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Janis Clara Liao, a senior at Novi High School, has been named one of more than 2,600 candidates in this year's 2000 Presidential Scholars Program. Not only does she keep her grades up, she's played the piano for 11 years. — Page 6A

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It's unanimous Council taps Helwig for city manager

■ Helwig beat out two other top contenders for the post of Novi's chief executive officer.

RANDAL YAKEY
Staff Writer

Last Saturday, the Novi City Council wasted little time letting it be known who their man was for the new city manager's position. Right down the line each council member gave reasons why they selected Richard Helwig, currently assistant city manager of Dublin,

Ohio, as their choice to replace the retired Ed Kriewall.

"He has what it takes to be city manager," Mayor Richard Clark said.

"He knows what needs to be done. Mr. Helwig stands out among all three of candidates."

Clark called Helwig "professional" and "personable," noting that when Helwig spoke of "trust" in the community, he was convinced.

"We're trying to bring the community together," Clark said.

"When he [Helwig] talked of 'trust' and making people together to feel part of their government, that was it for me."

During the meeting, council heaped praise on the former navy lieutenant and Harvard man who began his career as a systems analyst for Dayton, Ohio.

"It's wonderful and I am delighted they selected me for this position of trust and leadership," Helwig said, from his office in Dublin, Ohio.

"The [interview] process helped them to know me and I really learn a lot from it."

Helwig said that he is looking forward to the challenge of working for the city and helping it to grow.

He is obligated to remain in his current position in Dublin until

March 31. He did say that he will be talking with Assistant City Manager Craig Klaver over the next few days to get insight to the "elements" of the position.

"I'll be doing a lot of listening," Helwig said, confirming he would be looking for a home within Novi.

Now, the work of determining what the pay scale for Helwig will be comes before the council.

A salary compensation meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 18, beginning at noon, according to city officials. Helwig is expected to attend.

A survey of surrounding municipalities

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Richard Helwig is now assistant city manager of Dublin, Ohio, near Columbus. Novi must now reach an agreement with him on his salary here.

Photo by ROBERT AHRENS

Home, Sweet sushi bar

RANDAL YAKEY
Staff Writer

What do you get when you cross "Madame Butterfly" with "Gone With the Wind"?

How about a Japanese restaurant in a Greek Revival plantation-style home.

That is exactly what could happen at the old Rogers Mansion on Nine Mile Road, formerly the "Home Sweet Home" restaurant.

At Monday's Novi City Council meeting, the council approved the transfer from Irwin Arkin to Mark Martin of a Class C Business Liquor License. The home will now house Shiro, an authentic Japanese Sushi restaurant.

"These people have significant vision," Council Member Hugh Crawford said. "I can't see it, but good luck to you."

The house was constructed in 1931 by Charles Rogers and is considered an architectural landmark in the city. Rogers built the house for his bride Harriet Isabelle Thornton, a descendant of Novi pioneer Sally Thornton.

It has stood vacant for several years. Last year, plans to open a Southern-style eatery never materialized. The building is owned by Arkin.

According to a letter sent by Martin, who aims to operate the Japanese dining concept, the building will remain in its original condition. The owners plan on enclosing a porch, but it will be in done in the same style as the rest of the building, according to Heidi Hannon of the Novi Community Development Department.

Martin noted that there would be changes to the interior to go along with the "Japanese feeling" of the dining experience. The restaurant will offer Karaoke for its customers.

The proposed menu includes shrimp tempura, sashimi (an assortment of sliced fresh seafood), tako (octopus with vinegar dressing), chicken teriyaki, umajū (barbecued river eel), as well as sushi.

Future first lady?



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Attorney General Jennifer Granholm shows solidarity with Tipper Gore, wife of the vice president, at a Novi union rally.

Tipper Gore campaigns here for husband

By Randal Yakey and Mike Malott
Staff Writers

Tipper Gore showed up in Novi last weekend to get the vote out for her husband.

Saturday, Michigan Democrats will make their choice of Vice President Al Gore or Bill Bradley. Novi and Novi Township voters can join the Democratic Caucus in Farmington Hills.

Tipper Gore put in an appearance at Iron Workers Local 25 on Trans X Drive, just east of Novi Road on March 4.

Iron Workers Union Organizer Art Ellul

The Democratic Caucus is Saturday. Novi residents vote at the Farmington Hills City Hall, 31555 W. Eleven Mile Road.

said Gore shook hands and spoke to approximately 250 union members, but only stayed a half-hour because of time constraints.

"It was an enthusiastic crowd," Ellul said.

"She is concerned for the working people of

the country."

Ellul said that he believed that the union would back Vice President Albert Gore if he became the Democratic Party nominee. Novi registered voters who are already members of the Democratic Party or who wish to declare themselves as members may vote in the 11th District caucus at Farmington Hills City Hall, City Council Chambers, 31555 W. Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills. The city hall is located just west of

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Photo by JASON SCHMITT

Novi finishes runner-up...
Members of the Novi varsity wrestling team celebrate after finishing second at the Division I team finals. The Wildcats lost to Davison 41-28 in the championship match. For more details, turn to 1B.

This mother's not horsing around with team request

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

Will Novi High School be saddling up in the near future?

Possibly, if an equestrian team at the school is approved. According to one resident, such a team would be both feasible and fun.

At a recent board of education meeting, Novi resident and mother Nancy Burtka requested the board to consider the possibility of creating an equestrian team at the high school.

Burtka said her daughter, Kellyn, has been highly dedicated to horseback riding for over six years and without the team, distances herself away from school.

"This is something she and other girls would highly benefit from," Burtka said.

"This would allow her to become connected with her high school. But instead she's being pulled away in order to do this activity."

Kellyn who is a freshman at Novi High, agreed.

"It would be nice because I could become more involved with my school," she said.

Novi High School's Athletic Director John Fundukian said there are still many issues that need to be clarified before the team can be approved.

"We still need to address things like insurance and liability, how the team would be incorporated into the high school, for instance, would be a varsity sport or an extra curricular activity, who would sponsor or fund the team, the number of members, and whether or not the team would acquire 'letters,'" he said.

Burtka explained that a team like this would be of no cost to the school district.

"The only cost would be a registrar fee of \$35 per student," she said. "Which includes the



Kellyn Burtka takes a jump with her pony, Lexi, at a South Lyon stable.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

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"Fiddler On The Roof"

Sun will soon rise on Novi Theatres show

STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

It's almost showtime as the Novi Theatres get ready to present "Fiddler on the Roof" this week at the Novi Civic Center stage.

The cast of 60 will perform between the ages of 7 and 75 and perform the tale March 10-12 and 17-19.

The production is unique, because cast members include mothers and daughters, fathers and sons, brothers and sisters and entire families performing together in a ballad of love.

The cast of 60 includes 17 families in all. Finally, "Fiddler" is

"It really gives the community a chance to shine."

Linda Wickert
Novi Theatres director

about a father's love for his three daughters.

"It really gives the community a chance to shine and it's so great to see the families acting together on stage," said Director Linda Wickert.

Vocal direction for the show is by

Eliane Wroe and choreography by Carrie Wickert.

Novi resident Ted Shively said he became involved because not only is it fun, it allows him to spend time with his daughters.

"It's been a wonderful experi-

ence," he said.

"This is really a nice group of people to work with and it gives my daughters a chance to perform in front of the public eye."

All seats are reserved and cost \$12 each. Shows that are not sold out will have tickets available for purchase at the Novi Parks and Recreation office.

Shows for March 10, 12, 17, and 18 begin at 7:30 p.m. and performances for the March 11 and 19 start at 3 p.m.

For more information, call the Novi Civic Center Stage at 248-347-0400.

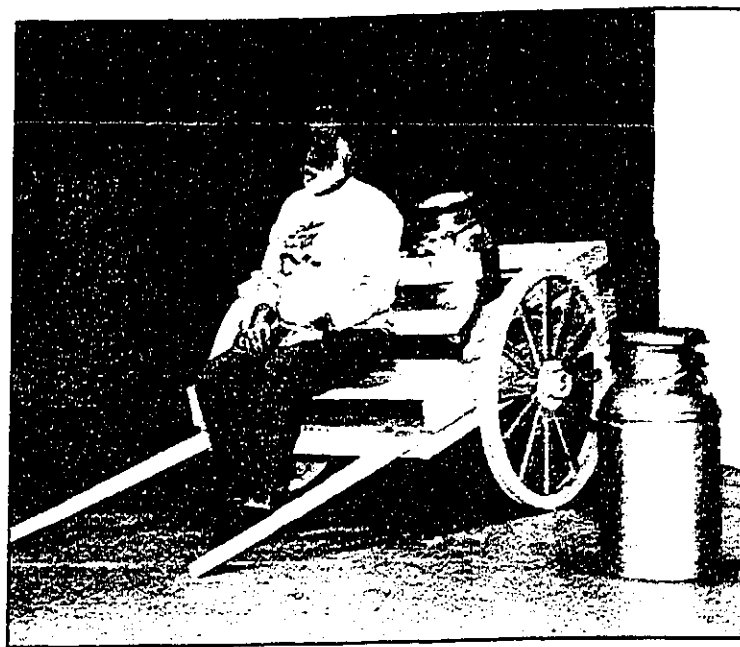


Photo by Robert Adams
Greg Sorrentino plays the leading role of Tevye in "Fiddler."

Appearing in the play this week: your Novi neighbors

Cost Members of The Novi Theatres production of "Fiddler On The Roof" are:

- Enika Albert, Molly Albert, Jillian Angeloni, Keith Angeloni, Kathleen Harsheder, Dan Cash, Mike Cash, Amanda Costello, Kevin Costello, Marion Cowan, Abby Crawford, Kathy Crawford, Alison Davies, Mary Kay Davis, Suzanne Davis, Emily DeBenedetto, Meghan Downey, Beth Durey, Dorothy Dunne, Grace Dzwonkowski, Ronald Dzwonkowski, Sarah Dzwonkowski, Ali Evasic, Lauren Evasic, Kristi Fossbak, Sara Fikku, Kelly Gleson, Sara Goodman, Jennifer Gravenor, Cassidy Haslip, Agnes Hay, Janice Jacobs, Kirk Jones, Tim Kava, Ron Ketehtut, Caroline Lampinen, Betsy Lewis, Cameron Lewis, Paul Lewis, Susan Lewis, Jason Margolis, Ashley Marshall, Caitlin McCormick, Donna Mimkos, Michelle Mimkos, Nick Mimkos, Andrea Morabito, Ashley Morris, Emma Niendorf, Hannah Niendorf, Lauren Paquette, Lindsay Plesescu, Alison Sanson, David Schneider, Lisa Shuller, Mary Beth Shively, Ted Shively Sr., Andrea Smith, Gregory Sorrentino, Lauren Sorrentino, Ralph Sorrentino, Lindsey Sprague, Laurie Thompson, Alisa Tykal, Erica Tykal, Caroline Vacketta, Alison Welsh, J. William Whitehart, Karen Whitehart, Rachael Whitehart, Allison Wickert, Dirk Wickert, Matt Wickert, Dawn Wilfong, Grace Wilfong, Karl Wizinsky, Sara Wizinsky, Joe Youne, and Lindsay Zegin-Netter.

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Non-members are invited to the Sports Club of Novi for these upcoming events:

- The Novi Newcomers and Neighbors Family Sports Night is Saturday, March 18 from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

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Introductory classes for children include dance, gymnastics, tennis and Tae Kwon Do.

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Novi drumline rarely beaten

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

Novi High School's drumline is on a roll.

Now, with two out of two first place MCBA (Michigan Competitive Band Association) finishes in the season, and a second place win at the WGI (Winter Guard International) Midwest Regionals in Chicago, Novi percussion is giving the competition a beating.

"This is a real competitive activity," said Director Jim Rebbeck.

"We perform musical shows, or as we call them 'music in motion' on gym floors.

"We travel all over the state and all over the country, and at the end of the year we even compete in an international competition."

Rebbeck explained that the drumline is an extra curricular activity which begins in late November and runs through the middle of April.

Rebbeck said the drumline is a great program that gets wonderful

support from the school and their sponsors.

"We wouldn't be here without the great support from the music program and the Boosters," he said.

"We're very grateful."

In their class, the group of 28 students scored a 78.7 in their first show against Clanton High School, a 75.8 in the regionals two weeks ago, and an astounding 87.5 against Franklin High School last weekend.

"I'm real proud of them," said Rebbeck.

"The judges at the Franklin competition were tough and the students really did a tremendous job."

Freshmen Kara Kollis and Britney Sassi, who play in the mallet/acoustic ensemble (otherwise known as the pit), said the judges score on several different categories, including visual effect and technique.

Jamie Hamilton, also a freshman pit member, added that each score is based out of 100 points.

Rebbeck explained that a lot of planning goes into choosing the music pieces for the competitions.

"We try to tailor the musical selections to the students' ability," he said.

"We don't just pick anything. The staff and I try to choose something that fits their personality."

Rebbeck said the team practices two or three nights a week and sometimes on the weekends.

"The activity has really grown in the last few years," he said.

"So in order to be competitive and to be considered one of the top groups, you have to continue to grow with it and practice hard."

Sophomore snareman James Schram, became involved because his older brother was in drumline some years back.

"I really enjoyed watching him and the rest of the drumline and traveling to competitions with him, so this was something I had always planned on doing," he said.

Schram said the drumline is

a great way to make friends and some cool music.

"It's a lot of hard work, but it really pays off," he said.

"We have lots of fun and it's also a wonderful traveling opportunity."

Schram added that although many people are unfamiliar with the team, it's very competitive and a lot of dedication and hard work goes into it.

"It's just as intense as hard as any sport," he said.

Now with three shows behind them and three more coming up, the drumline is getting ready to compete against Linden High School on March 18.

They will then be headed to the State and World Championships in April.

"This is a great group of kids and a great program," said Rebbeck.

"We put in a lot of time and energy, but we also have a lot of fun."



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Pot farmed in Old Dutch Farms

Officers from the Novi and the South Oakland Narrows Consortium (SONIC) conducted a narcotics search in the Old Dutch Farm mobile home community located off Napier Road that resulted in an arrest of two local men on March 1.

Police News

A Novi man claims he was assaulted by a visitor to his home after the suspect reportedly was turned away from a neighbors home on March 2.

According to police reports, the suspect initially went to a residence in the 1500 block of Paramount and when the resident turned him away, he went next door to the neighbors' and confronted him over a girlfriend.

When the suspect knocked at the door, the man opened the door and was attacked after the conversation broke down. According to the man's statement, he was struck in the face with a Pine Sol bottle that was on the living room floor. Apparently, one of the men told the suspect that his girlfriend was unfaithful to him, which caused the outburst, according to police reports.

Police continue to investigate the incident. According to the reports, no arrests were made at the time of publication.

Arrested for retail fraud and his 37-year-old companion was detained after the man was found stuffing DVDs in his coat and attempting to leave an electronics store on Feb. 28.

The man originally attempted to flee the store, but after the alarm when off the man retreated to a changing room and attempted to pull the tags off the merchandise, according to police reports.

The man was taken into custody and his automobile was searched. When police searched the man's car, they found a "crack pipe" and a piece of steel wool. According to police, the steel wool is used to filter the dope.

The man allegedly told police that he stuffed the DVDs in his coat because it was bigger than his companion's.

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MOVIE LOVER

Volleyball player collapses at middle school court, dies

By RANDAL YAKY Staff Writer

A 52-year-old Pinckney resident Thomas Ray Pembroke died after collapsing during an intermural men's volleyball league play on Wednesday, March 1.

According to Novi Fire Department officials, Pembroke apparently collapsed on the court around 8:50 p.m. during play at the Novi Middle School on Taft Road.

Novi Fire Chief Arthur Lenaghan said Pembroke was already receiving CPR from fellow volleyball players when Novi fire personnel arrived on the scene. Pembroke was transported to Providence Park Medical Center Novi, where he was pronounced dead later that night.

Pembroke had been a regular at the intermural event. The exact cause of his death was not available at the time this paper was published.

Pembroke leaves behind a wife, Mary Ann; two children, Kristen (Brian) Tallman and Daniel Pem-

broke; and one grandchild, Emily. Visitation was at the O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home located at 41555 Grand River in Novi. The funeral service was on March 4.

Pembroke was buried at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield, Michigan.

Memorials are to be sent to the Thomas Pembroke Memorial Fund at 3108 Dana Point, Pinckney, Michigan, 48169.

NO RECEIPT RESULTS IN ARREST

Police arrested a 53-year-old Grand Rapids woman after they say she attempted to take merchandise from a clothing store in the 27,000 block of Novi Road on Feb. 29.

According to police, the woman left the store with merchandise that she was not able to produce a receipt for inside a bag. A check of merchandise sold that day indicated that the merchandise was not registered as being sold.

The woman was taken into custody for retail fraud.

Citizens with information about the above incidents are urged to call the Novi Police Department at (248) 348-7100.

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Novi Briefs

Grand River widening

After a wrangle with the Road Commission of Oakland County, County Commissioner Kay Schmid, R-Nowi, announced Tuesday that the commission agreed that Grand River between Beck and Wixom roads will be widened in 2001, with design work to begin this year. The earlier schedule had been pushed back as far as 2002.

Schmid explained that the Grand River upgrade is crucial to the timely improvement of the Beck Road interchange.

"It's now squeezed ahead of everything else," she said.

Novi Camera Club

The Novi Camera Club will meet Tuesday, March 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. The guest host, Robin Peavey, will discuss the future of digital photography.

Visitors are welcome. For information, call 380-6980.

Skate park wanted

An 11-year-old Novi boy from the Jamestown Green has taken his request for a skate park to the city.

Jared Adler will now have his say in city hall.

"He was looking through a magazine looking for a place to skate in the city and couldn't find one," said Mark Adler, Jared's father.

Adler said he brought the issue to Parks and Recreation Director Dan Davis, who was able to set up a meeting on the issue. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 15 in the Novi Civic Center located at 45175 West 10 Mile Road.

"We have a new administration and maybe they will take another look at the idea," said Adler.

"We have started a petition and there are a number of people that would want a skate park in the city."

Adler said that a location he would like discussed is the Community Sports Park located along Eight Mile Road, west of Beck Road.

"The Expo Center could be one place," said Adler. "The Christmas Tree Farm Park is available."

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

For information, contact the Adlers at 348-1211.

