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Arnold Rzepecki said he loved Kathy McLallen as mayor.

After six years and more than 1,000 Novi City Council meetings. Mayor Kathleen McLallen struck her gavel one last time and adjourned her last council meeting Monday night.

After the meeting McLallen thanked the residents of Novi for allowing her to be mayor for three terms. McLallen was voted out of office last August, when she lost the mayoral primary to candidates Richard Clark and Michael Meyer. Before the council meeting. McLallen's supporters gave her a going-away party. A large crowd composed of McLallen's friends.

city officials and some state officials gathered before the council meeting to thank McLallen for her service as Novi's mayor.

McLallen chairs her last meeting

"I think it is super that people can manage their schedules to come here. That is a true friendship that people can come after a busy day and say good luck." McLallen said of her reception.

"I'm overwheimed." Novi Chamber of Commerce President Lisa Willard said she didn't know if anyone would ever

understand and appreciate the

time McLallen had given to Novi. "She made our new business owners feel special and glad to be here. She was the face of goodwill

and ambassadorship in our city." Willard said.

Novi City Assessor Glen Lemmon said he thought McLallen was a very supportive mayor and an extremely nice person.

From a department head, (McLallen) has been supportive, but allowed me to operate without any undo influence." Lemmon

"I wish her all the best and hope she doesn't become a stranger." Joe Kapelczak, president of the

city's engineering firm JCK Associates, said he wished McLallen success in the future and saluted her for her work with the city.

"They all serve up (on city coun-

cil) for almost no money. Anyone that sits there. I take my hat off to them, whether I disagree with them or not," he said.

Kapelczak, who has been working with the city for 25 years. added he believes McLallen served her post just as successfully as her predecessors.

"I have never seen this city have a bad mayor. They have all done a

very good job." he said. City Manager Ed Kriewall also said he thought McLallen was a very successful mayor, especially since recent road bond projects and several capital improvement projects have been completed in

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Lawyers speak out on \$53M judgment

By JEREMY MCBAIN Staff Writer

Now that the Sandstone Limited Partnership lawsuit is on its way to the Michigan Court of Appeals and they are no longer representing on the case. Novi's city attorneys have sent a letter to the city council explaining why they think the \$53 million judgment against the city is wrong.

City Attorney Dennis Watson said Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Barry Howard recently issued a stay of execution chihis Sept. 30 opinion that awarded Simustone - the developers that sural Novi and won about \$33 million an additional \$20 mil-

This means Sandstone cannot collect the additional \$20 million until the case is decided on appeal.

Watson said now that the case is finished in circuit court, the city has hired other attorneys for the appeal. Watson said he and city attorney Dave Fried felt they should now send the Novi City Council a letter about the headlining-making judgment.

The lawsuit has been subject to discussion in the communities and local newspapers," Watson said.

"It seemed appropriate to let people know what we were thinking on the lawsuitl."

In the letter, Watson and Fried explain why they believe the case can be overturned on appeal. They also explain reports stating they had not requested a jury trial.

Watson said when the case was originally before the court, it dealt with a deal between the city and developer over the construction of a road. He said he believed a jury might not react favorably to the facts in this case at the time.

However, in the middle of the trial. Sandstone was allowed to add more claims onto the case without going through the usual procedure, Watson said. At that point, the city attorney's requested a jury trial, but their request was denied.

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Proposed Road Bond **Projects** Road widening Reconstruction New road Paving Subdivision projects New interchange Lane widening, signal upgrade Nine Mlie Rd

Crucial choices confront voters

By JEREMY MCBAIN

For a local election, voter are expected to flock to the polls in high numbers high this Nov. 2.

Novi City Clerk Tonni Bartholomew said based on the number of absentee ballots being issued and phone calls her office has received, she predicts as 50 percent voter turnout for this year's city election.

So far, Bartholomew's office has iven out 1.318 absentee ballots The city clerk's office in the Nevi Civic Center will continue to give out more, up to the election. To meet demands, it will be open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 30 just for absentee voters.

"People are being prompted to

get in here," Bartholomew said. This could be an indication that the candidates and people working on the two propositions are getting their messages out and getting voters turned on to this

election, she said. Bartholomew said numbers like the ones she had been seeing high were usually only seen during statewide general elections, not

local elections. Lou Martin, director of public information for the City of Novi, said the election was like no other in the recent history of the city and the city candidates were responsible for this.

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What if the all-time best Novi and Northville football players met on the field? In today's Novi News is the "Battle Of The Millennium," a special section on players and coaches of yesterday and today. Don't forget to catch the action Friday at 7:30 p.m. when the Wildcats at home meet the Mustangs.

Surfing the crest of future technology

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN

Nestled in the back offices of the Instructional Technology Center, behind massive amounts of electronic equipment and different computer servers. James Fry can be

found working.

Fry, the director of technology programs for the Novi Community School District, is excited about the district's current computer capabilities and sees incredible potential for changes in the near future.

"Part of the whole challenge of the industry is keeping up with the latest technology as it is constantly changing at a rapid pace." Fry said.

The district has been proactive, I look at ourselves as leaders as there is continuous improvement and we are always looking at



Continued on 18 A computer reflects in director Jim Frye's spes.

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Sunday, Oct. 24

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Tuesday, Oct. 26

Business Network International

The group will meet at Kerby's Koney Island, 21200 Haggerty Road, for a regufor meeting beginning at 7 a.m.

Northville schools

The Northville Board of Education meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Third Floor Conference Room, Old Village School, 405 W. Main Street, Northville. For information, call (248) 349-3400.

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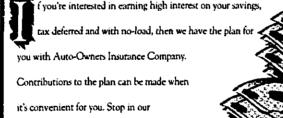


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Search for new manager begins Twelve Oaks Arby's

But some council members question current rush to replace Kriewall

By JEREMY MCBAIN

Novi City Council members will discuss what various Saturday morning meetings this month: make all the decisions on the issue. while three people have applied for the position

manager Ed Kriewall when he retires in Febru-

Already seeking Kriewall's job are Gary Carey cil for their information, he said. of Auburn Hills, Marc Ott of Rochester Hills and James Nelson of Gallatin, Tenn.

Carev currently is the community development director of Hazel Park. From 1996 to 1998 he was radministrator for Rochester hills. From 1993 to was really not that far away. January 1997 he was the city manager for Kala-

assistant to the mayor from 1996 to 1998 for the City of Gallatin, Tenn. From 1993 to 1996 he prosulting Company.

However, city council discussions on the matter were raising the hairs of a few council mem- council meeting. thers, who insisted all discussions on the matter. should wait until after the November elections. "We are nine days away from the election. I said Council Member Laura Lorenzo at Monday

Council Member Craig DeRoche agreed, saying what they would like for a new city manager and on the city's website, Klaver said.

manager was beginning and decisions were being in the Novi Civic Center. made. He argued the next mayor of the city and At the Oct. 16 meeting, council members disattributes they want for the next city manager in the next city council should be the parties to cussed the attitude and aptitudes they would like

stressed no decisions were being made. He said a new city manager. Wanted is someone to replace current, city—council members were just discussing what they would like to see in a new city manager and those discussions would be given to the next city coun-

an election coming up," he said. Mayor Kathieen McLallen said it was important to start talking about a new city manager as soon cerns, while balancing the concerns of the total the city manager of New Buffalo. Ou is the city—as possible because Kriewall's retirement date—population.

"We can't stop city business because we have

Nelson was the administration and planning given to the next city council.

"We are not hiring anyone," she said. DeRoche said while there could be time convided financial consulting services to various straints, many other cities have less time to hire member receive a copy of all the applicants for Icities through his company, Management Con- a city manager but still managed to do so. He the city manager position around the end of pointed out a recent incident were the city man-November. From the list, it would be recomager of Troy was fired with no warning at a city

Even thought the city did not have a city manager, it did not fall apart, DeRoche said. He said no matter what time frame the next city council don't see a point for this council to discuss this." was given, he was fairly certain it would be able to get through fine.

City council members met Oct. 16 to discuss tion has been posted on www.monster.com and

it sounded like a process for choosing a new city—are planning on meeting again at 9 a.m. Saturday—

in the next city manager. They also laid out a However, Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford time line for a process leading up to the hiring of According to Novi Assistant City Manager Craig

Klaver, city council members said they would like a city manager that was able to balance the needs of several areas of the city, such as managing the needs of individuals versus the community as a whole and that the city manager be sensitive to individual council member's con-

Council members also said the next city man-She said the goal of the current discussions ager should be a good public speaker, be comwas simply to gather information that could be puter-literate, innovative and have good timemanagement skills.

According to a rough time-line. Klaver said it would be recommended that each city council mended that city council members chose their top candidates.

Those choices would be compared as a whole and dates would be decided for interviews. Council members and city officials also discussed ways to get more applications for the position at the Oct. 16 meeting. In response, the posi-

hit by holdup man

By JEREMY MCBAIN

For the third time in as many weeks, a Novi business was the - as a real team," she said. scene of an armed robbery. This time it was at Twelve Oaks

According to Novi police, feet 8 inches in height and weigharound 11 p.m. Oct. 15 at the ing about 200 pounds. He was Arby's restaurant located in the last seen wearing a blue shirt, mall, an unknown black male blue pants and a dark colored ski forced the manager to open the mask. store safe at gunpoint.

The manager said the restaut two minutes of receiving the call. rant was closed at the time. She A search of the area did not turn said the man just appeared as up anything. the manager was walking inside the rear door of the restaurant. According to the manager the Police Department. Police said suspect had a small silver this incident is not related to

revolver that he pressed against other recent armed robberies in her back as he forced her to open Novi the safe. Once he took the cash from the safe, the man forced the manager questions regarding this incident and an employee into a walk-in to the Novi Police.

cooler and he fled the scene in an inknown direction. The employes were unharmed. General Manager of Twelve Daks Mall Catherine O'Malley 7100. said she appreciated the quick

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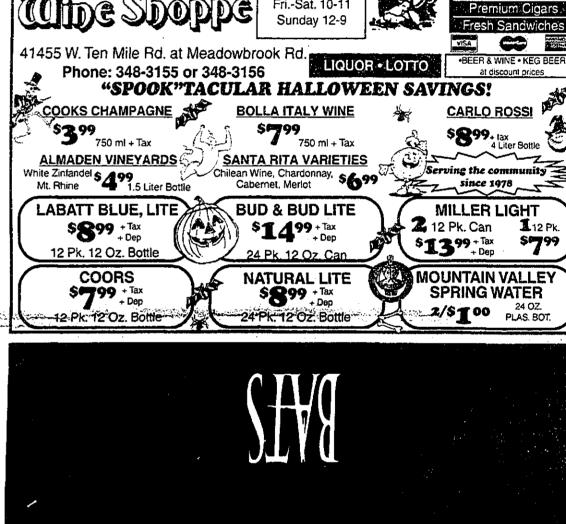
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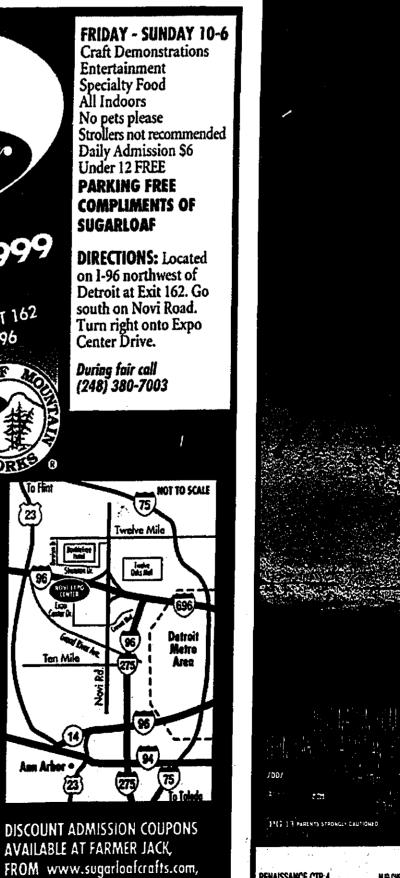
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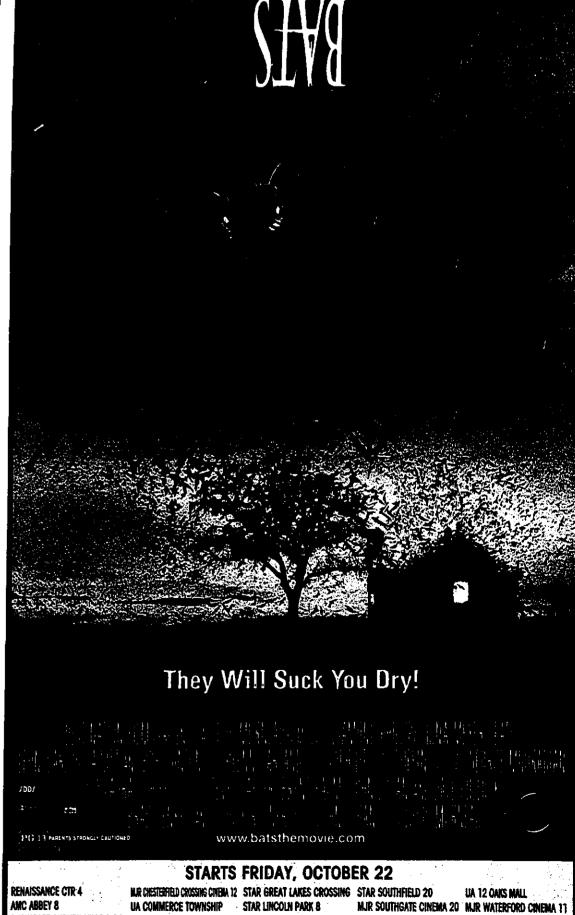
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was at work at the time and unharmed. According to the woman, a man calling himself from called her and said he had kidnapped her husband and wanted \$5,600 before he would rejease him. The man said her husband owed him money for

gambling debts. The woman asked to speak with her husband, but the caller refused. The caller further said be would break the husband's legs it. she didn't bay. th, disbelief, the woman bring up

the phone and called her husband

a his work number. He was there and promptly came home. Both the woman and her hushand said they do not know who the caller is. The husband said he does not owe any gambling debts.

BUSTED FOR THEIR BEHAVIOR A 16-year-old Novi boy and a 14year old Plymonth girl were arrested for being minors in possession after police chaight them drinking inthe Novi boy's home.

An officer on patrol was originally called in to investigate a larceny of alcohol complaint at the Seven 11 on Meadowbrook Road, Several **Police News**

saw the Novi boy take the alcohol and told the officer where he lived. The officer went to the boy's house, and was admitted inside by on Ingersol. his grandmother. The boy's grandmother led the officer to the boy's let them inside.

open and find the boy inside. A was on, smell of intoxicants was throughout the room and it initially appeared that the boy was alone. However, the boy's grandmother

began to look around the room. She found the 14-year-old Plymouth girl Secretary of State office. under the bed partially clothed. The officer ordered her out from These tests indicated they had both been drinking.

After letting the girl get dressed. the officer arrested both of them and transported them to the Novi-Police Department for booking.

PLATE LEADS TO POT BUST

witnesses at the scene said they arrested for possession of marijuaha and having an improper plate on his vehicle around 9:30 p.m. Oct. 16 in the parking lot of Running Fit

While the man was driving in front of a patrol vehicle, the officer room. However, the boy would not a ran a check of the man's license plate. It turned out the plate was for The other finally got the door a different vehicle than the one it The officer conducted a traffic

The man told the officer he had just bought the vehicle and put a did not believe he was alone and plate from another car of his on the vehicle until he could get to the

The officer arrested the man for the improper plate and put him in under the bed and gave both her - the patrol vehicle. While the manand the boy a portable breath test. was in the patrol vehicle, the officer asked the man if he had anything the officer should know about in his

officer called in a K-9 unit to search the man's vehicle. Before the man's They were both later released to vehicle was searched, he admitted he had some marijuana in the vehi-

Officers searched the vehicle and A 42-year-old Livonia man was recovered the marijuana.

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From hall tungus to tractures, from skin to all their patients. oblems to orthopedic surgery from buttons. circulation problems, these doctors freat. Centers were forerunners in the very kind of foot and ankle adment, and have A patient is never too young or too old to estre first rate foot care. Dr. Bernstein commends that children come see a adjustred within the first year and that senior — problems. The laser technique tizens, who have special foot needs, come in-

ery 2 months for check ups and care. Foot Health Center is probably one of the usiest podratry practices in the state. Foot-Oakwood and Kern Hospitals. Their surgery is either performed as an outnament at one of the hospitals of in their surgical operating foom located in the Novi-

and ankle. This technique is a primary tool for treating tungus nails, ingrown nails, warts, means less trauma and less pair Dr. Bernstein and Dr. Poss

health Center is attiliated with Botsford, Small the area to offer 24-hour The offices also offer sports medicine and — so contact the nearest location: Novi at (248) specializes in bunion removal. Many patients 349-5559. Livonia at (248) 478-1166 or

their service. They are available The doctors at Foot Health use of laser surgery for the foot Dr. Ken Poss, left, and Dr. Randy Bernstein celebrate

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When he went to the back side of Pitchina in

his home, he saw the man running In an effort to help Hurricane Floyd victims in North Carolina, commu nity members will be at Orchard Hills Elementary School participating it away from the bedroom window of the resident's 20-year-old daughter. the nationwide "Make a Difference Day" on Saturday, Oct. 23. The suspect is described as a Volunteers from Orchard Hills will be accepting donations of new and white male standing 5 feet 10 inchused books between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. outside of the school at 41900

es and weighing 170 pounds. He Quince "Make a Difference Day" sponsored by USA Weekend magazine is at annual event which takes place on the fourth Saturday of every October In 1998, almost 2 million people volunteered that day through differen projects helping millions of people nationwide.

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MONDAY, OCT. 25

10:00 a.m. - Potpourri: Miss Michigan

10:30 a.m. — The Cutting Room 11:00 a.m. - Harvest Ministries 11:30 a.m. — Cosby and Company:

Body Wise 12:00 p.m. — Intercessions Word Ministry12:30 p.m. — (con't) 1:00 p.m. — Adventures With Pirate Pete

1:30 p.m. — Consumer Corner: Winterwise 2:00 p.m. — Financial Strategies: Mortgages

2:30 p.m. — Scary Tales From Novi 3:00 p.m. — Movie Lovers Guide to Horror Movies 4:00 p.m. - Todd L. Levitt Show: Chief William Dwyer

5:00 p.m. - Who, What, Where, Y 5:30 p.m. — Up Close Today 6:00 p.m. — Candidates Forum: Farmington 6:30 p.m. - Bagels and Talk With

7:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection 7:30 p.m. — Aviation Journal Drink/Think Before You Drink 8:30 p.m. - Community Com-

9:00 p.m. - Farmington City 8:00 p.m. - Novi Street Beat Live Council Debate

TUESDAY, OCT. 26 10:00 a.m. — Legislative Forum

10:30 a.m. — Home For Life: Ener- 9:30 p.m. — (con't) gy Efficient New Home 11:00 a.m. - Law Talk: Burton

12:00 p.m. — Summit University 1:00 p.m. — Candidates Forum: Farmington Hills 2:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection 2:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m. - Center For

New Thinking 4:30 p.m. — A Culinary Adventure: Marco s 5:00 p.m. - The Way. The Truth, and The Life

5:30 p.m. - People Who Make 1:00 p.m. — Candidates Forum: Things Happen: Novi Road Bond Farmington 6:00 p.m. — Harvest Ministries 6:30 p.m. - Community Connec-

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Council Debate 3:30 p.m. — (con't) 4:00 p.m. — Critter Connection 4:30 p.m. - Community Connec-

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3:00 p.m. — Farmington City

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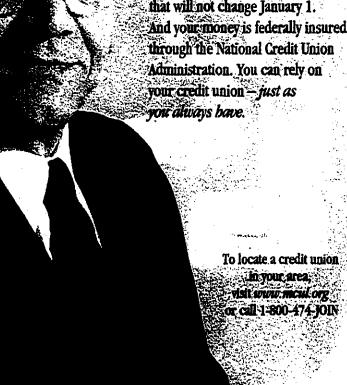
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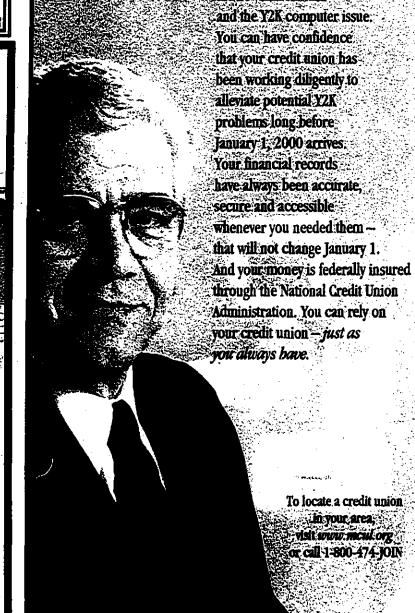
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She was born in 1902. She is survived by daughter, Josephine (Angelo) Risi; sister, Giovanna Tisco; eight grandchildren, Sue (Alfredo) Scappaticci, Linda Smacola, Cindy (Tony) Rasmussen, Tom (Sue) Risi, Joe (Kelley) Risi, Donna Risi, Christine Risi and Sue (Dougl Zain; and six great grandchildren, Joe, Mike, Dan, Danielle, Brianna, and Nicholas.

Mrs. Nardone was preceded in death by her husband. Angelo and daughter, Ida Sinacola. Services were conducted on Oct. 16 at St. Genevieve Church in Livonia. Interment was n Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Arrangements were made by

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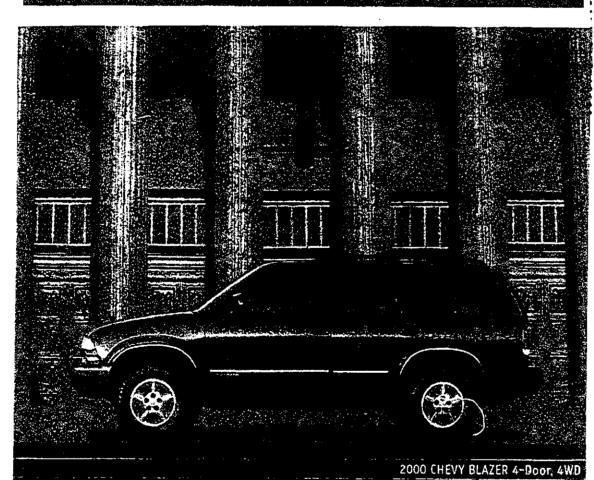
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West Park Drive is open for traf-Previously called the Taft Road extension the road, running north about two weeks. of Interstate 96 and west of Walled bon cutting ceremony Oct. 13.

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Until Beck Road is opened, Now- effort, he added. icki said he will not get an accurate

Lake, was officially opened in a rib- Nowicki said there were still a few for the project and a name for the of the land. The piece of land in finishing touches that need to be new road. "The road is open. Our main con-made, such as some landscaping cern is to get traffic on it," said and placement of signs. The actual Drive was approved in the 1996 and West Road. public services director Anthony completion date is scheduled to be Road Bond Program. Construction around the end of the year, which started around July 1998. The main goal for the road was to is still a little bit ahead of schedule.

built, efforts will be made to ally finished. Nowicki said final efforts of city officials and resiencourage drivers who usually use accounting has not been done and dents. South Lake Drive to use West Park he would not know if the project

ume, he said. But at the same time largest infrastructure projects ever engineers had problems with an the city opened up West Park Drive, undertaken by the city of Novi, unstable ground from a high conthe city of Wixom closed Beck Road Nowicki said. Its biggest success is centration of peat in the soil.

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it is the result of a community-wide traffic reading, adding that Beck the 1990 Road Bond program not pay enough for land it had con-Road is expected to be opened in passed by city voters. After this demned for the project, election, a citizens committee was

result the cooperation of a number Because the project is not actu- of councils and the combined "Everybody had a part in this one

But the project did not come together fairly well," he said. West Park Drive is one of the without its problems. Nowicki said

The new road was conceived with way, it was determined the city did The city originally offered

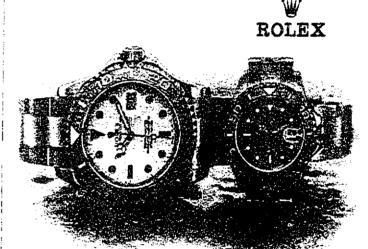
The actual funding for West Park the intersection of West Park Drive A jury decided the city's offer was

Nowicki said the project was the of the land was \$250,000. Regardless, Nowicki said the city was able to work through all the problems. He added many property owners were also very generous and donated a portion of their land for a right-of-way. "It looks like everything came

Jeremy McBain's e-mail address

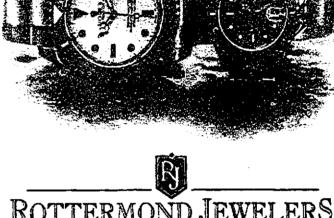
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DeRoche said he hoped council concerns," she said.

McLallen leads her last council meeting

"She deserves credit for leading Novi through some very tough issues," Kriewall said. Jetemy McBain's e-mail address While wishing McLallen well,

party-goers also talked about their hopes for the next mayor of Novi. State Sen. Bill Bullard, R-Milford, said he thought it was very inportant that the next mayor of

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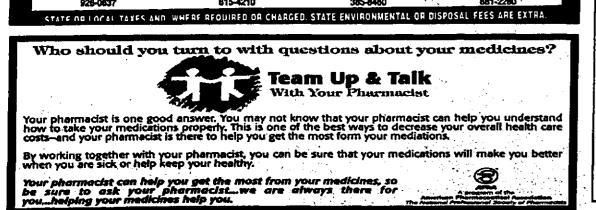
City Council Member Craig be open to listening to (businesses') for the present she would take some time with her family and was supported and cooperated with the McLallen even offered some planning a week-long vacation in new mayor. That way, the council advice to whoever is the next mayor Germany with her husband.

and mayor could work through all of Novi. She said it was important the issues facing the city together. that they follow their conscience, Willard said she hoped the next have a sense of humor and enjoy say never," McLallen said.



