in Novi and Northville.
• I had \$10 in Canadian funds left over from a trip into Ontario a couple weeks back.

I went to a neighborhood bank (a federally-insured place, mind you) and told the teller I wanted to exchange the Canadian money for American dollars. Given the catastrophic state of the Canadian economy, we're talking about a grand total of roughly six bucks and a few coins. The teller told me that you needed to be a member of the bank to perform such transactions. When I asked why that was, I was told it was because a) the bank "wanted to serve its customers first" (no one else was in the lobby), and b) because they weren't sure if it was counterfeited. I was further told that even if I was a member of the bank - which I wasn't - there would be a fee assessed for the currency transfer. Ummm...sure. Way to serve the public.

• A 16-year-old girl is driving down the streets of Northville Township on a sunny afternoon. From out of nowhere, a dog jumps in her car. The girl is startled and runs the vehicle into a mailbox and a tree.

causing her some bumps and bruises. And for an incident she had absolutely no control over, the girl was awarded a citation for careless driving. Someone pinch me and tell me this is a joke.

• Does anyone know how people in foreign nations get their hands on the American flag? I'd never heard of East Timor until three weeks ago, yet within 24 hours of holding democratic elections, the citizens managed to get their hands on an American flag to burn in protest. I have no idea what the East Timor flag looks like, let alone where to get one.

• Novi City Manager Ed Kriewall has finally decided to hang it up after 30 years in the Number Six town. Say what you will about Kriewall and the projects he's helped oversee in his time at the helm, but consider this: the average city manager stays in one city for around six years. Kriewall's departure gives him the rest he's earned and Novi a chance to get some fresh blood at the city offices.

• Note to the anonymous person who's been sending clippings to our office about the grammatical goofs that weasel their way into our newspapers: you misspelled a reporter's name in one of your flippant comments, despite the fact that the name was in boldfaced black print on the very clipping you returned to us. Thanks for writing.

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Impressed by candidate's wife with class



Phil Power

Hillary.

So last week I dropped in at the Ann Arbor Jewish Community Center to listen to presidential candidate Bill Bradley's wife, Ernestine Schlant Bradley. A professor of German and comparative literature at Montclair State University in New Jersey, Dr. Ernestine Schlant, as she is professionally known, is the author of a recently published book, "The Language of Silence: West German Literature and the Holocaust."

Not surprisingly, the crowd was rapt when I sidled in about half way through her presentation. It was just what you might expect from a professor of comparative literature, literature, detail, knowledge, academic. "You can't deconstruct the Holocaust," she argued at one point, launching into a review of 40 years of German literature.

"What's going on here?" I wrote on my reporter pad. "Here is a mature, perceptive,

intelligent, civilized person implausibly engaged in a political process that is none of these things."

At the end of her talk, Mrs. Bradley took questions, which she answered carefully and in detail. Only one dealt with her husband's campaign. Her answer consumed five minutes, concluding with the thought that Senator Bradley had learned from her that reading a country's literature often turned out to be far more useful to a visitor than a briefing from the State Department. "No sound bites here," I thought.

So when we sat down for a visit, I wondered how a wife, German-born and a full blown academic, relates to a husband, a former professional basketball player and now a professional politician. "It's not that difficult," she responded, "because it's very liberating when you know for certain what the most important thing is. In my case and at this time in my life, it's my husband's campaign."

"But how," I asked, "can you manage in two entirely different worlds? One - academia - where intelligence is used to illuminate and words are used to clarify and the other - politics - where intelligence is used to confuse and words are used to conceal."

"For me, it's not a problem," she said, pointing out she had participated in each of Bradley's three past campaigns for the Senate. "I know Bill's position on the issues, but I express them in my own way and in my own language. I won't read the position papers from the campaign; I speak about Bill, not for Bill."

But the contradiction between the two

worlds? In her mind, the resolution is that, "Bill really believes that he is running a different kind of campaign. One intended to recon- sider respect for the political process in this country. He wants to talk seriously to the voters, to present himself as an authentic, serious and non-politically driven candidate." The purpose: To give voters now frustrated and alienated with the political process some hope the system can change.

At the end of our talk, I asked Mrs. Bradley about the story that her husband decided not to run for President in order to be by her side in 1992 when she was diagnosed with breast cancer in June. "What a lovely anecdote," I thought, "perfectly illustrating the contrast between the Bradley family and some other political families we know about."

"Not true," she declined to mythologize. "By the time I was diagnosed in June, the campaign for president was long under way. Bill was a rock during my illness, but it had nothing to do with his not running for president."

Firm. I've never met Senator Bradley, but I have no idea whether he'll win the nomination, or be elected, or make a good president. That's what campaigns are designed to explicate. But I do know that Professor Ernestine Schlant Bradley is a mature, perceptive, intelligent and civilized woman whose adult presence in the hurly-burly of a political campaign gives me comfort and, perhaps, a bit of hope.

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Vote no on city charter amendment

To the Editor:

On Jan. 12, 1993, the residents of Novi approved the Recreational Land Acquisition and Improvements bonding proposition so that the City of Novi could acquire and equip land for recreational purposes. In fact, the exact wording of the proposition was "Shall the City of Novi, County of Oakland, Michigan borrow the principal sum of not to exceed Nine Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$9,900,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor for the purpose of paying the cost of acquiring lands in the city and constructing and equipping necessary improvements and related appurtenances on said land for recreational purposes for the use of the city?"

The majority of residents who voted said YES.

Contrary to what voters are being led to believe prior to the November 1999 election, the proposition did not promise passive recreational land nor did it promise active recreational land. The proposition did not state which lands would be purchased, what cost or how they would be developed. Obviously it was not in the best interest of the city to name the location of the land or how much they planned to pay.

That is why negotiations were completed after the proposition was passed on what are now referred to as Community Sports Parks and Novi Tree Farm.

In the six plus years since the proposition passed, these parcels of land were purchased and the city began to look at the feasibility of using the land for various recreational purposes on each. Much like individuals look at feasibility when the purchase of a new house or car is being considered, it is the prudent spender who looks at the cost of the house/car, the improvements needed/wanted and their personal budget. After reviewing all feasible homes or cars, a purchase can be made or declined.

It is important to have a city council that does the same type of feasibility study prior to making a decision as important as the recreational development of land.

In looking at the potential uses for the lands acquired, a decision-making formula known as a Decision Tree was used to list as many ideas for recreational use as possible. The original Forest Farm Committee used the same formula to begin their process. It is a great way to brainstorm all possible ideas. From the original list of ideas, some were eliminated and some were not.

Those that were not eliminated were marked for investigation or further feasibility study. Although I was not part of the "thought" process, recreational purposes for the Novi Tree Farm could include, but not be limited to, a zoo, a second playstructure, a golf course, a senior center, a petting zoo, a waterpark or an adult softball complex. It is possible that the City of Novi would investigate all or some of these when looking at the best recreational use for this land.

It is important that residents who did not live or vote in Novi six years ago understand that no lies were told. The proposition spoke for itself - it was to acquire land and equip said land for recreational purposes. Once the proposition was passed and land purchased, it was time to look at what type of recreational purpose was feasible for the land.

This process allowed the development at Community Sports Park of the baseball fields and soccer fields. The Tim Pope Playstructure was the result of an awesome volunteer force, working together.

A feasibility study is not a terrible, awful, negative thing. It is doing the homework necessary to make the best judgment. Voting NO on the Charter Amendment will allow the homework to be completed and the doors are closed. It will allow elected officials to represent the best population of Novi.

Letters

To the Editor:

As voters we elect the members of our city council to listen to all the residents. The council should be allowed to continue to do the job it was elected to do. Remember that although it is possible for the members of council to listen to everyone, when a vote is taken and decisions are made, they must vote in what they believe to be the best interest of the whole population.

This letter, as with my previous letters, represents my opinion on the issue of the charter amendment. The last time I checked, Novi, Michigan, was still a part of the United States and I still had the right to an opinion of my own, even if I am a wife, mother and active volunteer.

Becky Staab

WHAT WAS COUNCIL SMOKING?*

To the Editor:
Having read the Sept. 16 Novi News article on city council giving a higher pension to the city manager, I have to wonder what these people are smoking.

We the residents and taxpayers of Novi are reeling under three major financial disasters within the past year and a half.

Foremost is the \$33 million (plus interest) court judgment against the city of Novi. Then there is the small matter of over \$350,000 that went down the drain at the Novi Ice Arena. And third, was the mealy \$1.3 million (plus interest) State of Michigan grant for ring road improvements.

Within that same period of time we have had a DPW supervisor dismissed, the finance director (a long time city employee) taking an early retirement and moved up north, and now we have the city manager (another long-time city employee) accepting his golden parachute and retiring.

All of this taking place while Novi residents, like myself and voters, wait patiently to hear who is accountable for all of these disasters. Another month or six weeks and a few more golden parachutes and there may be no one around who knows anything.