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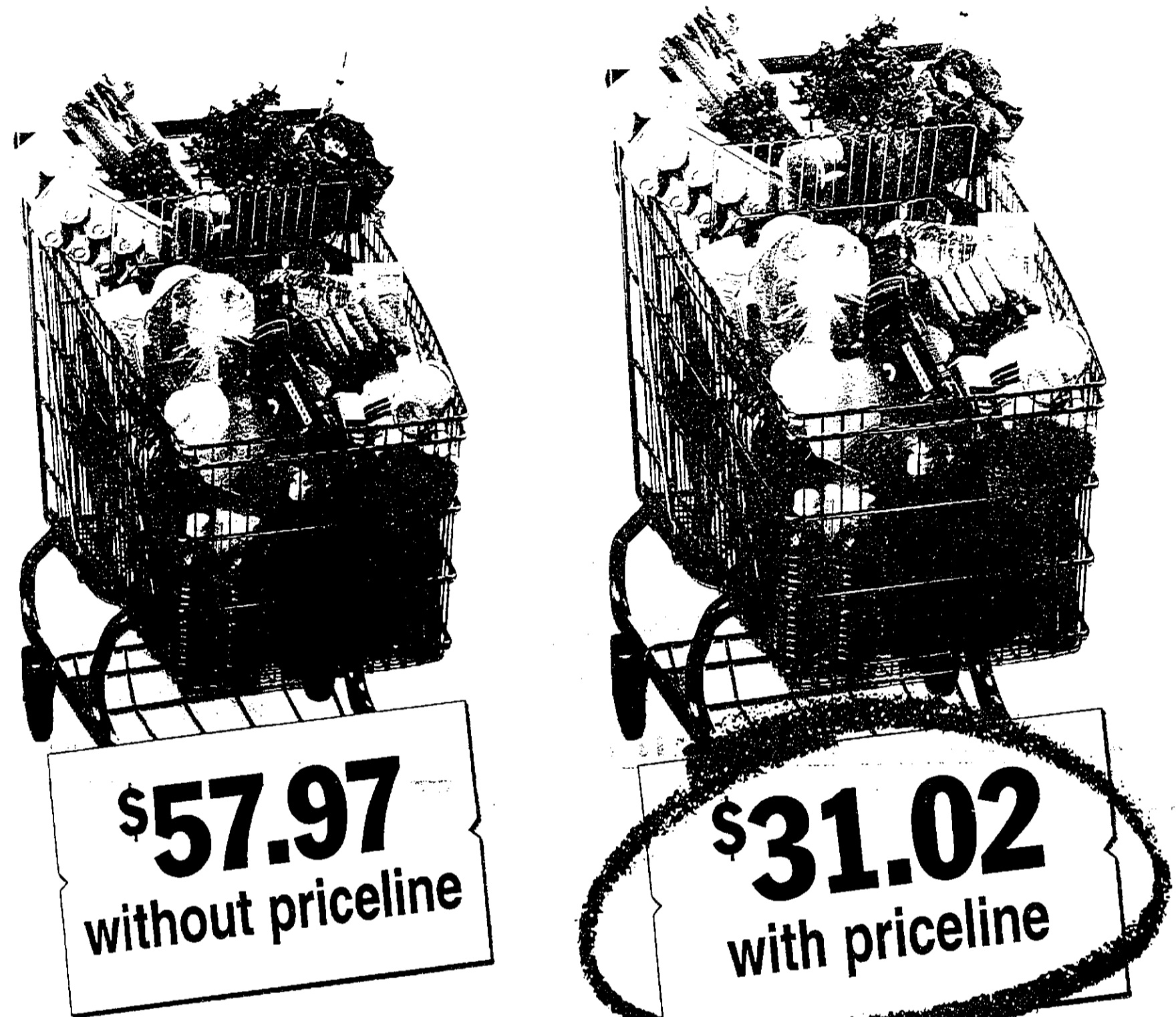
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RANDAL YAKAY
Staff Writer

Margaret and Larry Schmidt are the owners of a working family farm located off of Wixom Road just north of 10 Mile.

The modest red brick home can be seen from the road. In a wooded area, behind the sheep pen and back by the donkey corral, is where the Schmidts make their maple syrup. As one of the last farms in Novi, the Schmidts are making more than just maple syrup, they're preserving the remnants of Novi's rural past.

"We lived here for 23 years," said Margaret Schmidt, who grew up on a small family farm in New Baltimore. "We lived for a little while in Oak Park but we wanted to be out here."

She has a Bachelor of Science Degree from Michigan State University and taught six years in the Lakeview School District in St. Clair Shores, Michigan. She has won a number of awards, including a Distinguished Service Award for sustained and outstanding community involvement. Schmidt does programs for school children from preschool through elementary school. She says school have stopped sending children on field trips because of potential lawsuits.

The "Farm Lady," as Schmidt is known, says that the farm is a family affair and everyone helps out. And the modest Margaret gives an enormous amount of credit to her husband, Larry, for keeping her in her job as the "Farm Lady."

"If it wasn't for him, I couldn't do this," she said, noting that it is her husband's work outside the farm that provides sustenance for the farm to survive. Larry Schmidt works as an environmental water specialist.

Her work as the "Farm Lady" is expanding. Recently, she's been appearing in Borders Bookstores talking about pioneer history and introducing people to the joys of

farm life.

But the Schmidt farm is facing the unenviable prospect of encroaching development. Surrounding by over 900 acres of undeveloped property, there is a push on to construct homes along the Schmidt's property line. Orange ribbons tied to trees and stakes mark the lines of development for Island Lake subdivision. The prospect of an entire subdivision and condominiums directly behind her home has the Schmidts obviously worried about how their new neighbors will react to the goats, sheep and especially the donkeys.

"I don't know what will happen when my donkey starts at 5:15 in the morning," Margaret Schmidt said, bending down to pet little Mattie, a small goat with that follows her around the farm.

"I'll have to find out what my rights are."

What a sap!

The maple syrup's running at this farm



Hilred Hunt, who died last month at 101, was a native Novi farm girl who shared her maple syrup recipe with Margaret Schmidt.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

She says that the homeowners on the east side of Wixom Road don't mind. But, again, they are not in earshot of the sometimes vocal donkeys.

Schmidt walks through the barn, pointing out the little sheep. "Bah, bah, black sheep" she says with a smile. But Mattie gets jealous easily, she pushes away a small lamb.

"Mattie!" Schmidt calls, picking up the sheep and placing a plate of food down for the lamb.

Meanwhile, Margaret's dog Molly is carefully watching the sheep, marching up and down the fence-line like a sentry at a castle gate.

"It's breeding," she says, walking through the pen to the syrup trees. "She (Molly) doesn't come much closer. She just watches them."

Her school programs for children often includes taking one of the animals along with her. She'll tell a story, bring along one of her friends like Tom the "traveling turkey", a big 40-pounder. She was a major was an major organizer of the Pioneer Festival of Novi.

For over twenty years, the Schmidts have been making maple syrup. To make syrup the conditions have to be right. Freezing night, with above freezing days makes the sap run. A hole is drilled about two-inches into the tree. Hard maple trees are better, Schmidt says.

There needs to be approximately 40 gallons of sap to make one gallon of syrup. The process is slow. The sap usually begins to run in March. The Schmidts boil the sap down, taking out the nearly 90 percent that is water. Achieving the 400 gallons used to make the syrup usually takes all day. When it's done and Margaret strains it into another pan.

"Wood for burning is stacked up in a cluster of trees tapped for sap collecting."

"My husband spends a lot of time

SYRUP CAKE

Margaret Schmidt, probably one of the few people left in Novi to tap maple trees for syrup, has been known to use this recipe to bake with the product of her own woods.

It was given to Schmidt in 1987 by the late Hilred Hunt, a Novi native who died Feb. 23 at the age of 101.

Hunt grew up on an Eleven Mile Road farm near today's Novi Town Center shopping mall. She first transcribed the recipe in 1928.

Lucy Needham added some modern instructions for those who weren't born in a kitchen.

HILRED HUNT'S MAPLE SYRUP CAKE

Take:

- 1 cup maple syrup
- 1 cup boiling water
- 2/3 cup of sugar
- 1/2 cup of shortening
- 1 teaspoon of soda

Add flour until as thick as soft molasses cake. Flow in two cups of flour per recipe.

Bake in an eight-inch square pyrex pan until tester shows it's done. Bake at 350 degrees for approximately one hour.

cutting wood," Schmidt said, pointing to the stacks of dead wood piled for burning.

"We usually tap the trees around the first week of March."

She added that she knows it's spring when the Mourning Cloak butterfly is discovered camouflaged against a maple tree. "It's the first butterfly of spring," she said. "A real sign of spring. Just like the robin."

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Cassis, other lawmakers will address state voucher plan at Northville meeting

The Northville Council of PTA's Legislative Action Network is sponsoring a town hall meeting on the school voucher bill proposal on March 13 at 7 p.m. at the Northville High School cafeteria.

Speakers at the meeting will include a representative of Kids First! Yes!, who supports the proposal; Janet Cooper, president of the Michigan Affiliate of the ACLU, which opposes the proposal; Sons, Walls, Ballard and Thaddeus McGoff, Representatives; Gerald Law and Nancy Cassis.

The speakers will answer questions following a discussion of the issue.

The voucher proposal would change Michigan's constitution to allow public money to be spent on private school tuition.

The proposal is expected to be voted on in the November 2000 election.

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City tinkers with tax abatements to lure business

By RANDALYAKAY Staff Writer

The City of Novi is considering providing tax abatements to potential companies willing to invest in the city.

Mayor Richard Clark said that the city does need to adopt some type of tax abatement policy, through he was cautious about the kind of criteria that should be set up to attract "unique" business to the city.

"To be competitive you have to look to our future," said Clark. "We should adopt some form of policy for tax abatements."

The next meeting on tax abatements is scheduled for Monday, March 27.

Clark said that if a tax abatement was going to be used to lure a major corporation to the city, that it must be able to provide high-paying, high-tech jobs.

"We don't want to get into micro-managing a major corporation," Clark said. "If a major corporation is coming here, we will be talking about a substantial investment over a long period of time."

Mayor Pro Tem Laura Lorenzo said council should look at a number of criteria, including what kinds of jobs would be coming to the city, would the jobs be available to citizens inside the city limits or would commuters be coming into the city. Lorenzo also said that she was concerned over increased traf-

fic on city roads.

"We can be very selective," said Lorenzo. "We would have to have an extraordinary project coming forward before we would allow tax abatements."

Lorenzo said that she did want the city to attract tax abatement companies and said that she would be in favor of a "minimum" amount for companies to invest who wish to use abatements.

Like it or not, the City of Novi is expanding at an enormous rate, especially in the industrial and commercial areas and the future trends are for more expansion and possible build-out by 2020.

Plans for eight new projects were unveiled in 1999. The value of these construction permits was over \$0.5 billion, according to city reports. The number of permits for industrial buildings went up from five in 1998 to eight in 1999.

The industrial property values jumped from approximately \$138 million in 1998 to over \$193 million in 1999. The 39.9 percent change is the highest in the city's 25 year history. Commercial property values went up a staggering 52.2 percent from an estimated \$805 million in 1998 to over \$816 million in 1999, according to reports filed by the city. Industrial property sold also with a 9.1 percent jump during the same time period.

Residential only saw a moderate increase of 8.2 percent over a one-year period. During the last census in 1990, the number of residents in the city was an estimated 32,000. A study done by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) estimated the number of residents to be over 48,000 in 1994. That number is expected to climb to between over 60,000 by the year 2010 and over 68,000 by 2020, according to SEMCOG predictions.

Mayor Clark has confirmed interest that some Fortune 500 corporations may be looking to invest in the city. According to Clark, the companies possibly looking to invest have asked for "confidentiality" until a final deci-

sion has been made.

Clark made clear that no potential Fortune 500 companies looking to invest here have asked for tax abatements. Clark said the city doesn't seek to put restrictions on a company, should a tax abatement be sought.

"We do not want to dictate wages to a company," continued Clark.

Tax abatements have become a topic of significance in the last few years as the city's commercial and industrial base continues to increase.

Previous city councils have been adamantly opposed to granting tax abatements in the past.

Library Briefs

LIBRARY HOURS
 The Novi Public Library is open Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sundays, 1-5 p.m. The library is located at 45245 W. Ten Mile Road, just east of Taft. For more information, call 349-0720.

KIDS ONLINE: SEARCHING, SAFETY AND SITES
 This child-oriented introduction to the Internet focuses on kids' search engines, the importance of online safety, and sites that kids love. The class, which includes hands-on practice, meets Thursday, March 16 at 4 p.m. For children ages 8-12, parents are welcome. Please register in advance for all Internet programs in person or by calling the library.

INTRODUCTION TO INVESTMENT RESEARCH ON THE INTERNET
 Want to start tracking your stocks on the Net? Need to find historical stock data? Want to learn more about that "hot stock" your broker mentioned? Join us for an overview of Internet sites for personal investors on Tuesday, March 21 at 7 p.m.

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
 The Novi Library Board of Directors meets Monday, March 13 at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room. Community members are welcome to attend.

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ADDITIONAL WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

March 4th & 5th 1940's Theme	Face Painting Smile and express yourself with the help of our creative face painters! All day.	A Decade of Music and Dance Put on your dancing shoes! A DJ will be on hand to play music of the weekend decade while a dance duo provides lessons. 12:30 to 1:00 p.m. & 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.
March 11th & 12th 1950's Theme	Classic Cartoons Lots of laughs and giggles will be shared together as your family watches these nostalgic cartoons including favorites from Disney and Warner Bros. All day.	"Decades of Fun" Trivia Game The fun continues with this fast-paced trivia game where teams of families will compete to prove their game-show prowess. 12:30 & 3:00 p.m.
March 18th & 19th 1960's Theme	Storytelling Cozy up with our friendly storyteller. Fun and whimsical tales will engage the imaginations of families one and all.	Family Costume Contest Families dressed in the style of the weekend's decade will participate in a judged contest. One lucky family each Saturday and Sunday will win four passes to Fantasia 2000! 1:00 p.m.
March 25th & 26th 1970's Theme	Favorite Pastimes: Hopscotch and Hula Hoops All day.	Arts & Crafts Using recycled materials children can create a take home art activity that reflects the weekend's decade. 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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By STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

Club Z!, a national organization that offers tutoring and educational resources in all subject areas, has recently become available in Novi and its surrounding areas.

"We believe that every child can be successful," said Dean Thompson, who along with his wife Kathryn, owns and operates Club Z! in Canton.

"Our goal is to make certain your child believes that too."

Thompson and his wife say that Club Z! focuses on both the academics and the positive attitudes that promote effective learning for students of all ages and skill levels.

Club Z! focuses on the whole child, including confidence, learning style and personality when designing individualized programs that seek to make learning meaningful and enjoyable, he explained. Tutors work one-on-one in the student's home.

"We don't follow a set curriculum because every student is unique," said Kathryn Thompson.

"Each child's tutoring program targets what he or she is doing at school and focuses on their own particular needs."

Dean says in addition to supporting students in their academic success at school, Club Z! also offers enrichment and remediation services.

"We will do whatever the parent feels their child needs to be happy and successful," he said.

According to the Thompsons, Club Z! is extremely affordable and provides a variety of package options, with no long-term contract. A free in-home consultation is done so that the individual needs of the student can be assessed and a plan made as to how those needs can be best met.

"We believe that learning is a partnership between parents, classroom teachers, students, and Club Z! tutors," he said.

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 O HENRIEN GAMES (R)
 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:35, 9:45
 WHILE NINE YARDS (R)
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 CRUISE (R) 12:30, 2:30, 5:00, 9:15, 7:30, 9:45
 THE TIGER MOUSE (G)
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 THE BEACH (R)
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Fire Log

The following is a complete list of the emergency calls of the Novi Fire Department for the week ending March 7. Each emergency is listed by type, location, time of the call, and Squad number who responded to the call.

MONDAY, FEB. 28
 Fire alarm, 41671 Ten Mile Road, 2:19 p.m., Squad 1
 Medical, 43941 Parkside Trail, 5:32 p.m., Squad 2
 Injury accident, Ten Mile and Novi Road, 5:51 p.m., Squad 1
 Medical, 31245 Beechlake, 10:29 p.m., Squad 2
 Medical, 43451 Ten Mile Road, 11:07 p.m., Squad 1

TUESDAY, FEB. 29
 Medical, 45272 Lakeside, 6:49 a.m., Squad 1
 Medical, 40175 Washington, 7:05 a.m., Squad 1
 Medical, 45085 Ashford, 11:36 a.m., Squad 4
 Medical, 22292 Salsburg, 12:39 p.m., Squad 3
 Medical, 45125 Ten Mile Road, 12:39 p.m., Squad 3
 Medical, 26235 Louisiana, 2:50 p.m., Squad 4

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1
 Medical, 45125 Ten Mile Road, 4:39 p.m., Squad 3
 Medical, 39437 Barton Drive, 10:10 p.m., Squad 2

THURSDAY, MARCH 2
 Medical, 23925 E. Lehigh, 10:55 a.m., Squad 1
 Medical, 25887 Montmorency, 11:24 a.m., Squad 4
 Medical, 45182 West Road, 11:45 a.m., Squad 2
 Medical, 42509 Arena Drive, 5:59 p.m., Squad 3
 Medical, 39000 Eleven Mile Road, 8:50 p.m., Squad 4
 Fire alarm, 49000 Eleven Mile Road, 8:56 p.m., Engines 1, 3
 Medical, 43135 Crescent, 9:22 p.m., Squad 1
 Fire alarm, 45272 Lakeside, 6:49 a.m., Squad 1
 Medical, 40175 Washington, 7:05 a.m., Squad 1
 Medical, 45085 Ashford, 11:36 a.m., Squad 4
 Medical, 22292 Salsburg, 12:39 p.m., Squad 3
 Medical, 45125 Ten Mile Road, 12:39 p.m., Squad 3
 Medical, 26235 Louisiana, 2:50 p.m., Squad 4

FRIDAY, MARCH 3
 Medical, 45182 West Road, 4:34 a.m., Squad 2
 Medical, Markee and Grand River, 8:42 a.m., Squad 1
 Medical, Twelve Oaks and Novi Road, 9:34 a.m., Squad 1
 Fire alarm, 45182 West Road, 9:34 a.m., Squad 1
 Fire alarm, 45182 West Road, 9:34 a.m., Squad 1
 Investigation, 39750 Grand River, 11:29 a.m., Engine 1, Squad 1
 Medical, 42021 Cherry Hill, 11:53 a.m., Squad 1
 Medical, 31125 Portside, 12:49 p.m., Squad 2
 Medical, 31285 Springlake, 1:08 p.m., Squad 1
 Medical, Beck and Pontiac Trail, 2:16 p.m., Squad 1

SATURDAY, MARCH 4
 Fire alarm, 25750 Novi Road, 12:14 a.m., Engines 1, 3
 Injury accident, Ten Mile and Meadowbrook, 9:51 a.m., Engine 1, Squad 1
 Medical, 508 Eckstein, 10:06 a.m., Squad 4
 Medical, 23068 Cranbrook, 8:54 p.m., Squad 3
 Medical, 24500 Meadowbrook, 11:27 p.m., Squad 1

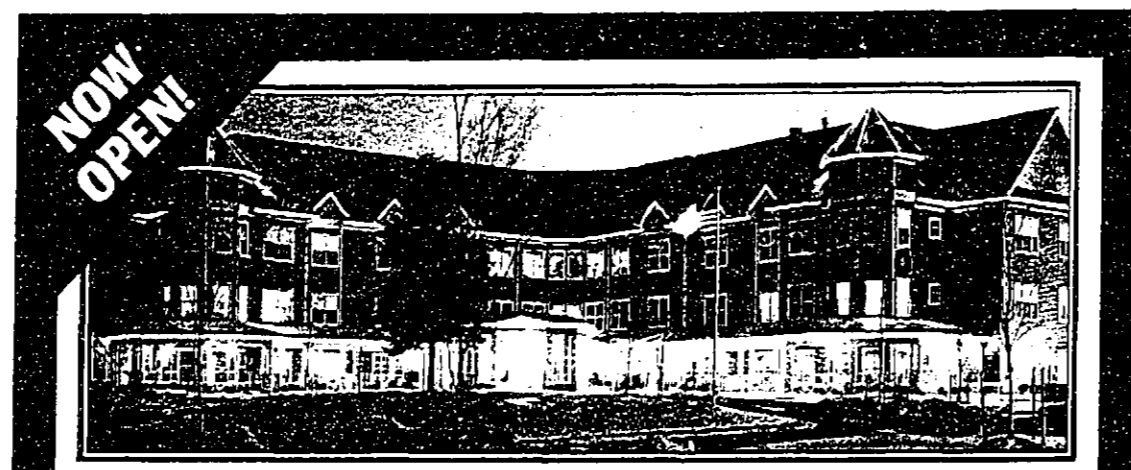
SUNDAY, MARCH 5
 Medical, 45182 West Road, 7:14 a.m., Squad 2
 Medical, 30972 Springlake, 10:35 a.m., Squad 1
 Brush fire, South Lake and Owen-ton, 4:16 p.m., Engine 2
 Trash fire, 24400 Tall Road, 7:56 p.m., Engine 1
 Car fire, 1496 and Novi Road, 8:32 p.m., Engine 1

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Obituaries

Howard F. Faes
 Howard F. Faes, 86, formerly of Livonia, died March 2 at Laurids Nursing Home in Waterford.