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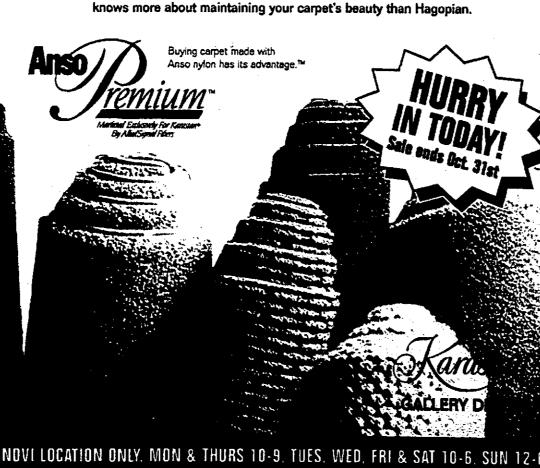
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Golf pro Todd Gerhard favors a city course.

On Nov. 2 voters After the acquisition of the park land from the 1993 \$9.9 million park bond, Parks and Recreation Director Dan Davis said the department began a process of deciding what amenities needed to be served at North Mord Parks. proposals

side consultants designed several master plans

ed by the firm of Don Childs Associates, Golf Course Architects and Consultants, and was

Through different committees and meetings

Teed-off residents work for city charter amendment

500-acre North Novi Park.

In 1993, Novi voters agreed to a massive pur-Six years later and they are being asked to letermine the fate of that property - not by their government, but by a group of determined citi-

ens who do not want to see a golf course on the

On Nov. 2, residents will determine if Novi's thirty-year-old city charter will be changed to bar the 18-hole proposal.

Originally, voters agreed to a purchase of land at the Community Sports Park at Eight Mile School District at Eleven Mile Road and Wixom Road and what is now the North Novi Park. The movement for the charter amendment began in the fall of 1996, launched by a residents' group known as PARKS. People About

Reserving Kids Space, after the city commis-

sioned studies about the possibility of building

a golf course at North Novi Park, most of which was the old Novi Tree Farm. express our opposition to a golf course, and to show that the city council and the Department of Parks and Recreation were moving forward on the golf course with the lack of public input.

said Chuck Tindall, one of the leaders of PARKS. voters and let them decide." The petition drive needed a minimum of five

percent of the 31.191 Novi registered voters, or 1.560 votes. PARKS filed a petition containing 2.095 signatures with the Novi City Clerk's

legality of the language was reviewed and approved by the city, the Michigan Attorney General's office and the governor's office, Novi

In March of 1998 the city allocated about \$10.500 for a golf market and feasibility study submitted to Novi in July of 1998.

"We now need to look at all the components and figure out together how we are going to pay for things," Davis said.

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"Right now we are not going to do anything with the property until a collaboration of with the property until a collaboration of the land is wrong. Everybody paid for that



Backing the charter change are left to right, Bob Wilkins, Angle Bruder, Chuck Tindall.

the park land: the acquisition of property, the Shawood/Walled Lake He development of the land and the maintenance and operations of the site.

Department Master Plan. Davis said there were things to change at the north end of the city." still a lot of unanswered questions on what to do Bond said. with the North Novi Park property, as there was no money in the budget left to develop it. "We now need to look at all the components I love it there."

hoped to see. The city and the community. The city and the community. The city and the community. he was in favor for the golf course, as it would keep the land at North Novi Park green. There is a group of people who don't want

> There is a not a lot of traffic up there and it is like our own private state forest - that's why

City hopes voters won't put the brakes on road bond

supports infrastructure needed by man Company. developers, rather than residents. "It will improve my quality of life to get in and out of this town. This is a great beginning," said road bond advocate Pete Hoadley, a former planning commissioner. "This is a tremendous opportuni-

the new Beck Road interchange. cost.

However, opponent Michelle • Economic Development Fund.

Beck interchange project and the funding. local pavings...but this bond is topheavy with money that would benefit only developers," she said.

The bond will provide funding for \$940,000. The total cost for this is 12 road projects in the City of Novi. The projects and the city costs ssociated with them, are as fol-

 Delmont Drive paving with curb grants. and gutter, 8676,000. This is the total cost of this project. the total cost of this project. Meadowbrook Road widening to three lanes from Eleven Mile to This is the total cost.

While supporters say the road total cost of this project is \$6 milbond put before voters this Novem- lion and includes contributions ber will improve the traffic conges- from shopping mall developers tion in Novi, others argue the bond Ramco-Gershenson and The Taub-Citywide pavement rehabilita-

tion projects costing \$3.5 million.

Road/Fourteen

· Nine Mile widening to three lanes from Novi Road to Venture Drive costing \$779,000. The total cost is \$1.95 million, with matching West. Like Crescent Road East, this

and gutter, \$1.25 million. This is ring road around the Novi Road/Grand River Avenue intersection. This will cost \$1.3 million. Beck Road and Interstate 96 cost-

to Dixon costing \$1.2 million. The

Road/Eight Mile, Ten Mile/Taft Road, Taft Road/Grand River, Novi Mile/Beck Road, Ten Mile/Crana local match for millions in state brook Road. These improvements funding for key projects, such as will cost \$986,000. This is the total

Bononi, who is running for city According to City Manager Ed council, said the opportunity is Kriewall this will most likely be a slanted towards development inter- project widening Grand River Avenue between Taft Road and There is a disproportional Beck Road. This will cost the city \$2 amount of funding that will not million. The total cost of this is proaffect citizens. I would support the jected to be \$8 million, with county

Road East creating another part to the planned ring road around the Novi voters will be voting on the Novi Road/Grand River Avenue \$28.5 million bond Nov. 2. If intersection. The new road will cost passed, it will trigger a 0.7 mill tax \$7.5 million. This is the total cost. that will cost the owner of a • Widening of Novi Road from Ten \$200,000 home an additional \$70 a Mile Road to Grand River Avenue to year in taxes for the next 20 years. five lanes. This will cost the city \$9,400,000, with outside grants.

road is another part of the planned



City officials say completing a ring road will ease congestion like this at the intersection of Grand River Avenue and Novi Road.

coming from the Michigan Depart-

ment of Transportation. Hoadley said other than the city by federal and state grants, as well growth. as money contributed by iocal developers. The \$28.5 million bond is expected to generate \$71.2 mil-

lion in grants for roads in Novi. Kriewall said construction from vital to improving the traffic situathis road bond will not happen tion on that intersection as develop- sis, R-Novi, made it a priority when including the business community, overnight. He said the road bond ment in that area increases adding she was elected to get the Beck would pay for about five years' even more traffic. Gov. John Engler Road and I-96 interchange upgrad-

Hoadley and Kriewall also said many of the projects in this bond were crucial to the city, especially share; these projects will be paid as it faced such tremendous

a crucial project in the bond. Hoadley said the interchange was reconstruction.

ing a rebuilding of the Beck and Wixom interchanges. Providence

a high-ranking state road priority.

donate the land for the interchange

In 1995, Hoadley turned over to safety. That access to I-96 was the governor between 8,000 and probably built for a time when traf-

Beck Road and I-96 interchange as Medical Center has agreed to credit for the interchange's rise in State Representative Nancy Cas- effort of the city and its citizens

Kathy Mutch

If a specific proposal were under

consideration by the city council,

served to have the opportunity to

vote on it; and I would have sup-

the ballot. This amendment is too

programs our citizens already use

Traffic problems are not solved

by road construction alone; but

this will help significantly. Note:

this does not cover maintenance.

routes that do not necessarily con-

form to planners' expectations and

If roads are not kept in good

repair, drivers seek alternate

congestion can result in areas

planned to handle fewer vehicles.

The RUD agreement occurred

not involved in the original discus-

sions of its advisability or feasibili-

before November 1995, so I was

ty. City staff and legal counsel

were directed by law and by coun-

ning, development and construc-

Police, fire, roads, sewer and

water services directly contribute

appropriately are taxpayer-funded.

Connecting citizens with service

providers and welcoming services

into the city (e.g. recreation, edu-

meeting citizens' needs without the

full burden of costs falling on tax- :

cation, the arts) are options in

to health, safety and welfare;

tion standards and they did.

cil to protect the interests of Novi's

ported placing that question on

broad and may adversely affect

and enjoy. Vote No.

the community would be well-

Craig DeRoche

Yes. Trying to build this golf

perfect example of bad govern-

ment. I was frustrated that my

course without voter approval is a

attempt to have council place this

issue on the ballot lost in a 4-3

tions to place this on the ballot.

No. The residents concerns

about traffic will go on, and the

chuncil needs to realize this and

higher priority. Yes. I will support

the bond because some of the pro-

jects can't wait. Many of the prob-

lems will exist until we fund the

The Sandstone case was already

being litigated when I was elected

learned and will pursue if elected.

way we handle all of our risks and

The city needs to focus on its

core services - roads, police and

our expectations before venturing

fire - and get these working to

into attempting to run an ice

arena and golf course. The park-

made more accessible with better

land the city owns should also be

mended hiring a staff attorney and citizens by upholding and enforc-

bidding the city attorney contract. ing ordinances regarding plan-

legal exposures. I have recom-

to council in 1997. What I have

Beck Road interchange.

make solving road congestion a

listening to the citizens. Spending vote, but was glad to sign the peti-

Seven aim for city council, voters must pick three

I will support the city charter

amendment barring a golf course

on that property. It is unfortunate

that the issue had to come this far.

This decision should not be deter-

mined by a charter amendment.

The issue should be decided by a

vote of the people, ves or no for a

golf course on this site. The char-

ter amendment points out the citi-

zens' frustration with city govern-

residents concerns.

ment and how the city deals with

The \$28 million road bond will

improvement. In order for the city

to maintain its premier status we-

roads we travel daily. The expense

improvement will certainly be

to the residents via homeowner's

project description to every home

Only the attorneys and the

involved parties know if the city

did anything wrong in the Sand-

stone case. The rest of us do not

responsible must be held account-

able. Arrogant, irresponsible deci-

in our city government

sions and pettiness have no place

have the facts. However, if the

presentations and by supplying a

today. The city must communicate

must continue to improve the

higher in the future than it is

meet the residents' concerns

about traffic and the cost of

Absolutely! I fully supported the

work done by PARKS and signed

charter amendment initiative had

to be taken demonstrated to me

that our elected officials were not

\$6.5 million on such a venture

without voter approval is wrong.

This road bond addresses some

very important issues, but clearly

demonstrates how the taxpayers

tion to acquire funding for projects

we should not be paying for, like

Crescent Boulevard, Reluctantly, I

will support this bond issue, but

should it fail. I would reparkage

jeopardize the projects involving

county, state or federal funding.

This is a very serious issue. The

Sandstone Associates believed the

city prevented them from market-

the courts agreed. The judgment

of \$33 million plus interest and

fees seems excessive, and as tax-

payers, we must hope the appel-

late court agrees with our reme-

The city is obligated to provide

ing their development properly

one that does not irresponsibly

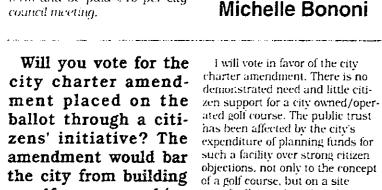
are used by the city administra-

the petition. The fact that the



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will choose three of nine candidates the Novi City Council. The winners will serve a four-year term and be paid \$15 per city council meeting.



a golf course and/or specifically purchased, with citizen

banquet facility with- approval, as parkland. out voter approval. Do you think the No. While traffic concerns may be addressed regarding Beck Road \$28 million road bond package will meet res- nance improvements proposed.

traffic? Will you vote for the addressed. The Twelve Mile Road ballot question?

The Sandstone Asso-

ciates have a \$33 mil-

you feel the city did

When it comes to

services and facilities.

what should the city

What should the

What are the most

critical development

How should they be

tackled?

provide for taxpayers?

city not provide?

interchange and other mainteidents' concerns about other traffic concerns, like numerous badiy-needed turning lanes and signal improvements are not and Crescent Boulevard improvements should be climinated from Explain your answer. this proposal and called what they are: roadway improvements to largely benefit development pro-

posals. Only about one-third of this \$28 million will benefit all of becoming involved in deals with developers to build roads in the the City of Novi. Do

anything wrong in this **Explain your answer.** this lawsuit are inappropriate.

The city lacked good judgment in lion judgment against first place. I don't beheve we elect or appoint city officials to act as real estate developers, but rather to judgment stands, the people provide services to the citizens that they cannot realistically provide for themselves, "Lame duck" assurances that the city will prevail in -

police, regular infrastructure main-

tenance and topnotch maintenance

of all existing municipal facilities:

provide effective communications

to its citizens on all subjects of

community interest; and prompt,

top quality customer service and

address/resolution of problems,

long-term planning, financial wor-

thiness and citizen support should

dictate expansion of addition facili-

ties. The development of the com-

Potential taxpayer debt from the

\$50 million lawsuit in the form of

increased property tax. Existing

record of poor land use decisions

regarding existing roads, and a

planning commission that appears

to be unwilling or unable to recog-

nize land use and density issues.

munity should be driven by the

vision of the community.

Demonstrated need, short- and

The city should provide fire.

Top priority is for the public safety through excellent police and fire departments. The maintenance and improvement of our infrastructure, i.e., roads, sewer and water (supply and water pressure) are critical. Parks that are safe. clean and well maintained are important to people of all ages. The city does not need to provide services that are better served by the private sector. Golf courses, ice rinks and swimming pools are

sector investors run the business

Balanced growth is critical.

Thoughtful evolution of the master

plan for land use will ensure the

successful build out of the city.

The OST (high tech) zoning will

continue to bring clean, high tax-

generating business that requires

very low city service. Large lot lux-

ury home development on the west

and northwest side of the city and

the development of the Main Street

area and the Grand River corridor

will generate additional revenue.

and maintenance of our roads

must remain a top priority.

With that growth, the improvement

and pay the tax.

services that society determined should be delivered and maintained by government. Services like roads, sewer and water lines. public safety, and open space recreation facilities. The city should not use tax dollars to create business ventures that unfairly compete with the private sector or expose taxpavers to unnecessary risk and expense large expenses that, when owned by the citizens, generate zero tax revenue. Let professional private

The unbalanced growth that Novi has seen in the last 10 years has not been good for our sued by developers. The most tax base. With our community missing out on many high-tech to be built. We need to remain office/light industrial develop-

and allowing customer access, and is that city needs to rethink the

It is clear that just about every Environment, transportation, piece of land in Novi is being purregional development. Residents must be willing to maintain procritical issue is what we will allow tected woodlands, wetlands, animal habitats and open spaces. committed to high quality. Monitoring and enforcement will upscale, well planned projects require citizen support. Transthat are in balance with the surportation problems result from regional development. We need to be vigilant about what is occurring beyond our borders. Partnering with others may lead to solutions for shared problems.

As a candidate, The citizens have lost trust and faith in Novi government and vou're out there talkbelieve we are developing too quicking with residents. ly at the whim of developers. They are inordinately concerned about what the loss of the \$50 million What do people tell you are their biggest lawsuit will mean to their property

issues facing Novi traffic congestion, a continuing

concerns about the taxes and the sacrifice of needed city? taxes is also not favored. Many feel little incentive to remain in

service to pay this potential debt. The road bond cost to property small and neighborhood business Novi. Drainage issues in neighborhoods are also a big complaint.

Poor customer service at city hall and the perception that their input is not considered important. People also wonder what the impact of the potential Sandstone settlement will mean to them financially. Roads and traffic flow continue to be a challenge and I believe that this ties into their concern about the pace of development in Novi.

The lack of trust in the cities leadership is the most common theme I hear. The taxpayers want accountability, and resent seeing so much of there tax dollars being wasted. The perception is that we pay very high property taxes and they are climbing, yet services fall short of neighboring communities.

ments, we must encourage

good start, but a little late.

growth in this area. The new OST

district in our master plan is a

The "lawsuit" and the golf course. People that I talk to have a healthy skepticism of their city government right now. There is a lot of support for my plan to change the way the city handles its legal and other risks, and there is a lot of support for the Charter

and recreation ventures.

Communication, financial accountability, transportation. When people lack confidence in those that are elected or hired to serve the city, frustration mounts on both sides. Communication. essential to avoiding feelings of "us" and "them," produces a more informed citizenry, more responsive government and greater confidence that the people are being

My goal is to place Novi resi-What would be your dents first by supporting efficient. top priorities as a dents mist by supporting enderent cost effective and professional govcouncil member? ernment. Priorities: institute an immediate financial plan to deal

achieve your goals?

with the possibility of having to How would you pay the damages in the \$50 million. Expedite the hiring of a professional city manager who understands the position will report to the city council and consists manly of governmental administration. Support financial account- and actions. ability for all expenditures. improve our land use ordinances. Represent Novi residents.

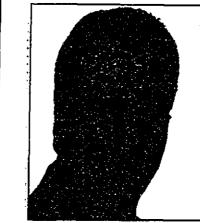
Listen and respond to the citizens' concerns. I will install a culture of excellent customer service at city hall. Each citizen phone call will be returned within 24 hours. Customer service reply cards will be supplied to every citizen that has contact with the city. These response cards will be sent to the department heads and city council for review. City employees will be held accountable for their attitude

I would like to see our parks and recreation capital improvements become a top priority, put infrastructure improvements ahead of development, and reduce our rapid accumulation of debt. With a \$70 million-a-year budget, why are we living on credit cards? Hard work is how it will be accom-

Identifying community concerns and finding effective, affordable Change the way the city handles the lawsuits; focus on correcting solutions. By improving communiroad congestion; require public hearings before accepting new grant money or funding new parks cations between city staff, elected officials and the public. Through standardized performance evaluations of city administrators and consultants. By involving our citizens as resources in solving the problems associated with rapid development, decreasing financial resources and increasing demand

for services.

Council race (cont.)



Steve Reed

I will be voting for the charter amendment. I feel that something is terribly wrong with our system when so many voices had to resort to such drastic measures to be heard. They are definitely being

The Parks and Recreation Commission composed of Novi citizens requested a feasibility study for a municipal golf course (master planned for 25 years) on land purchased in northern Novi. Citizens input and approval would have been sought. The charter amendment is premature, therefore, I cannot support but respect citizens' right to place it on the ballot

I support the road proposal to

case traffic congestion and assure

I did not support or vote for the

of council did - I wish they had

not. The Sandstone concept of

expensive homes on 50-foot lots

tion could have provided better

responsible for Sandstone's fail-

City services vary great

between cities. Police, fire, infras-

land and activities, bike paths and

sidewalks, garbage collection are

tructure and administrative ser-

vices are the basics. Recreation

but a few other citizens may

important.

desire. I suppose if you ask 50

people you may get 50 different

answers as to what they believe

Infrastructure, roads, sewer,

water, sidewalks, bike paths and

park development. Control densi-

ty, seek quality in commercial.

industrial and residential projects

Hire and retain qualified staff and

consultants. Avoid personal politi-

special interest groups.

would not sell in Novi. Administra-

The road bond package is a bill of goods being sold to the residents of Novi. I can see only 25 percent of the road bond package benefits the residents of Novi, with the rest being used to attract development. I don't feel that the residents of Novi should pick up a twenty- year tab for businesses.

Novi stays focused on providing citizens a quality community with diversified tax base to support quality schools and lifestyle. It's important to note the \$28 million bond issue will generate an additional \$43 million of grant money for Novi roads.

I really hope that the City of Novi wins their appeal in the Sandstone lawsuit. Whether or not the city did anything wrong in this case is hard for me to answer. The only facts I have are a copy of the opinion and order by Circuit Court Judge Barry J. Howard and if these communications, but were not are true we are in trouble.

When it comes to city services and facilities, I think Novi has a fine start. Before any more facilities are built. I think existing ones should be better maintained and upgraded. I know restrooms in our parks are eventually coming but I don't understand the delay. We also have parks that just need to be cleaned up.I would also like to look at more full-time firemen. What facilities should the city not provide? How about ice arenas and golf courses. If there is a need, then the private sector will

definitely be there to develop it.

One of the most critical issues today is the rate at which we are building and where we are building. When you have a downtown area of stores, you need people to use them. All offices are or will soon be miles away from these areas. If Novi wants a downtown, then the people have to cal agendas and the influence of be brought there for work, dining and shopping. Novi from the south is residential, then retail and finally office and industrial. Another issue that may cause Novi problems is the OST zone. The Walled Lake schools should benefit from this, the majority of the new offices and industry are

The two main issues I hear about when talking to people are the Sandstone lawsuit and traffic problems we have in Novi.

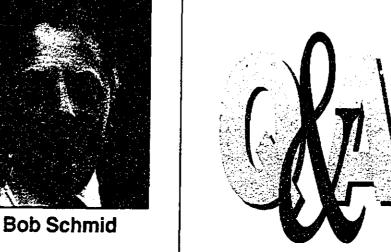
not even in the Novi School District.

Traffic congestion, judgment against city, lack of communications, slow response to citizens' concerns, a city that can afford itself, influence of special interest groups and personal political

My top priority as a council member would be to review all city services and to see if these services are being duplicated or contain waste. With the possibility of the Sandstone lawsuit, the road bond package being passed and an expanding Novi we have to be able to deliver more services for less money.

improve service to citizens, formal procedure for handling their concerns. Hire qualified city manager, establish desired goals and step aside and let him/her manage. Remain focused on quality development. Controlling density and fiscal responsibility. Avoid appointing individuals on boards and

Clark, Meyer vie for mayor



On Tuesday, Nov. 2, voters will choose one of two candidates for mayor of Novi. The winner will serve a twoyear term and be paid \$20 per city council meeting.



Dick Clark



Mike Meyer

As mayor, what would be your leadership style?

My leadership style would be that of consensus builder. I have campaigned on a platform of openness, responsiveness and inclusiveness. No seven individuals have all the answers. I plan on calling upon the wellspring of talent, education, ideas and commitment that exists in our city to arrive at the most informed and best decisions possible for our community

The "paradigm shift" I propose for the way business is done in the City of Novi will involve an ongoing dialogue between the mayor and the city manager to ensure that the concerns of the citizens are being addressed in a timely manner.

In order to maintain order in the communi-

ty, the city must provide both a quality police

force and timely fire protection. A master

might be and then pursue it on behalf of the

What services do you believe local government should provide for the tax- be engaged in business ventures best left to payers?

What should city government be in the business or not be in the business of offering residents?

Local government should be providing the basic services such as police, fire and adequate roads. Local government should not

plan must be utilized and periodically revised to achieve the "quality of life" citizens expect. Service, indeed, is the first order of business. The city government ought to be in the business of providing for the "commonwealth" of the community. In order to do this and do it well, the leaders of the city must ascertain what the common good of the city

What qualities and skills will you look for in a new city manager for Novi?

A new city manager should be someone with a degree in municipal administration or management with five to ten years of hands-on experience. This person must be a leader and motivate and at the same time understand that he or she serves under and is answerable to the mayor and council, who are themselves answerable to our off-

The new chief administrative officer of the city will oversee the city with a dedication requiring vision, with a willingness to network with department heads, and with a marvelous ability "to prioritize issues" facing the citizens and demanding a timely

As a candidate, you're out there talking with residents. What do people tell you are their biggest concerns

about the city?

The biggest concerns residents express to me are traffic congestion, the outstanding judgment against our city, money lost on the ice arena and the charter amendment Most of all, what people have made abundantly clear to me is that they want open, responsive and inclusive government.

The citizens are very worried about the possibility of having to pay \$100 to \$200 more a year (over 10 years) to settle with a disgruntled developer. This is only the tip of the iceberg of concern. Basically, the citizens are asking for greater fiscal responsi-

Several other areas of concern are traffic jams, a desire for bike paths, speed violations in their sub, and a feeling of not being heard when voicing a concern.

My top priority will be to be actively

What would be your top priorities as mayor? How would you achieve your goals?

Open, informative and responsible comnunications with our residents is a top priority. Resolving existing problems and putting risk management procedures in place is crucial to our future success. All council business is to be conducted in open view in council chambers and timely responses to residents' concerns is critical. Proper marketing and control of future growth is necessary so that we are a city that can afford itself.

involved in the selection of a new city manager. I intend to notify the department heads of the city that we cannot carry on business as usual. I will insist that the new city council review its policies so as to conduct meetings wisely and efficiently. The search for our new city manager will involve a thorough review of candidates. interviews and the signing of a contract with a detailed job description. The meeting with the department heads

will be affirming and challenging.

What are the most critical development issues facing Novi today?

How should they be tack-

The most critical development issues facing the city are infrastructure, roads and development of areas zoned for industrial and high-tech development so that we can afford ourselves and not overburden our residents with taxes. We need to market ourselves properly to develop these areas. We also need to develop a capital improvement trust fund from existing revenues.

The most critical issue facing the city is a \$53 million lawsuit. The next most critical issue is the possible transplant of the Novi Expo Center into a neighboring community. Once the appeal of the Sandstone decision is final, hopefully to the benefit of the citizens, the city leaders must address the establishment of procedures to prevent future lawsuits of this kind. The Novi Expo Center has been a wonderful asset for our city. Since it has alleviated the tax burden of the citizens with the business it has stimulated...there may be wisdom in the possibility of offering a tax abatement to secure its existence within the city.

How will you vote on the \$28 million road bond package? How will you vote on the citizen's charter amendment barring golf courses without voter approval? Explain both answers.

will not solve all of our problems, but it will generate millions in matching funds to begin to address a large number of these problems. We need to develop corridor roads in commercial areas only. We also need to establish a capital improvement trust fund from existing revenues.

I will, as I stated earlier, support the

I will support the road bond proposal. It

charter amendment. It simply requires the city to keep its word once given. A park was promised. People must feel confident that when the government speaks, its word is its bond. This proposal came about because of a lack of communication between the city

Yes! This road bond will release over twice as much in federal and county funds. It will provide the final piece to the ring road. Bike paths, which citizens have asked for, will be a part of the deal. This bond will serve to alleviate some of the traffic congestion we presently face.