Yet this city council and city administration simply goes on with meeting after meeting, week after week, with no explanation to the residents as to who was responsible for all of these horrendous bills.

And there are no acknowledged heads on the chopping block. Only quiet retirements and golden parachutes.

How can these people live with themselves and walk around in this city? Now is the time for some honesty and public disclosure - even if we have to bring somebody's proverbial neck to get at the truth.

Joseph G. Toth

SENIOR HOUSING A TRIUMPH

To the Editor:

A tribute to the city fathers of Novi.

We have finally reached the pinnacle of success in Novi and had a gala ground breaking day for the new senior citizen housing complex in which everyone forgot their differences and the seniors were provided with the good news we have been waiting for 15 years - a new senior building complex.

The "gloom and doomers" said it would never happen; they said the same thing to me when I assisted Kathy Crawford (special senior recreation coordinator) to help put on a new senior center by contacting seniors to get them to vote. The meal center will be there also with Diane Belanger in charge.

Mr. Toth, I also have some data on the new senior housing complex: 112, Northville - \$2,300 per month (three meals) is equivalent to three of Northville's.

As I told city manager Ed Kriewall and Father Harding, this is a great day in our lives. The bond funding for this complex is an excellent plan. So Novi residents, take some of your money out of your savings or low interest CDs and help continue this project.

Mei Druding

POLL IS DIRTY POLITICS

To the Editor:

Dirty politics have always been around. But usually it is found in partisan politics or high-paying local communities. Guess what Novi, you have arrived.

In the last week, a "Push-Pull" phone poll is being used in this election against a long-serving incumbent council candidate who has given his dedication to this city for many years. What you see here is a quality city that this man is probably more responsible for than any other elected official who has served this city.

What is a "Push-Pull" phone poll? A long phone poll that looks like it is checking the issues of the election and recognition of the names of the candidates running. Then at the end they "Push" a negative on a targeted candidate and in this case, followed by a negative "did you know inferior" against the candidate's wife who is also an elected official at the county level. This is followed by a statement to "Pull" the desired negative response from the person being polled.

Not an easy task and one filled with controversy at times. However, we prevailed. Quality developers emerged and have been instrumental in building a Novi for which the citizens can be extremely proud. To them we owe a great deal of gratitude. With Novi encompassing just over 30 square miles, there is yet much ground to come and we must stay focused.

An issue generating more than a little attention is that of a municipal golf course. Yes, I believe there could be benefits in having a municipal golf course for the residents of Novi, as found in numerous other communities. I also realize my interest in a golf course is not necessarily that of citizens. With the issue on the ballot for voters to decide, I will respect that decision and proceed accordingly.

Finally, I want to express my sincere appreciation for the opportunity to trust the citizens of Novi have given me to serve them for 18 of the last 24 years. My commitment, once again, leads me to ask for your support to utilize my experience and dedication as we move into the new millennium.

Robert D. Schmid
Novi City Chairman

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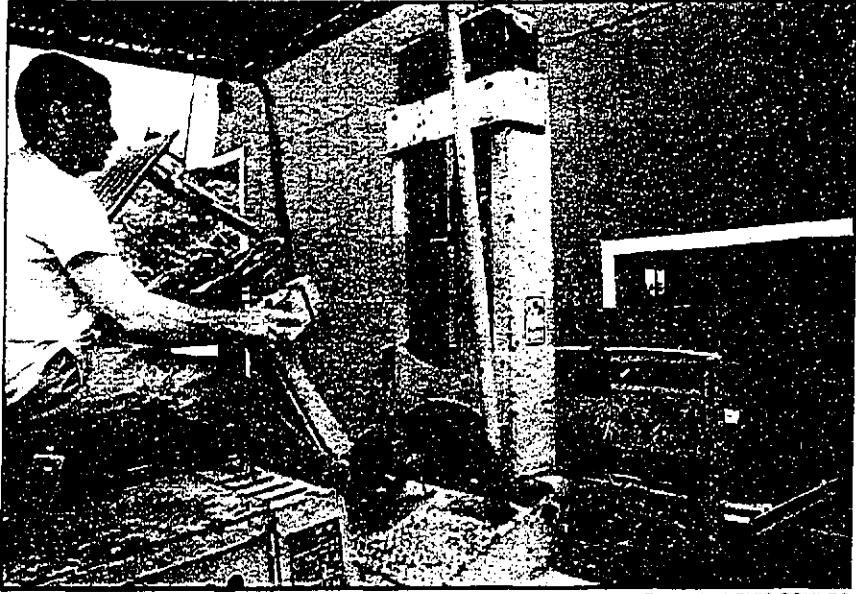
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A employee lifts a large crate of apples into Parmenter's Northville mill during a Thursday morning pressing.

Pressing Tradition

Fall means doughnuts, orchard fresh apples, pies and, of course, cider - made the old-fashioned way - at Parmenter's Cider Mill

BY ANDREW DIETDERICH
Staff Writer

Probably the last thing Parmenter's Cider Mill needs is coverage in the local newspaper. They do just fine themselves, thank you.

After all, consider the facts without any coverage: about 300 pounds of doughnuts made on a good day; about 60 pallets boxes that contain 25 bushels of apples each used for cider a week; more than 100 apples pies made on site and sold in any fall weekend; and thousands of smiling faces young and old served every year for 126 years.

"This is really a special place," said Roz Fink, Northville resident. "It's great you can come here and just feel really comfortable. Not to mention the doughnuts and cider are delicious."

Parmenter's has been a Northville establishment since 1873 and is on its third set of owners: Diane and Mel Jones; Cheryl and Rob Nelson. The cider mill features two kinds of doughnuts, fresh picked apples, pies, caramel apples and, of course, cider.

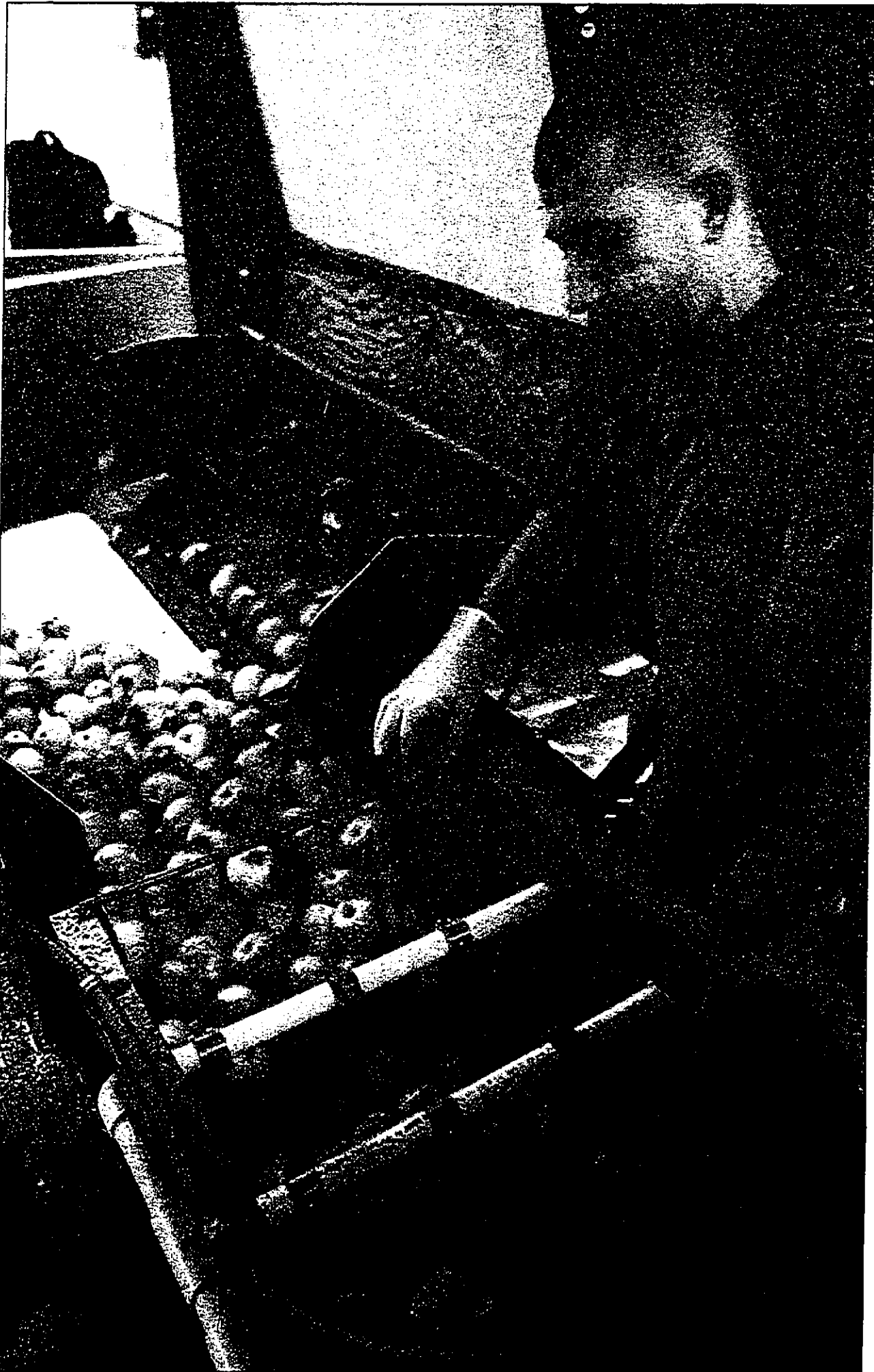
The mill opens Labor Day weekend and closes the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

Diane Jones said keeping the business as close to tradition as possible equals success.