He was born July 23, 1913, in Detroit.

Mr. Faes graduated from Redford High School in 1931 and from the University of Michigan in 1935 as an economics major. While at the U-M, he usually played football with the future President Gerald Ford on the lawn of Fletcher Hall. His professional career was in engineering sales in the heating industry. Mr. Faes was a former member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Detroit; his current membership was at St. John's Lutheran Church, Farmington. One of his greatest moments was when his son graduated from Redford High School, where he himself had grad-

uated.

Mr. Faes is survived by his wife, Helen R.; daughter-in-law, Marjorie C. Faes; nephew, John Rosemary; nephews of Brighton; and grandson, Eric Paul Faes.

He was preceded in death by son, Paul H.; and sister-in-law, Marion Reinswick.

Services were held on Wednesday, March 8 at O'Brien Chapel/Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi. Pastor Daniel Cave of St. John Lutheran Church of Farmington Hills was the officiant. Interment was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

Memorials to the University of Michigan Alumni Association, 200 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor, Mich. 48109-1007 would be appreciated by the family.

**CITY OF NOVI
NOTICE OF ADOPTION
ORDINANCE NO. 2000-125.13**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 2000-125.13 — AN ORDINANCE TO ADD THE DEFINITIONS OF "DAMAGED TREE," "DEAD TREE," "DISEASED TREE" AND "NON-HUMAN CAUSE" TO SECTION 37-2 OF THE NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES, AND TO AMEND SECTION 37-21 OF SAID ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR THE REMOVAL OF DAMAGED TREES IS EXEMPT FROM THE WOODLANDS USE PERMIT REQUIREMENT, PROVIDED THE DAMAGE RESULTED FROM NON-HUMAN CAUSES.

The provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, February 28, 2000. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. prevailing local time.

(3-9-00 NR/NN 957968)

NANCY REUTTER, DEPUTY CITY CLERK

**CITY OF NOVI
NOTICE OF MEETING
OF BOARD OF REVIEW**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review shall convene in its first session at 9:00 a.m., EST, Tuesday, March 7th, 2000 in the Novi Assessing Department at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessment roll.

Notice is further given that the second session of the Board of Review will meet for the purpose of hearing and considering assessment protests in the Novi City Council Chambers at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road on March 13, 14 & 15, 2000. All appearances before the Board will be by appointment only. If you or your representative want to appear in person, the appointment must be made on or before 5:00 p.m., EST, Friday, March 10, 2000. Appearances before the Board of Review are limited to five (5) minutes or less. Petitions are available at the Assessor's Office. NO APPOINTMENTS WILL BE GIVEN UNTIL A PETITION IS RECEIVED BY THE ASSESSING DEPARTMENT OFFICE.

Letters of protest will be accepted on or before 5:00 p.m., EST, Wednesday, March 15, 2000. Postmarks will not be considered. When submitting a letter of protest for the Board of Review's consideration, you must attach a completed petition (available at the Assessing Department), along with any supporting information.

All agents protesting values on property, other than their own, MUST HAVE written authorization from each property owner they are representing.

Persons on fixed or limited income may be eligible for a reduction in property taxes due to poverty. Applications are available at the Assessing Department.

BOARD OF REVIEW SCHEDULE
 Monday, March 13, 2000 — 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 Tuesday, March 14, 2000 — 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
 Wednesday, March 15, 2000 — 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Any questions should be directed to the Assessing Department at (248) 347-0485.

(2-24 & 3-2-00 NR/NN 855050)

TONNI BARTHOLOMEW, CITY CLERK

**NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI
REQUEST FOR BIDS
AUTOMATED GEOGRAPHICALLY BASED INTERACTIVE COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM**

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for an Automated Geographically Based Interactive Community Notification System according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Bid packages are available at the Office of the Purchasing Director.

Sealed bids will be received until 3:00 p.m. prevailing eastern time, Thursday, March 23, 2000, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows:

**CITY OF NOVI
CAROL J. KALINOVIK, PURCHASING DIRECTOR**
45175 W. Ten Mile Rd.
Novi, MI 48375-3024

All bids must be signed by a legally authorized agent of the bidding firm. ENVELOPES MUST BE PLAINLY MARKED "Automated Geographically Based Interactive Community Notification System" BID

AND MUST BEAR THE NAME OF THE BIDDER.

The City reserves the right to accept any or all alternative proposals and award the contract to other than the lowest bidder, to waive any irregularities or informalities or both, to reject any or all proposals, and in general to make the award of the contract in any manner deemed by the City, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the City of Novi.

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David Bolino, Assistant Superintendent
501 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167

Proposals must be submitted no later than 10:00 a.m., local time, March 30, 2000. At that time bids will be opened and read aloud. Delay expectations are included in the bid documents.

The Northville Public School District reserves the right to reject any and all bids submitted or to waive any informality.

(3-9-00 NR/NN 957828)

**NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI
REQUEST FOR BIDS
KAWASAKI MULE MODEL 2520**

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for Kawasaki Mule Model 2520 according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Bid packages are available at the Office of the Purchasing Director.

Sealed bids will be received until 3:00 p.m. prevailing eastern time, Wednesday, March 22, 2000, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows:

**CITY OF NOVI
CAROL J. KALINOVIK, PURCHASING DIRECTOR**
45175 W. Ten Mile Rd.
Novi, MI 48375-3024

All bids must be signed by a legally authorized agent of the bidding firm. ENVELOPES MUST BE PLAINLY MARKED "Kawasaki Mule Model 2520" BID

AND MUST BEAR THE NAME OF THE BIDDER.

The City reserves the right to accept any or all alternative proposals and award the contract to other than the lowest bidder, to waive any irregularities or informalities or both, to reject any or all proposals, and in general to make the award of the contract in any manner deemed by the City, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the City of Novi.

(3-9-00 NR, NN 958020)

CAROL J. KALINOVIK, PURCHASING DIRECTOR (248) 347-0446

**CITY OF NOVI
NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 15, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider, CHLD, TMS, SP, 95-26, located on the south side of Nine Mile Road between Tall and Beck Roads, for PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN AND SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVALS.

LOCATION MAP

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning & Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 15, 2000.

(3-9-00 NR/NN 957971)

NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION
BOB CHURELLA, SECRETARY

OFFICIAL NOTICE TO ELECTORS AND TAXPAYERS OF THE CITY OF NOVI OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS SECURED BY THE TAXING POWER OF THE CITY AND RIGHT OF REFERENDUM THEREON

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Novi, County of Oakland, Michigan, intends to issue special assessment bonds of the City, in total principal amount of not to exceed \$8,700,000 for the purpose of defraying a special assessment district's share of the cost of road and related improvements in said special assessment district, including drainage, curb and gutter, landscaping, traffic signalization and right of way acquisition in the City. Said bonds shall mature serially in not to exceed fifteen (15) annual installments with interest payable on the unpaid balance at a rate of not to exceed 7% per annum or such higher rate as may be permitted by law.

SOURCE OF PAYMENT OF BONDS

THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST OF THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BONDS shall be payable primarily from collections of an equal amount of special assessments on the lands in the special assessment district, and the bonds shall also pledge the limited tax full faith and credit of the City of Novi.

IN CASE OF THE INSUFFICIENCY OF THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS, THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST OF SAID BONDS SHALL BE PAYABLE FROM ANY GENERAL FUNDS OF THE CITY LAWFULLY AVAILABLE FOR SUCH PURPOSE.

RIGHT OF REFERENDUM

THE BONDS will be issued without vote of the electors unless a PETITION requesting an election on the question of issuing the bonds, signed by not less than 10% of the REGISTERED ELECTORS in the City, is filed with the City by depositing the same with the City Clerk WITHIN FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS after publication of this notice. If such a petition is filed, the bonds affected cannot be issued without an approving vote by a majority of electors voting on the question.

THIS NOTICE is given pursuant to the requirements of Section 5(g) of Act 279, Public Acts of Michigan, 1909, as amended. Further information concerning the matters set out in this notice may be secured from the City Clerk's office.

**NANCY REUTTER,
DEPUTY CITY CLERK**

(3-9-00 NR/NN 957970)

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LOCATION MAP

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning & Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 15, 2000.

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NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION
BOB CHURELLA, SECRETARY

NOVI NEWS

Opinions

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As We See It

Bill to control Internet booze sales is the dregs

It may look like a solid idea, but when examined, the state Legislature's proposal to block the sale of alcohol over the Internet to minors just doesn't hold water.

First, the sale of alcohol to minors is already illegal here. Secondly, there is absolutely no evidence that youngsters are getting alcohol through the Internet now.

And when done in the manner put forward by Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, through House Bill 4752, the legislation would impose a restraint on trade for the small business operations that make up the fine wine-making industry, including Michigan's two dozen wineries.

Most importantly, HB 4752 would significantly limit choices for consumers — that's you, dear reader.

Wine lovers statewide need to set down their steno-writer and pick up pens to write lawmakers in opposition to HB 4752.

Vintners and connoisseurs claim the concerns raised about minors gaining access to alcohol over the Internet are really a "smokescreen" that the real purpose is to preserve the monopoly wholesalers now have on the distribution of spirits here in Michigan. The state's "three-tier" system requires that all alcohol be distributed through wholesalers. E-commerce bypasses them, threatening that monopoly.

Cassis and the Michigan Beer and Wine Wholesalers Association deny it, as you'd expect, but their protestations are unconvincing given the lack of evidence that youths are buying alcohol over the Internet.

Congressional hearings last March on related legislation at the federal level failed to produce evidence. Cassis can't point to any. Nor can the wholesalers.

Even Michigan's Liquor Control Commission, responsible for enforcing the liquor laws here, can't point to a single known case of a juvenile ordering beer, wine or booze over the World Wide Web, other than in a "sting" operation.

Access denied, try again later



Jan Jeffres

Elizabeth Dole comes to Novi stamping for George W. Bush and she gets a front page photo and a big story full of quotes. Tipper Gore comes to town promoting the hubby and all she merits is a photo and a not particularly sizable write-up?

While most of Novi may be re-sounding in the Republican camp here at the Novi News we're not particular. Everybody gets the same treatment. So I really wish we had more to offer you about the Gore visit, however, our hands were tied.

But, geez, through the years, the Republicans have been so much more accessible, (I should note here that the only party I'm a member of is the Tupperware one.)

But here's our experience with the two leading parties. John McCain comes to Hob and Kay Schmidt's Novi home in November and the media is informed, but not invited. We simply picked up the phone and called State Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, and our reporter and photographer were the only press people welcomed in.

We were also conveniently notified well in advance about Elizabeth Dole. And no political candidate's workers kept us more in the loop before the Michigan primary than George W.'s, so much so that they would fax us a press release not once, but 20 times or more.

We heard about Tipper Gore's visit to Iron Workers Local No. 25 on Trans-X Drive on the morning of the Saturday event. Nothing was sent our way by the local Democrats. If we'd known about this earlier, we would have had our credentials in order.

Instead, a kind little bird connected with the city phone photographer John Heider at home about the vice first lady's arrival. I read about it in another newspaper.

Immediately the Novi News Action Team sprang into well, action. I tried to contact new reporter Randal Yake with no success, but I knew he would be at the Novi Civic Center that afternoon for the city council meeting. So dressed for my Yoga class, I highlighted it over to city hall. I was too early for the meeting, but I found Mayor Dick Clark in his conference room and he graciously gave Randal a note from me about the Gore appearance.

In Focus

By John Heider



Baaad girl
"Farm Lady" Margaret Schmidt's pinyon goat Mattle has an eye for the camera at a recent visit.

Where will all the critters go?

Last night was the straw that broke the camel's back. Or I should say, the fox's.

Just as I pulled in my subdivision on my way home from work, I saw a red fox.

No, not a reincarnation of the fabulous comic, the animal.

"So?" some of you are saying. Well, the big deal is that, what in the world was a fox doing in my subdivision? It's because he has no other place to go. His home has been replaced by mini-malls, food chains and residential living.

I can't tell you how many times I have almost thrown-up on my way to interviews because a poor skunk or squirrel's guts were smeared all over the streets. It's not really any one person's fault because I'm sure there are lots of reasons why this is happening, but one in particular that I think needs to be addressed.

Do you blame the drivers of the vehicles who ended the lives of these fuzzy creatures?

No, of course not. No one is expected to know when these guys are going to jump out in front of you. Besides — all the drivers are feeling guilty enough.

Do you blame the cities for building?

Possibly.

Now I know Novi is a growing community, and we have to make way for new offices, buildings, schools, etc. It's the case in any city. But see, it's because of this building and construction that these poor little guys have no where to go except in front of your driving vehicle.

They are being kicked. I mean stuck, to the curb.

I'm sure some of you could care less about raccoons, squirrels and skunks, but someone has to. I certainly do.

Maybe you think "Hey, squirrels are a dime a dozen?" My answer to you would be "at least they have the trees to retreat to," but we're running scarce of those, too.

What about our furry buddies like the skunk? He may not be the best-smelling guy of all time, but jeez, he's still got a heart.

But obviously his heart, and many other hearts of the wilderness will be smashed by pick ups across the interstate, as our country and cities continue to flourish.

So how am I going to change this?

I haven't got a clue, but if we don't start preserving the wildlife and forests we got left, our little furballs will truly be a dying breed.

Stephanie Fordyce is a staff writer for the Novi News and Northville Record. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700.

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Vouchers address the problem



Phil Power

Well, well. Here we go again.

The proposal to legalize a voucher system for students in "failing" public schools is almost certainly headed for a vote in November. Kids First! Yes!, the outfit that is sponsoring the constitutional amendment to end the ban on spending public funds for private and parochial schools, has submitted more than enough petition signatures — 302,000 required, 463,000 turned in — to the state Elections Commission to put the measure on the ballot.

It wasn't cheap to get all those signatures. The December filing submitted by the Election Commission shows payments totaling \$307,487.48 to National Petition Management, of Southfield, MI. At least some of the petition circulators were paid rather than volunteer.

The most controversial aspect of the proposal would create and fund vouchers — called "Opportunity Scholarships" — for kids in "failing" school districts to use at private or religious schools. The vouchers, if approved, would be worth about \$2,700 (approximately one half the current state per pupil funding grant), which could be cashed at private or religious schools. A falling district is one which has a four-year graduation rate of less than two thirds, according to the proposal.

Thirty Michigan school districts have graduation rates under 66 percent, including Detroit and Inkster.

The proposed amendment would also allow any other school district in the state to set up a voucher system if a majority of local residents vote to do so. What this means is that the constitutional "failing school" limitation on spending public money for private schools can be overturned by a local vote.

The historic politics of the proposal are unhelpful to supporters. "Parochialism" has appeared on the Michigan statewide ballot twice, losing badly both times.

The purest occasion was in 1970, when a constitutional amendment designed specifically to prohibit public tax dollars going to private and parochial schools passed, 56 percent to 44 percent. The idea reappeared on the ballot in 1978, packaged this time with a property tax cut and known as the "Tisch Amendment." It went down, 3-1.

Although this is 22 years later, when the deterioration of urban schools has reached crisis proportions and education ranks top on the list of voter concerns, the Kids First! Yes! Proposal so far is getting support from less than 60 percent of those polled, far below the 65-70 percent approval that conventional wisdom says is necessary support going into a campaign to amend the constitution.

Moreover, getting the measure on the ballot has already precipitated a serious split in the Michigan Republican Party. Gov. John Engler has repeatedly and vigorously argued it's bad politics, for fear of hurting Sen. Spencer Abraham's chances against challenger Rep. Debbie Stabenow. Biggest backer is Dick DeVos, the Amway billionaire from Grand Rapids, who says he'll raise \$5 million to support it and whose wife, Betsy, just resigned as Michigan GOP state chair.

Novi doesn't need tax abatements

To the Editor:

Thursday, Feb. 27 Novi City Council held a special meeting to consider the implementation of a tax abatement program to entice certain businesses to locate in Novi. The general public was conspicuous by its absence.

For those who may not be aware, this tax abatement program, if adopted, will grant to selected companies a 50 percent reduction on all taxes on the companies' building and personal property for a specified number of years.

In my opinion this is putting Novi's amenities and attractiveness as a location on the discount shelf. Novi's infrastructure and utilities are at present what I consider to be overvalued. One only has to look at the condition and in some cases, lack of our roads. In the summer months, we are still one of the few communities subjected to watering restrictions. We are still saddled with a money-losing ice arena. We have a couple of judgments against our city, one of which is quite substantial. Remember that any new construction puts additional pressure on this infrastructure but companies sheltered under a tax abatement plan will, for a number of years, be paying only one-half the normal tax rate. Now who do you suppose will have to make up the difference? If you answered "present taxpayers," you are correct.