Yes! This amendment will guarantee that the citizens have a say as to whether or not there will be a golf course on park land p urchased by the citizens. My reservation with the amendment is that it refers to banquet facilities. My intent will be to secure legal counsel regarding the interpretation of the amendment to avoid any conflict in the use of present structures in the city with

Whoever wins, Novi will have a new mayor



Mayoral candidate Michael Meyer is now on the city's ZBA.

Meyer's learned to manage conflict

and conflicts facing the city today, subdivision to subdivision talking five lane boulevard that will take ported the charter amendment for talent for logical thinking and skills In these discussions. Meyer has these homes, Meyer said. This was land, it was unfortunate that resi-

Meyer said currently there is an He said the biggest concern fac-plans, said. attitude among city administrators—ing the residents is fiscal responsiand city officials that they are bility, specifically in regards to the able housing in Novi. Meyer said. job properly, it should have never always right and they can over- \$53 million judgment levied. He said he had heard real estate come to a charter amendment," he come everything. The attitude against Novi.

getting done." Mever said. "Your actions can be sincere, but

the city has been confrontational laborative. with residents and business own. The second issue voters are conthis hasn't happened, he said.

teacher, former Novi school board said. member and current member of While he supported the widening Meyer said he supported both. the Novi Zoning Board of appeals. of many major roads in Novi, Meyer Mover said he has learned how to said Ten Mile Road, between Hagmanage conflicts by collaborating gerty and Novi roads, should only Novi. and how to listen to people.

Throughout his campaign. Meyer But city officials argue the road With so many stressful issues has been riding his bicycle from has been master-planned to be a Meyer also said while he sup-Michael Meyer wants to bring his to people about the City of Novi. out the front yards of many of bidding a golf course on city park at conflict management to the job learned what is on the minds of the a prime example of the city refus- dents had to form a petition drive

"I think the way to avoid lawsuits mobile homes. that does not mean they are intelli- is the attitude you bring to the gent and wise as far as how busi- table," Meyer said, referring back in a reasonable price," Meyer said. nication with the residents and to his commitment to making. Since the city already has a build-give them a fair voice and work Meyer said many times it seems. Novi's city government more col-

ers. This attitude should change to cerned with is roads. Meyer said. Roads in Novi are in a horrible con-

> Meyer said the road bond would simply help improve the roads in be widened to three lanes as is

apartments, condominiums and

As for his stance on the road

"I don't believe it is only for Jeremy McBain's e-mail address

ing to talk to people before making on the issue. Another issue is a lack of afford- "If (city officials) were doing the

brokers and city officials talking said. City officials should have "People don't want their hard- about the availability of affordable been up front with the residents "I believe there is a sincere effort earned money being just given housing, but Meyer contended when they voted to buy the land in to get the job done. But it is not away to a developer over a simple such residences were limited to the first place, he added. "Young people can't buy a house of Novi he would open up commu-

ing authority, the issue should with them on the issues they are have been dealt with already, but concerned with. bond and charter amendment for- and experience to serve (the citi-As a high school and college dition and they need to be fixed, he bidding the city from building a golf zens) better than they have been course on the North Novi Park. served. This truly will be a real

Clark seeks office again, as mayor

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN

condition, mayoral candidate attorneys, but more importantly I and suddenly there is this mad people's city. It is their tax dollars. Richard Clark said he is hopeful he think we need to establish risk rush again to go out and see how. It is important to have their input can ofter solutions to some of the management procedures." challenges the community is fac. He suggests a risk management - revenue, instead of looking at the

the city," Clark said. "Everyone is concerned with trafwhich is running a deficit of ence.

around us, they are either making. Club of Novi, a member of a task. ment the city has in place now, we - years, two of them as chairperson. can stop the financial bleeding," years. Clark is married to Diane - the death of Tim Pope and served - and I am letting them know that and they have two childre

29, and Laura, 26. As a practicing attorney who works on the house counsel for AAA. Clark said his past experience with the city and his knowledge of the law can be beneficial for

"When I hear somebody gets a

Candidates disclose land ownership

The Novi News asked city council and mayoral candidates about their local real estate holdings. Following is their response.

CANDIDATES FOR MAYOR:

Richard Clark - "The only real state that my wife and I own it he City of Novi is our home." Michael Meyer - "Presently

paying on a mortgage on proper-

v at 41088 Malott where we

CANDIDATES FOR NOVI CITY COUNCIL: Michelle Bononi - "The home

jointly owned by my husband and myself is at 22724 Bertram

Drive in Novi. Lou Csordas - "I own my home

Brooks Decker - "The threeacre homestead my family enjoys on West Park Drive is the only

real estate my wife and I own." Craig DeRoche, incumbent "My home is at 1620 West Lake Drive: my office is located in the Crystal Glen Officecentre. My

company leases it." Kathy Mutch, incumbent "My husband and I own our home in Meadowbrook Glens

Steve Reed - "The only real estate I own in Novi is my home."

Robert Schmid, incumbent -

'My home at 28105 Summit Drive, which sets on a little over three acres purchased in 1972.

have to be concerned," he said.

attorney could keep an eye out for - long haul in terms of funding our -"I perceive some real problems in - possible liability issues as the city - old capital improvements. conducts its business.

"if you look at all the rinks charter president of the Kiwanis other people." He was appointed to the Novi City government. A Nove resident for the past 20 Council to fill the vacancy left by

posal on this year's ballot. stastic simply because I have been elected I will be here to serve the

saying we need to develop a capital residents." improvement fund," Clark said.

fast we could spend the additional in the decision-making process."

Clark enters the 1999 mayoral set up a fund like that, generate petition drive for the charter tic. We also have an ice arena race with 20 years of city experi- interest in that fund in addition to amendment against the golf the principal and start paving our-course. He was a founding member and selves the interest, rather than

Clark said while talking to people money or they are self-sufficient. force for excellence in education, a during his campaign, many of the Hopefully with the new manage- planning commissioner for six residents believe they are not being listened to by members of the city's

> this is their city and government Clark backs the road bond pro- and they should participate in decisions," Clark said. "In terms of future road bonds, i...... There are a lot of problems that don't think I would be real enthu- we have had in the city and if I am

Clark said one of the things he "We should be capturing 10-20 would do is hold officer hours at \$33 million judgment against them percent of every dollar we're taking the Novi Civic Center on Saturdays and it happens to be the city I live in taxes, which the city will put to listen to the citizens and discuss and a privilege to serve Novi as its inside the capital improvement issues important to them.

"If elected as mayor, I could cer- "It seems every year our tax base" and bad — and deal with them Concerned with Nord's current thinly work with the city's appellate increases, our revenues increase directly." Clark said. "This is the

> of listening to the residents, by "To me it makes more sense to adding that citizens initiated the

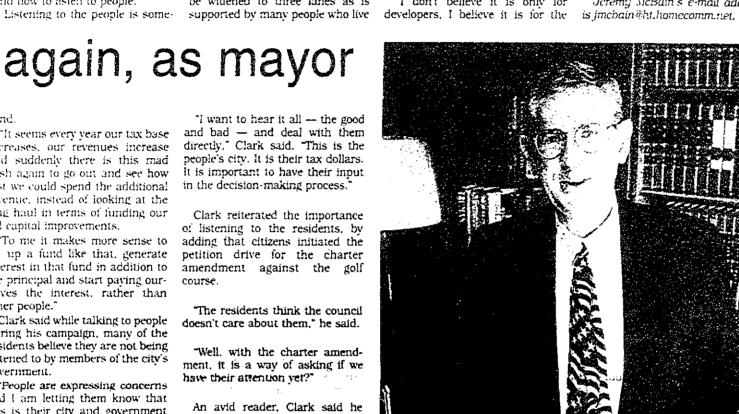
> > The residents think the council doesn't care about them," he said.

Well, with the charter amendment, it is a way of asking if we have their attention yet?"

enjoys books about history, philosophy and psychology. Other inter-"I have been in Novi for 20 years

"I would consider it an honor

and it is a great community." Clark



Richard Clark wants back on city council, this time as mayor.

Amendment would bar golf at park

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the facilities," he said. The development of the golf course will forever pay the city and duplicated. the money will be used at making the unmanageable land at the park

This qualifies for everybody in Novi. Everyone will now have the chance to participate."

noted the construction of the golf ment not only because he support new senior housing project. course along with the related ed the golf course but the language amenities for the City of Novi Golf of the amendment includes city- guage isn't about that. People are wouldn't be much desirable land Course would cost about \$6.5 mil- owned banquet facilities too.

The study also said the primary be affordable golfing for Novi resi-

general manager/golf pro at The city's charter will have ramifica- complex. Maples of Novi, said he also was in tions. favor of the city constructing an Banquet facilities like the one at "There is a reason why Farmington, Southfield, Taylor and Dear-

born all have golf courses," Gerhart These cities lease its facilities to

golf course operators and they in golf course when it asked voters to golf course and the development of turn pay the city a set fee to lease The land isn't really being used for anything now and with the construction of an 18-hole golf course, ronmental groups to try and pro- at the northwest portion of the site.

somewhere around 35 new jobs tect our natural habitat," Tindall with access off of West Road. can be created by the course. restaurant and banquet facilities." Gerhart said with the growing popularity of golf as a recreational sport, the construction of a city course would certainly add to the quality of life here.

the community if we do not con- and the main concern of the move- and an outdoor amphitheater. struct these facilities," Gerhart ment was to get the city to follow. The feasibility study said the that the citizens want. project will occur in three phases:
There are some dirty politics first, construction of the golf what the citizens want. The public demand for golf is going on right now - scare tac- course, clubhouse and maintehigh, everyone can play the sport and it will be affordable."

Many anticipated a nature park in active recreational facilities. the north end.

results can be bad."

ly doesn't require much money."

"I personally think it will be a charter amendment was based off property is planned to be developed "North Novi Park is an area of step backwards for the growth of of one passed in Farmington Hills with an educational nature center land that can't be duplicated. It is

"The charter amendment's lan-"If used appropriately, there will other residents."

Novi resident Pete Hoadley said ing things about banquet facilities

Assistant City Attorney Dennis market (a 15-mile radius from the dents and there will also be a con- Watson said he didn't believe the site) met demographic criteria to tract guaranteeing the city so language of the charter amendattract of golfers and would have much money a year. Hoadley said. ment was intended to block banthe necessary participation to sup- "I am not opposed to taking the quet facilities like the rooms at the issue of a golf course to a vote — Civic Center and what was being Todd Gerhart, Novi resident and but an amendment changing the constructed at the senior housing I don't think it would effect them

at all," Watson said. 18-hole golf course at North Novi the Senior Housing project might "It is subject to interpretation, Park, but the city shouldn't run it. be kept from happening. The but the intent is to prevent construction of a new golf course with

According to the feasibility Those in favor of the amendment study, the development of the prosay the city said nothing about a ject will consist of construction of a tax themselves for the park bond. various open space, passive and

Proposed plans of the park and "I give money to different envi- recreational development will occur said she was concerned about the Included in the development are various types of ball fields, play-

preserve what is in my backyard. grounds, picnic areas, restrooms "I am a realist. To preserve as and shelters, parking and hard much of this land as possible real-surface or nature trails to allow more open space and natural setaccess to the site. Tindall said the language in the The northeast section of the

the northwest section; and the 'North Novi Park is an area of land that can't be third phase will be development of the northeast area. With 500 acres of park land and Ancie Engler a proposed golf course which

would take about 180 to 200 acres. many people would think there is plenty of land available for both But with mitigated and designat-In the feasibility study, it was he was against the charter amend- at the (Novi) Civic Center and the ed wetlands and woodlands throughout the North Novi Park property, others suggest that there

of the park and recreation space in

just trying to scare our seniors and left for other uses after the construction of the golf course. The site has 327.3 acres of wetlands traversing throughout the region, 182.9 acres of medium covered woodlands and 47.7 acres of dense woodlands.

"Almost all of the land not part of the golf course are areas you can't develop," said Bob Wilkins, a member of PARKS. The land up here is absolutely

priceless and maybe the seven people making decisions for everyone should stop and listen to what the residents have to say. Another question being asked about the feasibility study is where is the 30 million gallons of water

per year to water the golf course PARKS member Angle Bruder environmental impact of a golf course and believed what Novi needs is a natural environment. "I think as southeastern Michi-

gan continues to develop, what we are going to find is there isn't any tings for people to use," Bruder much more valuable than a golf

tics." Tindall said. "People are say- nance facilities; next, development bhammerstein@ht.homecomm.net.

Things to know about the City Charter Amendment The language: "Shall the City of Novi City

Charter be amended by adding Section 15:12 to prohibit 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?"

Some background: · Two-thousand ninety-five signatures were filed for the charter amendment on July 20.

Voters in 1993 approved a \$9.9 million park bond with the emphasis on acquiring park: land for the city. \$10.500 was spent on the

easibility study by Don Childs

ind Associates. The proposed golf course

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Run city like business, Csordas says

Staff Writer City council candidate Lou Csordas feels the city of Novi needs more accountability in its government and believes he is the candi- of doing only the best things he can for the city he loves living in.

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN

And as the executive vice president of Group Genesys, an employee leasing firm based out of Trov. Csordas said he understands the complexities of being a clientfocused business, which is what a city should be.

council should be held accountable and listen to the citizens who are council. the customers of the city," Csordas "People should expect responses

to their questions. If elected, I will to the citizens in a 48-hour period people in Novi are dealing with of time.

I would like to continue to

years, is married to his wife Cheryl be a balanced growth, whether it is and they have two sons. Brett and bringing the appropriate type of become a member of the city coun- B.J. Hammerstein can be reached Brian. Both of his sons have development or OST zoning which cil, as he viewed the current counattended Novi schools from kinder- will result in a higher tax base for cil as a group that may have lost its bhammerstein@ht.homecomm.net

management. Csordas said the city

Seven compete for three seats on the council

Bad development decisions and

excessive governmental spending

are subjects Michelle Bononi will

fight against if elected to the Novi

of the Novi Planning Commission,

made poor decisions in these two

that comes in, we change our ordi-

nances to suit that development,"

ers in this way. Bononi has worked

in municipal planning, both for pri-

vate and government, for over 23

vears. Currently she is the environ-

said too many times the city has to scrutinize.

The city is run by developers to ment, Bononi said the other prob-

a point. My direct observation is if lem — and perhaps its biggest —

we have a developer with a problem is the fiscal responsibility of the

Bononi said she has never seen a arena with a deficit facing Novi.

city that has worked with develop-Bononi said the city can not afford

City Council.

Currently chairperson of the "We need to keep up with our Novi Planning Commission, where growth and make sure the infrashe's served for the past three years. tructure is in the best condition we Csordas said his ambitions consist can get it." With 25 years of executive level

wanted to give back to the commu- which could help in future situanity, so I interviewed for the plan- tions as well as avoiding problems ning commission." Csordas said. like the proposed golf course on North Novi Park and the Sandstone The experience has been very lawsuit against the city. intense, interesting and gratifying.

"I had the time and interest and should be run like a business.

community and would like to have suit held up." Csordas said. the same impact as part of city "As far as the possibilities of a "As a member of city council. I want to protect my interests and thing with the land.

do the right things for the citizens." Novi needs to stop and take a Csordas said he shares many of look around. Let's get our house in be held accountable and respond the same concerns the restrof the order now. I don't think we are in and really want to become a memthe position to spend anymore money. The land is pretty and let's

leave it that way. Csordas said he desired to

.. bring a lotito the table."

If elected, Csordas said he will continue to build upon his past record on the planning commission and will guard the city's interests "It would be a tragedy if the law-

"I am here strictly to back the golf course on North Novi Park, I city and do everything I can to prodon't think the city should do any- tect myself and the members of the community," he said.

> "I don't have any hidden agendas ber of the city council. I feel I can

she said. Part of this plan should much. We owe it to ourselves and tants cannot become too friendly include a hiring freeze of all nonessential city employees and a our neighbors downstream." closer look at the city's spending. deals with development, Bononi

environmental quality of the city. research in to her decisions. \$53 million judgment and an ice jects going up around Novi, she said erosion and the loss of wet- and listen to all points of view. The lands are having an effect on water

to spend its money unwisely. She quality. points to the planned water foun- Bononi said currently the city tain at the corner of Novi Road and just shifts its erosion problems Grand River Avenue as an example downstream instead of taking care of unwise spending. That project is of it at the source source and fills being funded by the owners of the in too many water-purifying wet-

friendships have been formed Bononi said while city officials "Wholesale filling of wetlands

between Novi city officials, consul- claim they will win the Sandstone and deciding to mitigate is not an

around, they have not designed a

A plan should be made for every

possibility and shown to the public.

plan if everything fails.

Bononi challenges developers' role

To combat some of this, Bononi

said city consultants should not

get long contracts with Novi. With

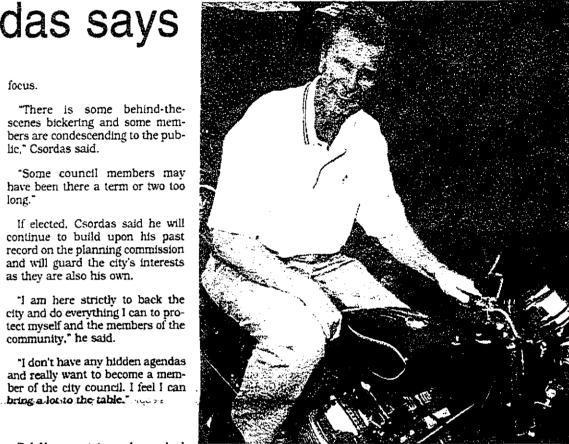
with the people they are supposed

works in odd ways with develop-

tants and the developers they work appeal and the ice arena will turn environmentally good proposition."

Overall, Bononi said as a council said she is concerned about the member she will put time and

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Decker: slow down Novi's fast growth



Brooks Decker is a newcomer to Novi's political scene.

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN

He may not have the name recognition or previous government experience as others, but Novi City Council candidate Brooks Decker has decided there needs to be a challenge for the three open seats

"I think the current city council bears some of the responsibility for the direction the city has found itself in," Decker said.

There are some good things they have done, but as a citizen I have been rather frustrated. Decker has been a Novi resident since 1985. He and his wife Susan-

nah have two children, a daughter. Morgan, 12, and a son Colten, 6. The commercial industrial painting contractor finds himself running for elected office after

would like to see other plans for the — the Beck Road and I-96 inter-ent horror stories and I don't they another roadway access into the Road - that the city can't live with- are going to go away."

issue for the city.

addressing council on different and analyze exactly what kind of issues regarding concerns he has a

North Novi Park, Decker said he "There are some improvements" I have heard a number of differ-

park. Decker said. "Parks and recreation period is an important come out publicly saying I support tem is in desperate need of more Decker said improvements are

needed but money is a serious "Particularly with the Vistas lawsuit, which could have a serious effect on the taxpayers, we do need

road improvements — more beyond

this bond issue," Decker said. "The city needs to take a big deep breath and let some things settle. Let's make some long-term plans impact the tax base will have." Decker said the road bond is a

site and believes it could use change, Twelve Mile Road and Novi

"I would like to see a more community gathering oriented type the Crescent Boulevard project, I want to support the bond, I have examine it, the more I am leaning towards not supporting it — purely because of the \$7.5 million going to needs to be more balance. Crescent Boulevard."

> Decker added the accumulating interest on the lawsuit should make citizens concerned about spending money and the city should have initiated an alternative road bond package as an option. And with the city also losing money on the Novi Ice Arena. Decker said the city should sell the facility and take care of the debt

obligation before it gets worse.

The city should never be in the

business when they are risking

issue to me. I think our parks sys- the road bond. But the longer I 14 years, he said he has seen many

to bring caution, organization and

but I believe I can bring a fresh. objective opinion to how things are

DeRoche would like a second term

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN

Staff Writer DeRoche said there were a few spe-tenure the last few years to build a the position it is in with the lawcific reasons why he wanted to golf course, regardless whether or suit, DeRoche said. become a member of the council

"I was dissatisfied with the fact the council built the Novi Ice Arena without going to the voters." DeRoche said.

"I was afraid they were going to continue pursuing the golf course ballot. It was unfortunate the because certain things were begin- council members didn't listen and ning to materialize. Also, I had just forced the petition drive to be put it finished working on the city's on the ballot." vision statement and I was very frustrated as a resident when you volunteer opinions and time and wife, Stacey. there is no way to implement them. unless you are on city council."

important as ever. The Novi Ice Arena has failed which is not something I wanted, the new millennium, DeRoche feels but something I feared and things many residents of the city have political loop occurred while partic-

issues that first faced him as

City Council incumbent Craig There was a major push in my

not people want to admit to that. that was what they were intending learn from the lawsuit on how to "I am proud of the fact I was able to bring out the issue and keep it in the public's eye and proud to support the citizens who put it on the

A Novi resident since 1993, DeRoche has recently married his

term, finishing out the term Now DeRoche finds himself run- remaining when then-council ning for reelection with those three member Nancy Cassis was sent by voters to the Michigan House of Representatives.

"Novi doesn't do a good job

As the City of Novi prepares for

need to be corrected." DeRoche looked at changing times with ipating and graduating from the much resistance. "It is unfortunate the city is in

about changes when it is for the

The city should be willing to

member of while on city council. As part of the council's Consultants Review Committee. he's involved in the evaluation the performance of the outside firms working for the city.

managing risk," DeRoche said. "I have a scrious criticism as our legal exposure needs to change

Michigan Political Leadership Program at Michigan State University.

"I believe it is important to bring The program has really helped me out as a city councilor."

Some of the changes DeRoche is With the election around the corspeaking of stem from the work ner, DeRoche said Novi should look done on committees he has been a and focus on what the city's vision of itself is for the next 20 years,

learn from some of the past prob-

sense as a resident and being a city councilor shouldn't be any different," DeRoche said.

This is an incredibly important election for Novi's future and there DeRoche's first exposure into the is an opportunity to change a lot of



Council Member Craig DeRoche wants to stay on the job.

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Council Kathy Mutch is active in saving the Fuerst Farm.

Mutch has history of civic activities

Novi and improving the quality of

On the council for the past four years. Mutch said the group has about me, she said. I am a person study. I will support the voters' worked together to change the who works with others. I work with decision. unprofessional attitude that may

decisions to make." Mutch said. "With the current council, there she will have time to implement has been a return to civility and a many of the programs she has been

Residing in Meadowbrook Glens since 1971. Mutch and her husband. Charles, have seven children a charter amendment to ban golf and many roots throughout the courses on currently owned city

f Preservation Novi, president of changing the city's charter is. bership on the state and local effort of collecting signatures boards of the League of Women showed a lot of initiative," she said.

missioner, Mutch says it is not the ten to it. City Council Member Kathleen individual efforts she is concerned "I think the important thing is developing a plan for the restora-

North Novi Park. I don't think it property. "Whether or not things work was wrong for the council to take well, I don't want people to think the next step and fund a feasibility She added she is in favor of the people who are contributing to reaching goals for the community."

road bond proposal and supports a Looking forward to serving a secmaintenance and construction. As far as the the \$53 million lawsuit against the city of Novi, Mutch working on, as well as tackling new said she has been told the judg-

"I am confident we will prevail in land was a great thing for the citi- lege representing the citizens and zens to do, but doesn't believe their concerns. Mutch is active on the committee

The citizens going through the for the city's administrative our neighborhoods, parks, roads employee reviews, is working and city will be even better." Mutch

Voters and a past planning com- "As a representative I need to lis- sidewalks and bike paths through out the community and busy with Mutch says she is committed to with, but the positive work these doing the right development of tion and use of the Fuerst Farm

> We have some wonderful open and green space throughout the community," Mutch said.

These are the very things that are assets to the city but people are not utilizing. By building a pedestrian safety path system, we can connect our neighborhoods and

Novi has a lot of great resources. she added.

Reed says he's not a 'good old boy'

By JEREMY MCBAIN

According to candidate for Noviyour everyday office-seeker. "I'm honest, open and I get to the - property. bottom of the problem," he said. "I'm net a politician and I don't

Reed describes himself as a will get to the bottom of the city's

"If I say I am going to do some thing or be somewhere. I will. What I say is what I do," he said. Reed, who has lived in Novi for 17 years, became interested in running for city council after going he had been "run over" by the council members.

If that is the way city council—commercially-developed areas. treats citizens, something is

basically forces Reed to jump taxpayer money, Reed argues.

rezoning me. But, I found out I opment, he said. couldn't beat them as a resident. hard-working enizen of Novi who ground and beat them there," he shafted in the end,"

> fronting Novi. Reed's opinions on building of a golf course on the them are strong. On the road bond proposal, Reed supports it. said he believes it should be voted

"This road bond does not help to several meetings and feeling that - the residents, only developers," he - if elected is the fiscal responsibility said. He contends that a majority of the city. The problem lies in the

wrong," he said of his past experi- stretches of Nine Mile Road and then city officials want to build a boy politics," he said. Meadowbrook Road to three lanes water fountain at the corner of Reed started going to council to and the Crescent Road East and Novi and Grand River Avenue and protest the rezoning of his Mead. Main Street West portions of the give the city manager a big raise in owbrook Road home from residen- road bond to finish the ring road pension, Reed said.

through bureaucratic hoops if he The ring road is suppose to help ever wants to fix up his house or the residents get around Novi? There isn't a house around there. "I started out angry at them for it's to open (the land) up for devel-

"A lot of people are for (the road so I thought I would go on their bond), but they are going to get As for the charter amendment on As for the current issues con-the November ballot forbidding the

North Novi Park, Reed said he fully The city does not need a golf course, he said.

Another big issue Reed will face of the bond builds up roadways in fact the \$53 million lawsuit and the Novi Ice Arena deficit will cost The widening of only commercial the citizens of Novi tax money. And

tial to the Office-Service-Technolo- plan are blatant examples of devel- "Somebody has got deep pockets gy classification. This rezoning opment interests being helped with and it sure isn't me." Reed said.

Mutch said the petition drive for

groups do as a whole.