For example, doughnuts not sold the day they're made are donated to local charities or organizations, although that's the last option.

"It's a real guessing game as to how much we're going to sell," Jones said.

The same method is applied to Parmenter's most popular product, the cider, said Rob Nelson, head cider pressman.



A cider-maker watches a freshly-delivered load of apples makes its way into a washing hopper.

Making the cider

"We keep track of what we sell each day and look at that the next year and try and gauge how much we might need to make," he said. "Of course you never know for sure."

Cider is made about every two days, Nelson said, using a process that's as close to tradition as possible.

It starts with apples being shipped to Parmenter's from Kropf apple farms, just north of Grand Rapids, in huge wooden pallets that hold about 25 bushels each.

The cider mill is open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. every day through the end of October and is open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. in November.

For more info, call the mill at (248) 349-3181.

The bushels are loaded onto a conveyor belt where the bad apples are separated out and thrown away. It's the last time human hands touch the fruit.

From the separating zone, the apples are washed and ride up a conveyor belt where they are loaded into a grinder that turns the apples into an apple-sauce-like form.

The apple pulp then is transferred via tube into the apple press where its mixed with rice hull so that friction is created and the juice is separated.

The juice then empties out the bottom of the tank and is transferred, again through tubes, through a filtration system to a large 800 gallon storage tank. The cider then goes to cooling tanks where cider is stored at about 45 degrees.

After the cooling tanks, the cider is sent to a bottling machine in the cooler where pints, quarts and gallons are bottled as needed.

"We do a whole press in about two-and-a-half hours," Nelson said. "Sometimes we do three or four presses a day which equals out to 1,500 gallons of cider," Nelson said.

During the process of making cider, not one thing is added, Nelson said.

And the cider at Parmenter's is never pasteurized.

"It alters the makeup of the cider and can affect the taste," he said. "We want the cider to be its purest and as close to tradition as possible."

The key word is tradition

Whether people go to Parmenter's for the cider, the doughnuts, the ambience or whatever else, the key word is tradition. Jones said keeping the tradition going is all the



Freshly-washed Jonathans pour out on to a conveyor belt on their way to the presser.

cider mill needs for a successful few weeks every fall.

"It leads to a quality product that is freshly made, is a fall tradition and just a nice place to come," she said. "We're not a high sale place. We're just a place where people can come and enjoy a nice day."

People like Northville resident Don MacKinnon seem to agree.

He said he'll probably make about "a half-dozen or so trips to the cider mill this fall."

"I love the cider and it's just a special thing to do in the fall," he said.

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More information may be obtained by calling the mill at (248) 349-3181.

Andrew Dietderich may be reached via e-mail at adietderich@nt.homecomm.net.



A Parmenter's employee pours the crushed apples into a large steel vat where they'll be further processed by heating.

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Etiquette, protocol not the same

"The desired result of etiquette and protocol knowledge is not increased self-consciousness but a greater feeling of self-confidence."

Dorothea Johnson, etiquette consultant



Margit Erickson
Etiquette

Many people are often confused as to the difference between the usage of the words "etiquette" and "protocol." Well, let me "inform" you.

Think of it as the difference between the words "climate" and "weather." Climate is the general year-round temperatures of a certain region such as tropical, arctic, or mild, and does not change. The North Pole is always cold, the equator is always hot.

Weather, on the other hand, changes from day to day. It can be rainy, too, humid, snowy, hot or whatever.

Protocol, like climate, is pretty well set in stone. It deals mainly with the courtesies and policies when negotiating with foreign nations. The dictionary describes it as "the ceremonial forms accepted as correct in official dealings, as between heads of states or diplomatic officials."

This means who greets whom at airports, when the national anthems are played, where flags are placed, who sits where at the negotiating table, observing cultural or racial traditions in the foods when a meal is served, and knowing what gifts are proper to exchange.

These are all guided by strict rules and are observed at all functions where officials of a government or its representative are in attendance. Official and diplomatic protocol decree that these rules are to be followed. Even though the authority on protocol is the Department of State's protocol officer, only the President can change any of these rules in the United States.

Protocol, even though it sounds contemporary, is not anything new. In fact, it has been with us for thousands of years since it was first invented by the Chinese. Even carvings in Egyptian tombs depict the proper order of procession of those in royal courts some 2,500 years ago.

Etiquette, on the other hand, is like the weather. It can be here today and gone tomorrow. Years ago, it started out as a list of rules and regulations as to proper behavior when attending a dinner or special event usually at a home of great wealth. These

lists would be attached to a post in the courtyards of feudal castles, homes, or palaces for all to read before entering.

If the owners decided they would like to change a certain rule, the list would be torn down and changed, sometimes daily.

In modern times, etiquette rules do not change that suddenly or frequently but there have been changes. For instance, not too long ago, when a man and woman were dining in a restaurant, the woman was to give her order to her male partner who would then relay it to the waiter along with any other request she would have. She was not to speak or look at the waiter. Now that the world has discovered women are quite capable of ordering their own food, these etiquette rules have been revised.

The idea of etiquette is not quite as old as protocol. Just as the Chinese first recorded the idea of protocol, so did the Italians record the first books on etiquette. The first we read about these rules of civility is about 1290 A.D. when a Milanese monk set down some rules that we still observe today:

- Do not pick your teeth with the fingers.
- Turn your head when coughing or sneezing.
- Do not gulp food or drink in one mouthful; and
- Do not set your feet on the dining table.

Now to some of your questions:

Q: What is the best way to eat breakfast bacon?
A: If the bacon is softly cooked, use a knife and fork, cutting off one bite at a time. When the bacon is crisply cooked, it is proper to pick it up, a strip, with the fingers and take one bite at a time. Trying to cut it when crisp will only send pieces all over your plate and table.

Q: How should a man refer to his wife when introducing her to associates? To strangers? To friends? Do I use her first name? Last name?
A: A man introduces his wife as "my wife, Elaine" to acquaintances, as "Elaine" to close friends, and "Missus Adams" to strangers. He should never, ever, under heavy penalty from yours truly, refer to her as "the wife," or "the Missus" or "the old lady." Such introductions are crude and insensitive.

Margit Erickson of Margit Erickson & Co. has been an etiquette consultant for over 10 years and conducts seminars in business and social etiquette for adults, teens and children. She is also host and producer of her own television program "The Elegant Life" on Channel 12.

You can write to her at P.O. Box 841, Northville, MI 48167. She will be hosting a seminar on job interview tips at Longacre House in Farmington Hills on Oct. 7, 14 and 21, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Community Events

The Northville Tivoli Fair returns to Northville Community Center on Sept. 24 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. It's the 30th year for the show, which features wares from the artists around Michigan. The fair is the Northville Historical Society's largest fundraiser. Admission is \$2 at the door. For more information, call (248) 348-1845.

Past and present residents of Star Manor of Northville will be holding a celebration reunion on Sept. 25 at 1 p.m. Music and activities have been planned, and a luncheon will be served. For more information, call (248) 349-4240.

The Farmington Singles Professionals are hosting volleyball matches every Tuesday at Heritage Park in Farmington Hills beginning at 6 p.m. A \$2 fee covers the cost of equipment. Pets and alcohol are not allowed in the park. The group is also forming a volleyball league. An organizational meeting is slated for 7:15 p.m. Sept. 29 at the Farmington Masonic Temple. For more information, call (248) 851-9909.

Tickets for the Pontiac Oakland Symphony are on sale for the Sept. 24 show at the Pike Street Restaurant in Pontiac. Tickets are \$85 per person (non-sustainers) or \$75 per person for sustaining members. A social hour and cash bar begins at 6:30 p.m. with dinner served at 7:15 p.m. A silent auction is also slated for the evening. Tickets are tax deductible for amounts in excess of \$50 per person. For more information, call (248) 334-6021.

Representatives from Tupperware Discoveries, Toys and Longaberger will be on hand at St. Kenneth's Social Hall in Plymouth for home shopping. The event is slated for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 2. There is no admission fee for the event. For more information, call (248) 344-9215.

The Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff is slated for Oct. 3 at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth. The winner from the event will advance to the national chili competition in Las Vegas. The event will feature a ride-in motorcycle show and country line dancing. Samples of the chili can be purchased for 50 cents. All proceeds from the event benefit the Plymouth Salvation Army and other local children's charities. For more information, call (734) 455-8838.