At present, this tax abatement plan is only under consideration. If you disagree with offering Novi at discount rates to encourage more building in our city, please let the council know your feelings. Don't wait until the plan passes. Once the camel is in your tent, it's hard to get him out.

Clare Wilson

WHAT: WWII Veterans Celebration
When: July 2, 2000
Where: Novi City Hall
Time: 2:00 p.m.

There will be special recognitions, photo displays, musical tributes and many other activities that are sure to please everyone. Nov students are planning special surprises for this day and will be studying this period of our American history in preparation for July 2. All Novi residents will be advised of this event and we look forward to a large turnout.

Please have your WWII veterans contact me at icordas@novi.mi.us or by writing to my attention at: Novi City Hall, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., Novi, MI 48375-3024. You may also call my office at (810) 826-8311.

Novi is a wonderful community in which to live and raise a family. Special events like this allow us to come together and get to know each other just a little bit better. We hope that you will plan to join us as we thank these very special people.

Thank you in advance for your assistance. We look forward to seeing you on July 2.

Sincerely,
Lou Cordas
Novi City Council

SEX ED. QUESTIONED

To the Editor:

As the parent of students in the Northville School District, it has recently been brought to my attention that a new mandatory health/sex education program is being considered and most probably will be instituted for our high school students. This program begins with the class of 2003.

Many local parents find much of the material objectionable — most notably the classroom demonstration of the proper way to apply a condom to a model of a male body part. These classes are to be coed and may include students from tenth, 11th and 12th grade. What other surprises are in store for our children in this class?

If you would like to hear more about this program, you may attend the PTA meeting at Northville High School on Friday, March 10 at 9:15 a.m. You may view the material from the program by appointment by calling central administration offices at 344-8442. Please see the material, then attend the public board instructional Services Subcommittee meeting on Tuesday, March 21 at 7 p.m. at 501 W. Main St.

Quick action by concerned parents is needed now as this matter is to be decided upon in the next few weeks.

It is the hope of many parents that we can postpone this decision until more of us can be informed. Get the facts. Call now.

Letters

VOUCHER PLAN QUESTIONED

To the Editor:

Did you know that the school voucher proposal would allow private schools to take money for educating children and make a profit? If you'd like to know more about the voucher proposal, the Northville PTA Legislative Action Network is holding an informational meeting on Thursday, March 13 at 7 p.m. in the Northville High School cafeteria.

Sheryl Tripp Khoury

MORE NOVI NEWS, PLEASE

To the Editor:

As you announced the new masthead for the Novi News, I thought perhaps this would also be a new beginning for the Novi News and its readers, many of us who like to see Novi features, not recycled Northville news. Indeed, the last two weeks' news have been predominantly Novi in the A section and in the sports, and you and your staff are to be commended.

However, I have been extremely disappointed in the "Living" section the past two weeks, as I have been in the past, continuing the cycle of giving Novi people Northville stories. In your March 2 issue, the "Rhythm in Motion" feature is based on a Northville gym program. "Rec Briefs" features Northville Parks and Recreation, Wayne County and Oakland County.

"Events" is nearly 100 percent Northville, with some smatterings of Plymouth and brief comments on Novi connections. "Divisions" devoted a full four of six columns (the balance advertising) to Northville Seniors activities, with nothing on Novi. To your credit, "Novi Highlights" is indeed Novi, and "On Campus" lists both Novi and Northville students in a random pattern.

I hope that you will seriously consider staffing, and writing, about "Novi Living." Somehow, over 45,000 of us are doing just that!

Bob Shaw
Novi

A MILLION MOMS TO MARCH

To the Editor:

I was outraged to hear that, yet again, another innocent life was taken. I was even more outraged to hear it happened at a school — a place where our children should always feel safe. As a mother, I can no longer tolerate our children dying in their classrooms and on the playgrounds — it hits far too close to home.

For too long we ignored the issue, considering it something that happens to other people. The tragedy at Buell Elementary School in Flint illustrates that this isn't someone else's problem. Gun violence in schools is happening in big cities and small towns. It's happening in urban communities and rural communities. It's happening in public and private schools. And it is happening where you and I live.

This Mother's Day, mothers, grandmothers, stepmothers, future mothers, godmothers, foster mothers, teachers, students, and families will join me at the Million Mom March in Washington, D.C. Our goal is to educate and mobilize the mothers of America to this cause. We understand the need for action to stop the epidemic of gun violence. On May 14, we will ask congress to help us take the guns out of our children's hands. The Million Mom March is dedicated to the mission of educating our children and our country about the life-threatening danger of guns. Please help us get this information out to the people, we need everyone's support.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed it is the only thing that ever has." — Margaret Mead.

Our web site address is millionmomarch.org. Or locally, I would be happy to supply additional information or answer any questions at jamliller04@earthlink.net.

Thank you for your support.

Laurie Miller
One Mom in a Million

Novi News Quote of the Week

"He has what it takes to be city manager. He knows what needs to be done. Mr. Helwig stands out among all three of candidates."

Richard Clark
mayor of Novi, regarding the council's city manager choice

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 writer's name may be withheld from publication if the writer fears bodily harm, severe persecution, or the loss of his or her job. The writer requesting anonymity must explain his or her circumstances. Submit letters for consideration by 4 p.m. Monday for that Thursday's paper. We reserve the right to edit letters for brevity, clarity, tone, taste and relevance. The week prior to an election, this newspaper will not accept letters to the editor that open up new issues. Only responses to already published issues will be accepted, with this newspaper being the final arbiter. This policy is an attempt to be fair to all concerned.

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Council, Helwig now will negotiate his pay, benefits

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 palities showed that the Ferndale city manager makes a low end of approximately \$82,000 per year. The Troy city manager makes an estimated \$110,000 per year.

Councilman Louis Csordas said that he felt that "fate" brought Helwig to the city. Csordas said that "quick yes" answers to the question of whether or not Helwig would move to Novi helped in making his decision, among other things.

"I thought that his education, background and demeanor played a role," said Csordas. "He's has a wide range of experience."

Helwig's wife currently owns a home in Birmingham.

"Either way I'm going to be here," said Helwig, at a reception held for the three remaining candidates last month.

He has a master's degree in public administration from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, as well as a bachelor of science degree in business from Bowling Green State University.

Helwig has been assistant City Manager of Dublin, Ohio since 1997. He will complete his 30 years of service for the Ohio public employment retirement system at the end of March. Helwig was city manager of Dayton, Ohio from November 1984 through January of 1994, as well as city manager of Elgin, Illinois from April 1994 through November 1996.

While Helwig said that he "definitely" would relocate to Novi, manager candidate James Pierce gave a much less definitive answer, saying he would "consider the move".

Pierce, who has been city administrator for Davenport, Iowa - a city of approximately 97,000 residents - since 1996 apparently was not able to convince council that he was committed to the position and the city. Pierce has a master's degree in public administration from Wayne State University. In addition, there were other issue that clouded his candidacy.

According to reports published in the Iowa newspaper, the Quad-City Times, Pierce had not received

a performance evaluation at his current job and had received criticism over pushing a \$500,000 loan to Brammer Manufacturing Co. even though financial statements turned in by the company showed that firm to be in "poor" financial condition.

Wells Fargo Credit filed a lawsuit in 1998, claiming Brammer company officials misrepresented their financial standing.

Pierce also told the city aldermen in Davenport (equivalent of a council member) that he wanted to stay there, but that the decision was entirely up to the elected officials.

Novi council members acknowledge they knew of the trouble surrounding Pierce in Davenport, but said that it wasn't the overriding factor in the selection.

"Everyone has certain issues," Csordas said. "My decision was not based on that, but it was a factor."

But for Csordas, the residency question was the overriding issues. "That had a huge impact," Csordas said. "His comments during

the interview process changed my consideration."

The third candidate, Mark Vanderpool, has been the assistant city manager of Skokie, Illinois, for the past seven years. Vanderpool was assistant city manager for Tecumseh, Michigan from 1989 to 1993.

The city manager compensation council meetings began on Wednesday, March 8, after deadline. Clark said that if negotiations for a contract would not result in an agreement over payment, then the city would have to go with a "back-up plan."

"There are two other candidates," Clark said.

According to Klaver, the most qualified city manager is selected and then salary is discussed. Most feel that the negotiations with Helwig will be successful.

Helwig takes over for Ed Kriewall, who retired last February after 25 years as Novi city manager and 30 years as part of Novi city government. Kriewall moved out of his office on Feb. 11.



Photo by Robert Ahrens

From right, Mayor Dick Clark talks with city manager candidate Richard Helwig and Fire Chief Art Lenaghan at a gathering held last month for three finalists for Novi's top executive post.

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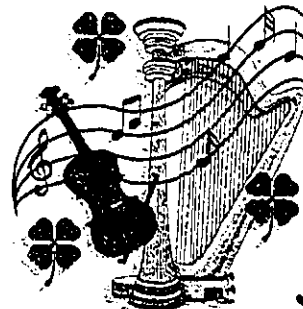
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Northville city building inspector Rick Starling, left, takes a look at what can happen when city codes are not followed: a fire broke out last week in this Northville home off Grassmere after a fireplace flue was improperly installed. More than a third of

the home suffered major fire, smoke and water damage. Above, Starling takes in the work being done as he walks through a 10,000-square foot home development off Dubuar Street in Northville.

It won't be long until the pounding of hammers, shrill of drills and whizzing of saws fills the warm, spring air.

But before you start any kind of renovation project on your home, you may want to consider stopping by the city of Northville building department at city hall or the Northville Township building department on Beck Road.

The reason? You or your contractor may need to obtain a permit for work being performed on your home.

"We generally require a permit for any construction, alteration or repair," said Rick Starling, chief building inspector in the city of Northville.

That means sewer work, plumbing, mechanical work, air-conditioning, carpentry work, electrical and even deck work. The building department enforces a stringent set of rules and regulations as

they relate to construction work. The rules are city, state and national standards designed to protect the safety of the public. The codes are readily available at the Northville City Hall and inspectors can help with any questions.

The purpose isn't to write as many ordinance violations as possible, Starling said.

"Oftentimes we're perceived as bad guys," Starling said. "But we are here to protect the safety of our taxpayers. Our job is to enforce state and city codes and ensure the public's safety."

For example, when a local spa company that went belly up tried to wire a spa into a Northville resident's house in a way that was faulty, the city electrical inspector was able to warn the residents they could have been seriously injured.

The project went wrong from the

beginning when an unlicensed contractor did work on the home before any permits were obtained from the city.

The unknowing homeowners suspected the contractor was doing everything by the book and they would soon be enjoying a hot tub.

However, when the hot tub didn't work and the homeowner began experiencing other problems with the contractor, the city building inspector was contacted.

The result: the city electrical inspector found that had the hot tub been used the users could have been seriously injured or killed.

"That was a perfect example of why we're here," Starling said.

Starling said homeowners performing work themselves on their homes will be given more assistance with their projects than contractors working within the city.

"Oftentimes we're perceived as the bad guys. But we are here to protect the safety of our taxpayers. Our job is to enforce state and city codes and ensure the public's safety."

Rick Starling
City of Northville building inspector

"The contractors should know their business," Starling said. "Again we are here for the taxpayers of the city."

In addition to making sure homeowners perform the proper work on their homes, the building inspector works to make sure contractors perform the proper work. Since the building permit is required to be displayed until the project is completed, homeowners may want to look for one hanging

department for information on contractors, or just to make sure they are licensed.

Each permit does cost money, depending on the scope, Starling said.

"The money raised goes into the city's general fund which in turn is used to support the building department in part," he said.

The fees are a small price to pay for safety, Starling said.

"You can't afford to risk your safety and investment with anything less than complete code enforcement and compliance," he said.

The building department may be reached by calling (248) 349-1300.

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Northville Business Expo — it isn't just for business

TASTE OF NORTHVILLE BUSINESS EXPO

■ **WHAT:** 10th Annual Taste of Northville Business Expo

■ **WHERE:** Northville Community Center (303 W. Main)

■ **WHEN:** 5 p.m. - 8 p.m., March 21

■ **WHAT IS IT:** A gathering of dozens of Northville and Northville Township businesses and restaurants. A quality opportunity to be exposed to local business, both for inter-business networking and for families to see what operations are in their communities.

■ **ADMISSION:** \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors and children.

■ **MORE INFO:** Call (248) 349-7640.

By CHRIS C. DAVIS
Copy Editor

Watch out, Victorian Festival. You've got competition.

That's what Northville area Chamber of Commerce director Laurie Marrs had to say about the 2000 Taste of Northville Business Showcase, slated this year for March 21 at the Northville Community Center.

"It's truly the second-most popular event the chamber sponsors," Marrs said. "It's an interactive business expo in every sense. It's a wonderful place for families to get a look at the businesses in their community."

Nevermind the fact that dozens of restaurants will be represented at the show, which attracts some 70 different vendors. The cost of sampling foods from restaurants is included in the price of admission.

The Expo, now in its 10th year, was developed as a means for businesses to get exposure to residents and fellow businesses. It has blossomed into a family-oriented evening.

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Northville Chamber of Commerce director

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Business owners and managers have found the Expo to be a productive evening of networking, as well, Marrs said. She said many companies in Northville Township and Northville have forged partnerships with each other as a direct result of the Expo taking place.

Non-profit community groups also receive invitations to participate in the Expo, she

said.

Not only that, but the younger set has taken advantage of the Expo to find out about Northville businesses they didn't even know about, she said.

"Students have written letters to us thanking us for putting this on," she said. "It's gotten that popular."

An estimated 1,000 people turned out for last year's three-hour show.

"We had them lining up outside the door way ahead of five o'clock," Marrs said. "Everyone wanted to get inside and take a look."

The Expo is littered with giveaways, raffles and promotional handouts. Marrs said the Chamber has gone out of its way to ensure that the Expo remains a family event.

"It's a fantastic evening," she said. "I'd love to see this place packed."

The Taste of Northville Business Expo runs from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Northville Community Center. For more information, call (248) 349-7640.

Chamber hosts Magical Night on March 11

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

This year's "Magical Night by Candlelight" will be held on March 11 at 5:30 p.m. at the Novi Hilton. Included will be a live and silent auction and a raffle, with many prizes provided by businesses in the Novi area. Tickets are available at the chamber office for \$60 per person. A portion of the proceeds from this year's auction will again be given to the Paralyzed Veterans of America-Michigan Chapter.

Paralyzed Veterans of America was founded in 1947, to assist more than 2,500 returning American veterans who sustained spinal cord injury during World War II. The organization also assists veterans and non-veterans with spinal-related disabilities, education, counseling, legislation, and support of legal rights. The Novi PVA office has been located at 40550 Grand River since 1994.

Novi Highlights

On March 20 the Novi Chamber and five other chambers will attend a "Super Lunch and Learn" at the LeVonia Marriott, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the cost of \$25 per person. The theme for the program will be "Outstanding Customer Service the Marriott Way." With guest speakers Nancy Tressler, American Hotel and Motel Association Concierge of the Year for the United States and Hayden Kramer, general manager.

A chamber luncheon will be held on March 21 at the Monaghan Barbeque on Main Street. RSVP's must be in by March 17 to the chamber office.

CHARTER HOUSE OF NOVI

As you visit the facility, you will notice a bulletin board in the lobby acknowledging some very special people, pictures included: maintenance, nurses aides and kitchen helpers, just to mention a few, who have achieved certain goals and have earned the title of "Crusaders." These crusaders were recognized in many ways in addition to a special luncheon: Rodney Bowman, Dave Carlson,

Kris Fox, Gilbert Jones, Ina Kilbourne, Sandy Lenz, Emma Passmore, Phyllis Scroggins, and Clara Tatum.

Some requirements for recognition are: three-year work history at the facility, and a low number of tardy and absent days. These are just a few of the goals set by the facility to ensure better care for the residents.

Special activities planned for this month are: An Ash Wednesday special program organized by the Novi Art Turpin and members of St. William's Catholic Church; Volunteer Paul Kemp will make a special Irish beer bread on March 17; and later in the month, the group will be going on a Caribbean cruise complete with decorations and special activities.

The activities department served paczkis for Shrove Tuesday. Anna Zabawa was the winner of the trivia contest for the correct spelling of "paczki".

Volunteers Make a Difference is the motto at Charter House. If interested, please call (248) 477-2000. Volunteers are needed in many areas. Anyone wishing to learn more

about the Community Council are asked to call (248) 624-0173. Members of the council assist in many areas when needed.

NOVI NEWCOMERS AND NEIGHBORS

The next general meeting will be held at Gardenview in Northville at 7 p.m. on March 15. This will give those attending a chance to see ponds, gazing balls, statues, stepping stones, indoor waterfalls, T-shirts, and much more.

Also on the agenda at the last board meeting were plans to participate in the 18th Annual Bowl-a-Thon sponsored by the Novi Youth Assistance. The event will take place March 11 at Novi Bowl, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Also given will be special prizes in addition to a raffle. First prize will be a handmade white Afghan complete with fringe. Funds from this event will go to NYA activities; teen center, camp programs and family education.

Election of new officers will be held at the April potluck dinner. Also at the April meeting will be the voting for the outstanding member award.

The winner will be announced at the May installation dinner. The winner will receive a special gift along with her name engraved on

a plaque which will hang in the Novi Library.

A family sports night will be held March 18, from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Cost is \$10 per family. For the children, there will be introductory classes in gymnastics, tennis, dance and ice kwon do, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. For adults, kick or jab-kickboxing, basic spinning, tennis court time, and fitness center access with family membership, also from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Interest groups include: book club, Tuesday morning bowling, Saturday evening couples league, daytime and evening bunks, euchre for couples, ladies night out at the movies, couples golf, lunch bunch, moms and tots, play groups, and daytime skiing.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

The church family has just completed its annual project of sponsoring a homeless shelter during the period of Feb. 26 through March 4. During this time, many volunteers responded by providing meals, night hospitality, morning driving, and support services.

Night hospitality monitors were parishioners who were present, from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. or 2 a.m. to 6 a.m.; Drivers transported guests to and from their jobs; and support services were individuals

who could cut hair, write letters and tutor.

The homeless who slept at the church were allowed to keep their new bed sheets, pillows and blankets when they left. They received warm clothing from the church Clothes Closet, as many arrived with only the clothes they were wearing.

Some of the guests relocated to a more permanent location following their stay at the church and were in need of household items. Always in need are pots, pans, silverware, dishes and bowls which can be dropped off at the Clothes Closet on Mondays, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. or Thursdays, from 9 a.m. to noon.

A St. Patrick's Day party will be held on March 12, from 3:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., with dinner at 4 p.m. The cost is \$10 for adults; children ages 5-14, \$5; and children 4 and under, free. Menu will include corned beef and cabbage, Irish stew, hot dogs and dessert. Activities will include DJ dancing, games, face painting and magic show. Tickets are still available at the church office.