Reed said he will bring the philosophy he uses when he is taking part in his hobbies - going to garage sales and collecting motorcycles. As a council member, he would hunt for the good deals by taking a close look at vendors with city contracts to determine if the city is getting the most for its

If elected to council, Reed said he will be patient and study the issues facing the city, then use this knowledge to make intelligent decisions, not decisions based just on how others want him to make.



Schmid has over 20 years' on job

of the Novi City Council, Robert Schmid feels he has the experience today," he said.

"My commitment then is the same as it is now: I wanted to built stand the test of time," he said. Part of Schmid's vision of quality achieved both of these since he has been on city council, one with a density ordinance making a minimum frontage for homes and the

Novi City Council in 1975, after an ing to make bad deals with the city.

But Schmid said this was no their own needs, especially since commitment to Novi to keep it opers are constantly lobbying the ers on the Novi Planning Commisquality," said Schmid, who is run-city to lower the frontage minimum sion, Schmid said.

on homes, reworking the city mas- "I think the mayor loaded that announcement was made that the such as was done with the Sand- conflicts of interest just by the stone development, that may now natures of their jobs. Some of those cost the city \$53 million. Schmid same people work and are partners

The Vistas basically went against the city's density requirements, limit audience participation to

such as Novi Town Center and The project was destined to fail." Schmid added.

more problems facing the city in "I feel proud going down the the future with developers wanting

"We have too many people with

As for Sandstone, the project appeared when Schmid had taken Novi City Council, Schmid said he a brief break from serving on the will work to change the biggest I came before council at that Kathleen McLallen made - short-

the mayor blocked council memlic's questions at city council meetings. Schmid said that simply makes it look like the council mem-

Overall, Schmid said he will work for the citizens of Novi, as he has done consistently throughout his tenure as a Novi Council member. He will work to open up the council to the public more and keep Novi a

"I've been excited for Novi since 1975. I am so proud when I go down the street and see what has

Beck/I-96 interchange biggest project in \$28M road bond

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Wixom was also fighting for the ed with the construction of Cressame grant money for its planned cent Road East and Main Street "It will improve my quality of life to get in and out and I-96 interchange. If Novi voters did not approve the road bond, improvements to the Beck Road This would route a good deal of trafand I-96 interchange could be in fic away from the Novi Road/Grand icopardy, he cautioned. However, according to Gary

Naeyaert, director of communicawould be constructed around the same time. The Beck Road/I-96 Bonom argued

this road bond will stop the protion, it could also create more trafdevelopments typically pay higher and Wixom roads, but the city urgency that this road bond
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taxes, making Novi's police and fire would need a matching fund in the be approved now," she said. said the biggest impact the bond more land to development, more good schools, he said.

would have on the residents of Novi traffic would be generated from For example, he said, the Novi Fund. was in improving traffic congestion those developments, making the Expo Center generated an estimat-

For example, the ring road creat-West would connect with the cur-

"We like movement. There is no less traffic congestion one that is for the city and it may be moving. tions for the Michigan Department movement in this city. I have seen it hard to believe, she said. of Transportation. Wixom is not getting worse, said road bond suppoised to beat Novi if the road bond porter Dr. May Sanghyi. "(The road the road bond argue a majority of looking at a site on Grand River fails. Naeyaert said both projects bond) will create such a lot more the bond issue supports only devel- Avenue, between Taft and Beck were of equally high value and ease. It's going to be a wonderful opment, supporters counter that roads, Hoadley said. But Grand

interchange project is scheduled to the case. Specifically pointing to the ment in Novi can be a good thing, begin in 2002, while the Wixom ring road plan, she said while it Hoadley pointed out that residen-Road/1-96 interchange project is could create an alternative to tial neighborhoods simply don't pay State of Michigan indicated the city date against the bond issue, disscheduled to begin in 2003. drivers other than the Novi enough taxes to support the commany be able to get a grant to widen I don't think a negative vote on Road/Grand River Avenue intersection munity. Commercial and industrial Grand River Avenue between Novi

claims the road bond would create ed \$100 million a year in revenues for this road bond was at hand.

rent Crescent Road through the of this town. This is a great beginning"

While Bononi and other foes of ter President Blair Bowman may be the bond may help some develop- River Avenue's current condition in Bononi argued that may not be ments and that support of develop- that location could not support that a lot more later," Hoadley said.

road bond package before voters. Kriewall said if the bond fails and the city has to wait on the projects, they may cost more in the future

due to inflationary costs of land and

"We can pay now or pay a heck of But Bononi, who with Steve Reed

Regardless, Hoadley and Kriewall Because the road would open departments strong and creating amount of \$2 million -hence, the She said that while she disagreed

In order for citizens to get what they The current Novi City Council need they have to support develop-

> would add an additional tax burden to Novi residents during a difficult time for the city. With the \$53 mil-

Jeremy McBain's e-mail address

Wildcat band takes third in competition

Marching Band played their way tor Scott Boerma. into third place honors in the Flight competition at the Great Lakes invitational Marching Band Compe- exciting show."

throughout the state and 11 in the Flight II category, the Novi High Marching Band performed the the band with the highest overall music of "Chase", during the festi-score of all bands competing.

award, it also received a fifth place best music and best general effects honor out of the 29 other bands.

The Novi High School Wildcat its achievements," said Band Direc- Band will be performing their show next day, "Every time they perform, they get Oct. 22, and will be participating in with the State Finals at the Pontiac better and better. They put on a very the Durand Band Invitational the Silverdome on Oct. 30.

Last week the band was awarded gan Invitational Tournament at the Flint Atwood Stadium.

The Governor's Trophy is given to The marching band also received Along with the band's third place Caption awards for best marching.



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Watson and Fried's letter also addresses reports stating Howard made an on the record disclosure that -Watson said both he and fried

out if it was discussed." Watson said.

Today, Judge Barry Howard granted citizens of the city of Novi with a \$53 improve Novi Road from Twelve Mile Road, there was a strong possibility an order staying execution of his Sept. 30, 1999. Opinion and Order, pending now has jurisdiction over the case. Road. This improvement to Novi Road be damaged. This would leave much appeal of this case. As you are aware, and we have some comment we was to be constructed by the Michigan of the city without water and fire the Sept. 30 decision awarded attorney believe pertinent to the perception of Department of Transportation (mdot). protection. searched all of the on-the-record docu- - fees and interest on the judgment. The - this matter. ments and could not find this disclose effect of the stay order is to preclude

Howard told The Nove News in Jan- cludes proceedings in the Oakland stone was to repay the city for the cost of inch water main, which supplied mary that his partnership with Carson County Circuit Court. Appellate countries the road by paying this special assess- water pressure to the majority of the from August 1958 to February 1989 - sel Mary Massaron Ross will shortly be - ment over a period of 15 years. was disclosed at the onset of the trial. filing an application for leave to appeal. There was nothing in the contract as crossed, the proposed intersection

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It would have resulted in the removal and reconstruction of a portion of the

previously entered a stay order as to to finance by special assessment the construction of an extension of Decker Road sulting engineers called to the city council's attention the fact that a 36city, ran along Novi Road and inch water main.

Howard was wrong in saddling the Road, a federal grant was awarded to the subsequent widening of Novi was improved. million debt. The Court of Appeals Road to Twelve and One-Half Mile that the water main would break or

> connection of Decker Road to Novi MDOT's Novi Road widening project. This would insure that the area would not have to be disturbed twice, thereby reducing the risk of damage to the 36-

The council evaluated the risk to the Following is the complete text of to the Michigan Court of Appeals from to when the road was to be built, nor with Decker Road. The city engineers public health, safety and welfare of the Watson and Fried's letter to the Novi the Sept. 30 decision. The underlying was there anything to preclude it from advised the city council that the citizens of Novi and determined that it being built in stages. As a matter of water main was located in an area of was in the best interest of all the citi-Except for our discussions with the law, the contract could not require the unstable soils. If the intersection of zens of Novi that the Novi/Decker The Sandstone Associates versus city council, this office has refrained city to build the road in a certain man- Decker Road and Novi Road was Road connection should not be built at built at the time of construction of the time Decker Road was built, but

Dear Mayor McLallen and City of hely, as to why we think that Judge After the city agreed to build Decker Decker Road and then form up for should be built at the time Novi Road

was completed with the subsequent Novi Road widening project. The Michigan Department of Transportation likewise recognized the risk to the 36-inch water main. The Novi Road widening project included the concost in excess of \$1 million to provide service to the city in the event of dam-

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ing this position was recently demonstrated in the City of Auburn Hills. tions of the engineers, administration gram. Michigan Bell objected, claiming

We believe the trial court erred as a

Rule Act grants to home rule cities, struct and maintain public streets. The power to do so is a governmental

tions, 3rd Edition Revised, Sec. 10:38. inunicipal law, the authors state that: The proposition is well settled. City of a municipal corporation in its public Niles versus Michigan Gas & Electric character cannot surrender, by con- Co., 273 Mich 255, 262. This rule, tract or otherwise, any of its legislative however, in this state and nationally, and governmental function and pow- is subject to variations and modificaers. In particular, a municipality cannot alienate its authority over public der the broad statement as such streets. McQuillin cities as authority incomplete. The rights acquired are for this statement the Michigan Supreme Court decision City of Detroit inal grant and any reservations thereversus Michigan Bell Telephone Co. in. Even when acquired and exercised

374 Mich 543 (1965). In Michigan Bell, the City of Detroit rights of the municipality in the reagranted to the telephone company. a sonable exercise of the police power as

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franchise (contract) for the use of the delegated to it by the sovereignty - the highways. It has the right to determine Road widening project. The trial Stoneman, who represented Sar city streets for its telephone lines. state. Assuming the city here had conthat it will construct a certain high-court's interpretation of the special stone in matters outside the litigation Sometime after the granting of the tracted away this superior supervisory way, or that it will not. If it concludes assessment agreement was such to itself. That relationship, including the inadvertent damage to a water main in franchise, the city ordered Michigan control, the action would have been a to build a certain highway, and before render it a nullity. City of Detroit ver- fact that Mr. Stoneman took the judge that city had a devastating impact on Bell to remove its telephone lines from nullity. Municipalities cannot contract doing so there arises or intervenes a sus Michigan Bell, supra. The determi- out to dinner during the pendency of certain streets, because the city was in away their governmental obligations." duty to the state as a whole, or an nation that the city breached the conthere can be no doubt that the motiva- the process of an urban renewal pro- ld. at 552. (Emphasis added.) and city council were to protect the that it had a vested right to use the rationale underlying this principle of tions as is disclosed by the record in welfare of the citizens of Novi and the streets for its telephone lines. The city law was best explained in Board of this case, surely the state highway then filed a petition to vacate certain County Road Commissioners of the commission must be accorded the streets, which required Michigan Bell County of Oakland versus State High-right to postpone, or if reasonably and out in the city's Proposed Findings of

this decision to the act of a Third and other utilities to remove and reloway Commission. 79 Mich App 505 in good faith deemed necessary, to Fact and Conclusions of Law and the World country." The court concluded cate infrastructure. Michigan Bell (1977). In that case, the Board of abandon such project even though a city's Motion for New Trial. These that the city had breached the contract again objected claiming a vested right County Road Commissioners sought to construct Decker Road by not con- to use the streets by reason of the enforcement of a contract it had with board of county commissioners to Clerk's office for the public to examine. structing the entire road as a single franchise. It demanded compensation the State Highway Commission to conproject. The court concluded that the for removal of the lines. The trial court struct Northwestern Highway. The 685. Board of County Road Commiscity did not have the right to divide the held that there was a contractual right Court of Appeals held that the contract sioners of the County of Oakland. construction into two separate pro- to use of the streets, and ordered that could not be enforced, quoting from compensation be paid. The matter Board of Commissioners of Harmon went to the Michigan Supreme Court. Six of the seven Supreme Court Jussion. 163 Okla 207, 23 P2d 681 (1933): tices who participated in the decision agreed with the following proposition

franchise becomes a vested property right, in the nature of a contractual

With regard to public streets, the circumstances of such serious proporages, was error. County versus State Highway Commis-

While the state highway commisplaintiff, the state highway commission could not contract away to plain- at its decision, the city council was trial court as controlling is that upon tiff its discretion in reference to the discharge of its duties to the remaining welfare of all Novi citizens. The mem- no such disclosure. Moreover, we do citizenship of the state...The state bers of the council were carrying out highway commission has the discretheir duty to the citizens of Novi when made off the record. Nor was there any right protected by Federal and State tion in the first instance to determine they determined to construct the disclosure of the judge's social relaconstitutional guarantee. So it does. as to the location and improvement of Novi/Decker connection with the Novi tionship with another attorney, Martin

supra, 79 Mich App at 510-511. (Emphasis added.)

The trial court's comparison of the sion could by contract create a duty to paragement. It was contrary to this he was a former partner of the Plain-

emergency, or change in conditions or tract, and the resulting award of dam- Mr. Stoneman was deposed.

legal reasons as to why the trial court's holding was contrary to law, all spelled promise may have been made to a pleadings are available at the City entered by the trial court will be reversed by the Court of Appeals. The

city of Novi to a "Third World country" It has been widely reported that Judge well-settled legal principle. In arriving tiff's attorney Robert Carson. We have

that the city did not request a jury trial might react to the facts of the case. In fact, when the plaintiff was permitted to add additional claims not pleaded by complaint, the city requested a jury trial as to those issues. That request

this matter further at your convenience Fried, Watson & Bugbee, P.C. David M. Fried, City Attorney

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"All of our buildings are connected with fiber optics through a computers and other equipment, router, which literally routes all the the district spends about \$700,000 information throughout the Inter- a year for technological growth. Fry

net," Fry said.

With a full-time staff of four—the internet rather than having to

schools and the development of school technology 1993, including getting video and phone systems in place, computers transfer of information between and phones in the classrooms. the schools, the district and the allowing the district the capability of being fully operational.

monies for renovations of the

With the acquisition of many

ways to be more efficient with the this one spot with a T-1 connector, to stay on top of the technological talk about the computers and the network that will benefit students. which is a full-time connection to advances could be costly.

With a master's degree in instructional technology. Fry project oriented, hands-on, allow-channels of instructional video began his career in the Novi School ing technology to fit in perfectly resources, virtual field trips and Elementary School.

He recalled first using computthe old Apple II was introduced. very basic programs on the com- for life after their grade school the summer.

"At the time I received my educa-

possibilities "

As the future of education school districts in Oakland employees. Fry and his team are connect by dialing up the server on ers we need to get, maintenance promises to be ever changing. Fry Schools and the Oakland County costs, licensing fees, software said the Novi School District has government will be connected to In 1992 voters approved a repairs and charges involved with done well in adapting with the one another. \$7.9 million bond, issuing using telephone systems," Fry technological advances of the information age.

> District as a teacher at Novi Woods with the learning process." Fry "Back then it was just running ing process and better prepared with the entire network up during anywhere."

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Everything is connected from upgrades itself, the challenge for people were just barely starting to ONE, a state of the art fiberoptic county can participate in different projects and learn about their educators and residents as all 28

shared from class to class throughout the world. Fry said. "Classes will have televisions Lower costs for telephone with split screens where children access, high speed Internet access. The classes have become more desktop videoconferencing, five can view each other and control

gathering information, there is no many other opportunities for all time or distance anymore - who students and members of the com-Fry added the computer revo- munity will be available through cares where this stuff is? It can all ers back in 1981 and 1982 when lution favored the students, as this initiative. This should be fin- come to you 24 hours a day. This they are ore active in the learn- ishing up in the spring of 2000, is lifelong learning — anytime.

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the community has for its chil-president. dren and their commitment to

School Jazz Band and the Novi Middle School Girls Select Choir.

During the dedication prorially celebrated its opening Oct. triet superintendent, Board of munity, Education President George Community Relations Director nembers attended the school's Kortlandt and representatives. Deborah Brauer said students and

Obrenovich, Novi Middle School Bobby Clemons, student council building as it symbolizes the love Parent-Teacher Organization co-

featured music by the Novi Middle an American flag was delivered on needs.

Also speaking about experienc- one was of awe and pride," Brauer ers of the community," said Milan ing Novi Middle School were said. president, middle school teacher Kim Hogan and Anita Saurer, rooms and everyone was very excit-

> State Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, presented a State of Michigan Res- lum, allowing the facility to be kidolution during the ceremony and centered towards their academic behalf of Congressman Joe Knol-

gram, remarks were made by house and tours of the learning. Middle School students by a Emmett Lippe, Novi School Dis- facility was provided for the com- group of contractors who worked

from some of the contractors who - parents all took great pride in the - Lin performed on the plano during worked on the construction of new middle school.

"The kids were running around

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bility we all share."

'n children's faces.

During last Halloween night. accidents involving pedestrians injured five persons in Michigan. Fortunately, no one was killed. To make sure your pint-sized ghosts and goblins enjoy a safe Halloween, parents should follow a few easy steps. Instead of masks which can block vision and make traffic difficult to see, use makeup

"Costumes should be easy to walk in and made of white or lightcolored materials." Basch said. "Drivers should turn on head lights before dusk," Basch said, "They increase a vehicle's visibility to young eyes."

Parents should walk youngest trick-or-treaters. Choose safe routes near home on well-lighted streets. Try to complete trick-ortreating before dark, take a flashlight along and always go with

Other tips for children Always walk to avoid falling. Be careful of tripping over costumes when climbing porch steps. · Cross only at corners, never between parked cars or mid-block. Never enter a stranger's house.

· Always have an adult check your treats before you eat. Discard anything that looks like it has been unwrapped or tampered with. Call police if anything dangerous is

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WEDNESDAY, OCT. 13 Medical, 24030 E. Glen Haven, 1.21 a.m., Squad 3. Inpury accident, 196 and Haggerty G28 a m. Sonad L Investigation, 42567 Park Ridge, 10:42 a.m., Somed 1. Wire down, 43043 Nine Mile Road, 2:58 p.m., Engine 3. Vehicle hre, 1-275 and Eight Mile Read, 4:39 p.m., Engine 3. Injury accident. Nine Mile and Haggerty, 5:13 pant. Squad 3. Medical, 45182 West Road, 6:01 p.m., Squad 2. Medical, 31175 Pontiac Trail, 7:52 p.m., Squad 2. Truck fire, 27736 Novi Road, 11:25



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James Engines 1, 3.

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Oaks, 5:08 p.m., Engine L

Investigation, 29750 Montmoren-

Vehicle fire, 47277 Grand River,

Medical, 25496 Constitution, 9:03

Medical, 24500 Meadowbrook,

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FRIDAY, OCT. 15

9:53 a.m., Squad 1.

a.m., Squad 2. Medical, 47250 Ten Mile Road, 11:15 a.m., Squad 4. Truck fire, 1.96 and Beck Road, Injury accident, I-96 and Meadowbrook, 11:52 a.m., Squad 1. House fire, 23690 Greening, 9:36 Fuel spill, Grand River and Taft Road, 12:44 p.m., Engine 1. Medical, 44605 Yorkshire, noon, p.m., Engines 1, 2.

Fire alarm, 27000 Sheraton, 3:12 Fuel spill, Ripple Creek and Glen Ridge, 5:34 p.m., Engine 3. Fire alarm, 42100 Crescent, 9:17 Fire alarm, 30885 Jasper Ridge. Medical, 19 Ferhoodle, 5:32 p.m.,

CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF OFFICIAL COMPUTER TEST GENERAL ELECTION TO **BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 2, 1999**

p.m., Engines 1, 2.

p.m., Squad 1.

SATURDAY, OCT. 16

12:58 a.m., Squad 1.

a.m., Engines 1, 2.

3:49 a.m., Squad 1.

Injury accident, Novi and 1-96.

Fire alarm, 42100 Crescent, 1:14

Medical, 39471 Twelve Mile Road,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there will be an official test of the computer and computer program to be used by the City of Novi, Michigan, for the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 2, 1999. The test will be conducted at 9:00 AM on Wednesday, October 27, 1999 at the City Clerk's Office, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI. TONNI L. BARTHOLOMEW 10-21-99 NR/NN 930418)

REQUEST FOR BIDS — NOTICE TO BIDDERS NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOLS **NEW NOVI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** BID PACK NO. 3

The Novi Community School District invites the submission of Sealed Bids for ELECTRICAL On or about Finday, October 15, 1999, bidding documents will be made available. Call A. J. Etkin Construction Co. at (248) 737-5800 to confirm availability. A Fifty Dollar retundable deposit made payable to "Nevi Community School Disoct" is required to obtain construction documents at A. J. Etkin Construction Co. Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 28, 1999 at A. J. Etkin Construction Co., 30445 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 250, Farmington Hills, MI All bids will be publicly opened and read at A. J. Etkin Construction Co., 30445

Vorthwestern Hwy., Suite 250, Farmington Hills, Mi 48333-9361, Thursday, October 28. 1999 at 2:15 p.m. Specifications and Bid Form may be obtained only at A. J. Etkin Construction Co. main office. The right to reject any and/or all bids is reserved. Any bid will be binding for sixty (60) days after the date of the bid opening. Bid Security in the amount of 5% of the proposal amount is required for all bids over \$14,473. All bidders must be able to furnish a Labor and Material Payment Bond and Performance Bond each in the amount of 100% of the proposal sum. Mangatory Pre-Bid walk thru at the job site to be held on Tuesday, October 19 (10-14/21-99 NN 928500)

9:23 a.m., Engine 2. Medical, Twelve Mile and Donel-Medical, 27672 Novi Road, 11:18 son. 2:34 p.m., Squad 1.

Injury accident, Novi Road and l 96, 5:07 p.m., Squad 1. Wire down, Twelve Mile and Railroad, 6:53 p.m., Engine 4. Fire alarm, 45182 West Road, 8:25

SUNDAY, OCT. 17 Medical, 24141 Novi Road, 2:58 a.m., Squad 3. Service, 45182 West Road, 12:31 p.m., Squad 2. Medical, 603 Fleddermouse, 4:42 p.m., Squad 4.

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF PROVISION OF THE SNOW EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with Chapter 33, Article III Division 5, of the Code of Ordinances, City of Novi, Michigan, a snow emergency shall be deemed to exist whenever. (1) freezing rain, sleet or four (4) or more inches of snow has been forecast for the area by a newspaper circulated in the city, or by a radio or television station with a normal operating range covering the city; or (2) freezing rains or sleet has fallen or four (4) or more inches of snow have accumulat-

Whenever any vehicle without an operator is found parked or left in violation of any provision of this division the director of the Department of Public Services, or his designee, or the Police Department may immediately remove the vehicle or cause the vehicle to be removed to a place of safekeeping at the expense of the registered Failure to comply with the requirements set forth in Chapter 33, Article III, Division 5, of the Code of Ordinance, City of Novi, Michigan, may also result in the pros-

ecution for same, and liability to the extent of the penalty therein provided. ANTHONY NOWICKI, DIRECTOR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES (10-21-99 NR/NN 930420)

NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 99-053

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Leidal & Hart Mason Contractors is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow the placement of a construction trailer on the project site for Brightmoor Tabernacle, 40800 Thirteen Mile Road, from October 27. 1999 through October 27, 2000. 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 This request will be considered at 3:15 p.m. on October 27, 1999 at the Nov Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Official and must be received prior to October 27,1999.

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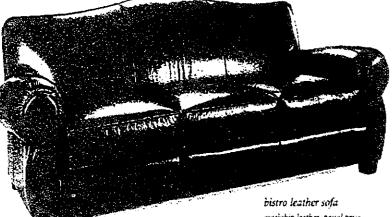
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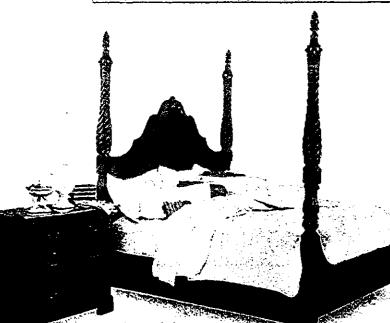
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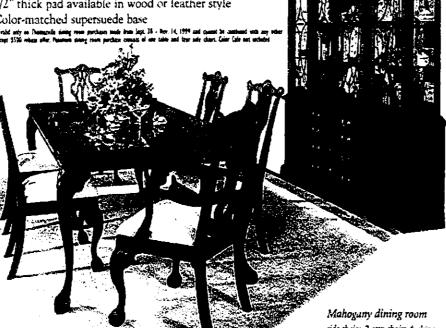


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gala Holiday Shopping Extrava- prizes such as digital phones, gift able at the door for \$60 per per-For more information, call the

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ELECTION

To the Qualified and Registered Electors of the City of Novi - Oakland County, Michigan. Notice is hereby given that a CITY GENERAL ELECTION will be held on Tuesday, November 2, 1999 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the following

PRECINCT	LOCATION	ADDRESS
1	Meadowbrook Congregational Church	21355 Meadowbrook Road
2	Meadowbrook Congregational Church	21355 Meadowbrook Road
3	Village Oaks Elementary School	23333 Willowbrook Road
4	Novi United Methodist Church	41671 Ten Mile Road
5	Orchard Hills Elementary School	41900 Quince
6	Holy Family Catholic Church	24505 Meadowbrook Road
7	Holy Family Catholic Church	24505 Meadowbrook Road
в	Meadowbrook Elementary School	29200 Meadowbrook Road
9	The Grand Court Novi	45182 West Road
10	Hickory Woods Elementary School	30655 Novi Road
11	Novi Christian School	45301 Eleven Mile Road
12	Novi Middle School	25299 Tait Road
13	Faith Community Presbylerian Church	44400 West Ten Mile Road
14	Novi Civic Center	45175 West Ten Mile Road
15	Novi Civic Center	45175 West Ten Mile Road
16	Thorion Creek Elementary School	46190 West Nine Mile Road
17	Novi Civic Center	45175 West Ten Mile Road

Five Novi fire fighters celebrated for the purpose of electing candidates for the office of MAYOR and CITY COUNCIL and voting on the following propositions: CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT

their anniversaries with the Novi Shall the City of Novi City Charter be amended by adding Section 15.12 to Fire Department in October. They prohibit the use of existing City property for the development of a golf course are: Lt. William Brown, 16 years; 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 Lt. Mark Petz. 11 years; Lt. Bradley McFaul, nine years: Fire Protection City Election? officer Ramon Alvarez, nine years STREET AND HIGHWAY BONDING PROPOSITION

Shall the City for Novi, County of Oakland, Michigan borrow the principal sum not to exceed Twenty-Eight Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$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 paving, repairing, widening 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? Absentee Ballots for said election are available to qualified electors at the Office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. The deadline for receiving

Saturday, October 30, 1999 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Persons qualified to vote by Absentee Ballot may obtain a ballot in person until 4:00 p.m. Monday, November 1, 1999. This ballot must be voted in the City

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The City Clerk's Office will be open for the purpose of absent voting on

applications for ballots to be mailed is 2:00 p.m. Saturday, October 30, 1999.