Oakland Physical Therapy will deliver a presentation on exercise and techniques of stress reduction on Sept. 23 at 7 p.m. at the Providence Park Medical Center in Novi. Participants will perform techniques for stress reduction, including exercise and stretching, breathing techniques and guided relaxation with music. There is no charge for the class, but registration is required. For more information, call (248) 380-3550.

Open auditions are being held for Madonna University's Choral. The choral consists of Madonna University students and local community members. Auditions will consist of an individual meeting with David Wagner, the choral's director. No music is needed for the audition and nothing needs to be prepared in advance. The choral will rehearse from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. every Tuesday for its Christmas and spring concert. For more information, call (734) 452-5708.

A presentation on the parenting of adolescents will be held at the Gibson School for the Gifted in Redford on Sept. 28. The program will be particularly geared toward parents of gifted young people. The session begins at 7 p.m. at the school. For more information, call (313) 537-8688.



Victorian Brownies
 Our Lady of Victory Brownie Troop No. 953 enjoyed marching in the Victorian parade on Sept. 17 for the third consecutive year. From left to right, top row: Ellen Panetta, Abby Grajek, Erin Goldschmidt, Mollie Pelon, Stacy Anderson. Bottom row: Tara Kristock, Camille Chippewa, Caitlin Williams, Sarah Wojcik, Elizabeth Cairns and Alyssa Paul.

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 PetSmart (17677 Haggerty, Northville)
 (248) 347-4337

Critter Connection
 Saturday
 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 Pet Supplies Plus (41660 Ten Mile, Novi)
 (248) 380-0007

Volunteers For Action
 Some Saturdays and Sundays
 PetSmart (17677 Haggerty, Northville)
 (248) 626-8051

Animal Welfare Society of Southeastern Michigan
 Various times
 (248) 624-1100

Canine Companions will be hosting its "Howl-O-Ween" Dog Walkathon Oct. 3 beginning at noon at Maybury State Park. Canine Companions is a non-profit organization that breeds, trains and places dogs with people with disabilities. The animals perform tasks such as opening and closing doors, pulling wheelchairs and retrieving dropped items. Participants in the event gather pledges to support the charity. For more information, call (734) 671-7576.

In addition, the Pet-A-Pet group spends time bringing animals to nursing homes, hospice locations, and residences of physically and emotionally challenged children and adults. Volunteers are needed to help with the programs. Here's a rundown of where the group will be making stops soon. For information on volunteering, call (248) 349-7165.

Old Village
 Second Tuesday of each month
 10 a.m.

Star Manor
 First Thursday of each month
 2 p.m.

Wynwood of Northville
 Third Thursday of each month
 10:30 a.m.

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First Presbyterian hosts art show

The First Presbyterian Church of Northville will present its seventh annual Harvest Fine Arts Show, "Starring the Gift Within You," from Oct. 2 through Oct. 8 at the church, 200 E. Main Street. The show this year is Nora Chappa Mendoza, a regional artist. She is a teacher and has exhibited both nationally and internationally. She studied at the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit but her career has taken her to a geographical and spiritual journey.

She was born in poverty in Texas. Her father was a house painter and he became her role model as he taught her to mix and match colors. She moved to the Detroit area when she was married and studied at the Center for Creative Studies. Her art draws significantly on her Mexican heritage, her love of the earth, and her identification with the migrant worker.

Mendoza works in the abstract expressionism form with huge areas of flowing form and expanses of sky. She uses her art to tell the public about the plight of migrant workers. She created a migrant series from sketches she'd made at migrant camps and her own memories.

In conjunction with this series, Cesar Chavez commissioned her to design greeting cards for fund-

raising purposes for the United Farm Workers. She has stated that she feels a social consciousness and sense of loyalty to support the human rights of all people.

Nora Chappa Mendoza has received many awards for her art accomplishments. Her latest award is the Governor's Award for Arts and Culture which she will receive at a ceremony Oct. 9. She was one of the artists involved in the \$6 million renovation of the Must Hall Theater in Detroit. She has been involved with workshops and artist-in-residence programs in order to pass on her skills to future generations.

Mendoza can be heard at the gallery talk in conjunction with the art show. The talk is Thursday, Oct. 7 at 1:30 p.m. at the church. Admission is free to the gallery talk and the art show. There are approximately 125-150 works of art installed professionally in a gallery setting. All the artist's reception awards and prizes with a value of \$1,200 will be presented.

Hours for the show are Saturday, Oct. 2 through Oct. 8, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 8, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. There is a luncheon on Thursday, Wednesday and Thursday, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For further information, call the church at (248) 249-0911.



Nora Chappa Mendoza will be the featured juror for First Presbyterian Church of Northville's upcoming art show.

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Martin Lawrence cons the cops in 'Blue Streak'

Two years ago, talented jewel thief Miles Logan (Martin Lawrence) in "Bad Boys" was forced to hide his stolen, precious diamond at a construction site when his \$20 million heist went bad.

In "Blue Streak," a hilarious comedy packed with high-voltage laughs, Mayfield said. "But what I wanted to do was take a comedy and merge it with some large-scale action. I like the contrast between the comedy and action."

Martin Lawrence, who starred in the long-running television series "Martin," the megahit action picture "Bad Boys" and the recent hit film "Life," had read an early draft of the script and was intrigued by the simple yet inventive plot conceived by the longtime writing team of Michael Berry and John Blumenthal.

"Blue Streak" is directed by Les Mayfield. In addition to Lawrence and Carlson, the cast includes Dave Chappelle, William Fichtel, Peter Greene and Nicole Arin Parker.

The team has co-written several feature film scripts including the 1990 comedy "Short Time," starring Teri Garr and Dabney Coleman.

"We liked the idea of a thief pretending to be a cop. The hard part was figuring out what might motivate a crook to go to all that trouble. The answer was obvious—greed," Blumenthal said.

"I wanted to do a film like that in the '90s, where the main character was a thief who you loved so much you actually wanted him to succeed in the heist," says Jaffe. The challenge was finding an actor appealing enough to pull it off.

"The search ended with Martin Lawrence, whose unique brand of comedy Jaffe felt was perfectly suited to the script.

"Blue Streak" is rated "PG-13."



Martin Lawrence and Luke Wilson in "Blue Streak."

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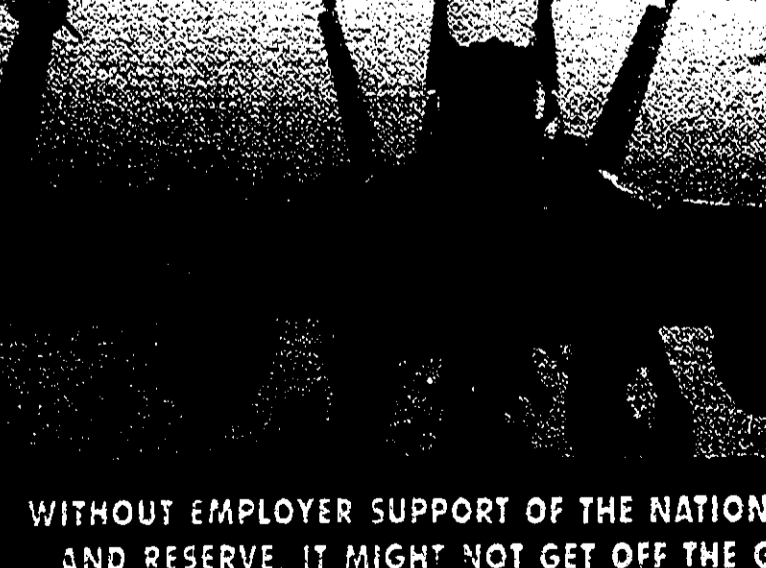
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SWM, 48, 5'7", whose interests include bowling, biking, taking walks in the park, music and dancing, is hoping to hear from a gentle, understanding SWF, over 40, to share friendship and fun. Ad#: 6431

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Outgoing, friendly DWCF, 43, 6'1", who enjoys training horses, conversation, traveling, children and living a country lifestyle, is searching for a SCF, 32-50, to share life with. Ad#: 4911

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Cagers start out right in KVC play

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Novi used hot starts at the beginning of each half to run past conference rival Brighton last Thursday 55-44.

The Wildcats outscored the Bulldogs 14-9 in the first quarter and 15-7 in the third to build a 19-point lead early in the fourth. Brighton chipped away at the lead, but Novi hit 11 of 12 free throws in the fourth quarter to put the game away. Senior forward Kelly Bendernagel scored 19 points and was 8 for 8 from the line down the stretch.

"This time we were able to jump out to a nice lead and hold on," Novi coach Dennis Cichonski said, remembering how his team let big leads slip away from them last season. "They're a good, aggressive team and we hit our free throws."

Early on in the game it was Novi that found itself in foul trouble. At one point in the first quarter the Cats had 10 fouls to



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

The Novi girls team brought home a total of 10 medals from the Western Invite last Saturday.