Novi Highlights is written by Jeanne Clarke. Should you wish to contact her with information for this column, call (248) 624-0173.

Engagements



Ciaramitaro-Crawford

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Novak of South Lyon, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Crawford of Northville and Richard Ciaramitaro of Ypsilanti announce the engagement of Tracie Lynne to Jason Alex Crawford.

The groom-elect is a graduate of Northville High School and the bride-elect is a graduate of South Lyon High School. Both are currently attending Eastern Michigan University.



Erne - Kippe

Mr. and Mrs. Gary J. Erne of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Karen Elizabeth, to Gregory Ryan Kippe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Kippe of Bloomfield Hills.

The bride-elect is a 1994 graduate of Novi High School. She graduated from Michigan State University in 1998, and is currently employed as a financial analyst at Ford Motor Co.

The groom-elect is a 1995 graduate of Andover High School. He graduated in 1999 from Michigan State University and is currently employed with the architectural firm of Hobbs & Black Associates. Tom's family has lived in Northville since 1965.

A September wedding is planned.



Phillips-Babarova

William J. and Martha C. Phillips of Northville announce the engagement of their son, Thomas L., to Anna Babarova, daughter of Ivan and Olga Babarova of Bishler, Kyrgyzstan.

The bride-elect is a 1991 graduate of Bishler No. 51 and a 1998 graduate of Stanford University. She is currently employed as an engineer at Ford Motor Co.

Beth Loebach served as matron of honor, Lori Stiefel and Maria Twichaus were the attending bridesmaids.

The groom is the son of Martha and Eugene Speckhals of St. Louis, Mo. He is a 1992 graduate of Washington University and a 1994 graduate of Stanford University. Kurt is currently in the class of 2000 at the University of Michigan Business School. Following graduation, he will join McKinsey & Co. as a management consultant.

Attending as best man was Kevin Speckhals; Brad Modde and David Frayne served as groomsmen.

The couple went to Jamaica for their honeymoon and are now living in Northville.

Religion

MOMS (Moms Offering Moms Support) will hold its annual MOMS Baby, Kid and Me Resale, March 17, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and March 18, from 9 a.m.-noon at the First United Methodist Church, 7777 Eight Mile Road at Taft, Northville. Many gently-used items for sale: baby paraphernalia; baby, kids and maternity clothing; kids furniture; toys/books; and sporting equipment.

Profits used to help area youth and mothers.

Meadowbrook Congregational

Church, 21355 Meadowbrook Road in Novi is offering a Lenten series entitled, "Faith and Reason" beginning Wednesday, March 15 at 7:30 p.m. This is a five-week series with individual discussions each week.

A cancer support group has formed at Novi United Methodist Church. The group meets the first and third Sunday of each month at noon. Both cancer patients and survivors are welcome to attend. For more information, call (248) 349-2652.

The Fine Arts Concert Series of Northville will present the renowned Brazenard Denard Chorale in concert on Sunday, March 12 at 7 p.m. in the church sanctuary. The Choral is committed to the rededication and performance of significant choral works by African-American composers. Tickets are available in the church office during regular business hours. Advance tickets are \$10 for adults and \$12 at the door. For further information, call (248) 349-0911.

Weddings

Rebecca Lynne Frayne and Kurt Joseph Speckhals were married July 17, 1999, at the First Presbyterian Church in Northville. The Rev. W. Kent Cise officiated the ceremony. A reception followed at Barton Hills Country Club in Ann Arbor.

The bride is the daughter of Arlene and Glenn Frayne of Northville and a 1989 graduate of Northville High School. She graduated in 1993, from the University of Michigan and in 1994, from Stanford University. She is currently employed as an engineer at Ford Motor Co.

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Frayne-Speckhals

In Service

Air Force 1st Lt. Christopher Scheele has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

Scheele is the son of Paula Koloziej of Walled Lake and George Scheele of Lake Havasu, Ariz. He is a 1997 graduate of Edsel Ford High School in Dearborn.

Walled Lake resident Marine Pvt. Brent K. Applebe completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot on Parris Island, S.C.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

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GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 9 Mile & Meadowbrook Worship and Church School 9:30-11:00am Sunday School 10:00am Thomas E. Schroeder, Pastor 349-0265 8:45am Sunday School & Bible Class	FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE 200 E. Main St. Northville 48160-0911 Worship & Church School 9:30-11:00am Sunday School 10:00am Rev. W. Kent Cise, Senior Pastor Rev. James Situlal, Associate Pastor
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MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH 21355 Meadowbrook Rd. Novi at 81 Mile Morning Worship 10 a.m. Church School 10:30 a.m. 248-348-7752 Minister: Rev. Dr. E. Neil Hunt Minister of Music: Patricia Kuntz	FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE 349-1144 8 Mile & Taft Roads Worship Services 8:30am-9:15am 11:00am Sunday School 10:00am Summer Worship 9:15 & 11:00 (Live Live Live) Dr. Douglas W. Wenzel, Rev. David A. Beppert Rev. Armin L. Scaford Rev. Curtis L. Lutzke, Pastor
WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Dr. James N. McGuire, Senior Pastor 40000 54 Mile Road - Northville, MI 248-374-1620 Worship: 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 a.m. Church School 10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. evening services Worship Services 8:30 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Live Broadcast on WJLB 10:30AM	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH 45011 31 Mile at Taft Rd. Daycare, Infant, 5 yrs, including pre-school Daycare & 12 Home School 8:15 Sun School 9:30am - 11am & 10am Counseling, Marriage, 7:00 p.m. Dr. Gary Elmer, Pastor 349-3477 349-9431
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CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY 24505 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi, MI 48375 Masses: 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 a.m. 8:45am, 10:30am, 12:15pm Holy Days: 7am, 5:30am, 7:30pm Father John Busby, Pastor Father Andrew Czarnicki, Assoc. Pastor Pastor Office: 349-8867	FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 21200 Haggerty, Northville 48170 (between 8 & 9 Mile, near Novi Hilton) Sunday School 9:45 am Morning Worship 11:00 am Discipleship Services 6:00 pm Trustees provided Dr. Carl M. 349-8867
WORLDWIDE HARVEST CHURCH "A Place to Grow" Sunday Worship Service 11:00 AM 1407 Foster Park J. Northville The Center for Mass Snow Room 1407 Foster Park J. Northville, Michigan 48170 Rev. Dennis 481, call: (248) 654-1166 website	SPIRIT OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH E.L.C.A. 1st Mile between Haggerty and Meadowbrook Worship 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. "A Family Church" Pastor Matthew M. McKinstry 349-1726
FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 2400 1/2 Mile Novi Rd. 1/2 Mile west of Novi Rd. Pastors: Henderson, Pastor Jennifer M. Soos, Associate Pastor Worship & Church School 9:00 & 10:00am Sunday	OAK POINTE CHURCH Northville High School Auditorium & 8 Mile & Center St Sunday 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Counseling, Marriage, 7:00 p.m. (248) 615-7050
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CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL 10 Mile between Taft & Beck, Novi Phone 349-1175 Sunday 7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist Sunday 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist 11 a.m. Sunday School & Nursery The Rev. Leslie F. Harding	ST. NICHOLAS EPARCHIAL MISSION CHURCH Rev. Wayne Ruchaj, pastor 14000 Center Campus (near 14th Street) and 14th Street 1st Mile West of Center Campus 11:00am Mass, 7:00pm Mass, 9:30am & 10:30am 14000 Center Campus 14000 Center Campus (248) 351-3500

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Community Events

The Western Wayne Genealogical Society will be meeting on March 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the Law Center Bank North Branch Building. The topic of the meeting is "Women's History: Research and Researching Family History." The presentation will be headed up by William Bradburn. The meeting is open to the public and free of charge. For more information, call (248) 348-4349.

A youth basketball clinic will be held at Ward Evangelical Free Church, Northville, Mich., on Saturday, March 18. A session for students in grades 3 through 5 is slated to run from 2 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. and a second session from 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. for students in grades 6 through 8. The clinics will be attended by Detroit Pistons coach Steve Nisband and the team mascot, Hoggy. The cost is \$15, but a limited number of slots are available. Registration runs through March 17. The cost includes fee, follow-up Saturdays of basketball from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call (248) 374-5647.

Tickets for the Northville High School Senior All-Night Party are on sale at a cost of \$50. Tickets may be purchased by sending a check or money order to Sentinel All Night Party, c/o Linda Temple, 26023 North Valley, Northville, Mich. 48167. Tickets will also be sold during the intermissions of the school musical, "Grease," slated for April 12-15. For more information, call (248) 348-0826 or (248) 348-8039.

The Northville Woman's Club will feature Celtic music by Hugh and Mary Lou Botley at its March 17 public lunch meeting. The program begins at Northville's First Presbyterian Church starting at 12:30 p.m. Chairperson of the day will be Karen Pundt. The meeting will conclude the Woman's Club programs until next October. For more information, call (248) 348-1325.

The Northville Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring "Coffee and Computers" on March 22, 8:30 a.m. at Lenders LTD., 201 E. Main St., Conference Room. A presentation on how the chamber web page can help a business will be given. Webmaster and staff will be available to answer all questions. Seating is limited for this free presentation. For more information, call (248) 349-7640.

Also at the chamber — the Breakfast Seminar Series, Part 11. Guest speaker Lois Walle-Morgan will present "Marketing Your Atti-

tude." Two additional business seminars are slated to take place as a professional.

The event is scheduled for 7:30 a.m. at North Hill Apartments on Saturday, May 13, 8:30 a.m. at the downtown Northville. The cost is \$12 for registered before March 11. \$15 for potential members on March 13. Payment of the fee.

Handmade quilts by cancer survivors and their families are on display in the Nancy A. Fox Art Gallery in the Center for the Healing Arts in the Assarian Cancer Center. The exhibit, continues through March 21. An upcoming book is outlining the making of each square are also exhibited for the public to read. The Assarian Cancer Center is located at 47601 Grand River Ave. For more information, call (248) 439-4390.

The Fine Arts Concert Series of the First Presbyterian Church of Northville will present the renowned Broadway musical "Chicago" on Sunday, March 12 at 7 p.m. in the church sanctuary. The Chicago is committed to the robust and performance of significant musical works by African-American composers.

Tickets are available in the church office during regular business hours. Advance tickets are \$19/adult, \$12 for the door. For further information, call (248) 349-0911.

Author Tim Smith will visit Walled Lake area schoolchildren March 7, 10 and March 20-24 to promote March is Reading Month.

Book Wilder's Small Fry Fishing Guide" and Book Wilder's Small Fry Hiking and Camping Guide." Smith will donate a set of books to the public libraries in Walled Lake, Northville and Novi. He will appear at Barnes & Noble in Northville on March 9 and March 22. Both events begin at 7 p.m. Book signings will be held at the end of the hour.

The League of Women Voters and the Women Officials' Network are presenting "Money, Organization & Media: The Nuts and Bolts of Running for Public Office."

The workshop, slated for March 25 at the Comstock Activities Center in Farmington Hills, will help candidates running for public office learn what it takes to organize a successful campaign. Several media representatives will be on hand for the forum.

Registration is \$25 before March 12. For more information, call (248) 647-1350.

Diversifying the key to financial goals

How does an investor create an appropriate long-term investment plan? Spreading assets over a variety of different investments is perhaps the most important rule one can follow. Diversification in stock asset classes performs best in a diversified portfolio is expected to fluctuate less as losses from some investments are offset by gains in others.

Asset allocation is the art of balancing the three common investment classes: stocks, bonds, and cash reserves. Knowing the differences among them is important.

Common stocks, which represent ownership rights in a corporation, entail more risk than other types of financial assets in the short run. But over longer holding periods, they have usually provided the highest returns and the greatest capital gain potential. Common stocks also have the greatest potential for short-term downturns.

Bonds are typically issued by corporations, governments, and federal agencies. They typically offer higher yields than cash reserves, but their value can fluctuate dramatically in response to changes in interest rates. Bonds generally offer higher current income with less volatility than stocks, but may limited potential for long-term returns.

Cash reserves include money market securities such as Treasury Bills and short-term certificates of deposit. Because money market securities have shorter maturities, they typically provide a stable investment value and current interest income. However, inflation can quickly erode the purchasing power of cash.



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Personal Finance

leaving investors short of reaching their financial goals.

Diversification within Asset Classes: As the stock or bond portions of your portfolio are refined, consider spreading investments among the various categories within a single asset class. For instance, diversification of the stock portion among several strategies to target growth stocks, value stocks, blue chip stocks and others.

A bond allocation may be diversified to include instruments characterized by specific maturities (short, intermediate or long-term) and other types of bonds, such as U.S. government, corporate or income municipal bonds. Also consider a mixture of domestic and international stock and bond investments.

What Should the Allocation Be?

How much emphasis should be placed on stocks for growth, bonds for income and cash reserves for safety and liquidity will depend in part on an investor's tolerance for risk and the

time horizon for reaching financial goals. If the goal is the near-term purchase of a house or car, it may have a shorter time frame calling for lower or moderate-risk investment approaches.

A goal like college education or retirement may have a longer time horizon that allows an investor to pursue more aggressive and potentially rewarding strategies because of the ability to wait out any short-term fluctuations in the market. Of course, the time won't matter if you misjudge your emotional response to a downturn. For this reason, an investor must always weigh the desire for higher returns against a willingness to tolerate market setbacks.

Stay on Course

An effective asset allocation can help balance the risk assumed with the return earned. But it is still important to remember that the stock and bond markets are inherently volatile. All too often, investors become nervous at the first sign of a market downturn and may be tempted to alter their investment plan. By understanding what to expect, an investor will be able to stay on course and resist the urge to revise one's investment mix based on short-term market events.

To find out about asset allocation and how a customized asset allocation strategy may assist in reaching your financial goals, contact your financial advisor.

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Business

Howard A. H. of a world of attorneys. David B. Lipski is a shareholder of the firm. He is based in the firm's 300-north-dell Hills office.

Lipski resides in Novi with his wife, Dr. Robin Lipski and their sons, Justin and Eliot.

The Board of Directors of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce has recognized Lisa Willard, executive director of the Novi Chamber of Commerce, with a Michigan Chamber Professional Award. The award is given to those who have achieved specific educational and training goals.

Alex Alexandris, owner of the Northville Crossing Restaurant, hosted a benefit "Luau" dinner at his restaurant to raise funds for a family friend, Christi Shaw. Christi was diagnosed with leukemia several months ago. Proceeds from the evening went towards medical bills.

Approximately 90 people attended the donated dinner held Feb. 25.

The spotlight of the evening featured professional Hawaiian dancers. Mr. and Mrs. Alexandris have lived in Northville for 27 years and have been the restaurant's owners for the past 20 years.



Northville Crossing owner Alex Alexandris serves up food during a Hawaiian luau benefit dinner for a family friend.

Contributions may be sent to The Christi Shaw BMT Fund, P.O. Box 389, Hartland, Mich. 48029.

Help-U-Sell of Northville employees Linda Harper and Marie Horgan were named the top 10 percent in the national real estate system at ceremonies in Las Vegas.

Pet Corner

Several animal-related groups have adoption opportunities in the Novi and Northville area. Here are the dates and locations for some of those organizations:

Michigan Anti-Cruelty Society
Third Saturday of each month 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
PetSmart (17677 Haggerty, Northville)
(248) 347-4337

Critter Connection
Saturday 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Pet Supplies Plus (41660 Ten Mile, Novi)
(248) 350-0007

Volunteers For Action
Some Saturdays and Sundays
PetSmart (17677 Haggerty, Northville)
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Animal Welfare Society of

Southeastern Michigan
Variety of times
(248) 624-1100

In addition, the Pet-A-Pet group spends time bringing animals to nursing homes, hospice locations, and residences of physically and emotionally challenged children and adults. Volunteers are needed to help with the programs. Here's a rundown of where the group will be making stops soon. For information on volunteering, call (810) 229-5219.

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

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

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

Births



Duncan Michael-Casimir Misiak

Duncan Michael-Casimir Misiak was born Feb. 12 to Kyle and Matt Misiak of Clarkston at Genesis Health Park in Grand Blanc. Duncan weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces at birth and measured 21 inches.

Kyle Misiak is a Northville native. The baby's grandparents are Dennis and Tina Pepino of Northville and Marv and Barbara Misiak of Clarkston. The godparents are Carmen Idalski of Dayton, Ohio, and Chris Pepino of Northville.

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On Campus

Among this year's January graduates from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is Sathyan Subbiah of Northville, with a master's degree in science.

Commencement ceremonies for all graduates will be held in the spring.

John Olson of Novi was named to the Dean's List for Fall semester at Western Michigan University.

Graduating from Western Michigan University in December 1999 were the following students:

NORTHVILLE — Elizabeth Ganfield, summa cum laude, bachelor's degree, occupational therapy; **Jamie Iovannisci**, bachelor's, computer information

system; **Jaime H. Pifer**, bachelor's, family studies; **Karen M. Thorne**, bachelor's, health education teaching and **Matthew S. Topous**, bachelor's, management.

NOVI — Colleen M. Greenwald, bachelor's degree in education; group minors; and **Andrea L. Zurawski**, bachelor's in finance.

Chris C. Ames, **Wendy W. Gutowski** and **Christina A. Shaffer**, Northville students at Lawrence Tech University, were named to the Dean's Honor Roll for fall semester. They received recognition for earning at least a 3.5 grade point average for the term.

Names of students from Northville, Novi and Walled Lake (3.75-4.0 grade point average)

WALLED LAKE — Chery Butzler, **Sandor Holzer**, **Sandra Rohman**, **Laila Cassis**, **Lynn Delaney**, **George Leaver**, and **Glenn Maynard**.

PRESIDENT'S HONOR ROLL (3.75-4.0 grade point average)

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS AND REC
Singers and dancers are needed for Oakland County Parks Revue, "Singsation." Open auditions are set for March 21 and 22, from 5-9 p.m. at Waterford Oaks County Parks Lookout Lodge.

Local performers, high school seniors and older, are to bring a one-page typed resume with a headshot, a prepared piece of music that showcases their range and wear comfortable

clothing for learning a short dance movement.

Performances take place June-August at Oakland County Parks, company picnics, day care centers, local festivals and more.

Contact the show's director Steve Forbes at (248) 858-4633 to schedule an audition time. Walk-ins will not be auditioned.

Waterford Oaks County Park is on Scott Lake Road between Dixie Highway and Pontiac Lake Road in Waterford.

Northville Parks and Rec can be reached at (248) 349-0203. Oakland County Parks and Rec can be reached at (248) 858-0906.

NORTHVILLE — Leslie Schaefer, **Mark Byal**, **Suzette Colton**, **Christine Gambino**, **Debbie Lueker**, **Sean O'Keefe**, and **Kevin Patmore**.