(10-21 & 10-28-99 NR/NN 930416)

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Thursday, October 21, 1999 — THE NOVI NEWS — 21A

1998 CONSUMERS ANNUAL REPORT ON WATER QUALITY The City of Novi is pleased to present the 1998 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. This report contains mandatory information about weather quality issues and potential health effects, lists the source of our water and provides the results of the water quality monitoring tests for 1998. Our water is safe to drink and treatment and monitoring complies with all nandatory Federal and State Drinking Water Regulations. Of the water quality is compromised we will notify our customers

Title XIV of the United States Public Health Service Act (Chapter 373, 88 Stat. 1660), popularly known as The Safe Drinking Water Act, and the Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act (1976 PA 399 as amended to 1998 PA 56) require a supplier of water to provide annual Consumer Confidence Reports (CCR) to its customers.

Drinking Water, including Bottled Water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some ontaminants. The presence of contaminates does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminates in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-

compromised persons such as person with cancer (undergoing chemotherapy), persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from nfections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care provides. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)/Center For Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by ryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791). The City of Novi purchases treated water from the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD). The DWSD water supply source is from surface water. The majority of the water supplied to the City of Novi comes from the DWSD Lake Huron Water Treatment Plant which is located north of Port Huron Michigan at the lower end of Lake Huron. The DWSD treatment

facilities operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Chlorine is used for disinfecting the source water and Fluoride is added

Important Information about Lead and Copper

to the treated water for the dental care benefits.

In 1992 we began testing homes with plumbing systems which may contrubute lead and copper to the household water supply. The results of lead and copper testing have all been below the action levels.

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City of Novi Residential Lead and Copper Testing (1998)

Contaminants	Test Date	Units	Samples Collected	Samples Exceeding Al	Action Level (AL)	90th Percenti Value
Lead	8/98	MG/L	5	0	0.015 MG/L	<0.002
Copper	8/98	MG/L	5	0	1.30 MG/L	0.016

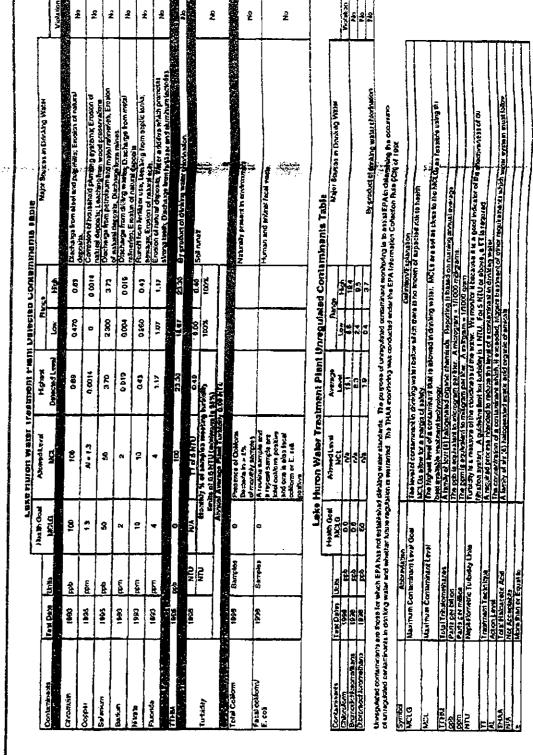
The Major source in Drinking Water of Lead and Copper is from Corrosion of household plumbing; Erosion of natural

ieneral Information about Our Distrubution System:

In 1998 we purchased 2,033,523,100 gallons of treated water from DWSD. We currently have more than 9,000 customers on our Water Distribution System. In an effort to improve the reliability and meet the needs of our growing community we have Capital Improvements valued in excess of \$24,000,000.00 scheduled for constrution in the next 3-5 years.

If you have questions or concerns about this report you can contact Bruce Jerome, Superintendent, at (248) 348-7751

The tables on the next page are based on tests conducted by DWSD in the year 1998 and within the last five (5) calendar years. DWSD conducts many tests throughout the year, however, only tests that show the presence of a contiminant are



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NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT **TUP 99-052**

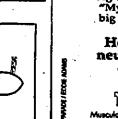
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that John Richards Homes is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow the placement of a construction trailer on Lot 126, Autumn Park Subdivision, 23142 Whitehall Drive, from October 27, 1999 through October 27, 2001. Autumn Park is located on the north side of Nine Mile Road eas

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 October 27, 1999 at the Novl Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the city of Novi Building Official and must be received prior to October 28, 1999.

(10-21-99 NN 930415)

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izens lelt so strongly about any issue that they'd like to see Novi's 1969-vintage city charter changed. Enter People About Reserving Kids

Not since the 1970s have a group of cit-

Space, a group of very determined residents who do not want to see a golfcourse (or banquet facility) on the North Novi Park. This issue has been festering in local

politics for several years. Following the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission, some council members have said they are simply exploring an interesting idea, which could result in the use of revenue bonds for a \$6.5 million course with clubhouse on much of the land. The idea is that the cash pourand other recreation programs.

The city commissioned several studies. including two master plans and one more recent feasibility study. That last study by Don Childs Associates found that the course would appeal most to men in the 35-to-54 year-old age range who earn who needs their playtime subsidized by

Do you feel a sense of deja vu when you profits to support other programs? Wasat the cash expected to be flowing infrom the Novi Ice Arena destined to support parks and recreation, too?

It's very possible that the deficit currently racked up by the ice arena has including a banquet facility in the lanwon supporters for the PARKS charter amendment among those who don't want see their city government engaging in practices best left to private enterprise. But leave aside that very valid argument and it's still hard not to support the

charter amendment. In the first place, there has been no major citizen demand for a golf course, as there was for an ice arena.

In the second place, surveys done by that the desire for a taxpaver-owned golf course isn't out there. Even if it were. Oakland County will be taking care of

Government that at its Lvon Oaks Park.

Another major issue is that residents who voted in favor of the park bond millage in 1993 were generally under the impression (as was this newspaper) that the North Novi Park would be a passive park with hiking trails and picnic areas for people of all ages to enjoy. The park ing in from the golf course would then was billed as an oasis of nature in the fund further development of Novi's parks middle of a highly-developed community. Had residents envisioned that most of the good acres on the North Novi Park would be taken up by a golf course, it's very probable that they would have voted

"no" on that millage question. We have heard some government officials suggest that the momentum against over \$75,000 per year. Is this the group—the golf course is a selfish move by north end residents who don't want any development in their neck of Novi. Yet survey results and PARKS' own testimony show consider the entire concept of raking in that the those opposed to turning the park into a golf playground come from all directions of the city.

> An argument raised against the ballot question (and you will find the full text of the proposal on page 12) is that by guage, the city will be forever barred from building a dining room in its new senior Fuerst Farm, Yet, Assistant City Attorney Dennis Watson disagrees with that spin, saving that the language will not likely cancel out such catering possibilities on

Clearly, with the path being taken by the council throughout 1998 and into this year, residents who don't want to both the city and The Novi News indicate 200 acres of the North Novi Park's prime land to golf had no other choice.

> We say, back them and vote YES on the charter amendment.

And another yes for the road bond

pay fees to handle the impact on the is part of the program. Rebuilding the infrastructure their new projects interchange is a major local safety imposed on a community. Then, they issue. would decline out of a sense of charity to pass on these fees in the form of road around the Grand River/Novi higher prices charged consumers of Road intersection as strictly developer-

In the best of all possible worlds, a in the most congested area of the city is city could take a look at its billowing a boon and again a safety issue when it growth, residents and officials could comes to moving emergency vehicles to say wait a minute, this is too much, too downtown Novi. Access to Novi's comsoon' and then slow it all down with a mercial core is also eased for residents.

all possible worlds, but simply the best sense. Twelve Mile Road begs for work. one we've got. And some things simply And who can argue about the widening

bond proposal aid and abet developers sitting in their cars during traffic gridwhose profit centers are clogging Novi's lock. roads? You bet it will. Is that a bad Past city road bond issues in the thing? Not really.

The owner of a \$200,000, can expect improvements. Unfortunately, it seems the tax burden to go up \$70 per year for that in southeast Michigan, the more 20 years. But those developers and roadwork that is done, the more develowners of malls, tech centers and opment comes, jamming up the new industrial parks will be paying their thoroughfares. The alternative, to leave road bond millage, too.

For residents who don't care for the mare. That's why we say vote YES on road package, it's a shame that the city the road bond. match for the absolutely essential

In an ideal world, developers would upgrade to the Beck Road interchange

But it's difficult to see building a ring homes and other goods and services. driven. Any alternative route to traffic

Salting away money for the widening But guess what, this isn't the best of of the key Grand River corridor makes of Novi Road from Ten Mile to Grand So will the city's \$28.5 million road River, except those who enjoy downtime

> 1990s have led to visible traffic things status quo, would be a night-

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

This newspaper welcomes letters to the editor. We ask, however, that they be issue-oriented, confined to 400 words and that they contain the signature, address, and telephone number of the writer. The week prior to an election, this rewspaper will not accept letters to the editor that open up new issues. Only responses to already published issues

Submit letters to: Editor, The Novi News, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167

Time to revoke living wage



approved by a 4-1 margin a "living wage ordinance. nies doing more than \$50,000 in

The measure requires all compaousiness with the city or getting that much in tax breaks to pay their employees at a rate of 125 level. As of now, that comes to \$8.23 per hour if workers get benefits or \$10.29 if they don't. The current national minimum wage is \$5.15 per hour.) Political wisdom at the time was

that organized labor slipped the measure onto the ballot while Mayor Dennis Archer wasn't paving attention. Given the highly unionized electorate in the city, getting an ordinance entitled "living wage" onto the Not surprisingly, business leaders went ballistic. They

were joined by some Democrats who worried about the antigrowth consequences of local voters legislating wage levels. Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara, for example, called the ordinance "diabolical" and "the greatest deterrent to economic development that's out there.

Governor John Engler and House Speaker Chuck Perricone agreed. And, surprise, State Rep. Robert Gosselin, a conservative Republican from Trov, duly introduced HB 4777, which he called "The Job Creation and Regulatory Responsibility Act.

The bill - also called the "Destruction of Local Government Act" by opponents, some from organized labor and some local officials - would block local government units from setting policy in areas already addressed by state government. Because there are a bunch of state and federal laws already on the books dealing with minimum wages, HB 4777 would effectively nullify attempts by cities to dictate

There's no doubt about it. Living wage measures are popular with the voters.

In Michigan, efforts are already under way to get similar measures on the ballot in Ypsilanti and Ypsilanti Township. and liberals in Ann Arbor, Kalamazoo and Lansing are beginning to beat the drums. The movement has a national dimension, too, with a bunch of communities including Baltimore, Boston and San Jose already having adopted similar

Although the debate over the bill looks on the surface like state versus local control, in actual fact it's about economics

and the workings of the free market system. Supporters of living wage measures argue morality, arguing that it's just not fair for employers in a given city to be allowed to pay workers less than the poverty level for raising a family. Opponents ask how economic development and job percent of the federal poverty creation can possibly be encouraged when countless local governments are ceaselessly interfering with the workings of

> Aside from the ideology involved, I think there are compelling practical reasons to eliminate living wage ordinances. First, pandering. Once you let one living wage ordinance on the books, local politicians will find themselves falling over each other to set higher and higher required wage lev-

> Second, migration, Manufacturing companies have for years migrated their plants out of state to find lower wage evels in Alabama or Mexico. Imagine what would happen i gas stations, party stores or dry cleaners started moving their businesses from community to community in response to varying living wage levels.

Mike Malott, the head of the statewide news service used this newspaper, points out an interesting parallel to the iving wage argument: tax abatements. In the 1970's and '80's, Malott writes, politicians got the bright idea that giving businesses 50 percent property tax breaks for 12 years was a neat way to lure new business and compete with other states. But smart business people started shopping for the best deal, pitting state against state and community against

The quarrel now going on between Troy and Warren over ax breaks for General Motors will look like a polite conversation in Sunday School if living wage ordinances are enacted in all manner of Michigan communities and bidding wars erupt between local politicians pandering for votes and between communities trying to attract jobs and economic

Local government officials who worry that Gosselin's bill would destroy home rule would be well advised to work with him to narrow the bill down just to living wage issues.

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In Focus By John Heider



Payoff for practice

Missionaries were vital to Novi



But, in fact, there were enough heathens in Novi to warrant a regular missionary service in the 1800s. The American Home Missionary Society, headquartered in New York City, sent hundreds of missionaries to settlements throughout the western territories in the early 19th century. Like their international coun-

missioners for Foreign Missions, both organizations were dedicated to bringing Christianity to those considered too unfortunate not to have learned about it before.

The American Home Missionary Society was formed in order to send men and women to convert the Native Americans as well as to provide spiritual guidance to new settlers.

According to Maurice Cole, in "Voices in the Wilderness," "...missionaries in the truest sense of the word were sent...to establish churches, and to encourage and strengthen Christianity wherever found. in fact, throughout the entire Great Lakes region...missionaries in large numbers were sent from the East."

Missionaries had come early to the Michigan Territory. The Rev. John Montetth, for example, came to Detroit in the early 1800s. Organizing the First Protestant Society of Detroit, which later became the First Presbyterian Church, Monteith was one of the founders of the University of Michigan. He was assisted by another early Detroit missionary, Father Gabriel Richard, who died in well as other local history books. the devastating cholera epidemic there in 1832.

The word "missionary" to many peo- As immigrants flooded into the port of Detroit, seeking their ple evokes images of reformed canni- ways through the wilderness to establish outposts in which would bals or other wild, uncivilized hea- become Detroit's suburbs, the missionaries followed. thens living amid tropical islands or Novi was among the settlements of the mid-1820s, though it

lush jungles, far remote from every- was known as West Farmington until 1830. As part of the Farmington-Plymouth-Bloomfield circuit, Novi was served by traveling preachers sent by the AHMS. One such individual was Presbyterian minister the Rev. Erie Prince. He arrived in Michigan in 1826, one year after Novi was

first settled, where he joined the circuit. After one year he found his work in the area to be "latiguing," but satisfactory, explaining in a letter to the home office in 1827, and found in Cole's book that "there is an increase of good feeling on the subjects of morality and religion. The Sabbath is more and more regarded; people attend public worship more generally and appear to give better attention." The Rev. Prince's successor in Farmington was the Rev. Ansel Bridgman, Bridgman, however, cited what he found to be appalling conditions. In February of 1831, he lamented, "a dark cloud hangs over this part of Zion. But...some glimmerings of a dawn are seen in different parts of the Territory."

By 1832, Bridgman reported noticing some unusual religious excitement in the town of Farmington during the past winter." Feeble health forced Bridgman to retire, and he was replaced by other circuit preachers who continued to try to increase the religlous fervor of the area. In a letter to the AHMS requesting yet another missionary to their town, the trustees of a Farmington

Though the number of our church is small, we cherish the hope that a united and vigorous effort will soon be made to elevate the standard of personal piety among its members."

Barbara Louie is the author of the book "No. VI on the Trail" as

Candidate is reasonable, thoughtful

Letters

tens. He votes his conscience.

Richard Clark has integrity. He will

the city consultants to meet them.

business than "business as usual."

She wants to restore trust and

the candidate to do just that.

I am writing on behalf of a gentleman that I have known to be one of the finest and most reasonable people that I have met. Lou Csordas is a long-time resident of Novi and has volunteered his time and expertise generously and willingly. Lou should not be labeled in any particular way. I have always known Lou to be reasonable and thoughtful in making decisions. I know that he will bring this same reasonableness to city hall.

At this time with the city facing many challenges, we need a steady and reasonable decision-maker like Lou on city council. Activists for any single-issue interest group will not sway Lou. When elected, I am confident he will do as he says and bring a good customer service attitude to city hall. It is time. I urge you to vote for a friend of Novi and support Lou Csordas Nov. 2.

OFFENDED BY LETTER

To the Editor: My husband doesn't feel the need to respond to anything James Korte says or writes, however, I do not agree with him. What Mr. Korte says in regard to my husband is a reflection on me and I am getting tired of him. Yes, my husband's office is in the JCK Building. He rents a small office in an upstairs corner of the building. He pays fair market rent to the owner of the building. It is three minutes from our home and one minute from our children's schools. I think most people would avoid a long commute to their office, if at all possible. Mr. Korte should stop trying to lately? They approved a commer-

Our life is pretty simple. The most important thing to us is the earth berm heights be reduced time we spend with our family. We work and try to make a good living so that we can live in this lovely community and allow our children to participate in the activities which they desire. We then volunteer at the school, the city and I teach religious education. We have only lived in this community for seven years. How do we join this "Good Old Boy" network Mr. Korte an appointment to the planning writes about? My husband helps coach youth soccer and hockey in the city. He volunteers time at Meadows when possible, to help the kids with various projects. He has attended more committee He allocates at least one-half day every other month to represent indigent defendants at the local district court. Registractively

in the seven years we have lived here, we have supported several We are concerned about the community in which we live and raise There was absolutely no reason to Csordas for city council. My hus-now that the charter amendment band is not Lou's campaign man- is on the ballot, Ms. Mutch states ager (neither is Diana Canup), however, we support Lou because will bring common sense reasoning to the council table. Does my husband's involvement in the community make him a "Good Old Boy?" If so, then maybe we should all find out how we can join.

Now Mr. Korte, let's see what you have done to better the community in which we live: you complain. you complain, you complain. You constantly waste city resources and taxpayer dollars with several talk with other residents - make an calls per week to various departments. Now, list the positive things you have done for the community. That didn't take up too much ink, did it?

Unlike you, Mr. Korte, complaining about the City of Novi is not our number one concern. We do not have the time or the desire to write letters to the editor every week, to call the city with questions every day or to call the police department with complaints a few times a week and have them dispatch cars to our house (talk about wasting taxpayer dollars). I read somewhere that "We're just visitors here on earth. The party could end at anytime." We are trying to enjoy our time. Maybe you should enjoy yours and lose some of your nega-

ENDORSEMENTS GIVEN To the Editor:

literature each candidate has distributed, they are doing themselves nate the local political scene lately. a great disservice. Everyone promises a renewed council, a council that listens to the residents and that cares. It is extremely important that residents look beyond the literature and let the candidates' records do the talking. I am endorsing both Richard and cooperate with citizens, busiciark and Michelle Bononi. I will ness, and state and federal agennot endorse Kathy Mutch or Lou

I first got to know Richard Clark our traffic congestion; when he was chairman of the planning commission. At that time, Interlock Corp. proposed a 24- health, safety and welfare of the hour factory operation next to the residents and away from private ventures such as ice arenas and subdivision, Richard Clark stood his ground throughout the three public hearings - asserting that a will continue to be a popular place we can overlook. To vote against actory next to residents was inap- to raise a family and start a busi- projects because of the impact on

an adverse impact on residents' Master Plan, once implemented, is quality of life. Kathy Mutch felt critical to our quality of life. that there would be no adverse Simply put. Lou Csordas will be impact and that people would buy a steady hand on the wheel of a houses in Novi no matter what ship in turbulent waters. I encourthey border. (A judge subsequently age you to vote for Lou on Nov. 2. agreed with the residents and ruled that the factory would be an adverse impact.) Richard Clark lis-

be a wonderful asset as mayor of Michelle Bononi is a professional land use planner and served on the Novi Planning Commission for two years. I had the pleasure of working with Michelle during the revision of the noise ordinance reducing the allowable noise levels when industrial abuts residential. She was also instrumental in ensuring that setbacks and berm heights between residential and industrial would be adequate to protect the residents' quality of life. appreciated that she was knowledgeable about the projects that came before her at the planning commission. She has high standards and expects developers and

She believes that the city should be more professional - run more like a faith in government. I believe she is Lou Csordas is now chairman of the charter amendment.

the planning commission. What has the planning commission done cial dumpster to be located 45 feet away from residents' backyards. They recommended to council that between residential and industrial developments. They revised the Master Plan to allow for commercial development at Ten Mile and Novi roads (south to the ice arena and east to the railroad tracks). As far as I'm concerned, none of these decisions has taken the residents ncludes the land on which the senior citizens housing is being At last week's council meeting, built, the Community Sports Park

and the Fuerst Farm property. Not vote of 4-3. What is disturbing is facility. Banquet facility has not no right to complain. that this was done without followbeen defined in the charter amending proper procedure - without interpretation. Interpretation by interview, and without the courwhom? Good question. If a shelter tesy of allowing Craig DeRoche to is built at Community Sports Park, see the person for whom he was could someone call it a banquet facility? Sure, color the shelter by Laura Lorenzo, Bob Schmid and Craig DeRoche to postpone the appointment until paperwork was someone call it a banquet facility? council had an opportunity to question the applicant. Kathy Mutch, as well as the mayor, Hugh Crawford and Ed Kramer, would facility? Sure, color the dinner the- on their PUD. He voted "no" on the railroad that appointment. Also, ater gone. According to the charter retirement package for the city amendment, these would be gone that she will abide by the residents' even a future vote of the people decision. Why didn't she support could approve building on current- majority. I feel Bob is one current the residents' request to have the y-owned city property. For the vot- council person that we should issue on the ballot without requirers to approve the city buying ing a change to the charter? I'm other property specifically for a golf

would have to be added to a gener-

the editor over have addressed the

need to vote out a golf course, but

none address the fact that this

amendment will block any banquet

facility and there is no definition of a banquet facility in the amend-

each of the candidates to define

banquet facility. Unfortunately, the

facilitators of the questions did not

feel the question needed to be

answered, even though several

Finally, a no vote on the charter

amendment does not mean that a

golf course and/or banquet facility

will be built on currently-owned

property. Don't be influenced by

means that the residents of Novi

Well! I believe all the candidates

for city council who attended the

candidates nights, then no matter

will be in very good hands for the

have served Novi long and well for

time has come to say thank you

but we'd like someone else a little

more in touch with reality. Bob's

voting record in our immediate

Andris property and the obvious

conflict of interest is not something

almost 20 years, I really think the Tyler.

CANDIDATES RATED

To the Editor:

questions were asked repeatedly.

proactive, not reactive. We spoke loud and clear at the primary election - the residents want to be heard. Replacing the mayor is only the first step in that direction. Residents of Novi, please choose your candidates carefully. Watch the interviews on cable. informed choice on Nov. 2. ment. At a recent candidates night,

looking for candidates who will be

CSORDAS PRAISED

To the Editor: The City of Novi needs to cure its recent problems. As a 22-year-resident of Novi, Lou Csordas has raised his family and has committed his time, energy and talents to numerous civic and community

the scare that if you vote no, the on the phenomenal growth that next day a golf course with a large Novi has experienced. Lou underbanquet facility will suddenly stands the numerous benefits and appear in the North Novi Park. A problems Novi's growth into a preno vote on the charter amendment mier community has created. Lou will be an accountable. thoughtful and reasonable addithat they have to spend more tion to the city council, which has

too often become polarized by petty political in-fighting and power struggles. Lou is a thoughtful, analytical and decent person who focuses on solutions to problems, If residents of Novi read only the not personality and one-upmanship, which have begun to domi-Any candidate or candidates promise earth-shattering

changes and clean sweeps are simply impractical and over-promising. In order to move the City of Novi forward, our council must: · Become thoughtful, analytical

 Focus the city government and administration on providing for the ventures such as ice arenas and area and the contradiction in the

golf course; and • Recognize the reality that Novi

180-degree turn-around and support the same intrusion when it's his friend, Ted Andris, is irreconcilable. To support a municipal golf course then offer to sign an affidavit he'll never use it is another example. Bob, it's time to go. Be

able. However, to do a complete

content with your wife as county

commissioner. Enjoy your retire-

And Kathy Mutch - we can hard-

afford to reelect her to finish

what she's started. Ms. Mutch is a

very likable person, but if I have to

watch her on Community Access

TV in interviewing our longtime

resident senior citizens again. I'll

scream. This is the second time

ing on her interviews is highly

questionable. You have, in my

ber-stamp for the mayor in the

past four years. Will you now ride

McLallen's coat-tails out of office

Vote no charter issue

Ballot wording on propositions can be very confusing. The wording on the charter amendment could be seen as confusing. I had several people tell me during the "signature-gathering" portion of that amendment that they had signed a opinion, been nothing but a rubpetition for the golf course. Others told me that they knew we have voted on this before, but they signed the petition so that we as you rode them in? Many of us could vote for it again. It is hope so. extremely important as the stream of misinformation flows during only incumbent worth his salt at these final three weeks prior to the is Craig DeRoche and I have no elections, that voters take the time to read the wording of the charter

are Michelle Bononi, perhaps the I was shocked to read in a letter best qualified of all the candidates in the Oct. 7 issue of this paper this time out and Brooks Decker. a that: "If passed, the charter longtime resident of this area. amendment would not allow the These last two have a better-thancity to develop a golf course in the average knowledge and under-North Novi Park. But if the voters standing of the issues, appear to approved the city could buy other have only the best interests of the property specifically for a golf city in mind and owe their political course. If you don't want a golf souls to no one. Mr. DeRoche may course in your park, vote yes on have higher political aspirations

down the road, but I see his caring There are a few words missing in and interest here and now. that explanation which most voters will find important when they a far superior candidate with a make their decision. In reality, solid grasp of the issues and a according to the wording of the clear vision of our future. We have proposed charter amendment, if to vote no on the road bond issue passed the charter amendment there are too many "bells and would not allow the city to develop whistles" (slush fund) for my coma golf course and/or a banquet fort and vote yes on the charter facility on any property owned by the city as of Nov. 2. Not just in the ty from overdevelopment. North Novi Park, but on any propcurrently owned, which

to vote on Tuesday, Nov. 2, I don't vote. It's not just your right; it's vour responsibility and your privijust a golf course, but a banquet ference, if you don't vote, you have

"Not all change is for the best." I am extremely happy to see that gone. If an additional building for, there will be some changes in our senior activities is needed at the city government. However, there is senior housing project, could one person that I would like to see Sure, color the additional building would be Bob Schmid. Bob has the gone. If the Novi Theatres wants to best interests of the citizens of Novi develop a dinner theater from one at heart. When it came time to vote of the barns on the Fuerst Farm. on the Vista project, he voted "no" could someone call it a banquet from the beginning. He voted "no"

I am very excited that we will course and/or banquet facility, it have the opportunity to vote for a new mayor for the City of Novi therefore, I am recommending Many of the authors of letters to Richard Clark for that position.

manager. Bob votes for what he

of Novi - he does not vote with a

Former Parks and Recreation Commissioner and former city council candidate

a question was submitted asking THANKS FROM CLASS 2002

To the Editor: The Novi High School Class of 2002 would like to let the community members and businesses during homecoming was appreciated. The class received more than 20 donations for our float this year and those donations helped in our

success. Homecoming week and especially float building is an extremely We spent more than 40 hours planning, preparing and building was worth every minute. I am sure have not shut any doors so tightly you can imagine how wonderful it was for us, the sophomores, to win money to open them in the future. the float competition and tie with the seniors for Spirit Week.