Lady runners hoard the medals

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

If there's anything that the Walled Lake Western Invitational shows Novi cross country fans, it shouts out that there's talent both young and old in the program.

The Wildcat girls won the junior-senior race and finished a close second in the freshmen-sophomore race.

The upperclassmen dominated their race, taking five of the top nine spots and six of the 20 medals handed out. Novi scored 23 points, well ahead of the host school's 64. There were seven teams in all at the invite.

Kristin Echols and Val Stefanson provided a nice 1-2 punch for Novi, finishing just that, 1-2 in the race. Brittany Albright and Cat Waller were back-to-back at fifth and sixth and Kelly Phelps finished ninth to round out the scoring for her team.

Kim Thompson and Amanda Noworyta were 13th and 23rd as the Wildcat's sixth and seventh runners.

"All of the kids ran well," Novi coach Norm Norgren said, pointing out Stefanson's second place finish as a real plus for the team. "This has been a long, long wait for us."

Stefanson was a consistent number three runner for Novi two years ago, but did not compete last year because of a leg injury. She has made her way back to the top this year.

In the freshmen-sophomore race, freshman Nina Schmitt continued her hot start by leading Novi with a third-place finish in 21 minutes, 32 seconds. Sophomore Bethany Kittle was

neck-and-neck with her teammate, finishing one second behind in fourth place.

Margo Wolowiec was a solid third on her team and 10th place overall. Jenny Thomson gave Novi four medals, with a 17th place finish and Emily Cross was 22nd overall as the team's fifth runner. Anna Cynar (28th) and Angela Burchard (33rd) rounded out the Novi seven.

Norgren said he loved the invitational because it allowed his runners to face competition of the same age. "It also gives us the chance to look at other schools and how good they'll be," he said.

Walled Lake Central won the younger division with 47 points, edging out Novi (56).

NOVI 20, SOUTH LYON 39

It was revenge of sorts for the Wildcats, who lost a close 27-28 decision to the Lions a year ago.

South Lyon's Amanda Lee blew away the field (19:57), but Novi grabbed the next six places to blow away Lee's team.

Kittle (20:44) was second overall and Echols was close behind at 20:52. Albright and Schmitt were fourth and fifth at 21:21 and 21:32 and Waller completed the scoring at 21:51. Wolowiec was seventh overall at 21:58. Stefanson did not compete in the race.

Norgren said it was a combination of things that led Novi to the win this year.

"They've lost quite a bit and we ran a better pack time than we did last year," he said. "Last year's meet was a nightmare for us. Everybody ran in place and nobody was able to move up."

"We just needed that aggressiveness to be pointed in the right direction..."

Dennis Cichonski,
Novi girl's basketball coach

Brighton's two, Bendernagel, Kristen McGlennen and Beth Rice all picked up their second fouls in that opening stanza.

Coincidentally, those three stayed in the game and ended up leading Novi offensively. Rice finished with 12 points and McGlennen added 10.

"We came out aggressive early and got caught on a few reach ins," Cichonski said. "We just needed that aggressiveness to be pointed in the right direction."

The win moves Novi to 1-0 in the Kensington Valley Conference and 4-1 overall. The Wildcats returned home to face South Lyon Tuesday (after *The Novi News'* deadline) and play at Ann Arbor Huron tonight. Saturday the team will travel to Walled Lake Western to take on the Warriors in a game that will tip off at 7 p.m.

Loss to Hartland hard to swallow for Wildcats

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

It couldn't have come at a worse time for the Novi football team.

The Wildcats were riding a high, coming off a win over South Lyon and a near-defeat of second-ranked Brighton. But all of that came to an abrupt halt last Friday against Hartland.

The Eagles overcame a 13-6 halftime deficit to upset Novi 20-19 in front of their home crowd and even their Kensington Valley Conference record at 1-1. Novi fell to 1-2 in the KVC and 2-2 overall. The loss means Novi must win four of its last five games to make the state playoffs, which requires schools to win at least six regular-season games.

"This is a major disappointment for us," Novi coach John Osborne said. "We played a decimated team with all of the turmoil going on over there and we just didn't score when we needed to score."

"This is a cancerous situation for us now. This was a big kick in the groin for us."

Hartland, playing inspired football for the first time this season, turned a seven-point deficit at the end of three quarters into a 20-13 lead.

Quarterback Mitch Maier left the game after making a

defensive hit on Hartland's game-tying touchdown with 7:23 left in the fourth quarter. Fortunately for Novi, backup Scott Minke came in and orchestrated a last-ditch touchdown effort which was capped off by a 22-yard touchdown pass to Pat Muston. The extra point was missed, leaving Novi a point short at 20-19 with 2:42 left in the game.

The Wildcats attempted an on-side kick which was recovered by Novi. But one of the officials awarded Hartland a time-out prior to the kick, so Novi had to try the kick again and Hartland recovered it this time. The Cats would get one last chance, but couldn't move the ball down field.

The game started out well for the visitors, with Minke intercepting a pass on the Novi 10-yard line and returning it 90 yards for the go-ahead touchdown and a 7-3 lead early in the first quarter.

Kicker Andy Christofferson would add to that lead with a 27-yard field goal with 7:00 remaining in the half and he added a 42-yard field goal after Dan Jilg's blocked punt gave the Wildcats great field possession at the Hartland 26-yard line. The Eagles scored on a field goal with no time left in the half to make it 13-6.

Osborne said his team's focus is no longer on the playoffs, but rather on taking games one at a time.

"I think we have to put those kinds of things on hold," he said. "Right now we have to find out who we are and what we're going to be able to do from here on out. I liked the way the kids responded late in the game, but this was a big kick in our confidence."

Brighton won 55-0 over Lakeland and South Lyon defeated Howell 33-19 to remain 3-0 and 2-1 in the conference.

For the game, senior back Jon Cervi led the team with 79 rushing yards on 11 attempts and Maier added 34 yards on 11 attempts before being taken off the field after suffering a mild concussion.

Minke was 4 for 8 passing for 62 yards and the touchdown to Muston. Muston caught three passes for 46 yards and Cervi had two grabs for 29 yards. Defensively, it was the Minke show. The senior led the team with four first hits and five assisted tackles for nine points. Maier had six first hits and two assists, Josh Rzepecki had five first hits and Cas Werda and Aaron Harbin had four first hits and two assists each. Minke also had the interception for a touchdown.

The Wildcats will try to get back on the winning track at home tomorrow against Milford. The Redskins lost to Adrian 42-12 Friday night, but knocked off Hartland two weeks ago and stand at 2-2. The game will kickoff at 7:30 p.m.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi senior Frank Raburn (with ball) maneuvers around a South Lyon defender earlier this year.

Novi tops Hartland

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

If Brighton is the class of the Kensington Valley Conference in 1999, then defending state champion Novi is making a strong case to be right up there with the Bulldogs.

Novi continued to win following its lone loss of the season to Brighton, shutting out both Milford and Hartland in conference games last week. The Wildcats defeated Milford 3-0 last Thursday after blanking Hartland 2-0 on Tuesday.

The Hartland contest was a match up two of the top teams in the KVC. Novi was able to get the individual matchups it wanted to help shut down Hartland's top two players, Jared Cummings and Matt Mach. Junior midfielder Sean Thompson was moved back on defense and marked Cummings, who was not only held scoreless, but didn't even get a shot on goal. Vince Slovan limited Mach to just one shot on goal.

"You want to make them do something different than what they've done in winning games this year," Novi coach Brian O'Leary

Netters fall to 'Dogs, drop to 2nd in KVC

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

The second time was supposed to be the charm for the Novi tennis team. Or was it the third time?

But the Brighton Bulldogs had other plans in the two team's second match of the season. Last Wednesday Brighton won two singles and three more double matches to walk away with their second win over Novi this season.

The Bulldogs also beat the Wildcats a week earlier in a makeup match that ended in a 3-1 decision. But the difference in this match was that Novi's top pair of Christina Cynar and Tara Sherrin captured their solid play this year.

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Brighton's Dana Krozec beat Melissa Roemer, who moved up to play one singles, 6-0, 6-0. Abby Sheld defeated Anurutha Nagarajan 6-4, 6-1, to give Brighton their second victory in singles.

Novi countered that with a win at third and another at fourth singles. Nakazawa topped Brighton's Courtney Kennedy 6-1, 6-1 and Carolyn Vermeulen defeated Kelly O'Phan 6-3, 6-1 at fourth singles.

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Novi added another goal with 11 minutes remaining when Lewis found Joe Irimescu, who set it past Greene to make it 2-0.

O'Leary said he was happy to see his team play a "complete game" citing that this was the best game of the year for the Wildcats.

"We had been playing poorly up to that point," he said. "We needed to play a solid 80-minute game. Now we played good halves here and there but we weren't put it all together."