NOVI — Heather Mitchell, **Kirk Karges**, **Michael Karol**, **Bhavani Koneru**, **Srinivas Koneru**, **Michael Kotyk**, **Jolanta Martyka-Kepe**, **Stephen Nienhaus**, and **Neelam Varshney**.

WALLED LAKE — Aimee Bond and **Karl Gohrmann**.

Charles David Hawthorne of Novi, a part-time student at the Detroit College of Business, was named to the Dean's List for Fall quarter.

Hawthorne achieved a 3.5 or better grade point average for the quarter.

Rec Briefs

NORTHVILLE PARKS AND REC:

The Michigan Recreation and Park Association presented the Northville Baseball and Softball Association with a Community Service Award on Jan. 29 in Lansing. The MIRA was recognized for its volunteer efforts in managing youth baseball and softball programs in the community.

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Northville Seniors

The staff at the Northville Senior Center at 415 W. Main St. (north of the following seniors and activities for seniors 65 and older. For more information, or to register, call the office at (248) 348-1434, ext. 111.

• Newsletter
The senior newsletter is a monthly publication filled with information on senior citizens, tips, news and services. Copies are available at Northville and the Hall Northville Community Center, Northville District Library, Northville Parks and Recreation Center and the Senior Center. You can also receive the newsletter by mail for an annual \$7 contribution.

• Telephone Reassurance (Telecare)
Homebound residents can receive a daily telephone call to check on their well-being, or to speak to a nurse. This program is available at no charge to the community through the use of their Community Development Block Grant funds. To register, contact the Telecare office at (248) 348-1312, from 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday.

• Nutrition
Hot nutritious meals are provided Monday through Friday at Allen Terrace. A donation of \$1.50 is requested. Meals can be delivered to your home through the Meals on Wheels program. For more information on the Nutrition program, call (800) 851-1454. Allen Terrace is located at 401 High St.

• Focus Hope
Food distribution is the fourth Friday of every month, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Senior Center.

• TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)
Meets every Thursday. Weight loss takes place from 8-9 a.m. The meeting runs from 9 until 10 a.m.

• Blood Pressure Screening
Come get your blood pressure checked by a nurse. There is no charge. Held at the Senior Center on the fourth Monday of the month, from noon to 2 p.m. No appointment is necessary.

• Michigan Emergency Pharmaceutical Program for Seniors
Northville and Northville Township senior citizens age 65 and over are eligible to receive two months worth of prescriptions through the MEPPS program. Monthly income eligibility for a single person is \$1,030 from all sources of income and for a couple, is \$1,383 from all sources of income. Total monthly prescription cost must be 10 percent of your monthly income. For more information, call the Senior Center.

• Tax Counseling Service
Volunteer tax counselors are available to prepare your state and local tax forms. Counselors have been trained by American Association of Retired Persons and the Michigan Treasury Department. This service will be available at the Senior Center, every Tuesday beginning Feb. 1 through April 15, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Most necessary forms are on hand. Appointments are scheduled at 30-minute intervals. When arranging your appointment, please ask what items you should bring with you. Although there is no charge for this service, donations to the senior program would be greatly appreciated.

TRANSPORTATION
• Bus Service for Local Shopping Trips
Tuesdays: Meijer, Kohl's, Target and local banks.
Fridays: Farmer Jack/Hiller's or Shopping Center Market/Busch's (alternating Fridays).
Bus begins pickup at 9:30 a.m. from your home. Cost is \$2. Riders must make a reservation 24 hours in advance. Call the Senior Center.

• Bus Service for Movies, Lunch and Shopping at the Mall Twice a Month
The senior bus heads out to Leeland Park Mall and the AMC Theaters for an afternoon from 4 p.m. of movies, lunch and shopping. The days scheduled are the second and fourth Monday of each month. Pick-up will begin from your home (11 a.m.) at the MAGS parking lot (11:30 a.m.). Once at the mall, you will be on your own to enjoy your afternoon. Cost is \$2. Please call to make reservations.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES
• Card Playing
Join us for cards at the Senior Center. Enjoy several hours of fun for just \$1. The schedule is as follows: bridge, Wednesdays, 12:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.; pool, Mondays and Thursdays, 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.; beginning pinocle on Tuesdays, from 12:30-3:30 p.m.

• Senior Drop-in Volleyball
All levels are welcome. Held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Parks and Recreation Center. Activity days on monthly recreation calendar at the center. Cost is \$1.

• Body Workout Exercise Class
This class meets every Wednesday at 9:45 a.m. at Allen Terrace. Cost is \$2 per class. No registration is necessary.

• Pot Luck Luncheons
Held on the third Monday of every month at the Senior Center. This is a great way to visit with friends. Meet at noon, bring your own table service, a dish to pass, and \$1.

• Dinner Out at Various Restaurants
Come with us for a once-a-month trip to a local restaurant. On Thursday, March 23 we will be going to The Common Grille Restaurant in Chelsea for good food with good friends. Cost for round trip transportation is \$4, payable to the bus driver. The bus will depart from the MAGS parking lot at 4:30 p.m. or pick you up at your home at 4 p.m. Please call for advanced reservations.

• Detroit Symphony Orchestra
Northville Senior Center has reserved tickets to various concerts throughout the season. Departure time is 9 a.m. from MAGS. Please call to register.
"Coffee Concerts" are \$27 per ticket. Available classical Coffee Concerts include: Great Schubert, March 3; Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto, March 17; Strauss' Tone Poems, April 7; All Mozart, April 28; and Pines of Rome on June 9.
"Pop Concerts" are \$33 per ticket. Available Pop Concerts include: On the Air - Music of the Fifties, 1940s, April 13 and Pops Goes Hollywood, June 1.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTHS OF MARCH AND APRIL

• Leelanau Sands and Turtle Creek Casinos
Blanco Tours is offering a trip to the Leelanau Sands and Turtle Creek Casinos. The event includes round trip motorcoach transportation, one night accommodation at the Leelanau Sands Lodge, and \$100 in casino incentives. Tour dates are March 12-13. Cost is \$89 per person based on double occupancy. Stop by and register today.

• Las Vegas
Blanco Tours is offering a trip to Las Vegas March 16-20. This event will include round trip airfare, motorcoach transportation to all attractions, four nights accommodations at The Golden Nugget, several meals, and some very exciting sightseeing trips. The cost is \$599 per person, double occupancy. Call the Senior Center for more information.

• Italian Riviera Trip
Blanco Tours is offering a trip March 30-April 7 to the Italian Riviera featuring Alassio, San

Remo, Monte Carlo, Genova, and Nice, France. The tour includes round trip airfare, transfers, motorcoach transportation, seven meals, and some great excursions. The cost is \$1599 per person/double occupancy. For more information, please call the Senior Center.

• St. Patrick's Day Party
On Friday, March 17 Alterra Assisted Living will co-sponsor a St. Patrick's Day party at Cook Middle School on Fall, from 7-9 p.m. Please join us for entertainment by "Special Blend" and refreshments. This event is free. Please call for reservations.

• Adult Internet Workshop
Interested in learning more about the Internet? Register for the Adult Internet Workshop to be held at Northville High School. The five-week program meets Saturday, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. beginning March 18. This workshop is free of charge to Northville residents. Register by leaving a voice mail message to Donna Shannon at (248) 344-8420, ext. 682.

• Computer Training for Seniors
Norm Kotaski of Northville knows computers. Since his retirement, he has begun teaching computer basics to area seniors. He covers Microsoft Windows, word processing, Internet, e-mail and Excel spreadsheet. He teaches in the seniors' home on their computer. If interested, please call (248) 348-4406.

• Swan Lake Ballet
Join us on March 31 to see Swan Lake ballet at the Detroit Opera House. The senior bus departs from the MAGS parking lot at 9:45 a.m. and returns at approximately 3 p.m. Lunch will be on your own. Cost for residents is \$17 and non-residents, \$18. Please stop by the Senior Center to register.

• The Spring Swing
On April 1, we'll be heading to "The Spring Swing" at the Redford Theater. The senior bus departs from the MAGS parking lot at 4:30 p.m. and returns at approximately 7 p.m. Dinner will be on your own. Cost is \$20 for residents and \$21 for non-residents. Register at the Senior Center.

• Michigan Senior Olympics
Don't miss qualifying for the 2001 national games. The 21st annual games of the Michigan Senior Olympics will take place in Battle Creek June 13-17. For more information, sponsorship and volunteer opportunities, call (248) 608-0250.

• Garage Sale
The Northville Senior Center will be conducting its first garage sale Friday, June 2, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and Saturday, June 3, from 9 a.m. to noon. The sale will be held at the Northville Senior Center, 215 W. Cady St. in downtown Northville.
Individuals can participate in this event in one of two ways. You can either donate items for resale, the proceeds from which will benefit the Senior Center, or you can rent space at the garage sale site and sell your own items for your own benefit.
With the first alternative, your participation is the value of the donation. Bring your items (no clothes, certain rods or bowling balls, please) to the Senior Center between now and May 26 and we will sell them for you. This approach is attractive to those who don't have the time for their own garage sale; gets rid of clutter and other unwanted items; obtains a tax deduction; and doesn't require participation in the sale itself.
If you are interested in making money for yourself and have the time and energy to sell your own items, rent a parking space at the Senior Center for \$25 and sell directly from your vehicle. Not only does this provide more customer traffic due to consolidated sale sites, but the opportunity to meet and interact with members of the community.
In either situation, you will be assisting the Senior Center in raising proceeds for senior programs, which is a necessary component to the success of retirement community living.
If you have any questions, contact Sue Kotwala at (248) 349-4140.

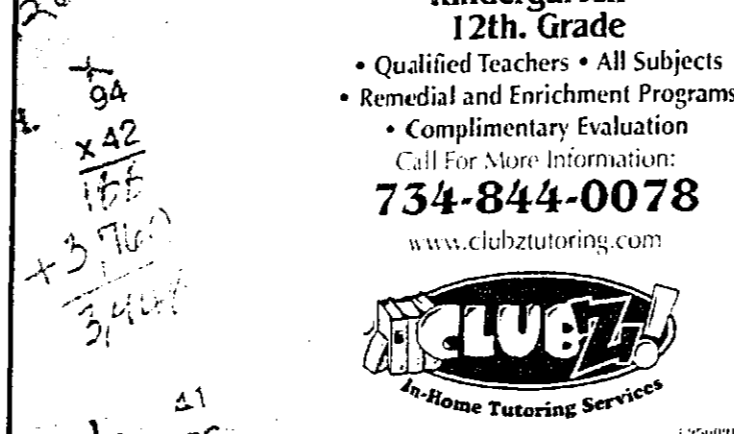
• Detroit Bloomfest Garden Show
Join us April 8 for a trip to the Detroit Bloomfest Garden Show. The senior bus departs from the MAGS parking lot at 10:30 a.m. and returns at approximately 4:30 p.m. Lunch will be on your own. Cost is \$14 for residents and \$15 for non-residents. Stop by the Senior Center to register.

SENIOR FITNESS
• Senior Water Aerobics
This is a seven-week session with a cost of \$55. Classes will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays. Session II runs Feb. 28 through April 12. Class begins at 1 p.m. at the pool at Our Lady of Providence on Beek Road. Stop by the Senior Center and register today.

• Senior Stretch and Tone
Certified trainer Angela Klear will teach the well-balanced workout at the Senior Center on Thursdays, 10-11 a.m. You will need comfortable clothes, athletic shoes, water, towel, and a blanket or mat on which to sit. Classes will be held for six weeks, from March 2-April 6. The cost is \$25 for residents and \$28 for non-residents.

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From Oscar-winning director Mike Nichols ("The Graduate," "Working Girl" and "The Birdcage") comes the cosmic battle-of-the-sexes "What Planet Are You From?," a hilariously offbeat, down-and-dirty comedy about men, women and the universe in between.
The year is 2999. Four solar systems and three generations away from Earth lies a highly evolved world populated by what appears to be male life forms. When one of them, Harold, is sent to Earth on a mission to impregnate a woman and have a child, he quickly learns that traveling halfway across the universe was the easy part.
Upon his arrival to Earth, Harold befriends Perry Gordon (Greg Kinnear), a horny, morally challenged specimen of the human male, and together they scope Phoenix for women. To Harold, however, female Earthlings prove to be an immensely diverse and complicated species. On the prowl for the ideal woman with whom he can mate, the alien encounters a wide spectrum of potential candidates: a charming, almost frigid stewardess (Judy Greer), a tipsy waitress (Anastasia Sakelaris), Perry's sexually aggressive wife, Helen (Linda Fiorentino), and finally, Susan (Annette Bening), a recovering alcoholic who's about to embark on a new life.
As Harold tries his inept hand at dating, he falls victim to the courtship and mating anxieties that plague all Earthlings. Neither the leader of his planet nor an Earth simulator could have prepared him for the challenges he would face in his pursuit of a consenting female human — especially Roland Jones (John Goodman), a high-strung FAA agent who's hot on Harold's trail.
It soon becomes clear in this bawdy comedy of errors that no matter what race, religion or planet of origin, men will always be men.
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GET ACQUAINTED
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One shy of a title

Grapplers fall to Davison in D-1 state championship

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

From the looks on the Novi wrestler's faces, you'd have thought they just lost in the first round of district action.

But within a few minutes the agony of defeat was replaced with the joy of accomplishment after finishing runnerup at the state wrestling meet in Battle Creek.

The Wildcats lost to Davison 41-28 in the Division I state final, capping off the most successful season in school history.

"This was a great experience for this team," Novi co-coach Brad Huss said. "We took our entire team down there (to Battle Creek). We wanted them all to experience this. We wanted our JV kids to say 'we want to be there — we want to be back.'"

For a short while, it looked as if the cards may fall Novi's way. The

match was close to start, with Novi holding a 15-11 lead after 130 pounds. Unfortunately for the 'Cats, Davison was just too strong all the way around.

The Cardinals Joe Whitman and Chad Roush picked up pins over Nate Mitchell and Eric Cook, vaulting No. 2 ranked Davison into a 23-15 lead. Yusuf Qamruzzaman hung in there against Jimmy McFall, but fell 6-1. That made the score 26-15 and all but put an end to Novi's chances.

"Davison without a doubt has a solid team. I know every Novi kid wrestled their heart out, but we just came up a little short," Novi senior Brian Dodds said. "We did all we could, and it was a very emotional match."

Emotional because it was the first time Novi had ever qualified past the state quarterfinals and also because it was a rematch

with one of the three teams to beat Novi this season. Davison handed Novi a 37-25 loss back in mid-January.

In that match Novi jumped out to a 19-3 lead on the Cardinals.

"I knew what the score was (at 15-11), and we weren't in that great of shape," Huss said. "We were winning by more than that the last time we faced them, and still lost."

In the rematch, Novi gave up too many falls to stay in contention. Davison won six matches by fall, and added a major decision in the mix. Novi, on the other hand, won just three matches by fall.

The first of those matches came at 119 pounds, where Dan Jilg beat John Whitman by technical fall 18-1. The win was Jilg's 47th of the year and gave his team a 9-6 lead. Davison came right back with their best wrestler, and the number one ranked wrestler at 125 pounds, Chase Metcalf. The sophomore wasn't able to pin Dodds, but picked up a 20-5 technical fall to give his team a brief lead.

In the next match, Ryan Churella fought off a stiff neck to pin Nick Finley in just 50 seconds. It was a match Novi was worried about because of Churella's injury he sustained in an earlier match. Regardless, Novi took their last lead of the day at 15-11.

Vince Slovan halted the bleeding at 152 pounds, picking up a 7-5 decision over Tim Polidan. The win avenged an 8-7 loss to Polidan earlier this season.

Davison took control of the match for good at 160 and 171, where Casey Streeter and Jon Phillips beat Novi's Frank Kava and Scott Kortlandt to give their team nine points and a 17-point lead with three matches to go.

Novi stayed alive as Adam Borashko pinned Adam Wilmoth in 2:59 and Nick Slovan won by



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Adam Borashko beat Ryan Kerekes 6-1 in Novi's semifinal win over Rockford this past Saturday. The Wildcats went on to face Davison in the finals, where they lost 41-28.

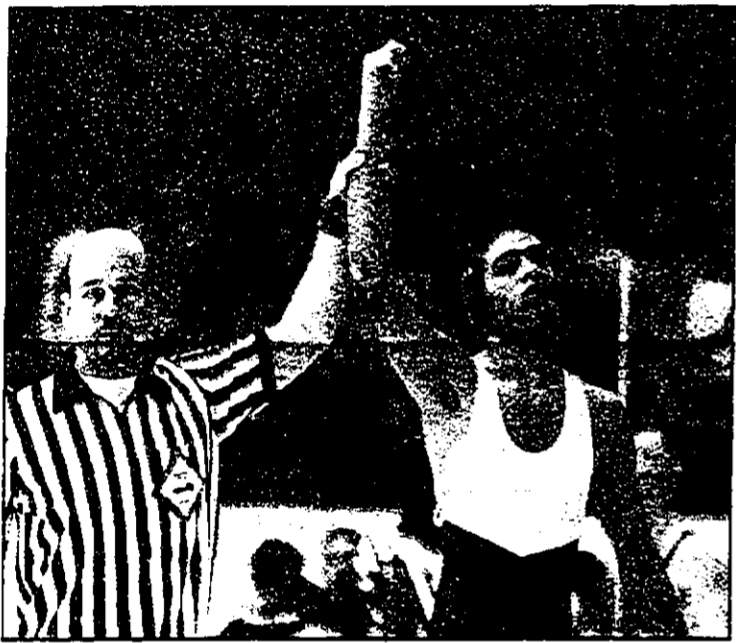


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Novi senior Yusuf Qamruzzaman has his hand raised after a 5-3 semifinal win over Rockford's Jason Johnson.

major decision 12-4 over John McCrandall at 215.

But heading into the heavy-weight match, Novi was down seven and out of it. Davison's Nic LaFear pinned Jason Moore in 2:35 to seal up the win and state title for the Cardinals.

The match started out on a positive note for Novi, with Josh Churella beating Davison's Kersten LaBelle 21-7 at 103 pounds. The match drew attention from the entire arena, with LaBelle having won 50 matches coming into the finals. She is the first girl in state history to win a regional title. But Churella took control early and asserted himself throughout the match. It was the freshman's second win over LaBelle this season.

"If we were healthy, we have a

real good chance to beat them," Huss said. "Brent Frey did not even wrestle and Ryan Churella had a sore neck. Because of those two factors alone, we have a chance."

"But despite that loss, we're unbelievably proud of these guys. Davison has 12 state qualifiers and for us to beat them at six weights is great."

Novi's season ends with a 29-4 record. Two of those losses came to Davison, one to Lapeer West (Division II state champion) and the other to Hartland. The team won Oakland County, Kensington Valley Conference, district and regional championships en route to their runnerup finish.