All of this success would not have been possible without the help from the following businesses and families: Allied Base Corp., Brookside Hardware, Damman Hardware, J.M. Cerretani Inc., Home Depot, Timberland Forestry, Michael Bethune, Jill Barrett, Mr. next four years. But politics as and Mrs. Michael Boyle, Mr. and usual being what it is, I know the Mrs. Hub Copp, Mr. and Mrs. background of just about everyone Richard Dunwell, Mr. and Mrs. present that evening and I know, Patrick Fennelly, Mr. and Mrs. too, past actions (and votes) speak Dave Kobylarek, Mr. and Mrs. Randal Paquette, Mr. and Mrs. D. Scott Smith, Mr. and Mrs. John Treharne and Mr. and Mrs. John

> Also, a special thanks to the Novi Police Department for patrolling during the homecoming parade. It was greatly appreciated.

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Become informed, then get out and vote Nov. 2

To the Editor

The politics of the past is still alive and well in Novi. The ignore the citizens coalition of Mutch-McClallen-Crawford-Kramer has been active lately, rewarding City Manager Ed Kriewall with extra pension benefits for his alleged actions in the Sandstone case. If the city loses the appeal of this case, it will be "only" a few hundred dollars for "only" a few years for the average homeowner to pay this off. This same coalition ignored council policy and appointed a person, probably with their same mind-set, to the planning commission without open review before the public and the full council, despite the vigorous objections of the remaining three council members. And how many friends (cronies) have been rewarded lately with city contracts approved without competitive bid?

Thankfully, the voters are beginning to wake up. This ignorethe-citizens mayor was eliminated in the August primary vote. We can now further reduce this ignore-the-citizens coalition, and replace Kathleen Mutch with someone more in tune with the citizens' desires. Get informed. Find out who thinks like the ignore-the-citizens coalition of the past, and make sure we do not replace this coalition with others who are only clones. And then vote on November 2 and encourage all your friends and neighbors to do the same.

Richard Bond

Letters

BOND PROMOTION QUERIED

To the Editor:

More information on voting on Nov. 2. Upon receiving my quarterly bill from the Novi Water Department. I found enclosed with it an information sheet about the road bond that is on the November ballot.

Let me say, I am all for getting information out to the citizens and this flyer from the city did a good job of that. It stated the facts of the road bond and did not request a yes or no vote. It also listed a phone number for further information. Upon calling this number. I asked would there also be an information sheet coming out on the charter amendment question that is also on the ballot – I was

I then asked whose idea it was for this one. I was told it was a directive from city council.

So, with the members of council deciding to place the road bond before the voters, we get taxpayer-funded information sheets. And with over 2000 voters signing a petition to place an amendment to the city charter on the ballot, we get nothing from our city.

If you are going to put out information, it should be equal on all

This is just another example of the one-sided thinking and actions of a majority of our present city council. But remember, we have the opportunity to change that.

Remember to vote on Nov. 2 and spread the word about the charter amendment to your friends and neighbors.

Anyone who would like information can feel free to call me at 669-9716 or Angie Bruder at 926-9856.

As to the rumors being spread, the language of the charter amendment is very clear and has passed the test with the highest officials of our state government.

Passage of the amendment would in no way affect any existing or already approved city facilities, including the senior citizen housing.

These rumors are nothing more than dirty politics and scare tactics.

Vote yes on the charter amendment, save the park.

Chuck Tindall

CHAMBER PICKS PANNED

To the Editor:

Another election year is winding down. The council candidate brochures are arriving in the mail with promises of environmental protection, improved roads, leadership for the new millennium and lower taxes. My head is spinning from all the promises the candidates are making in order to win my vote. Recently a letter in "The Novi News" gave me the answer that I have been so desperately looking for. The Novi Chamber of Commerce has for the first time publicly announced their endorsements for the open seats on council.

After the devastating loss of Mayor Kathy McLallen in the August primary, the chamber apparently decided that that the Novi voters needed some assistance.

The three lucky candidates that received the chambers blessing are, Csordas.

DeRoche, and Mutch. The Novi Chamber of Commerce is not your run of the mill special interest group. The development community has had great success having their well-funded candidates win the voters approval. The fact is rapid growth candidates have held the majority on council for well over six years now. And boy, does it show.

Development in Novi has out paced our neighboring communities year after year with little consideration of the negative effects it will have on our existing residents. Rezonings and special land use approvals are common place at city council and planning commission meetings. Woodlands and wetlands have also been routinely compromised in order to increase profits for members of the development community. A new flexibility has been incorporated into many of our city zoning ordinances, allowing developers to

promptly win approval. City employees are now being used to promote privately-owned properties for development. We now have Novi Planning Commissioners that develop property in Novi and have to abstain from voting on their own projects (talk about dedicated volunteers.)

Road bonds continue to be submitted to traffic weary voters that add more to the problem then to the solution. This needless acceleration of Novi's development undermines the quality of life of every Novi resident. The reality of Novi's future is that it will reach full development. The question is when and at what cost? After reading the Novi Chamber of Commerce endorsements I now know who not to vote for, Csordas, DeRoche, and Mutch. The truth is

Glen Bonaventura

out there.

VOTE IN NEW COUNCIL

To the Editor:

Hopefully by this time next month, the M&M Twins (Council Member Mutch and Mayor McLallen) will become history as principals in the darkest and most expensive chapter in Novi's political story.

Money-Munching Mutch (Mayor McLallen's former campaign manager) and Mayor McLallen. as members of Novi's infamous Gang

of Four (Crawford, Kramer,

McLallen and Mutch), managed to squander away the Novi residents'

Money was literally thrown away on such projects as the ice arena, golf course studies, special Pork Barrel roads, the Sandstone affair, etc.

Instead of protecting and wisely using the assets of our community, the Motley M&M Twins. McLallen and Mutch, along with their other Gang of Four cohorts. Mayor Pro-Tem Crawford and Kramer. systematically went about indulging themselves and ignoring the concerns of the people they were elected to represent.

Instead of an honest, aboveboard and responsive city council, the residents received backroom politics, covert conference call arrangements, stonewalling and possible hidden agendas.

Instead of receiving sidewalks and bike paths, the residents received the bills for golf course studies and special bond issues.

Instead of proper development of existing park lands, the residents watched while city funds were spent on such fiscal disasters as an ice arena and a special expensive road through a developer's property.

Our community has been seriously wounded by the irresponsible actions of this infamous Gang of Four and some of their appointees and cohorts. This November, the Novi taxpayers and residents will be voting to change this downhill slide to ruination and to put new people on the city council.

Joseph G. Toth

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Ready For Action

Novi Fire Department joins up with Western Wayne HAZMAT team to overcome chemical disasters

By JEREMY MCBAIN

If a train full of deadly sulfuric acid were to ever dump its load while traveling through Novi and residents were fleeing in terror, Novi Fire Department Lts. Tom-Johnson and Don Dominick would rush into action.

Along with the Western Wayne hazardous materials team, called HAZMAT, the situation will be assessed and steps

will be taken to get the spill under control. "When the fire department is not sure what they have, they call us out," Johnson said.

The HAZMAT team is composed of 40 firefighters from 12 communities in Western Wayne County, including Novi and Farmington Hills. Each community has a minimum of two fire lighters on the team.

Dominick and Johnson, who both have been with the Novi Fire Department since the early 1970s, joined the HAZMAT team

The team is used whenever there is a threat to the environment or safety of people due to a chemical release from an accident, tire or terrorist act.

Johnson said in addition to each of the team members' regular fire fighting training, HAZMAT team members must also attend at least 100 hours of hazardous materials training. This training focuses around identifying chemicals and dealing with them.

Additionally, many team members elect to take even more classes that deal with chemistry.

"It's a continual learning process," Johnson said.

To be able to obtain knowledge, to me, is important and to be with the team, that is one of the best in the state and country, is great," added Dominick.

est situations the team is training for is terrorist attacks involving cangerous olo logical agents or chemicals in highly populated areas.

"To really make this threat hit home, in the New York City Trade Center bombing. there was a biological agent involved that could have caused harm if it had been released," Dominick said. Luckily, the bio-

logical portion of the bomb did not go off. Generally though, the team spends rushing to calls. According to Johnson they only get about two or three calls a

When a call comes to HAZMAT, a squad of 12 team members is sent to assess the situation. Using their knowledge of chemistry and a trailer full of technical equipment, the team can determine what type of chemical is involved, its danger and where it is going.

For example, if the chemical is in cloud form, the trailer the team takes to every scene is equipped with a variety of weather instruments that can track wind direction and tell the team members were the chemical cloud is headed.

If the situation is big enough, the squad can notify the entire 40 member team. whose main station is at Detroit Metro

The beauty to the HAZMAT team is that it is a combination of several communities. Before this team was formed, cities formed their own hazardous materials team, that took a lot of money and manpower away from its regular fire depart-

With the HAZMAT team in place, communities do not deplete their fire departments to staff the team or break their budgets to equip the team.

Instead of taxpayers from one community being responsible for the equipment - just one hazardous materials suit can cost \$2,000 and it can only be worn once - the cost of each call is pro-rated for the community involved and the person or company responsible for the chemical spill would be back-charged. Dominick

This means it a train traveling through Novi spills a toxic load on the ground, the train company must pay for its cleanup.

The reason the team was formed is the high cost of running a team. A city the Due to the age we live in, one of the lat- size of Novi would have a hard time keeping it funded alone," Johnson said.

> in addition to keeping the cost low for a community, the HAZMAT team provides communities with a valuable protection against chemical dangers.

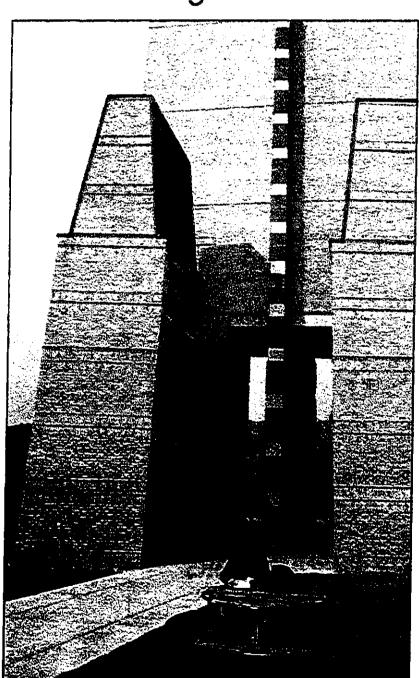
> "I would have concern to be residing in a community were this type information and resources wouldn't be available. Dominick said.

Jeremy McBain's most of its time training, rather than jmcbain@ht.homecomm.net.



A Novi Fire Department employee dons a hazardous spill response sult inside the department's mobile response vehicle which is equipped to deal with chemical spills.

Northville High School's Aditya Prasad is on an accelerated path to success



Aditya studies his engineering notes under the Unversity of Michigan's north campus bell tower on a recent Wednesday morning.

By MELANIE PLENDA Staff Writer

Aditva Prasad has done more in his 16 years than most have done in a lifetime.

The Northville High School senior is a National Merit Semi-finalist, a member of Rotary Interact, a member of the tae kwon do club, and just got his driver's license - and oh yeah, and he's also an engineering student at University of Michigan, is currently working on a project with NASA, and was offered a job in the U.S. Department of Defense.

"It's not terribly difficult," Prasad said. "The only bad part is the drive to Ann Arbor and that I don't get to see my friends a lot."

As a junior, and at the ripe old age of 15. Prasad had taken all of the accelerated math and science classes that were available at NHS. It was looking as though his senior year might not be as challenging as he might like.

Then he heard that it was possible to work towards college credit at Schoolcraft. But Prasad wanted to take this one step further. He called a counselor at U-M and asked them if they had a similar program. She informed him that the only thing that was available to him were classes in the college of letters, sciences and arts, a sort of honors liberal arts program that offers high school and college students the opportunity for greater depth of study in a variety of subjects.

Yet Prasad was persistent. It still wasn't quite what he was looking to study. Additionally, the program would only allow him to take one or two classes through the college. He proposed the possibility of taking actual engineering classes and beginning his college a career a bit early.

The counselors at U-M were worried that I might not be able to handle a heavy class load, but I talked to them and proved to them that I could do it," he said.

After showing them his academic records and the passion he had for the subject matter, the counselors had no choice but to give in, if only because Prasad wouldn't give up.

This opportunity didn't just fall in his lap, Prasad said.



Aditya Prasad listens to a lecture in his U of M engineering class.

you about opportunities like this," Prasad said. "You have to pursue it yourself. If you like something enough and you can handle it you have to go and get it."

Prasad did get what he wanted, and enrolled in a sophomore-level mechanical engineering class, calculus 3, and a computer science course. In addition to his book learning, Prasad is learning the ropes of a college campus.

The freshmen aren't much bigger than me, so most people can't tell that I'm only 16," he said.

He said that when they find out his age. they can't help but be a little impressed. He also said that he was enjoying the freedom the open campus offers him.

"It's great because I can go where I want for lunch and I don't have to eat in the cafeteria.

He said he tried his luck at a career fair at the university. Much to his surprise the Defense Department recruiter took one look at his resume and wanted to set up an interview.

"It was great until the realized I was only You can't wait for other people to tell 16," Prasad said. "I can't get security clearance until I'm 18."

Prasad said he still checks in at NHS either for his humanities class or gym class and to catch up with his friends.

But sit ups and laps around ancient Greek pottery are not foremost on his mind these days. He is part of a team at U-M that is designing a satellite that will be attached to another satellite launched by NASA next year called Proseds.

Prasad is designing the software for U-M's satellite that will collect the data from space which will gather measurement by

using magnetic fields. He said that though the program was very challenging, it was also a lot of fun and gave him an opportunity to do things that no one else had tried. He has also said that he never regretted his persis-.

tence in striving to get that opportunity. "People should do what they want to do. not what others say they should do," Prasad said. "If it's uncharted territory, all the better. You'll clear the path as a pio-

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Pets provide welcome therapy to Novi seniors

Pet-A-Pet program has resumed after summer break. This is a non-profit program with more than 400 volunteers and their pets, who visit not only Charter House of Novi and Whitehalf Health Care Center, but area hospitals and youth centers as

Ruth Curry, president of the group, cats to visit her father who was in a nursing home. From that initial visit, the program spread through Oakland County and NOVI MINISTERS ASSOCIATION is continuing throughout adjoining coun-

Recent visitors to Charter House were the first being hosted by Providence Hospi-Dot Hickson with "Nicky," a cockapoo; Jean - tal. They enjoyed a lunch and later, a tour Grant with "Buddy." a welsh corgi: of the new Asserian Cancer Center. 'Reebok," a shih tzu accompanied owner. Sharron Disbro: Karen Landacre with held at Novi United Methodist Church, Dis-"Shiloh," a sheltie: Cheri Graves with cussion involved the CROP Walk and the "Addie," a shih tzu; and "Macy," a golden - new parish nurse program. Further inforretriever along with owner. Sharon Silver- mation can be obtained by calling the Rev

Sharron Disbro, coordinator of the program at Charter House, is in need of more | owbrook Congregational Church with Rev four-legged visitors and their owners. She Neil Hunt as luncheon host. Plans for the would like 10 to 12 dogs for the size of the - where and time of the traditional Ecumenifacility. Pets need to be current in shots - cal Thanksgiving service held Nov. 24 will and friendly, with the volunteer owners be on the agenda for discussion. Several paying \$5 to join the program, which cov- local churches will be participating in the ers insurance. She can be reached at (734) service along with music provided by a 449-8339. Time of visits are usually once a month for about an hour. Participants in this program are recognized as special. Community Food Bank. guests at the annual spring volunteer recognition dinner.

The group has resumed their meetings, Rev. Louise Ott hosted a recent luncheon Richard Henderson at (248) 349-5666.

Novi Highlights

Hosting the Nov. 2 meeting will be Meadcombined choir. An offering will be taken. Last year's offering was presented to the

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The Pet-A-Pet Club "members" were recent isters Association. This service is offered participants in the 1999 Oinker Lympics at every other Monday morning at Faith Pres-Belle Creek Park in Redford. Dogs competing byterian Church. Currently needed at the were judged in agility levels, pet treat catch- Bank are the following items: paper prodfounded the organization 14 years ago ling, pet trick contest, costumes contest, and lucts, non-perishable items such as canned when, at that time, she would take her two doggie limbo. Proceeds went to benefit the goods, and diapers, Items can be dropped off at any of the area churches; barrels or

> volunteers Kathy Laux and Debby Good-Six more new families have recently signed up for the program. Oct. 24 is the next date for those interested. Monetary donations are also accepted. Please make checks payable to the Novi Ministers Association with the notation "Food Bank" on the check. Mail to P.O. Box No. 1, Novi.

NOVI SENIOR CENTER

Center manager Jan McAlpine and special recreation coordinator Kathy Crawford have planned many activities, from lunch to entertaining programs. Due to the many programs, more volunteers have become

a dinner served by the youth of St. James be no classes on Thanksgiving Dav. Church. In addition to dinner was a raffle The Food Bank program provides help to Well-known tunes familiar to the seniors ages two and three: "Three's Company" for information for this column. call (248) 624needy families in the Novi area by the Min- were highlighted: tunes from Broadway ages three and four, and "On My Own" for 0173.

shows, rock 'n' roll, and TV theme songs. all recognized and enjoyed by those attend- started kindergarten. ing. Approximately 60 volunteers were present. Programs involving volunteers were: Meals on Wheels (some from Mercy College), Sixgate Cloggers, pinochle, bridge, Focus Hope distribution, serve meals, help decorate, and the set-up of special activities

and programs. The annual Pen-Pal program is in progress. Jan McAlpine provided the seniors with names of first graders, with baskets are available in the vestibules for whom they are corresponding. They will which is being developed through cooperathis purpose. In charge of distribution are continue to write and send letters and tion with Novi Youth Assistance and the cards throughout the year. A party will be Novi library. held in May when pen pals will meet each other. Letters are due Oct. 26 in the senior office so that correspondence can reach the ers are used by the children for their

> Rehearsals for the Novi Theater Senior Variety series have started: "Silver Belles handle the remaining process: plates will and Beaus" is scheduled for Dec. 17. A goodbye party was recently held for Dorothy Jarvis, a four-year staff member. She plans to spend more time with her

It's time to register for "Storytime," a pro-

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gram for various age groups. Registration elry, and even two Bibles printed in 1860 will continue through Oct. 30. Classes run and 1865, with scripture reference indicat-The volunteers were recently honored at from Nov. 15 through Dec. 17. There will Three sections are offered for the followand entertainment by the Novi Choralaires. ing age groups: "The Two of Us" for children Clarke. Should you wish to contact her with

four- and five-year-olds who have not ve

A special folder, "Storytimes Fall 1999-Spring 2000" has been assembled for parents by librarians Margi Karp-Opperer. Mindy Schafer, Jennifer Taggart and children's program assistant, Tiffany Liguorn The folder not only gives information on Storvumes, but resources for parents and caregivers as well.

Available in the near future will be the Novi Preschool and Child Care Directory The annual "Design-A-Plate" program is

in progress. Special paper and color markdesigns, which are then transferred onto dishwasher-safe plates. The library will be returned in time for the holidays. Children's Book Week is Nov. 15-20. Maureen Schiffman will be performing

"Coco Goes on a Safari" on Nov. 17 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. All ages are welcome. Also scheduled for sometime this month will be Frances Loynes' presentation of her collection, "Noah's Ark." Illustrated will be a teapot, lamps, clocks, books, T-shirts, jew-

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Church News

First United Methodist Church of Northville will be hosting a men's club pancake breakfast and Bible study on Oct. 23 beginning at 8 a.m. Also that day at First United - the church will be participating in its "Adopt-A-Highway" clean-up beginning at 9 a.m. For more information, call (248) 349-

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church of Livonia will be hosting a pumpkin patch party for children ages three to nine on Oct. 23 from 10 a.m. to noon. Children in costumes are eligible for prizes, but organizers request that no occult costumes be worn. Parents must accompany their children. For more information, call (734) 522-

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Northville is offering a seven-week class geared toward women survivors of sexual abuse. The class, entitled "Knowing When It's Safe To Trust" is open to women age 18 and over and begins

Also at Ward - the Remarried Ministries is offering an informal, drop-in support group for persons dealing with being in a blended family. The group meets the second Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. For more information, call

Used clothing donations for the needs are being accepted by Holy Family Roman Catholic Church in Novi every Monday from 9 a.m. to noon and from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The donations are also accepted every Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. Donations cannot be accepted outside of those hours. Also at Holy Family - used cars are being sought for donation. Cars must be in running condition and will be given to needy families who need help getting around the community. All vehicle gifts are tax-deductible, and receipts are issued automatically. For more information on either program, call

Meadowbrook Congregational Church will be hosting a rummage sale at the church on Oct. 22 and 23. Also at Meadowbrook Congregational — the Women's Service Club will be hosting a Treats and Treasures" sale on Nov. 12 and 13. For more information on either event, call (248) 348-7757.

LifeCare Ministries is available for confidential, anonymous telephone support and listening. The line is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and can be reached at (734) 427-5433. For information on volunteering for LifeCare, call (734) 427-1580.

Mariners' Church of Detroit will be hosting Faure's Requiem on Oct. 31 beginning at 11 a.m. It will be sung by Mariner's Church pro-

Also at Mariners' Church — a memorial service for the sailors who died on board the Edmund Fitzgerald is slated for Nov. 7 at 11 a.m. Mariners' Church was the church alluded in Gordon Lightfoot's ballad "The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald." For more information, call (313) 259-2206.

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Weddings

Chappel-Kocenda

Walter Kocenda, formerly of Northville, and Suzanne Chappel Arborl of Clawson were married Oct. 10 at the St. Clair Inn in St. Clair. The couple was married in a riverside service followed by a brunch. The newlyweds make their home on Lake Huron.

Engagements



Jambor-Criscenti

John and Judy Jambor, formerly of Northville, announce the engagement of their son. Michael John, to Jennifer Lynn Criscenti of West-

The groom-elect is a Northville High School graduate and earned his master's degree in business administration in 1999 from Eastern Michigan University. He is currently employed at Ford Motor Company. The bride-elect is a 1995 graduate of EMU. She remains enrolled at Eastern while pursuing her master's in business administration. She is employed with AirTouch Cel-The couple plans a Feb. 26, 2000

lular in Southfield.

Entertainment

Blues Jam East Lake Drive, Novi) When: 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Phone: (248) 624-9607 ersity Bands concert

What: Tim Flaharty Open Where: Frigate's Inn [1103

What: Eastern Michigan Uni-Where: Pease Auditorium, EMU When: 8 p.m. Phone: (313) 487-0482

OCT. 21 - 23

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> What: "Halloween Soup" stage performance Where: Marquis Theatre (135

When: 7:30 p.m. Phone: (248) 349-8110

Where: Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village [20900 Oak- versity choirs concert Where: Pease Auditorium, EMU Phone: (734) 487-0482

> What: Sugarloaf Art Fair Where: Novi Expor Center

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23); 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Oct. 24) Phone: (800) 888-9487

"Halloween Soup" takes stage at the Marquis Theater this week. Pictured above are (back row) Stephanie Zoltowski, Jamie Deltsch, Ashley Hernandez and (front) Hana Kalinski.

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vs. Detroit Pistons preseason Where: Palace of Auburn Hills

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performance Where: Marquis Theatre (135 E. Main, Northville) When: 2:30 p.m. Phone: (248) 349-8110

What: Boychoir of Ann Arbor Where: St. Thomas Church, Ann Arbor When: 4 p.m. Phone: (734) 663-5377

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What: 26th Annual Ann Arbor

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Arbor-Saline Road, (Ann Arbor)

Winter Art Fair

What: Pumpkin Patch and Halloween Parade Where: Shain Park, downtown Birmingham

When: 4:30 p.m. Phone: (248) 677-1700

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OCT. 27

What: Colorado Avalanche vs. Detroit Red Wings hockey Where: Joe Louis Arena (600 Civic Center Drive, Detroit) When: 7:30 p.m. Phone: (313) 983-6606

What: Cleveland Cavaliers vs. Detroit Pistons preseason basket-

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OCT. 27 - APRIL 30

What: On The Air: Michigan Broadcasting 1920-2000 Exhibit Where: Detroit Historical Museum (5401 Woodward. Detroit

When: All day event Phone: (313) 833-1805 (Museum is closed on Mondays)

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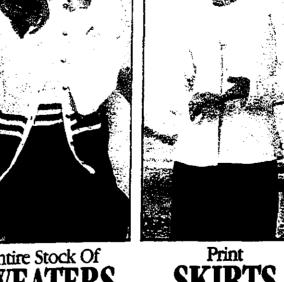


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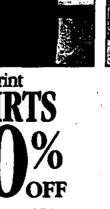














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Phone: (734) 764-0247 What: "Halloween Soup" stage performance Where: Marquis Theatre (135 E. Main, Northvillel When: 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Phone: (248) 349-8110

What: Sweet Adelines International "gic://spotlight.com" Where: Macomb Center for Per forming Arts (44575 Garfield, Clinton Twp.) When: 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Phone: (810) 790-0008

What: Eisenhower Dance Ensemble with Aerial Dance Company Where: Varner Hall, Oakland University When: 8 p.m.