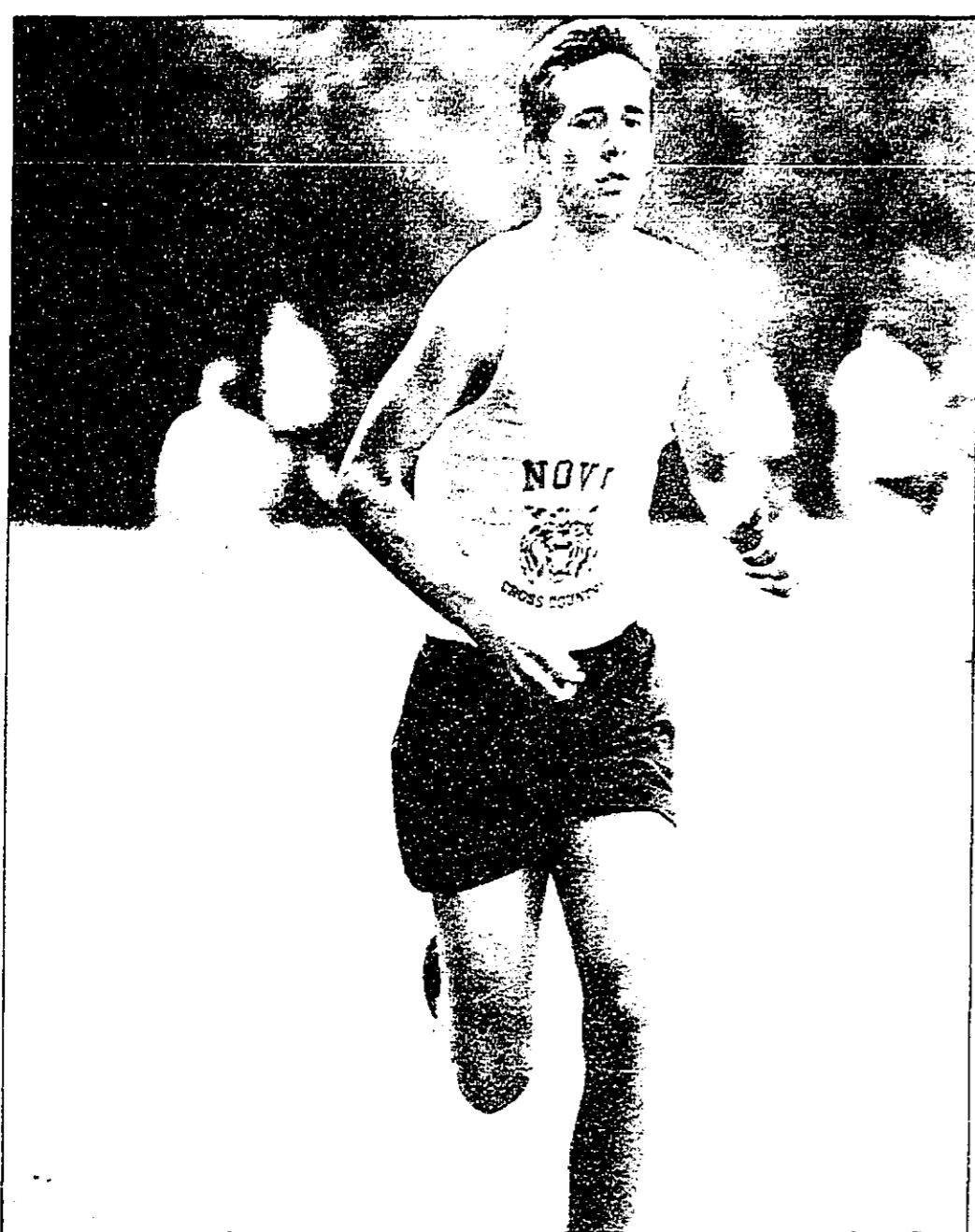
He was also pleased with his team's intensity. "We played great 50-50 soccer," he said. "We hustled and beat them to a lot of balls. Jettie was one of the main reasons we did so well there."

NOVI 3, MILFORD 0
First-half goals by Ryan Kzepka and Alan Holbert gave Novi a 2-0 halftime lead, which held up as the Wildcats topped their conference record to 3-1 and their overall mark to 6-3.

Kzepka added another goal in the second half to make it 3-0. Novi's outshot the Redskins 22-5 for the game, in which every Novi player saw time in.

Irimescu assisted on the first two goals and Davis got the last assist.

Prior to the Hartland game, Novi defeated Walled Lake Western 6-1 on Sept. 7. Davis led the way with two goals and Thompson, Jettie, Kevin Southworth, Mike Crawford, Frank Raburn and Rob Martin each added one.



Novi junior Eric Walle finished second to Chris Toloff at the Western Invite Saturday.

Novi sweeps Western Invite

Tim Moore and Chris Toloff battled neck and neck for the top spot at the Walled Lake Western Invitational last Saturday.

And both came away winners. Moore finished first in a time of 16 minutes, 38 seconds to lead his Novi freshmen/sophomore teammates to a win in their division. Toloff, actually running in a different race, finished first in the junior/senior division in a time of 16:39. Both runners blew away their fields at the eight-team invite.

Toloff teamed up with Eric Walle, Nick Bassitt, Steve Swast and Evan Foster to finish with 33 points, well ahead of second-place Brother Rice (62 points). Western was third with 84 points and Northville finished fourth with 99.

Walle was second in the junior/senior division in a time of 17:23. Bassitt was seventh overall in 18:08 and Swast and Foster were 10th and 13th in times of 18:30 and 18:54.

Dan Stevens, Eric Saurer and Mark Avenius finished sixth through eighth for Novi.

In the freshman sophomore race, Mitch Erickson took third place in a time of 18:25 and Todd Foren was sixth overall in 18:47. Rounding out the scoring for Novi was Tim Kava (9th) at 19:12 and Matt Harsha-Strong (11th) in 19:15.

Derek BuWaldia (17th), Steve Duda (21st) and Alex Kazanis (22nd) were Novi's 6-8 runners.

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Top KVC soccer talent can be found at three schools

By JASON SCHMITT and SCOTT KELLEY
Sports Editors

Last year the Kensington Valley Conference had three teams make it to the state playoffs. Two of which, Novi and Brighton played in the Division I state finals and Hartland made it all the way to the Division II state quarter finals. This year all three of the teams are once again the teams to beat in the league. And while some of the other teams aren't quite to that level as of this season, there are a few players who are among the best players in the league. With the help of the coaches, players and sports editors in HomeTown newspapers, below is a pre-season ranking of the top 15 soccer players in the KVC.

1. Jeff Krass
Brighton senior forward
With all the talent this league has, Krass stands out above all with his countless arsenal of offensive moves and knack for putting the ball in the net. Last year, Krass gave way to top forward Steve Command, but this season Krass is the man in Brighton.

The senior can dominate an opposing team almost by himself. One true tell of a player's ability is how they respond against the good teams. Last week against Novi, Krass was a one man highlight film as he weaved his way around the swarm of Wildcat defenders.

Besides having great moves with the ball, Krass has one of the strongest and most accurate shots in the league. Add that to his ability to get up in the air on crosses and corner kicks and Krass brings the whole package.

2. Jared Cummings
Hartland senior forward
Cummings is one of the best two way players in the state. When playing forward, Cummings is another player who can dominate the opposition by himself. Like Krass, he has a great selection of moves and also has great speed from a starting position. Often he will turn the corner on a defender and be in all alone with the opposition goal. But what makes Cummings a true all-star is his unselfish play on the field. If given the chance to shoot or pass, Cummings will almost always give up the ball, setting up his teammate for a quality chance.

3. Joe Irimescu
Novi senior forward
Now that Novi graduated a plethora of talent from last year's state championship team, it's now Irimescu's turn to work off. The senior forward was one of the vital cogs in last year's run to the title, scoring 10 goals including one in the state championship game against Brighton.

He will be Novi's biggest offensive weapon this season and has already made that point clear by figuring in on all three of Novi's goals in a 3-2 win over Livonia Churchill.

"Because he knows he's the best player out there, I think that helps him," his coach Brian O'Leary said. "He likes that and I think he's stepped up his game this year."

4. Matt Mach
Hartland senior forward
With all the great players in the KVC, Mach was still the leading scorer. While not very flashy on the field, he possesses the ball control and speed to move around the defense with ease. But that is not his best asset. Mach possesses a knack for knowing where to be on the field. He makes great runs and does a good job of getting in position to receive the pass. From there, Mach is one of the best finishers in the league. He is already leading the team this year with ten goals in three games. Look for Mach to be a dominant player in and outside the league this year.

5. Doug Rice
Brighton senior midfielder
This player has got to be one of the best ball handlers in the state. Often in hockey a player who can handle the puck well is said to have the ball in a string. The same can be said when Rice has the ball. Rice does a great job of weaving in between defenders with the ball at his feet. Watching Rice with the ball is like watching

Barry Sanders run with the ball. He will go into a pile and pop out will the ball. From the midfield spot he does a great job of pushing the ball up to his forwards and also can finish with a good shot.