"At last year's banquet our goal was set to win states," Dodds said. "Our coaches challenged us

to believe in ourselves and each other and we did. We didn't flat out expect to wrestle in the state finals, but we knew that if we wrestled like we were capable of we could wrestle, we could win."

The individual state finals begin today and Novi has five qualifiers representing the school. Josh and Ryan Churella, Jilg, Borashko and Slovan have qualified. First round matches begin today, with second-round matches taking place tomorrow at the Joe Louis Arena. The semifinals and finals will take place Saturday.

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Weight for weight, Rockford actually matched up better

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Icers fall to Okemos 3-2

Novi lost to Okemos 3-2 in the Division II quarterfinals Tuesday night, according to officials at the Summit Ice Arena in Okemos as well as reports on the Michigan High School Athletic Association website.

The game, which Novi led 1-0 at one point, was tied 2-2 after regulation.

No details were immediately available when this paper went to press. Full details will be in next week's issue of the Novi News.

Novi wins regional

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Looking to boldly go where no other Novi hockey team has gone before, the Wildcats once again rallied from a goal down in the last half of the third period to pull out a 3-1 victory over Northville in the regional finals last Friday night.

Brad Zarem fired a slap shot on goalie Josh Block midway through the third period. The puck hit the Northville goalie's right blocker, trickled through his arm and into the goal to tie the game at 1-1.

Up until that point, Block was unbeatable, turning away over 25 Novi shots through two and a half periods. But after that initial goal, the 'Cats kept the heat on the Northville senior.

Jeff Poulos scored just three minutes later and Zarem secured the win with his second of the night with just under a minute to play.

"It was just a great, entertaining game," Novi Coach Dan Phelps said. "And what a great thing it is for both of these communities. It's a shame only one team can go on. But I tell you what — we're happy to be the one going."

Novi has had a short history of coming back from early deficits this season. They trailed Hartland in the regional opener 1-0 with just under seven minutes remaining a few days before the Northville comeback.

"We kept driving, we kept digging," the coach said. "And finally the cardiac kids came around. They like to keep us coaches on our toes."

Beau Brandau picked up the win in goal for Novi, stop-



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi center Brad Zarem (19) works his way by Northville's Thom Snyder in last Friday's regional championship game, which Novi won 3-1 to advance to the quarters.

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Gymnasts win regional

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

The Northville/Novi gymnasts have yet to reach the peak of their mountain, and that's good news with the state gymnastics meet coming up this weekend.

Coach Laura Moyer's team scored a season-high 145.2 points to win the Plymouth Canton regional tournament and send it to the state finals this weekend at Hartland High School. The team competition begins at 4 p.m. tomorrow, with the individual competition beginning Saturday at noon.

"This is definitely the best time of the year to peak," Moyers said. "I think that this regional meet helped to boost their confidence and their togetherness. I think they were surprised that they could score a 145.2 without truly doing their best."

Adrian took second behind the Mustangs with a 143.0 and Jackson County Western was third with a 136.925. All three teams advance to the finals. Adrian and Western replace Hillsdale and Saline, who qualified for the state meet along with Northville last year.

The team had strong showings on the floor, beam and vault, with a decent showing on the bars. Megan Samhat had one of the best all-around performances in recent Northville/Novi history, totaling a 37.45 all-around mark.

The junior had tremendous showings in the floor exercise and on the beam. She took home a regional championship in both, where she scored a 9.6 in the floor and a 9.5 on the beam. Katie Braine, who scored a 36.175 all around, finished third on both the beam (9.05) and floor (9.35). Braine also placed fourth in the vault competition (9.15).

Samhat didn't stop there, she finished second on the vault (9.2) and tied for fifth with teammate Lindsey Carlson on the bars (9.15).

"I really believe that (Samhat's) performance was due to an exceptionally hard-working week at practice," the coach said. "She really wanted to do well for herself and her team."

Monica Fink and Andrea Ledbetter fared well in division II, with Ledbetter coming in fifth overall (35.175) and Fink just behind her with a 35.125. Ledbetter was third on the beam (9.05), while Fink was second (9.1). Fink also finished second on the vault with a score of 9.0. Ledbetter was eighth overall on the bars (8.675).

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Volleyball squad bows out to Central

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

The Novis volleyball team bowed out to Central Michigan University in a three-set match on Tuesday night. The team lost 2-0 in sets, with the final score being 25-15, 25-12.

Volleyball

Wally Frisette said many of the points were battles. "We had lots of rallies. We worked them out with them, and we made it a match," he said. "I think if you ask me, they did say we were there tonight. I think all day long, they were really made to play, but we stood out with their bench play. Senior Kristin McElmire led the team with seven blocks, five kills and an ace. She will be attending Columbia University out of the Ivy League next year. Mike Kozupka and Christina Cypher also earned praise from their coach. Mike played great, with a lot of hustle and

Christina played the best volleyball I've seen her play in her entire life. She just played out of her mind," the coach said. "And Shoko (Oshima) kept digging Central's No. 14, their ace, late in the game." Frisette said the key for her team was to not get caught up in watching the scoreboard, but to continue playing their style of volleyball. "When the people left they weren't talking about the loss, but how well we played tonight," Frisette said. Walled Lake Central went on to win the district tournament and advance on to the Beverly Hills regional tournament to play Farmington Mercy. Novi finishes the season with an 18-17-1 record, but the team was just 3-9 in the Kensington Valley Conference. The team loses four seniors, including McGilmore, Angie Heffest, Christina Parrish and Emily Mayne.

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Fink leads gymnasts to state meet this week

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Novi's gymnastics team will be in good luck this week as they head to the state meet. The team is led by coach Mike Fink and has a strong lineup of athletes. Fink said the team has been working hard in practice and is confident they can perform well at the meet. The meet will be held at the Joe Louis Arena in Detroit. Novi's top performers include Sarah Smith and Kristin McElmire. The team is looking for a strong showing and hopes to win some medals.

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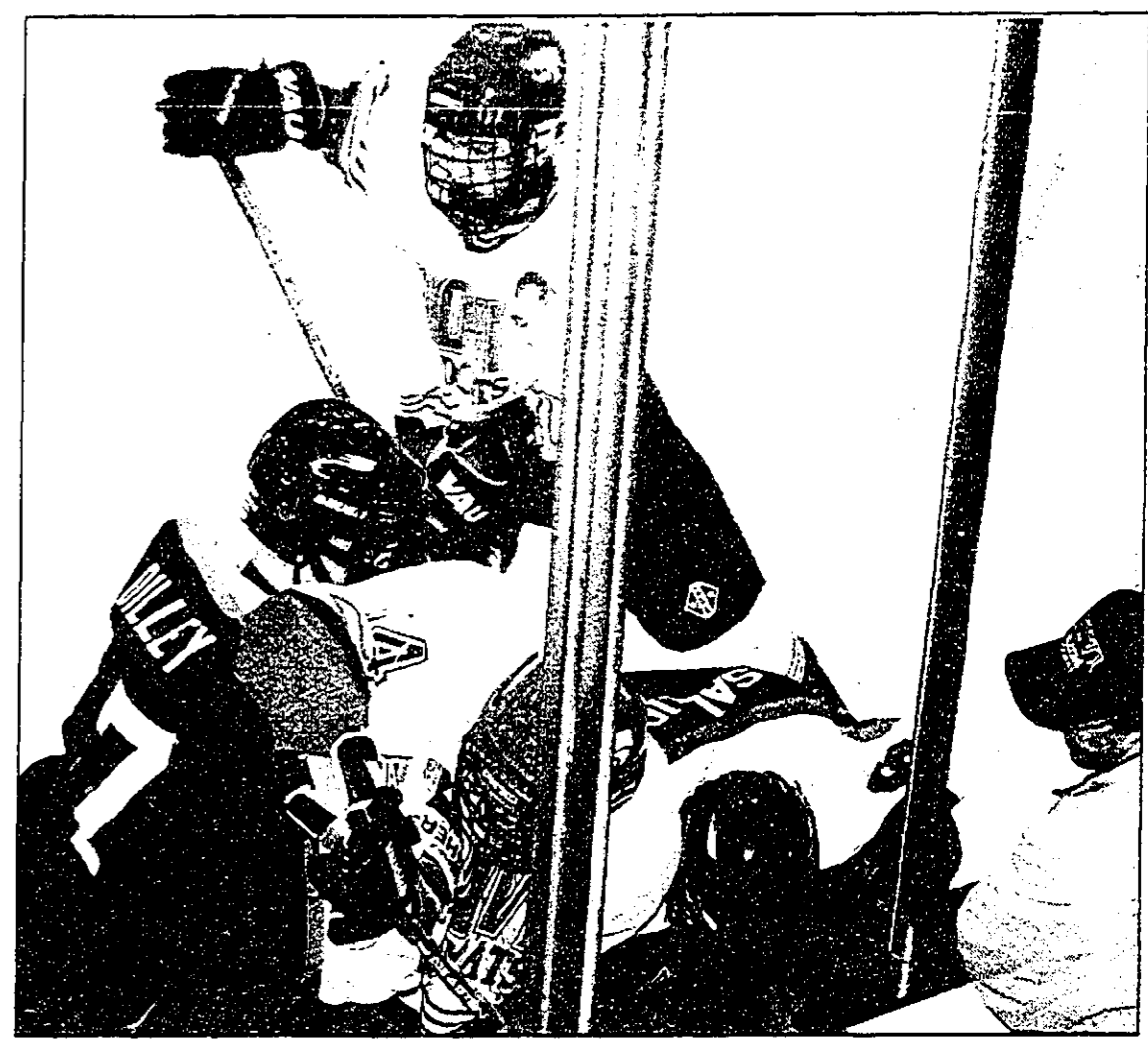
Cagers comeback, win in OT

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Novi's basketball team came back from a 14-point deficit to win a game against Lakeland in overtime. The team was led by senior center Dan Navro and guard Chad Nadolni. Novi won 49-47 in overtime.

Novi finishes 3rd in KVC

Novi finished third in the Kensington Valley Conference (KVC) tournament. The team was led by senior center Dan Navro and guard Chad Nadolni. Novi won 49-47 in overtime. The team's performance was praised by coach Pat Schluter. Novi's record for the season is 18-17-1. The team will be looking for a strong showing at the state tournament.



Spectators at Friday night's Northville/Novi hockey game get a close look at some of the board work.

Novi comes back, again

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Novi's hockey team came back from a 1-0 deficit to win a game against Northville. The team was led by senior forward Rob Ryan and goalie Brad O'Neill. Novi won 2-1 in overtime. The team's performance was praised by coach Pat Schluter. Novi's record for the season is 18-17-1. The team will be looking for a strong showing at the state tournament.

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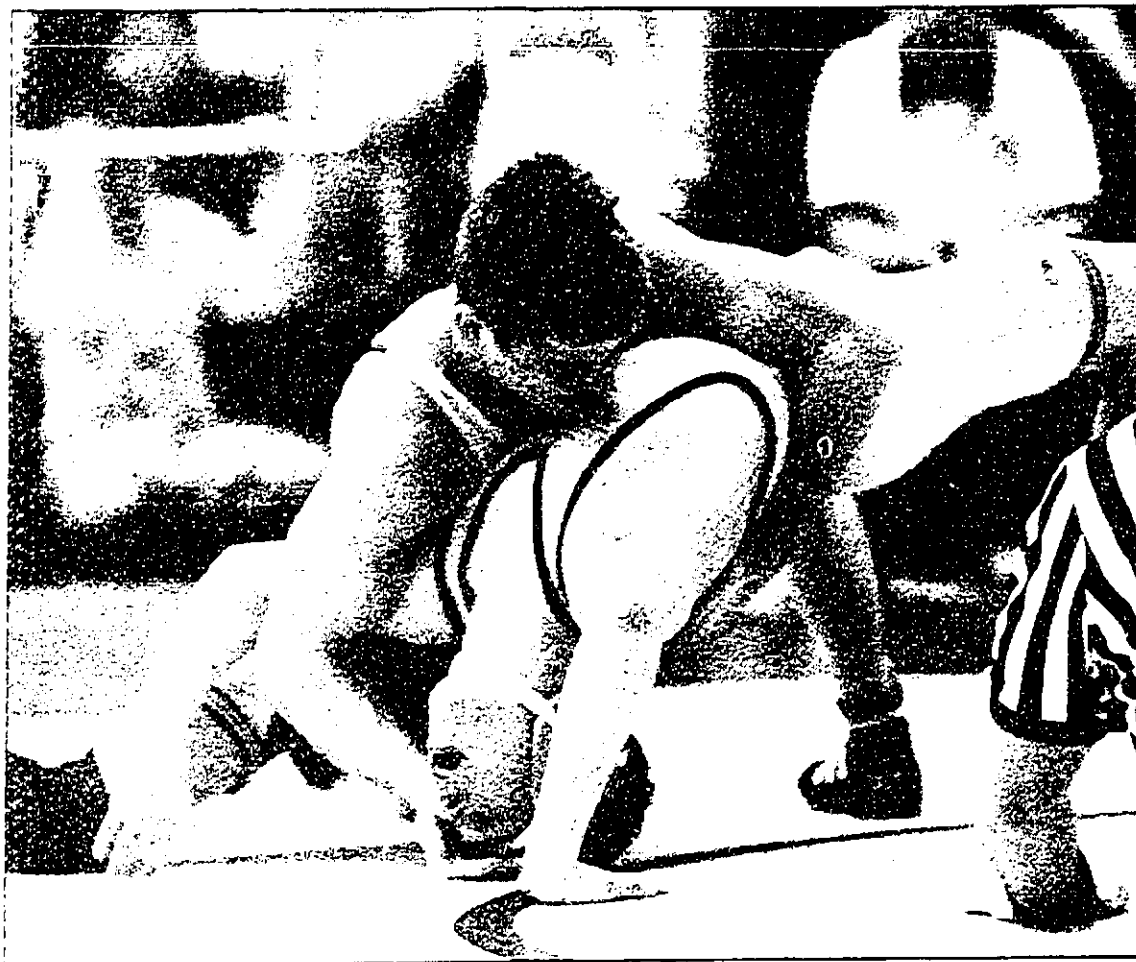


Photo by JASON SCHMITT

Dan Jilg tries hard to get a pin against Davison's John Whitman Saturday, but settled for an 18-1 win.

'Cats come up one short

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against the Wildcats, but Nov 10-11 in Dearborn Heights. Coach J. Churella and Borashko had worked up wins at 125, 135 and 140, but Nov's senior wrestlers, who were the team's mainstay, were out of action. Dadds helped his team avoid a major hole by defeating Nate Christoff 9-7 in a match that went into overtime. A loss there and Nov would have been facing a 9-0 deficit. Instead Nov was just three points down at 1-1.

"I really didn't know what to expect against Rowland," Dadds said. "I knew that if I was aggressive and shot first I could take him down. We were losing going into the match, but I tried to wrestle like it was another match."

After Jilg won by a majority decision, 12-2, over the second-round, Nate Mitchell picked up a 6-4 decision over

Brandon Cook. Add to that Churella's 9-4 win over Joe Apkarian and Nov had built a 13-0 lead.

Rowland charged back with a win at 140, but Gantuzzaman picked up perhaps the win of the match at 145.

The senior trailed 3-1 midway through the third period before registering a reversal to tie the score up and send it into overtime. It was there that Gantuzzaman earned another takedown to win the match and give Nov a 16-10 lead.

Rowland won two straight before Nov received another gift from one of its wrestlers, Kortlandt wasted no time in dominating Rowland's Jeff Andree, picking up a tech fall at the end of the second period. The win gave the Cats five points and a lead they would not relinquish. Borashko won by decision 6-1 over Ryan

Kerkes to give Nov a seven-point cushion.

Both Sloan and Moore lost decisions, but saved the team by not giving up any more points.

"It's really nice for those seniors because they helped us get to the finals," Huss said of Gantuzzaman, Dadds and Mitchell.

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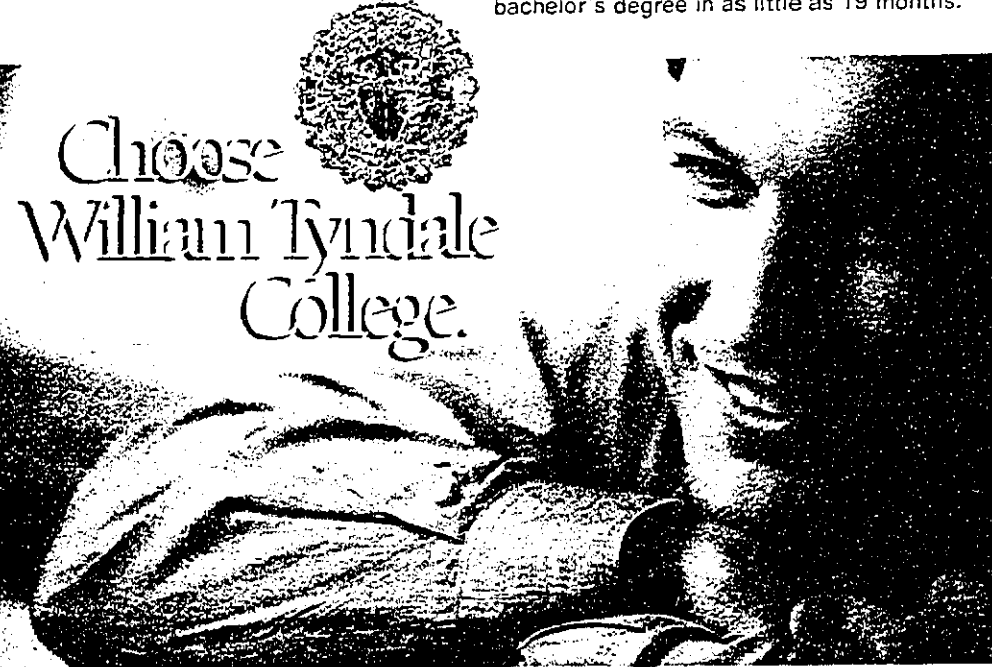
In a match almost forgotten after the results of the next day, Nov pummeled the Warriors in the state quarterfinals last Friday.

Nov jumped out to a 26-6 lead after 135 pounds thanks to wins by Josh Churella, Dadds, Jilg, Ryan Churella and Nate Mitchell. They extended their lead with decisions by Gantuzzaman and Vince Slovati at 145 and 152.

And the team put it away with wins by Kortlandt, Borashko and Sloan.

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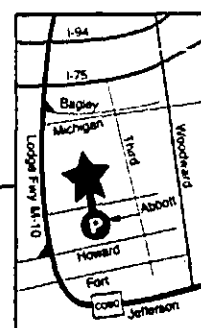
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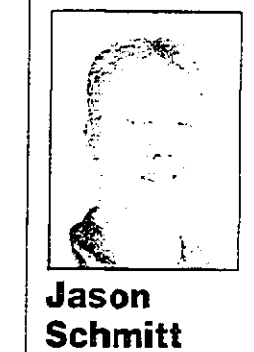
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The battle of the best — 1997 vs. 2000

Let's say, for arguments sake, we pitted the 1996-97 Nov wrestling team against the 1998-2000 squad which just concluded its team season this past weekend in Battle Creek.