Phone: (248) 370-3013 What: Henry Ford Community College autumn jazz concert Where: Adray Auditorium

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from stores, services, restaurants. be to retaliate: Next time I'll what is your preference. etc., it is very tempting to use—choose the restaurant and I'll have—

the restaurant as it could have want that?

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However, since you contacted choosing a restaurant. If your host coupon at these times can send me, it shows that you were hurt - will be picking up the tab, it is his - out a wrong message.

been embarrassing and uncom- If this should occur again, here be a mathematical wizard to figure I left instructions that I did not p.m. to 9 p.m.

are some choices you could con- out the checks and should not be - want the bill to arrive at the table obliged to do so.

• Each couple should have their • It is best to use restaurant end of the meal to pay the tab. own coupon. Since most of the coupons only with family, close. When dessert was served, I not, no coupons by either couple stances do you want to use them my nose because as we were leavshould be used as you can see it when you want to make a "good" ing, he wondered about the check. can cause ill feelings. The few dol- impression" such as: a first date. I told him it was already taken lars you would save is not worth - when entertaining an important - care of, "When? How did you do the risk of developing a crack in client or customer, when having that?" I just smiled sweetly and out-of-town guests, or when invit- said, "That's my secret." • If you are paying for your own ing your boss for your spouse's meal, you should have a say-so in boss) out to dinner. Using a

A. Since we are all bombarded and disturbed over the situation. right to pick an eatery of his To make a very good impres- consultant for more than 10 years magic shows and a candy hunt. with half-off, dollars-off, buy-one- Human nature being what it is, choice and, as a guest, you do not sion, do what I always do. For and conducts seminars in business. Costumes are encouraged for the get-one-free coupons every day probably our first instinct would disagree unless you are asked instance, on one occasion, a gen- and social etiquette for adults, event. tleman friend helped me with teens and children. She is also • A less convenient way to have some business transactions yet host and producer of her own tele ment will also be hosting a birdthem. For those who frequent a coupon and not tell them about settled the situation would have refused any monetary compensa- vision program "The Elegant Life" those establishments, it can mean it and see how they like it. But been to ask the waiter to split the tion. I decided therefore to invite on Channel 12. You can write to 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. The club is suitable sizable savings when added up that would put you in the same coupon between the two couples. him out to lunch, I made reserva- her at P.O. Box 841. Northville. for ages eight through adult. Birders category as your friends and you. This, however, could be against tions at an elegant French bistro. Mich. 48167. She will be hosting a are encouraged to bring binoculars. You were right in not saying would be doing exactly what dis- restaurant policy. Plus, since all When we entered the restaurant, I seminar on job interview jitters at comfortable shoes and bird identifianything to the other couple at turbs you about them. Do you four meals could be different went along to the desk to check on Longacre House in Farmington prices, the waiter would have to my reservations. At the same time Hills on Oct. 14 and 21 from 7

Now it's yours, too.

and that I would be back at the

will host its "Scariest Moments of the 20th Century" display at Maybury State Park on Oct. 22 from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Oct. 23 coupons are sent through the friends, nights - in other words. excused myself and went to the from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Tickets are mail, it is quite likely others in those with whom you are free and desk and paid the bill. My friend available for \$8 in advance and \$10 your group will also have one. If comfortable. Under no circum- probably thought I went to powder on the night of the event. For more information call (248) 349-0023 Volunteers are also being sought to help the nights of the event.

> Wayne County Parks and Recreation will host Halloween Fest 1999 on Oct. 23 at Hines Park-Nankin Mills Pienic Area. From 1 p.m. to 3 Margit Erickson of Margit Erick- p.m. games and activities will be son & Co. has been an etiquette available for children, as well as

watching opportunity Oct. 24 from

For more information on either event, call (734) 261-1990.

Mile, Novil (248) 380-0007

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

Animal Welfare Society of challenged children and adults. month

Southeastern Michigan Variety of times (248) 624-1100

In addition, the Pet-A-Pet information on volunteering. group spends time bringing call (248) 349-7185. animals to nursing homes, hospice locations, and residences of physically and emotionally

Old Village Second Tuesday of each month

Volunteers are needed to help

with the programs. Here's a

rundown of where the group

will be making stops soon. For

First Thursday of each month

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those organizations:

MILL RACE VILLAGE Thursday, Oct. 21 Archivists, Cady Inn. 9 a.m. School Tour, Wash Oaks School,

Wedding Rehearsal, Church and Grounds, 6 p.m. Northville Historical Society Board Meeting, Cady Inn. 7:30

Friday, Oct. 22 School Tour, Wash baks School,

Wedding. Church and Grounds, Two Wedding Rehearsals. Church and Grounds, 6:30 and 7:30 p.m.... Saturday, Oct. 23

Two Weddings, Church and Sunday, Oct. 24 Mill Creek Community Church Service, Church, 10 a.m.: Harvest Festival - Village Buildings Open to Public, 1-4 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 25 Wedding, Church and Grounds, 9:30 a.m. Rug Hookers, Cady inn, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 26 Stone Gang, Cady Inn and Grounds, 9 a.m. School Tour, Wash Oaks School.

9:45 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27 Mill Creek Community Church Meeting, Church, 7 p.m.

The school children have been touring Mill Race Village for the last month. It is always fun to watch them arrive at the park dressed in clothing which replicates the Victorian Period. Their day consists of a tour of all the buildings in the park which is conducted by a docent who shares the history of each of the buildings with the students. Students then return to the Wash Oaks School where they learn what it was like to be a student in the 1800s studying in a lone-room schoolhouse. Because teachers were not allowed to be married, the students cannot address their female teacher as Mrs. Children bring their lunches in brown bags or other similar packaging of the Victorian Period. During play time they use jump ropes, hoops, and stilts. Students and parents have both expressed how educational and enjoyable it is for them to have this one-room school house experience.

Harvest Festival is this Sunday. Oct. 24 at Mill Race Village. Come pick out a pumpkin for yourself and enjoy the wonderful fall colors in the park. This will be the last Sunday that the buildings will be open until June (except for the Christmas Walk).

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meets the second Monday of each 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. month and keeps abreast of conservation and horticulture. For more information, call (248) 349- Snomads Snofari Club and offi-

the event and Girl Scout uniforms are mandatory. For more The monthly meeting of the A free lecture presented by information, call (248) 449-6205.

dents are hosting the second on Six Mile Road in Livonia. All 7:30 p.m. McDonough will disannual Holiday Extravaganza on candidates for the November elec- cuss design and building working Oct. 23. Vendors from a variety of tion are invited to speak. Cindy effectively within nature. For companies will be on hand at the Bryars will speak on job opportumore information, call (248) 204-Village Oaks clubhouse from 9 nities with the Census Bureau. a.m. to 2 p.m., and a collection of The cost of the luncheon is non-perishable foods will also be \$11. For more information, call information, call (248) 426-8329. required by Oct. 25.

Fashion designer Dana Buchman recently announced the addition of current position with Languas & Associates, she worked for five years as a solo practitioner and one year as an Police Academy. The academy is hand at the Education Expo at accepted now through Dec. 1 and Club on Oct. 27. Buchman will dis- 1998 as a Unix systems administrator. associate attorney gaining extensive Schweitzer also won the 1998 members and \$27 for guests. For received a bachelor's degree in com- NSEAA award for her book, "On Trial," puter science from Oakland Universi- written for and tested in a third grade ment serves its community.

class at Thornton Creek Elementary and runs for seven weeks. The tion, call (248) 399-8200, academy meets on Saturdays. Welduction Corp. has moved into a from 10 a.m. to noon. For more new seven acre property in Novi. Welinformation, call (248) 348-7100. Schweitzer is a 1992 graduate of duction is a full service induction heat

2000 theater season will open poromandibular joint pain. The Memorials of loved ones who have

The Novi Lioness Club will be sented as dinner theater on Oct. Novi. For more information, call joining the Avon Hills Lioness 29, 30 and Nov. 5 and 6. Dinner- (248) 380-3550. The seminar is Club for a joint meeting at the theater tickets are \$19, while the- free, but advance registration is Leader Dog for the Blind School ater-only tickets for shows on required.

The Certified Instructors of cers of the Michigan Department all Junior Girl Scouts interested for young and adult snowmobil-Permission slips are required for information, call (248) 611-7429. (800) 825-2536.

Village Oaks subdivision resi- a.m. at Pick-A-Bone Rib House,

law enforcement or want to learn The show will feature dozens of more about how a police depart- exhibits from metro Detroit edu-The academy starts Oct., 30 free of charge. For more informa-

Oakland Physical Therapy will Schooleraft College's 1999- chronic headache pain and tem- between Beech and John Daly.

Mentors Plus will be holding its next training seminar Oct. 23 at the Oakland County Courtcollected as part of "Make A Dif- house, beginning at 9 a.m. The The Northville Garden Club is ference Day. Books may be training teaches adults how to currently seeking new members dropped off at Orchard Hills Ele- work with younger people and be to add to its ranks. The group mentary school in Novi between a role model for youth age five to 16. For more information, call (248) 858-004 L

The Children's Leukemia Society of Michigan will be of Natural Resources Law hosting the "Boo Ball Spectacu-Girl Scout Troop No. 331 of Enforcement Division will be lar on Oct. 30 from 6 p.m. to 10 Northville is hosting a session for hosting a snowmobile safety class p.m. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Society and is open to in taking the badge "Becoming a ers on Nov. 6 at 8:30 a.m. The both adults and children in costeen." The seminar is slated for event will take place at the Novi time. Tickets to the event are Oct. 25 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Expo Center. Pre-registration and \$150 for adults and \$75 for chil-Silver Springs Elementary School. a \$5 fee is required. For more dren. For more information, call

> Suburban Republican Women's designer William McDonough will Club will be held on Oct. 28 at 11 be hosted at Lawrence Technological University on Oct. 21 at

The Foundation Fighting taken up at the event. For more (248) 478-2694. Reservations are Blindness is selling holiday greeting cards, the proceeds from which will be used to support The Novi Police Department The "Bear In The House" from retinal degenerative disease will be hosting its second Teenage Jim Henson Television will be on research. Orders are being geared for persons age 12 to 28 the Southfield Civic Center on come in packages of 25. For more years old who have an interest in Oct. 24 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. information, call (810) 268-0675.

> cational businesses. The event is **County** will be honoring its Week Without Violence with a parade and open house on Oct. 23. The march will begin at 10 a.m. at the present a lecture regarding the Gulley and will end at the YWCA. management and prevention of located on Michigan Avenue



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will be the guest speaker at a noon Fay Ghoujeghi of Novi.

Business

luncheon of the Women's Economic

more information, call (313) 963-5088.

Sandy Carson has been named as

public relations and marketing man-

in Novi. Carson is a 1986 graduate of

Michigan State University and had

been employed with the Stroh Brewery

Former presidents of the Northville Woman's Club took timeout for a photo at a lun-

cheon at Meadowbrook Country Club earlier this month. Above are (from left) Marge

Bolton, Mary Louise Lansbarkis, Lonna Lemmon, Evelyn Harper and Geraldine Mills.

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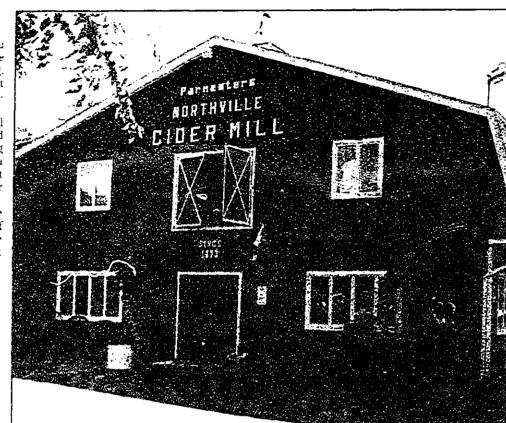
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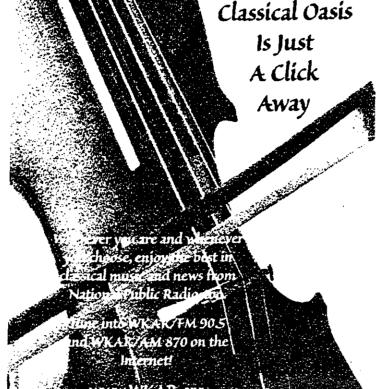
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Thursday, October 21,

'Three to Tango' features Hollywood's hottest young stars

Matthew Perry. Neve Campbell. develop a crush on Amy. a beauti-Dylan McDermott and Oliver Platt ful and headstrong artist, who

istic. young architect on the rise. of his dreams. The boyishly handsome and funny Oscar with his brother, Peter million dollar cultural center. In a ploy for publicity. Newman

their archrivals and former col- life is turned upside down. leagues, the hugely successful When he is honored as Chica-(and equally ruthless) Decker and

dedication to winning the job. on to the job of a lifetime and a Charles assigns him the additional friendship with the girl he loves, or task of spying on his mistress. is it time to face the consequences Amy (Campbell), a woman who and tell the whole world that he is Charles guards as jealously as he secretly ... straight? guards his investments. Oscar's bumbling attempts at Friday, Oct. 22, and is rated "PG-

tion. Much to his chagrin. Oscar

But Oscar's dream is short-lived Steinberg (Platt), have just landed Charles has assigned him this a career-making opportunity - special job only because he (mis-Chicago tycoon Charles Newman takenly) believes that Oscar is gay. (McDermott) has chosen them to Oscar's frustration compounds compete for the design of a multi- when he realizes that Amy also believe him to be gay.

go's Gay Professional of the Year.

team up in the offbeat romantic begins to return his growing affec-Oscar Novak (Perry) is an ideal- may have finally found the woman when he discovers that the jealous

The very heterosexual Oscar has pitched Oscar and Peter in a Novak becomes the most famous neck-and-neck competition with gay man in Chicago, and his entire

Oscar has to make a decision -Impressed with Oscar's feverish will he continue the lie and hold

"Three to Tango" is set to open



Dylan McDermott and Neve Campbell in "Three to Tango."

'Straight Story' suffers

by Jon M. Gibson

seems to lose his touch with "The for a two-hour theatrical release.

Lynch attempts to return to the mainstream market with this yarn, but its tragically slow and simple subject matter and uninteresting visuals delete any portion of greatness. However, Lynch isn't neces- tion of the elderly, the "Straight sarily known for his cinematic taste, Story is a suitable example of perso it is no surprise that "Straight severance. But with a cast of primarily actors in their 70's Most of his teatures are misuntuned children and seniors alike

audiences - "Lost Highway." "Eraserhead." "Wild at Heart" and a Disney label on his newest effort. 40's, retarded but mentally able.

Partially, this is why "Straight Story" is unsuccessful. Since a G- the screen in this picture, but it rating doesn't allow for Lynch to may seem too awkwardly slow for ner, the film completely looses any allure that it might have if boasted

of "Straight Story" is the concept.

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The true story of a 73-year-old Alvin Straight riding a lawnmower It opens as any David Lynch across lowa state lines to Wisconproduction - the haunting score sin would make an emotional and of Angelo Badalamenti played wonderfully rendered "20/20" feaagainst the beautiful black and turette or even a short film, but the white night sky - yet the director script lacks too much substance His motivation is his estranged

and extremely ill brother, which allows for some emotional carpentry, but ultimately acts as another Moreover about the determina-

good marketing tool for the film -So it might be quite tronic to see fantastic as a daughter in her midare such intricate parts of many of of "Straight Story" that barricades

the speed of the film. Lynch's style doesn't dominate

"Straight Story" is not a bad concept, it is just too monotonous Although, the more important for a silver screen transfer, allowcomponent that destroys the pacing ing for a better home on the evening news than in a movie.

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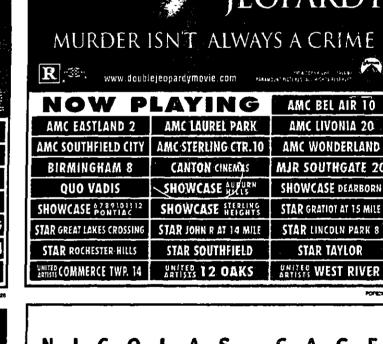
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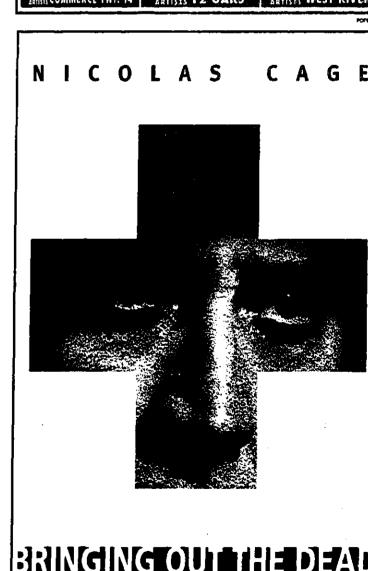
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family, is looking for an honest SWCM, 55-67, who shares similar interests, Ad#,2417 IN THE HANDS OF GOD She's a down-to-earth SWCF, 47, blue-eyed blonde, ISO a loyal, truthful SWCM, N/S, to share a meaningful friendship. Her hobbies are bowling. motorcycles and outdoor activities.

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Ad#.1234

She's a fun, intelligent SWF, 19, 5'2", who enjoys the little things in life. She is looking forward to meeting a caring, honest SWM, 19-23, to go out and have a good time with. Ad#.7180 HOOKED ON LOVE

This shy, attractive DWF, 48, 5'4", with blonde hair and blue eyes, who enjoys dancing, playing cards and bowling, is looking for a caring DWM, 45-55, who shares similar interests.

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Outgoing, never-married SWF, 33. 5'6", with dark hair eyes, who enjoys sports, long walks and picnics. She's looking for a SWCM, 32-42, with similar interests, Ad#,1308

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LIVE IT UP This outgoing SW mom, 38, 5'4", fullfigured, who enjoys camping, long walks and spending time with family, is looking for a family-oriented SWM, 35-45, to spend quality time with.

Ad#.9028 GIVE ME A CALL

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SET UP A TIME & DAY This outgoing SWF, 19, 5'7", who enjoys sports, spending time with family and going to movies, is in search of a SWM, 18-22, to spend quality time with, Ad#,1111

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AMBITIOUS Fun-loving SWCF, 23, 5'8", with long brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys sports, music and spending time with friends, is seeking a sincere, outgoing SWCM, 22-35, Ad#.5036

OCEAN BREEZES Summer is coming and I'd like to get out and have some fun. Shy at first, I'm DW mom. 42, 5'8", with various hobbies and interests, seeking a SWM, 40-48, to spend time with, Ad#,9847

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WELCOME TO MY LIFE Friendly SWCF, 47, 5'4", N/S, who enjoys camping, fishing, playing cards, cooking, holding hands and church activities, seeks a kind, loving SWCM, 45-60, Ad#, 3755

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WAITING ON YOU What a lady. She's a SWF, 36, who's Interested in meeting a SWM, under 44, for a possible long-term relationship. She enjoys life, going to the movies, good conversation and meeting new people. Ad#.1212

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Never-married SWCF, 26, 5'3", who enjoys the outdoors, working out and living life to the fullest, seeks a compatible SWCM, 25-35, Ad#, 3811

BE THE ONE Educated DWCPF, 49, 5'1", 102lbs., Friendly DWPM, 51, 5'10", who enjoys golf and meeting new people, is seeking a SF, over 45, who has a good sense of humor, for a possible longterm relationship. Ad#.3308 MUSIC LOVER

> Warm, educated, physically fit SWPM, 45, who enjoys ballroom dancing, concerts, reading, and good conversation. He is seeking a smart, affectionate SWPF, 26-38, for a lasting relationship. Ad#,4412

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with. Ad#.4767 DON'T WAIT Never-married SWM, 38, 5'10", 165lbs., with blond hair and blue eyes, who enjoys animals, boating, and golf, seeks a SWF, 25-40. Ad#.7714

LOVE, LIFE & LAUGHTER Outgoing and friendly, this Catholic DWM, 63, 5'11", 170lbs., with gray hair, who enjoys evenings at home, dining out, and going to plays and shows, is ISO childless, Catholic DWF, 45-65, with the same interests. Ad#,2552

Is what matters most to this outgoing WWWM, 42, 5'4", 135lbs., with blonde hair and blue eyes, who enjoys boating and fishing. He seeks a SWF, 35-48. All calls will be answered, Ad#,6272 SOUND GOOD? Employed DWCM, 44, 5'10", 180lbs.

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for friendship first. Ad#,4531 IS IT YOU? This friendly SWM, 33, 5'8", who enjoys sports, music and country living, is looking for a SF, under 39, who shares similar interests. Ad#.7055

LISTEN CLOSELY

This friendly, easygoing SWM, 26, 6', who enjoys sports, movies and painting, is interested in meeting a loving, intelligent SWF, 20-29, to go out and have a good time with. Ad#.1437

ANSWERED PRAYERS

Outgoing, honest DWCM, 55, 6'2", is a member of the choir who enjoys taking walks, dining out, theater, golf and travel. He's seeking friendship, perhaps more, with a similar SWCF. Ad#.9255

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Outgoing, friendly SWM, 20, 6', who enjoys movies, music, sports and auto racing, is ISO a SWF, 18-22, who shares similar interests and would enjoy a true gentleman. Ad#.7179

KNOWS WHAT HE WANTS Friendly SWM, 43, 6'2", 225lbs., with blond hair and blue eyes, who enjoys travel, dancing, fishing, movies and more, is seeking an attractive SWF, 36-45, N/S. Ad#.2424

LIFE IS GOOD This friendly, active DWM, 5'9", is a young 54 who likes to exercise. He's seeking an honest SF, under 50, who can keep up. Horse lover a plus. Ad#.4848

LEAVE A MESSAGE An employed, tall, physically fit SWM, 28, who enjoys volunteer work, rollerblading and more, is seeking a nice, caring SWF, for a possible relationship. Ad#.8989

HOPE YOU TRY ME 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, 38 and up,to share friendship and fun. Ad#.6431

GO PLACES... And do things with this friendly SWCM. 28, 6'2". He enjoys animals and kids, and is hoping to hear from a similar SWCF, 18-35. Ad#.1379

HAVE A HEART Emplyed SWM, 38, 5'11", 150lbs., enjoys outdoor activities and spending time with his children. He is seeking an honest, hardworking SWF who is attractive and physically fit. Ad#.5555 PARTNER IN LIFE

Outgoing DWM, 28, 6'2", enjoys going out, karaoke, and outdoor activities. and seeks a fun, spontaneous, responsible SWF, 25-35, for an equalpartner relationship. Ad#.2199 NOTEWORTHY

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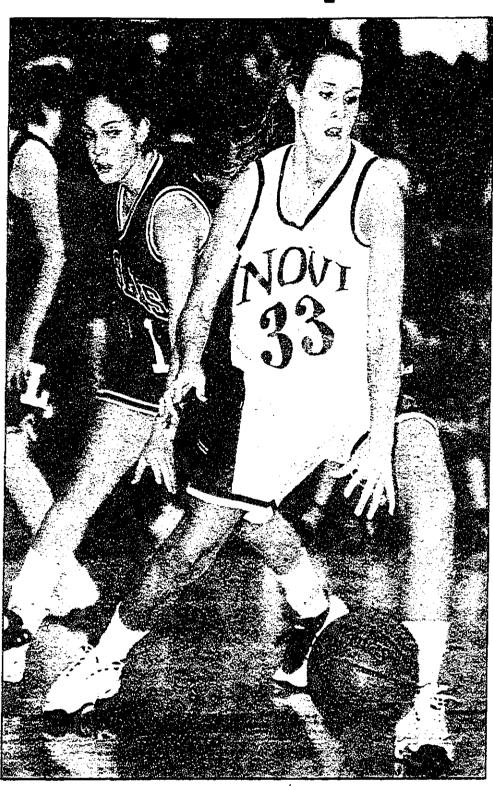


Photo by JOHN HEIDER Senlor Jessica Gilbert makes a move to the basket against Lakland last Thursday.

Cagers top Howell, Northville

By JASON SCHMITT Sports Editor

In a battle of two hot teams on the hardwood. Novi proved to be too hot for Northville to handle, as the Wildcats handed the Mustangs a 50-37 loss at Novi High School Saturday

Novi took advantage of its superior speed, applying an early press which caused several first-quarter turnovers by Northville.

"My biggest concern was their size." Novi coach Dennis Cichonski said. "I didn't know how well we'd rebound against a taller team. We ended up about even in rebounds and if I can get that against a team like Northville.

By halftime Novi had built a 32-21 lead, thanks in part to the 'Cats ability to score against Northville's zone defense.

We started with a zone, but Novi's good at two things; they play extremely hard — all the team — and catch and pass the ball really well." Northville coach Pete Wright said.

"We were surprised to see a zone, to be honest with you." Cichonski admitted. "Our kids reacted well to the zone."

Novi maintained its pace in the third quarter, outscoring Northville 12-10 to take a 44-31 lead. Both teams struggled offensively in the fourth as Novi improved to 12-1 on the season. Northville dropped to 8-5 with the loss.

McGlinnen led Novi with 12 points and Colleen Lewis added 11 off the bench. Jessica Gilbert had two big three-pointers and eight points.