6. Scott Greene
Hartland senior goalie
It is hard to compare a goalie to a forward or midfielder as far as rankings go. But this keeper stands out above the rest. The senior goalie is part of five current seniors who have started on varsity since they were freshman. While he has always shown the raw talent to be a top notch keeper, it was only in the last two years has Greene truly matured into an all-state keeper.

On the field, Greene is one of the vocal leaders on the Hartland team this year. Having played on one of the top club teams in the nation this past summer, which finished as the national runners-up, has helped Greene step his game up another notch this season.

His aggressive play often has the Hartland crowd holding their breath, but somehow the Eagle goalie comes up with the big save. Besides being a strong defensive goalie, Greene has a huge foot and can quickly change his teams field position with his punts or kicks.

7. Ryan Rzepka
Novi senior midfielder
His coach calls him one of the most underrated players in the state. This is the season for Rzepka to step forward and make his name known.

The senior co-captain scored 13 goals and had 10 assists for last year's state champions. O'Leary hopes Rzepka can use his skills to help pick up the offense when needed.

"He does everything for you," O'Leary said. "He's great on defense and knows how to play offense when he needs to."

8. Jason Leppi
Brighton senior midfielder
Brighton's Jason Leppi is another big time player returning for the Bulldogs this year. Like Krass, he does a good job of seeing the field and working his way around or even through defenders when need be. His coach, Dusan Shiposh, feels he is even getting better with each game.

Working from the midfield spot, Leppi does a good job of moving the ball up the field and to his forwards. He also does a good job of making his runs and putting himself in a scoring position.

9. Andy Gibson
Hartland senior sweeper
Another Eagle player to start all four years on varsity, Gibson (or what he team likes to call him, "Gibby") is one of the premier defenders in the league. Along with Greene, the pair do a great job of organizing the Eagle defense and shutting down the opposition.

Along with good size and speed, Gibson also does a good job of seeing the field. He can take a player off the ball with his positioning or use his speed to track down the opposition. Another asset which Gibson brings to the field is his ability to pick the right time to make a run up the field. Along with his defensive assets is his ball control.

10. Scott Jettie
Novi senior midfielder
Although just 5-foot-9, 150 pounds, Jettie is a very physical player. He isn't as big of an offensive threat as teammates Rzepka and Irimescu, but knows how to score.

He's one of the hardest-nosed players you'll ever meet, according to his coach.

11. Shaun Jordan
South Lyon senior defender
A senior fullback, Jordan has been an all-conference selection the past two seasons. As a junior he was honorable mention all-state. The integral piece of South Lyon's veteran defense, Jordan usually marks the opponent's top scorer, a role for which he is certainly equipped.

"He's one of the fastest players in the league," South Lyon coach Bill Stevanovic said.

12. Frank Raburn
Novi senior defender
Continuing Novi's solid play down the center, Raburn will anchor the defense as sweeper this season. The returning letterwinner played outside defender last season, helped his team to three wins over Brighton and a state championship.

O'Leary believes Raburn holds the key to Novi's success in 1999.

"The sweeper is the key to your defense, and your defense is only as good as your sweeper," he said. "He'll be the last guy back on defense."

13. Sean Gouda
Hartland senior midfielder
This Eagle soccer player has the build of a high school linebacker, but is truly one of the better midfielders in the league. On the field he is a strong defensive mid position, but also can spark and offensive run with the best of them. His size allows him to fight off multiple defenders and is able to see the field well. Gouda has a great touch and can make pin-

point passes to a streaking forward.

14. Phil Moore
Brighton senior sweeper
This Bulldog brings it all to the field when he plays each night. As the last player between the opposition and the goalie, Moore uses a combination of quickness and physical play to keep his opponents off stride.

He returns from last year's stellar defense and has picked up right where he left off. Moore also has a solid foot and good ball control to make him a threat from wherever he is at on the field.

15. Christian Hertrich
Howell senior sweeper
This year the KVC has some of the best sweepers in the state and Hertrich is right up there. This senior probably sees more action than any of the other top sweepers in the league, and yet he still comes out on top more times than not. His coach has called him the best player on the team and one of the best in the league. He is another player which will do whatever it takes to get the ball away from the opponent and out of the zone.



Novi's Joe Irimescu (above with ball) has been rated the third-best soccer player in the Kensington Valley Conference by HomeTown sports editors Jason Schmitt and Scott Kelley.

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Eric Walle - Junior
Walle finished second in the junior/senior division at the Walled Lake Western Invitational last Saturday. He was second only to teammate Chris Toloff and finished a time of 17:23. He finished fifth overall and fourth for Novi in a 17-46 romp over KVC rival South Lyon.

Brandon Davis - Sophomore
Davis assisted on both of Novi's goals in an important win over Hartland last Saturday. Davis gives Novi a strong offensive and defensive presence on the field. He has scored two of Novi's goals against Milford and scored two of Novi's goals against Hartland at the Western Invite.

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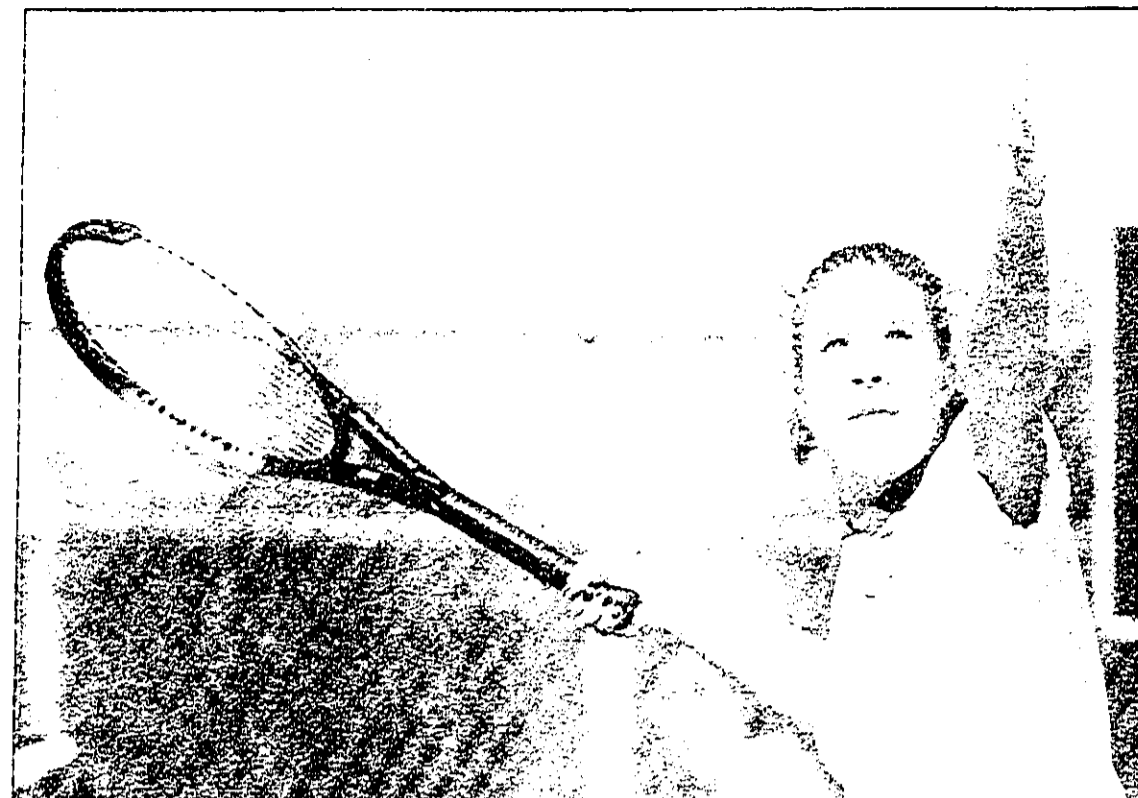
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Sophomore Melissa Roemer moved up to No. 1 singles in place of Sarah Holt last week.

Netters fall to Brighton, 5-3

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3-4-1 at three doubles.

The second loss in conference play all but eliminates Novi from the regular season Kearsington Valley Conference title, with Brighton remaining undefeated. The Wildcats will have to win the EVC tournament and share Brighton finish second to have the title with the Bulldogs. If Brighton were to finish 3rd or worse to Novi's championship, the Wildcats would win the title outright.

NOVI 2ND AT MOTT INVITE

Rochester Adams had their way with the field and Novi tied Bloomfield Hills' advantage at Sacred Heart for runner-up honors at the Warren Mott Invitational last Saturday.

Nagarajan and Vermeulen each took second place at Kearsington Valley Conference title, with Brighton remaining undefeated. The Wildcats will have to win the EVC tournament and share Brighton finish second to have the title with the Bulldogs. If Brighton were to finish 3rd or worse to Novi's championship, the Wildcats would win the title outright.