Jason Schmitt

This is just for fun. They aren't going to have a reunion match or anything. I just thought it would be fun to compare the lineups because they are the two most accomplished wrestling teams to ever come out of Nov.

Now I know there will be a lot of arguments from both the wrestlers from that state quarter finalist team in 1997 as well as a few complaints via the current squad match. I understand that.

But it's always fun to compare and argue!

I mean several of Nov's current seniors were part of the program the last time Nov made the team trip to Battle Creek.

What I'm doing is pairing the two teams up — matching their general starting lineups against each other (on paper) and letting them go at it based mostly on accomplishments as well as a few intangibles I've talked with others about.

So without further adieu, here are the matchups, and the hypothetical winners from 103 to 275. Some of the records of the 1997 squad may be a little off, but are relatively close to the best of my knowledge.

103—Dan Jilg (42-9 in 1997) vs. Josh Churella (42-10 in 2000)

This is probably the match of the match, so to speak. They're very similar, although Josh hasn't placed at states yet. Darryl was 42-9. Josh is 42-10. Dan was the Kensington Valley Conference champ, fifth at Oakland Co., third at districts. Josh was the KVC champ, third at Oakland Co., second at districts and second at regional.

Close to call, you bet. Churella is tactically sound with tremendous knowledge of the sport. Jilg was a very strong 103 pounder who learned as he went on.

Head to head, they're very close (statistically), but if you pit these two kids together on the mat, I think Darryl wins on pure strength alone. But it's a close match. I think it comes down to a takedown or two, maybe 6-4 or 5-2.

1997 'Cats 3, 2000 'Cats 0

112—Ryan Christensen (18-17 in 1997) vs. Cory Nobach (14-16 in 2000)

In any other year, in any other area of the state, Nobach could easily be 47-9 or better. But having to face state qualifiers Tim Braag and Brooks Cozart in KVC action a combined five times doesn't help. He was a regional qualifier and finished second at the Oakland County meet. Little is known about Christensen other than he was an unfortunate victim of Dan Jilg at the individual district tournament and that he finished fourth at the KVC meet. Chalk up a 18-3 technical fall for Nobach.

119—J.J. Balagna (24-17 in 1997) vs. Brian Dadds (31-16 in 2000)

As much as Balagna would like to convince me that he could beat Dadds, it's tough for me to swallow. Balagna was an important senior leader on that team, and he had the merits to prove it. He was nearly a KVC champion, losing out to Milford's Jason Ameli at the league meet. He was a regional qualifier and was later named to HomeTown's all-area second team.

Dadds has spent the last four years tangling with Dan Jilg, Ryan Churella and a slew of other great wrestlers. That has made him tough his entire senior year, where he has placed second at the KVC meet and was also a regional qualifier.

I have to give Dadds a slight nod in this tough matchup, 7-5.

2000 'Cats 8, 1997 'Cats 3

125—Ryan Reiter (unknown record in 1997) vs. Dan Jilg (46-2 in 2000)

There's not a whole lot to say here. Jilg is the most accomplished wrestler in Nov history, and can wrestle with the best in the state. Last year he was runnerup at 119, and has won every big meet he has wrestled in this year (Oakland County, conference, district and regional champ).

Reiter was about a .500 wrestler who would be pinned in this matchup.

2000 'Cats 14, 1997 'Cats 3

130—Lenny Christoff (39-4 in 1997) vs. Ryan Churella (50-3 in 2000)

Probably the second-best matchup of the day, behind 103, Christoff was as quick as they come. A KVC and district champion, Christoff had one bad day in late February of 1997. Unfortunately that was the day of the regional tournament.

Churella has paved the way to becoming the most accomplished wrestler Nov has ever seen. He has won two-straight regional titles, one county title and was runnerup at the state meet a year ago. He wins this match, but it's closer than many of his 50 wins this season, 9-3.

2000 'Cats 17, 1997 'Cats 3

135—Mark Churella (25-15 in 1997) vs. Nate Mitchell (26-13 in 2000)

If the old timers are going to make a move, it'll have to start here. Churella was in his first year of wrestling in 1997, but didn't look like a first-year wrestler. He finished second at the league meet, was the district champion and qualified for the state meet by placing fourth at regionals. By the end of the year, he had skipped the first few levels of wrestling and was ready to take his place among the state's best as a senior.

Mitchell is in the same boat as Dadds, having wrestled in the room with Jilg and Churella for a couple of years now. He became a vital part of the team's success this year and was able to muster up a third-place finish at the conference meet. He's tough no matter who he faces. But Churella would put this one out 10-2.

2000 'Cats 17, 1997 'Cats 7

140—Nick Simon (32-12 in 1997) vs. Brent Frey (35-15 in 2000)

At this weight, Simon would be wrestling 140-pound opponents. Frey would be giving up a few. If Frey is healthy, he's a very good wrestler. He was fourth at the KVC meet and was a district runnerup. He didn't wrestle at the regional because of a shoulder injury. Having him in the lineup could have made things a bit more interesting for Nov against Davison last Saturday.

Simon's record is in question. One report has him at 32-12 while another has him winning 35 of 42 matches at 140. Either way the guy's a tough, tough competitor who may walk away with a close decision over Frey to keep things interesting. The score, 11-9.

2000 'Cats 17, 1997 'Cats 10

145—Taka Watanabe (45-1 in 1997) vs. Eric Cook (20-19 in 2000)

Watanabe: A state champion the year before he lost his only match in the state semifinals his senior season. Called the "best wrestler in Nov history" by then and current coach Brad Huss. Former school record holder with 156 career wins. Jilg now owns that distinction.

Cook is the unfortunate victim of bad timing and bad weighing. Chalk up a pin for Watanabe.

2000 'Cats 17, 1997 'Cats 16

152—Nick Wendt (unknown record in 1997) vs. Vince Sloan (30-12 in 2000)

Along with Nobach, Sloan wrestling at one of the toughest weights in the KVC. He wrestled up at the KVC meet (160) and took third.

Wendt was fourth at the KVC meet and carried a sub 500 record on the season. Sloan has wrestled very promising for a sophomore and would win this matchup 7-1.

2000 'Cats 20, 1997 'Cats 16

160—Skip Becker (50-3 in 1997) vs. Scott Kortlandt (20-9 in 2000)

They don't come any tougher than Skip Becker. And they don't work any harder than the senior captain either. His accomplishments look as impressive as Jilg's, with conference, county, district and regional championships to his credit. He went on to take third at the state meet.

Kortlandt is a dedicated team wrestler, who will see his share of championships over the next two years. But for this match, Becker gets the nod and a pin, vaulting his 1997 team into the lead.

1997 'Cats 22, 2000 'Cats 20

171—Andy Kalik (11-10 in 1997) vs. Frank Kava (21-21 in 2000)

If we pitted the best Kalk ever was against the best Kava ever was, Kalk would have the advantage. But we're talking about Kalik's junior season against a more experienced Kava. This is a tough match to call, but I'm going to give it to Kava, 4-3. But mark it down as one that could swing either way.

2000 'Cats 23, 1997 'Cats 22

189—Nate Plecha (21-14 in 1997) vs. Adam Borashko (46-6 in 2000)

Live seen both of these guys wrestle their senior years, and both were very impressive. Again, however, this was Plecha's junior year. He was strong, but had a lot to learn technically-wise. Borashko has become dominant, especially over the last two months of the season.

Plecha was fourth at the KVC meet, Borashko was the KVC champ and was third at both Oakland County and the regional meets. Borashko sticks Plecha to open up the gap and set up Nick Sloan for the match.

2000 'Cats 29, 1997 'Cats 22

215—Jon Talbot (24-17 in 1997) vs. Nick Sloan (39-7 in 2000)

It's too bad 1997 wasn't Kalk. Plecha and Talbot's senior seasons, where they joined Brett Faulkner as the school's finest consecutive big-men's quarter ever. Unfortunately for them, and for Talbot, who was a regional qualifier and second at Oakland County that year, Sloan center's a dominant top end for this year's team. The junior 215-pounder has won championships at the conference, district and regional tournaments. He was third at Oakland County.

Sloan wins this one, but not by pin. Talbot's too tough for that. Sloan 12, Talbot 6.

2000 'Cats 32, 1997 'Cats 22

275—Brett Faulkner (19-14 in 1997) vs. Jason Moore (28-14 in 2000)

How do you pick a winner here. Moore stood in the shadow of Faulkner (a big shadow at that) for three years. He learned from the "Dozer," and played second fiddle on some good Nov teams.

But this is Moore's senior season and he is a bit more comparable in size with Dozer, thus making this a very good matchup. It's kind of like Rocky and Tommy Gunn, but not. Give Moore a slight advantage and a close 5-4 win to close things out.

Final score: 2000 'Cats 35, 1997 'Cats 22

In my fantasy match, no one gets hurt and everyone shakes hands at the end (ahhhhh). There are no hard feelings because the final score is indicative of what these two teams accomplished in their respective seasons.

I've gotten some lewdness from several different people for this column, including some tidbits from J.J. Balagna, Tom Fritz and Brad Huss. Who's to say what might happen if these two teams did face off. As I've learned from my wrestling coaches this year, it's not always who you have, but where you have them that can make the difference.

A move here, a move there might prove to be the remedy the 1997 team needs to challenge the 2000 squad. Maybe not.

I for one, would like to hear from anyone who thinks things could go differently, either in the match as a whole or in a particular individual match. If you do have a thought or opinion, please respond to me at my e-mail address [jschmitt@home.com.net]. I will post all responses in next week's sports section, providing there is a name and verification telephone number. Remember, if I don't hear from anyone, I assume everyone likes what I had to say.

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How do you pick a winner here. Moore stood in the shadow of Faulkner (a big shadow at that) for three years. He learned from the "Dozer," and played second fiddle on some good Nov teams.

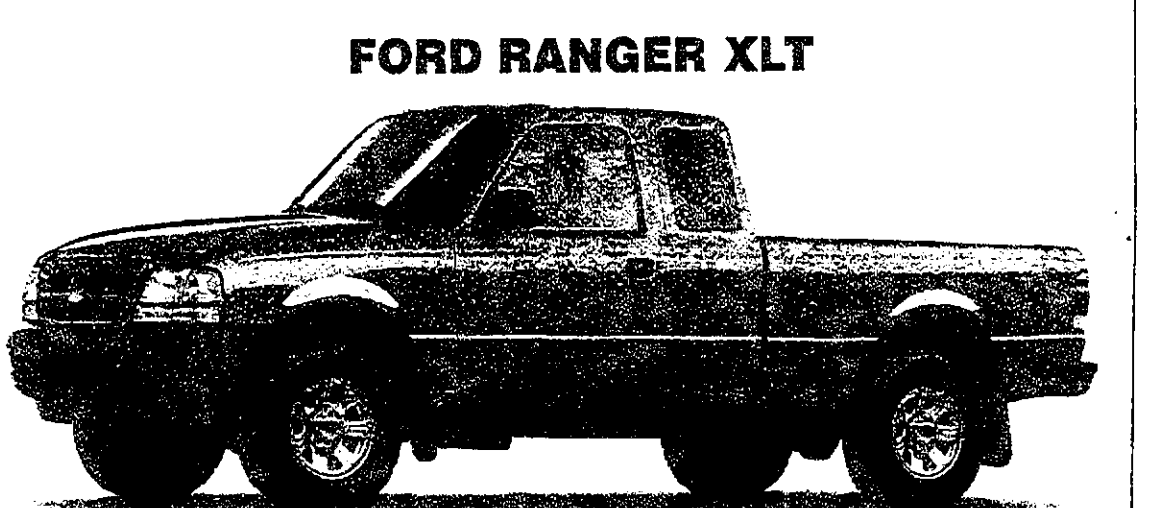
But this is Moore's senior season and he is a bit more comparable in size with Dozer, thus making this a very good matchup. It's kind of like Rocky and Tommy Gunn, but not. Give Moore a slight advantage and a close 5-4 win to close things out.

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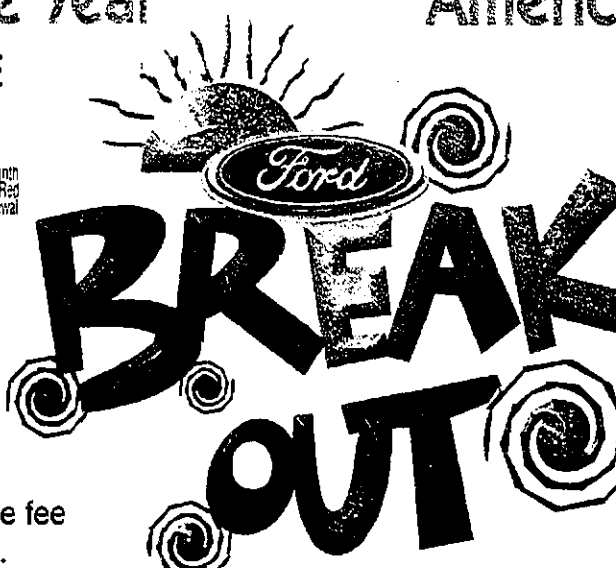
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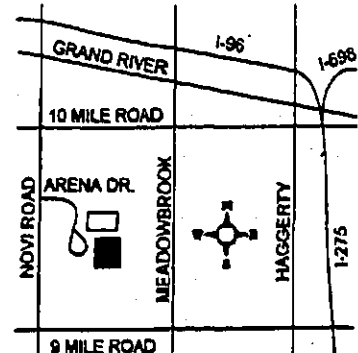
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Health Column

Hyperactivity and ADD hits young children

Recently, there have been newspaper reports of an alarming number of children, especially young children under the age of six, who have been labeled "hyperactive." These children have often been treated with psychoactive drugs, of which the most popular is Ritalin (methylphenidate). It is estimated that 3 to 5 percent of all school-age children have attention deficit disorder. Are we truly seeing an increase in the incidence of these disorders or are they only being diagnosed more frequently?

Certainly, there are many children even at young ages that demonstrate problem behaviors. Have our expectations for children changed as we have utilized more group care situations?

The usual scenario for the diagnosis of attention deficit disorder is as follows. A daycare or elementary school teacher approaches the parent. He/she has noticed that the child, more often a boy, never sits still, fidgets constantly, disturbs others, flits from one activity to another, doesn't finish assignments, interrupts others ("butts in") and has trouble waiting his turn in games. He/she is often disorganized and is disruptive in the classroom. Although the term "hyperactive" is often used, the characteristic short attention span is the hallmark of the disorder. Parents may be surprised by these observations. They may feel that because their child can watch a TV program or engage in video games for hours, his/her attention span is normal. However, these activities are passive activities in which

the child is continually stimulated from outside. They are not a good measure of the kind of attention needed in classroom situations.

What causes ADHD (Attention-deficit Hyperactivity Disorder)? Is it a result of too much sugar of food additives? In regards to hyperactive behavior, controlled studies have failed to demonstrate that dietary factors such as sugar, food additives or colorings and lack of vitamins are associated with attention-deficit disorder with hyperactivity. Of course, stimulants such as caffeine, often included in soda pop and some pain medications, can make children jittery. Common cold preparations sold over-the-counter often include decongestants such as pseudoephedrine and phenylpropranolamine. These as well as some bronchodilator medications for asthma, such as albuterol, may cause nervousness and raise blood pressure and pulse. We do not know exactly what causes the impulsiveness and short attention span so characteristic of ADHD. At least 30 to 40 percent of children diagnosed with ADHD have a family history of the disorder.

Typical symptoms in school-age children include inability to sit still, distractibility, talking at inappropriate times or blurting out answers, difficulty taking turns or waiting in line, being disorganized and making careless mistakes. Children 6 to 12 years of age with attention deficit often don't finish assignments or chores, wander around the classroom and play in an overly aggressive manner. In adoles-

cence, signs may be subtle. Teenagers often don't finish assignments or listen to instructions. They lose their schoolbooks and forget to bring in homework. Although all children can have some moments of hyperactive behavior, if typical symptoms are present for at least six months, parents should request a formal evaluation. This usually consists of psychological testing and a medical evaluation. Other problems such as severe anxiety and learning disorders can mimic ADD. A child who is depressed is usually not hyperactive but does demonstrate a lack of attention.

Several modalities, which include small group situations, tutoring, and medications are used to treat these children. Often, an hour with a tutor in a one-on-one situation can accomplish more than several hours in classroom situations. Newer forms of medications such as Ritalin and Dextroamphetamine may enable patients to take medications in the morning only so that they may avoid any stigma attached to receiving medicine at school. Therapy should emphasize the roles of parents, teachers and physicians working together.

Will a child grow out of ADHD? Studies have shown that many of the symptoms of ADHD persist into the adult years. Many adults with ADHD still find that medications are of great benefit. Freed from the structure of the classroom, patients with ADHD often find success in careers that fit their behavioral style.

Susan J. Laurent M.D.

Health Notes

Weight on the Run

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

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Child Health Clinics

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

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

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

Healthy Solutions Seminar

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

Hot Flash Study

Women who suffer from multiple daily hot flashes associated with menopause are being sought to participate in a nationwide study to assess the safety and effectiveness of an investigational hormone replacement skin patch to treat hot flashes. Women may be eligible if they are between the ages of 45 and 65, have not had a menstrual period in six months, or a hysterectomy. For more information, call 493-6560.

Blood pressure checks

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

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

For more information call (248) 380-4225.

Food Allergy Counseling

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Prostate Cancer Support Group

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

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Experiencing heel pain, bunions, hammertoes, fungus nails, warts, ankle pain, ingrown nails or other foot ailments? The Foot Health Centers offer an initial consultation free of charge, excluding x-rays, lab tests or treatment. The Foot Health Centers, operated by Dr. Ken Poss and Dr. Randy Bernstein, are affiliated with Botsford, Sinai, Oakwood and Kern hospitals. They have two area locations, at 41431 W. Ten Mile Road in the Novi Plaza at Meadowbrook, and 30931 W. Seven Mile Road in Liv-

onia. Call (248) 349-5559 or (248) 478-1166 for more information or to schedule a consultation.

Menopause Support Group

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

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

For information, call (248) 424-3014.

Free Foot Screenings

Free foot screenings are offered every Tuesday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Botsford General Hospital, Suite 200, South Professional Building, 28080 Grand River Ave. in Farmington Hills.

For more information or to make an appointment, call (248) 473-1320, weekdays 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Heart Disease Risk Reduction Programs

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Call Botsford General Hospital at (248) 471-8870 for more information.

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Panic attack and agoraphobia support group

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