Kate Hammond's 13 points led Northville. Emily Carbott added seven

NOVI 48. LAKELAND 31

If it wasn't one killer 'Cat that did the Eagles in, it was another.

Kelly Bendernagel scored s first quarter. McGlinnen had six of her own in the second. And both Beth Rice and Erin Quinn had six more in

The win moved Novi to a perfect 6-0 mark at the halfway point in the conference season. Bendernagel led the team on offense with 13 points and McGlinnen and Rice finished with 10 each. Quinn added eight in the winNOVI 58, HOWELL 46

Novi's two biggest weapons took attack on an undermanned Highlander squad as the Wildcats took over first place in the Kensington Vallev Conference all by themselves.

Using a tenacious press throughout

Continued on 2



the third quarter as Novi rolled to this Novi guard Erin Quinn loses the ball momentarily against Lakeland.

Novi qualifies for playoffs with win over Lakeland

By JASON SCHMITT

It's been an 11-year drought for Novi Wildcat football fans, but with last Friday's 42-7 pounding of league foe Lakeland, the playoff oasis has been found and only one more obstacle stands in the team's road to the state playoffs.

The Wildcats allowed an early touchdown to Lakeland, but buckled down on defense and lit up the scoreboard for 42-unanswered points to get their sixth win of the season. Under the new state-playoff format, all teams with six or more wins automatically qualify for the playoffs. A record-total of 256 teams will take part in this year's post season, and the classes won't be determined until after all of those teams are in place. The Michigan High School Athletic Association will then divide the teams into eight-equal divisions based on student enrollment.

Novi stood at 41st in enrollment among those schools that had four or more wins after seven games. That number may rise or drop based on the last two weeks of

The only thing left for Novi now is a season-ending matchup with their Baseline Road nemesis. Northville. The game will be played at Novi High School tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m. The Mustangs come into the game with a 4-4 record and the slimmest of playoff hopes. If there are not 256 teams with six or more wins, the state will begin selecting those with 5-4 records with the highest configured playoff point totals. It's not likely the Mustangs will be selected if they win their last game, because it would be their only win

over a team with a winning record. Although aiready in the playoffs, Novi is now looking to win out and possibly be in position to host the first game of the playoffs. A loss would almost ensure the team of a road game.

played a lot of tight ball games for the most part, and the others were in doubt until we took control of the game."

Such was the case for about three minutes of the Lakeland game. The Eagles opened up the scoring after a trick-halfback pass moved the ball 73 yards up the field and set up a seven-vard touchdown run with 10:16 left to play in the first quarter.

"We didn't expect a play like that so early," Osborne said.

Fortunately for Novi, their option attack worked from the get, as it took just four plays from scrimmage on the ensuing drive to put the ball in the end zone and tie the game at 7-7. Halfback Dan Jilg took the pitch from quarterback Mitch Maier and scampered 48vards in for the score at the 8:55 mark of the first.

Just a few plays later, following a fumble by Lakeland at their own 19, Maier hit Pat Muston for a 21yard touchdown to give his team the lead for good with 6:01 left in the first quarter.

Three possessions later, David Tardella's pick of Lakeland's second attempt at a halfback pass led to Maier's second touchdown pass of the night, this one accounting for 18 yards to Bryce Banta.

Novi used an 11-play effort on its next possession to score again, but the majority of the yardage was eaten up on two pass plays. Maier hit Muston for 26 yards and he later found Matt Gorman for a 52-yard gain which set up Jilg's second touchdown of the night, a three-yard rushing touchdown.

Maier would find Banta once more before the end of the half, from 15-yards out to give his team a 35-7 lead heading into the intermission. That touchdown was set up by Muston's forced fumble on Lakeland's

previous possession. Novi sealed the deal on the first play of the second half. It's been a great season," Novi Novi received the kickoff and on coach, John Osborne said. We've the first play from scrimmage, Maier ran 63 yards for the touchdown. Andy Christofferson nailed his sixth extra point of the night to make it 42-7.

Maier finished the night 6 of 10 passing for 180 yards and four touchdown passes. He also rushed the ball six times for 91 yards and the one score.

Jilg had five carries for 53 yards and caught one pass for 48 yards to go with his two touchdowns. Muston caught two passes for 57 yards and and Banta caught the two touchdown passes for 33 yards.

Defensively, Blake Myers led the team with seven first hits and four assisted tackles and Chris Kauffman added five and three. Matt Luschas had three solos and four assists and Adam Borashko added four and two.

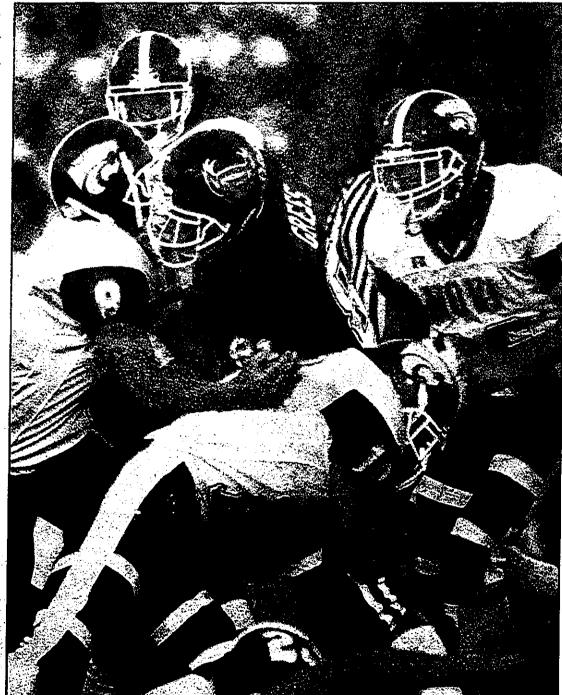
Osborne agreed that this year's team is the best at Novi since the 1988 team that reached the state semifinals.

"No question," he said. "We've got a lot of players who are playing platoon football. Mitch (Maier) is one of the few who are going both ways full time. We have a lot of depth and experience. They've had success up and down the line since they've been in high school.

"I think they came in with expectations of themselves being where they're at."

pairings will be The announced Sunday at 6 p.m. on FOX Sports Detroit.

The Nofthville and Novi pom pon teams will be performing together at halftime of tomorrow night's Northville/Novi Baseline Jug game at Novi Hig School.



Novi's swarming defense must come together to stop Northville's Brandon Langston Friday night in the "Baseline Jug" matchup. Langston has scored 15 rushing touchdowns in 1999.

Novi or Northville? I say...

Will it be clean? No Will it be right? No.



Schmitt

ed by two miles of asphalt? You better believe it.

There is not a better high-school - win over Central that his team rivalry on the gridiron than the played its first full-game of the seaannual Northville and Novi "Base- son. He's been concerned about line Jug" game. Played on the last his young offensive and defensive night of the regular season since lines all year long, but had no wor-1976, the game has often meant—ries against the Vikings. more than just the third non-conference game on each team's sure Novi quarterback Mitch Maier schedule. Many times it pits a enough to make him make quick struggling, mediocre team against decisions? Will it be able to force a a team with a shot at the playoffs—few turnovers? If the answer is yes or a perfect season. So regardless—to both of those questions, then

may seem like a matchup between - attack and Majer and Scott Minkea team that's 4-4 and most likely patrol the secondary like they have out of playoff contention and one and Novi's unheralded defensive that's already locked up a playoff - front seven can stop the surging berth, it goes much deeper than Brandon Langston, Novi will win-

boring schools.

playoff spot, but it's yet to be about the ballgame ... or at home. Playing at friendly Nevr - touchdowns, one short of the High would suit the Wildcats just - school record set by Ron Rice in fine, where the team is 4-0 heading 1963

could also accomplish something touchdowns on offense this year. Brighton (31-3), Harrison (38-7) the state semilinals; win seven or series 15-13

style of nity under the old system. g a me. And if you take a look at the f a n s - this last year's Novi squad. Young, - watching their games h a v e - with almost a full year of experi-

grown ence behind it, Northville is looking to love to match the Wildcats' 5-4 record between of a year ago. t w o In my estimation, the game will h i g h be won at the line of scrimmage. schools. Novi's got the experience, but

separat-Northville's got a little more size. Northville coach Darrel Schumacher said after last week's 33-0 Can Northville's defense pres-

of the team's records, it has a spe-- Northville has a legitimate chance cal meaning for these two neight to win this ball game.

But if Novi controls the line. And although this year's game opens up holes for their option this ballgame.

First off, Novi has locked up a Here are a few quick facts

into the "Baseline" game. The 'Cats - Maier has accounted for 16

that no other Nov; team has done - including nine through the air Will it be a hard fatting, bone — since the 1988 team that reached — *Northville leads the all-time — Schmitt in the press box watching

 Nov; won last year's contest 22-The 1996 team was 6-3, but was - 17 after Ben Keetle was ruled out I a c c lar from getting a playoff opportu- of bounds in the end zone late in the game •Novi is 3-0 with sports editor

His prediction: Novi 27. Northville 16 Jason Schmitt is the sports editor that Northydle team, it looks a lot like. Jason Schmitt in the press box. for the Northydle Record and Novi News. He can be reached at

and Canton (24-0) with Jason

*Jason Schmitt will be in the

their games

press box for this game!

•Northylle is 0.3 with losses to _jschmitt@ht.homecomm.net

The Novi News presented the Wildcats with the "New Baseline Jug" at last year's banquet. Administrators have requested the jug not be brought to this year's game.

KVC ins and outs...

Brighton Ready or not The had bargained for last Thursday state football playoffs are a week. The Redskins led by one before away, and there are big expecta- pulling ahead in the fourth for a tions for the Bulldogs. Hopefully 71-55 win. Coach Don Palmer they're up for it. "We are not yet said what his team needs to realpleased with our play," coach—ize is that all its opponents come Bill Murray said. "Consistency in wanting a piece, particularly is the benchmark of a good as the Christie Schumacher eam. As up-and-down offense hype machine gains momentum. and defense will not work in. The week of the Brighton game November." ...

both Detroit dailies ran stories on Schumacher, greatly enhanc-Hartland Bittersweet A week ing her chances of winning Miss after winning the conference and Basketball. But also adding regional golf titles. Hartland - more lavers to the Redskins placed sixth at the Division II scalp, enticing opponents even state finals. A good showing, no more ... The Redskins' football doubt, but a bit painful consid- team may have played its best o ering the champion and runner- the season, but first half up - Cranbrook and Seaholm - turnovers doomed them to a 35were both beaten by the Eagles 18 loss to Brighton. You can't n the regional. Obviously, we give Cullen Finnerty, the Bullwere on an emotional high from dogs' junior quarterback, too e last week," coach Bill Taylor many opportunities ... said. "We had to try and keep Novi 1988 It's been that long that momemtum up, but that is ery hard to do." ... Theoretical- since the Wildcat football team Hartland still has a chance to reached the state playoffs, but ualify for the football playoffs the team wrapped up a playoff despite its 7-0 loss to South berth with a 42-7 win over Lake-

Lyon. But coach Tab Kelle- land last Friday night. League pourey is not trying to hear that. MVP candidate Mitch Maier had What I am really heartbroken another strong outing, connectabout is the seniors only have ing on 6 of 10 passes for 180 six days of practice and one vards and four touchdowns. He more game to play," he said. "I also rushed the ball six times for told them I wish I could suit 91 yards and one touchdown. He them up next year. That is what is currently second in the league s hard about this loss ... We are in passing (806 yards) and third playing our last game of the sea- in rushing (543). All together, be on on Friday night." ... Don't has accounted for 16 touchlook now, but the Eagles have downs this season ... Novi will won three-straight league bas- host Northville in their annual ketball games, three times as "Baseline Jug" matchup tomor many as they got all of last sea- - row night beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Northville holds the all-time

series lead 15-13, but Novi has

South Lyon A fair share The

Lions clinched the league foot-

Howell Blust "We never came won three of the last four. Novi

ready to play," basketball coach (6-2) is playing for home-field Lee Piepho said following his advantage in the first-round of team's 58-46 loss to Howell. "We the playoffs, while Northville (4were outplayed in every aspect of 4) is fighting to stay alive for a the game. We were outrebound- possible playoff berth. ed on both the offenseive and rute on offense." And now the Highlanders are alone in second ball title, pitching a 7-0 shutout place, while Novi remains unde- at Hartland. To call this a defencated. Stephanie Benear did sive game would be an under play well for Howell, scoring 22 statement, it might've been 0-0 points and grabbing nine boards and inifinitum had the Eagles not . Star running back Joe Car- fumbled a punt return to set up penter returned to the lineup. South Lyon's only score. South but it wasn't enough for the Lyon and Brighton both finished lighlanders, which lost 31-21 to the KVC season 5-1. A tie on the Ann Arbor Huron. Carpenter surface, except South Lyon bear scored two touchdowns, one Brighton ... The boys' cross-

Lakeland it ain't easy being manices outside the league. The blue Lakeland may have had as Lions were fifth at Saturday's tough a football schedule as any Gabriel Richard Invitational team in the state this year, where Jason Pridmore was 15th which just makes its rebuilding overall. But not to far outside the efforts more difficult. But things league - Novi was first in the will ease up a bit next season. meet. There are two tiers this Perennial state power Walled vear in the KVC," coach Scott Lake Western is out, and Farm- Smith said. "Novi, Milford and ington will be replaced by North Lakeland are vying for spots

Milford I read the news out behind them. This is the today, oh boy. A decidedly aver- most competitive I've ever seen age Brighton team gave the Mil- it. It's just incredibly tough."

"Both Walle and (Nick) Bassitt are really NOVI 22, HOWELL 34 kicking it up a notch lately," Smith said. "It's of its cross-country meets, then coach Bob notch or not."

Guys win Gabriel Richard Invite

weekend, knocking off tough teams such as finishes. Erickson ran a 17:53 and Foster had Mark Avenius dropped out of the race with a team. sore calf. It's the second-straight big meet that

Avenius has pulled up hurt. smart," the coach said. "Our kids stayed But that didn't stop Novi, who had top-notch focused and raced the whole race through. We league meets, a win above Milford (4-1) and performances from Chris Toloff (first in 16 were a little concerned about the meet because Lakeland (4-1), who Novi faced Tuesday (after minutes, four seconds) and Tim Moore (second we knew very little about some of the teams. The Novi News' deadline). The team will have in 16:05). Also grabbing a top-five finish was that were here, teams like Grand Blanc." Eric Walle (fifth in 16:53), who has really There were 19 teams in all for the boys' race. Monday at the conference meet. Novi will be become an elite runner for this Wildcat team Novi scored 65 points and Grand Blanc (81) defending their conference championship of a

If it's beginning to sound like a broken that time of the year where some kids make a another important Kensington Valley Conferrecord that Novi continues to win, win, win all mental decision if they want to step it up a ence win. His time of 16:38 was his best ever Bassitt was 20th overall in a time of 17:21. Wildcat, Teammates Moore and Toloff were The Wildcats overpowered the rest of the field while Mitch Erickson and Evan Foster finished alongside him at the finish and were a second at the Gabriel Richard Invitational this past up the varsity lineup with 37th and 52nd-place behind officially.

Grand Blanc (second) and Saline (third). Novi an 18:11. Reserve runners Steve Szwast and Novi finished it off with Bassitt taking seventh finished with 65 points despite the fact that Todd Foren ran a 17:51 and 18:06 for their (17:24) and Foster finishing ninth (17:50). Also "We raced the second half of the race really and Erickson (18:08).

and Saline (99) fell into the next two slots.

Walle ran an all-time best to lead Novi to and his win was the first of his career as a

Howell placed the next three runners before running varsity for Novi was Szwast (17:55)

The win moved Novi to a perfect 5-0 in this weekend off before facing all of the KVC

Novi set for districts

By JASON SCHMITT

Looking for some sort of inspiration, some sort of challenge outside the top-heavy. Novi continued their defensive Kensington Valley Conference Jeague schedule, the Novi soc- Milford last week. cer team saw some light as the district pairings were announced for the upcoming pass and planted it into the state tournament.

The defending state champions learned they await the winner of Monday's district opener between South Lyon and Walled second half. He then found Lake Western and will play on Rzepka, who scored his first of the road against that winner the game to give Novi a 4-0 next Wednesday. In the other lead. Jim Bishop scored off a half of the district draw, Walled penalty kick and Kevin Mulvany

championship Oct. 30 at Novi High School. In some late-season tuneups, dominance with a 6-0 win over Joe Irimescu and Brandon Davis each took a Ryan Rzepka

goal for first-half scores to give Novi a 2-0 halftime lead. Davis again took a Rzepka offering and scored to open the

Lake Central plays West Bloom- scored off a Matt Hoag pass late field next Wednesday for the to give their team the win.

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Smith is hoping it becomes a classic.

The second season of football picks has begun, and everyone will be trying to top the defending champion, Jason coin a chance, so hopefully, everyone

has at least a 50 percent chance of fin-

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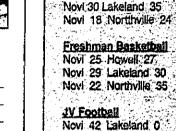
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Novi 42 Lakeland 0 Novi's record 8-0 Novi 3 Milford 2 Novi's record 14-0-1



Colts varsity whips Clarkston

13-year-olds) finished the season with a huge - against Clarkston, scoring 22 points in the - 60-yard touchdown run - immediately after ty finished with their season with a 4-4 record. O halftime lead that they never relinquished. in the Suburban Youth Football Conference.

Il believe we accomplished our goals for this - er first-quarter touchdown on a 40-yard scamseason," Baum added, "We learned many sig- per, nificant football and cheerleading skills. We

"I feel very confident that the Colts will con-

Colts' Varsity Whips Clarkston in Season - time to become a stronger program in the - made the score 28-0 with a 10-yard touchfature."

win over the Clarkston Chiefs, 49-6, last Sun- first quarter and adding 19 more in the second one of his touchdown runs was called back day at Northville High School. The Colts' Varsi quarter to jump out to an insurmountable 41- because of a penalty. Prain added an extra-Anthony Sabo, who secred three touchdowns -- Everyone saw action in the second half as "It was a great way to finish the season for - on the day, opened the scoring with the first - coach Chuck Sisio shuffled in players on both bur Varsity," said Bob Baum, commissioner of leight points by sacking the Clarkston quarter lottense and defense. Sabo scored his third the Northville-Novi Colts. "We really prepared back for a safety and then scoring on the ensu-touch lown in the third quarter. Alex Baum our kids to go forward into their school pro- ing kickoff when Kevin George lateraled back— and Bill Steele finished off the scoring when to Sabo, who ran 55 yards. Sabo added anoth-

also learned the importance of playing together—on a 15-yard run, doe Prain capped off the 22point quarter with an extra-point kick.

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players. The team will play approximately 60

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are strength and velocity.

down ran, Josh Woods galloped 30 yards for a The Northville-Novi Colts' Varsity (12- and The Varsity dominated the entire game score, and his brother, Jarrell Woods, added a point run to make the score 41-0 at halftime.

> they combined to sack the Chiefs for a safety. Defensively, the Colts were outstanding thanks to the play of Jeff Freers, Chris Polis, Chas Maul, and Patrick Tierney. The Colts' Junior Varsity and Freshmen teams finished their seasons with disappoint-In the second quarter, Brandon Hatcher inglosses to Clarkston.

> > ford hoops squad more than it

country team is finding affirmation in its times and perfor WHISPERING PINES TO THE PROPERTY OF THE PARTY OF THE PART **GOLF CLUB** FALL GOLF among the state's top ten. The rest of the league is battling it

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In the end, senior Kristin Echols 24:46, and Amber Leahy was two Echols (20:40). Margo Wolowiec did run and finished a respectable spots behind at 24:50. Angela [21:07], Brittany Albright (21:18), It wasn't a good showing for the 15th out of the 21-team field to Bouchard and Liz Dean also ran Vidya Mahadevan (21:35), Thom-

lines and will escort the official team captains Novi roads. Call (248) 380-0800 to register.

the Gabriel Richard Invitational - finish as a team. She finished the - son. last Saturday. It wasn't a good showing up. Almost the entire regular start-

Steve Hamilton, 12, of Novi was one of just

Hamilton's name was randomly chosen and

will be one of two honorary captains at the

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to the center of the field for the coin toss.

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course in a time of 20 minutes, 33

Jenny Thomson was 53rd over-

Novi girls' cross country team at lead her Wildcuts to a 15th-place varsity for the first time this sea- son (21:35) and Cat Waller (21:42)

NOVI 15, HOWELL 50 because of various reasons. Some—time of 22:04. Anna Cynar was—no problem in shutting out the. The league meet is Monday at were at band competition, some 93rd in 23:49. Amanda Farrell. Highlanders, Bethany Kittle won Kensington Metropark, Echols will

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teams are looking for a few good 14-year-old continue through September 26.

Playing with a bit more than a Kensington Valley Conference ing lineup missed the meet all and second on her team in a depleted lineup, the Wildcats had behind undefeated Brighton (5-0).

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were at PSAT testing sites and yet flighting through injuries all sea- the race in 20:32 and was followed look to defend her KVC crown of a

a few more were nursing injuries. son long, finished 115th overall in closely by the second-finisher year ago.

McDONALD FORD SALUTES NOVI ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Ryan Rzepka - Senior 💨 🤏 😁 The senior forward assisted on the first three goals and

picked up the fourth himself. in Novi's 6-0 romplover Milford last week. The win extended Novi's unbeaten streak to d logames since a 2-

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wouldn't have made a big differ-

Howell was without their best diminish our win," Cichonski said. McGlinnen got things going for player, Sarah Piepho, but those "He said we would have won the game had she been in there. That Novi continued its quest for a

KVC championship with a game at

"I talked with an Alma College home against Brighton Tuesday

550 W. 7 Mile, Northville 248-349-1400 that (her not playing) shouldn't tonight at South Lyon.

Health

the NOVI **NEWS**

THURSDAY October 21, 1999

Health Column

Silent killer may lurk inside you

Don't become a victim of the "silent epidemic": Find out today if you have hepatitis C. or learn to avoid it.

You may not know it, but a silent killer may lurk inside your body. And if you don't find and treat it, you may wind up dead. Even if you don't have it yet, you could be at risk and not even

It sounds too dramatic, but it's true: the virus known as hepatitis C is one of the nation's newest and most frightening health threats. infecting the bodies of 4 million Americans. killing 10,000 every year and causing more than half of the liver failures that lead to transplants. Still, most people who have it or might someday eatch it don't suspect a thing.

Scientists at the University of Michigan and elsewhere are hard at work on a vaccine, and treatments can keep hepatitis C from shutting down the livers of a sizable number of those it infects. But says U-M professor of gastroenterology Dr. Fred Askari, the most important weapons against the virus are awareness and testing.

"It is estimated that as many as nine out of ten people who are infected with hepatitis C may be unaware that they harbor the infection." said Askari, who authored an authoritative guide on the disease. Many infections don't cause symptoms, or the symptoms are mistaken for something else, he said, until it's too late.

Within a decade, if no new treatments are found, the death rate from hepatitis C may actually eclipse the number of deaths caused by AIDS or breast cancer."

The rapid spread of hepatitis C is an impressive feat for a virus that was only identified ten years ago. Even more impressive is the battle that medical scientists are waging against it.

Already, new treatments can clear the virus from the blood and livers of 20 percent to 40 percent of patients. Tests have been developed to screen the nation's blood supply, though many infections can be traced back to blood

transfusions made before screening began in 1992. Most of the disease's risk factors have been deduced by studying those who are infected, though the source of a full 20 percent of hepatitis C cases is unknown.

The news for prevention and treatment may be encouraging, but Askari stresses that there are still ways to be exposed to hepatitis C mostly through tainted blood. Risk factors include:

· Blood transfusion or use of blood products such as clotting factors before 1992:

- Having been tattooed:
- · Having ear or body piercings done:
- Sharing razor blades;
- Promiscuous unprotected sexual activity;
- · Intravenous drug use, even just one time;

· Intranasal cocaine use.

Even having a manicure or pedicure may carry some risk, experts speculate, if the instruments used aren't well sterilized. "Any form of blood that's infected with hepatitis C and comes into contact with someone else's blood is an opportunity for spreading the infection." Askari explains.

Anyone who faces one or more of these risk factors should have their blood screened for hepatitis C immediately, says Askari. Even if you don't meet any of these criteria, you may still be among those who unknowingly caught the virus another way, and may still wish to be tested.

It's also important to get screened even if you don't think you have any symptoms, he stresses. Hepatitis C's warning signs are often vague, and don't appear in everyone who carries the virus. However, symptoms do include: fatigue. joint aches, muscle aches, flu-like symptoms. sweats, and bloating.

If you do find out you have hepatitis C, there are several options to treat the disease. Injections of interferon, which boosts the immune system, can be combined with the antiviral drug ribaviran to put many patients into remission.

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More treatments are on the way.

The U-M is taking part in a clinical trial to compare two hepatitis C treatments for patients who have just begun treatment, and soon will become one of only nine centers studying a treatment for chronic hepatitis C that does not respond to other therapies. For information on either trial, prospective patients can call 1-800-395-6431. To make an appointment at the U-M to be tested or treated for hepatitis C, call 1-888-

One of the greatest worries with the hepatitis C "silent epidemic." Askari says, is that there won't be enough donor livers to replace the inflamed, scarred, cirrhosis-damaged organs of the disease's carriers.

Though not everyone who has the virus in their body will experience liver failure and need a transplant, the number is large enough that it may make the existing shortage of donor organs even worse, Askari says. Those of us who are not infected should sign our donor cards and help increase the number of organs available to all who need them," he adds.

Research continues on how best to prevent hepatitis C infection and liver problems that come from it. At the U-M, this includes work on how best to vaccinate against the virus, which many change from year to year like influenza. Askari and others at the U-M are studying substances called adjuvants, which could be administered along with a vaccine to help the immune

For now, Askari says, the best defense is to insist on sterile equipment for manicures, pedicures, shaving and tattooing, and to avoid contact with the blood or personal items of others. The nation's current blood supply, however, can be trusted because of the screening process now

Dr. Askari's book, "Hepatitis C The Silent Epidemic: The Authoritative Guide"is available from Perseus Publishing Corp.

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