NOVI 8. LAKELAND 0

All flights won in straight sets as Novi picked up its fourth win in conference play Sept. 13. Winning for Novi were: Roemer 6-0, 6-0. Nagarajan 6-1, 6-2. Vermeulen 7-5, 6-3. Cypher and Stevens 6-1, 6-1. Andrews and Dinsmore 6-0, 6-2. Hahn and Hapanowicz 6-1, 6-2 and Ehlers and to 6-1, 6-2.



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Jaguars win title...

The U-11 Novi Jaguars won the championship at the Dearborn Invitational Tournament August 28-29. The team finished undefeated and outscored their opponents 16-1 along the way. The team is coached by Dave Stec and includes (front row, l-r) Amanda Marquardt, Kelly Linhart, Meghan Goldsmith, Megan Stec, Brianna Avedisian, Jenna Carosio. In the back row are Stephanie Janssens, Amanda Diacono, Emily Pelts, Colleen Dougherty, Amanda Harden, Sarah Struthers, Sally L'Esperance, Caitlin Simanec and Rachael Koracinski.

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Last Week	7-3	9-1	7-3	7-3	6-4	5-5	7-3
Season Record	28-12	27-13	28-12	26-14	25-15	24-16	19-21

Golfers fall to 'Skins'

By JASON SCHMITT Sports Editor

Ever since tying Brighton for third place at the Kearsington Valley Conference golf meet three weeks ago, Novi has been in a downward spiral.

That continued last week with a 151-156 loss to Milford at the Links of Novi golf course. Novi had just one player break 40, while the Redskins used 35 such efforts in the win.

Robbie Overfield shot a 35 to earn match medalist honors. Pete Kolivarek and Matt Peurach both had 40s and Ryan Miller added a 41 to complete the scoring for the Cats.

Milford got a 36 and 37 from their top two golfers and from their third-best score came from a junior varsity call-up player who shot a surprising 38.

"Once again we ran into a situation where our opponent (Milford) is playing well," coach Brad Huss said. "And it's not going to get easier."

Novi faced Howell Tuesday (after 'The Novi News' deadline) and will compete in the Oakland County meet Monday. Next Tuesday the team looks for its first win in conference play against Lake-Land.

The loss drops Novi to 0-4 in the conference and 1-4 overall. "It's a little disappointing that we haven't played well over the last two or three matches," the coach said. "Not as well as we're capable of. Part of that is just the inexperience on this team."

Sport Shorts

HOCKEY LEAGUES BEING OFFERED

Ed's Sports Hockey Leagues are now accepting players and teams for adult hockey leagues for the fall season. The games will be played at The Novi and Brighton Ice Arenas. Leagues will be offered for over 20, 30, 40 and 50. For more information or for an application, please call Ed at (1-800-924-6114).

SOCCER AND HOCKEY SIGN UPS

SoccerZone of Novi is accepting walk-in and mail-in registration for its first session of indoor soccer starting Aug. 25. Registration continues through Oct. 13. The session begins Oct. 21 and runs through Dec. 17. The team fee for soccer is \$750 and \$70 for individuals wanting to be placed on a team.

These fees include referee fees and SoccerZone T-shirts which serve as a jersey. For more information please call SoccerZone at (248) 374-0500. SoccerZone is located at 41550 Grand River Avenue in Novi, MI 48375.

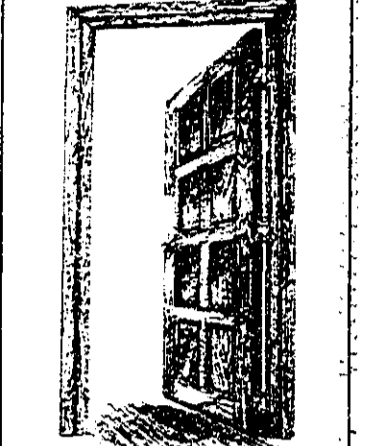
REFEREES NEEDED

SoccerZone is now recruiting roller hockey and soccer referees for the fall session (Oct.-Dec.) Please drop off your resume or stop by for an application at 41550 Grand River Avenue or call (248) 374-0500.

The Zone is also accepting walk-in and mail-in registration for its first session of inline hockey starting September 26. The session runs from October 10 through December 11. Team fees are \$795 for youths and \$825 for adults. For individuals wanting to be placed on a team the fee is \$75 for players who have played at SoccerZone before and \$90 for those that have not. Referee fees and two jerseys are included in this price.

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Health Column

Which diet plan is right for you?

I have completed a mental survey of the most popular questions and concern our clients have asked this week. The following are the two I feel may have the most interest overall for you. If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please feel free to call or mail to the information found at the end of this column.



Chris Klebba

Q: I have been working out for a year and still have this ugly cellulite on my thigh area. My friend said I can never lose this. I have also read about cosmetic treatments for this. What is the truth?

A: The question is very common. First, let's talk a little about what cellulite is. Cellulite is actually a weak area in the connective tissue of an area of a person's body. A person's fitness history and genetics really dictate the lucky ones most likely to have this situation.

In a simple explanation, the connective tissue actually holds the body fat covering the muscle and organs in place. Visualize a mattress with buttons every few inches, or a shirt with buttons. Depending how full the mattress or how heavy the person, will dictate how bulging the area around the buttons appear. So if I have a weak area around a certain area of connective tissue, I have cellulite.

No, you probably will not be able to totally correct this weak area, but you can drastically change its appearance if you choose. If you are ready to commit to a specific program of

cardiovascular and strength training along with proper food intake all geared towards body fat reduction, this will certainly help. Think again of the mattress or shirt, how much bulging is dictated by how full the interior is. In other words, in the case of cellulite, how much body fat one has stored will affect how much bulging a person has. The less body fat the less protruding and the better the appearance of that troubled area.

This task will take a little patience and a lot of commitment, since once we are on the correct program we cannot decide where the body fat reduces first. Genetics preprogram where we store body fat and how it comes off. It may not start to reduce in that problem area first, but with proper guidance and consistency, you will prevail. No, the other treatments you mentioned, while they may offer some temporary improvements, will not help permanently. (For the record, there is not a magic machine to make cellulite go away regardless what the supermodel says on the infomercial.) Never any easy answers. Good luck.

Q: I have been reading about so many different diet plans - high protein, high carbohydrates - which is the right one to lose weight?

A: I am not about to get involved in this ongoing debate by picking one plan over another because I can't. No one really can on a broad basis. But let's take opinions out (which I like to do on a regular basis) and look at the facts.

• There are over 30,000 diets listed with the FDA. This single fact serves as a testimonial that no single diet works for weight control. If it did we would all be on it and all have the bodies we want.

• We are the most overweight as a society

than we ever have been...why? Because of the wrong diet plan? No, because we consume approximately 260 more calories daily than we did a decade ago, and we move less because of evolving technology. How do we stop or reverse this? It is obvious, eat less and move more.

• All diet plans have a low success rate of less than 5 percent. Are we focusing on the right issues? The proper amount of protein, carbohydrates and fat is really an individual issue based on your history, lifestyle, etc. I will throw one opinion in: if we all could focus a little more on the things people do not want to do - change exercise and eating habits for life including mind/appetite issues versus the catchy marketing title of the new diet plan, we would be much further ahead as a society.

• We continue to consume too many calories in relation to our expenditure. The mind-appetite factors to understand and overcome include hereditary set points; hectic schedules; continuous technological advancement; mental stress; fat-free foods; larger and larger portion sizes; social eating and drinking patterns; and early introduction and resulting addictions to sugary, fatty, convenience foods.

I am not sure this is the answer you were looking for but the bottom line is, start with moving more and eating a little less, and seek out professional fitness guidance to figure out what balance will assure your nutritional and energy needs.

This column was written by Chris Klebba, owner and operator of the Water Wheel Health Club in Northville.

For more information or to send in your questions or comments, call (248) 449-7634 or mail to Water Wheel Health Club, 143 Cady Center, No. 210, Northville, Mich. 48167.

Health Notes

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.

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.

Foot and ankle consultations

Experiencing heel pain, bunions, hammertoes, fungus nails, warts, ankle pain, ingrown nails or other foot ailments? The Foot Health Centers offer an initial consultation free of charge, excluding x-rays, lab tests or treatment. The Foot Health Centers, operated by Dr. Ken Posa and Dr. Randy Bernstein, are affiliated with Botsford, Sinai, Oakwood and Kern hospitals. They have two area locations, at 41431 W. Ten Mile Road in the Novi Plaza at Meadowbrook, and 30931 W. Seven Mile Road in Livonia. Call (248) 349-5559 or (248) 478-1166 for more information or to schedule a consultation.

Menopause Support Group

Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi offers a free monthly support group for women who have concerns about menopause.

The group meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Providence Park Conference Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., at the corner of Grand River and Beck in Novi. The purpose of the support group is to provide women with educational information on topics relating to menopause.

For information, call (248) 424-3014.

Free Foot Screenings

Free foot screenings are offered every Tuesday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Botsford General Hospital, Suite 200, South Professional Building, 28090 Grand River Ave. in Farmington Hills.

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