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Emmett Lippe, superintendent of Novi schools, is going to Germany to study the culture there as part of a U.S. Department of State Fulbright program. - Page 3A

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Novi voters were confused by a Republican mailing that included absentee ballot applications with suggested voting patterns.

The city had nothing to do with it, Clerk Maryanne Cornelius

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Funny business

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Computers, MTV, new media are all drawing kids' attention away from a form of literature teachers of a past generation used lo deplore - comic books. But some readers say the funnies are focusing more on violence these days. Catch an eyeful of it all on — Page 1AA

#### **SPORTS**

They're in

Novi football team has qualifled for the



playoffs. They did so with their sixth win of the season, over Pinckney last Friday night at home. Now the team celebrates homecoming with a game against Howell Saturday - Page 1B

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■ Mere 1.5 percent hike in enrollment this year startles school officials.

By Stephanie Fordyce Staff Writer

The Novi Community School District recled in disbelief last week as the unaudited Fourth Wednesday count figures came in for the 20002001 school year.

With only 89 more students enrolled than last year, for the first time in over twenty years the school district saw a dramatic decline in what has been a typically high growth rate.

'it's a shock to me and it's a shock to the school district," said Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations Jim Koster.

"Since the district has been keeping records in the early eighties, we

have not seen this ever before." With only a 1.5 percent increase in student population, enrollment rose from 5,748 in 1999 to this

year's 5,837. Last year, Novi schools saw an increase of 156 students, an average of four percent, which in the last ten years has been typical for

the district.

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"We have never seen anything less than 92 in over twenty years. In the past we grew by 246, 244, 156 - normally four percent," said Koster.

The cause of this year's decline in growth, is unclear Koster said.

"We don't know why, we don't know what happened," he said. In comparison to the district's projected numbers for the 2000-2001 school year, the actual enrollment numbers were way off, said

With the district anticipating 5,982 students this year, the numbers came up short by 145 stu-

"We don't know where these students went. We don't know if its a

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### Search on for council member

■In December, a replacement for Hugh Crawford will be appointed.

By Randal Yakey Staff Writer

The search is on for a new city council member, with Vic Cassis and Asa Smith among the possible candidates.

With Council Member Hugh Crawford set to leave for the Oakland County Board of Commissioners in January, Cassis' and Smith's names have been bantered about as possible replacements.

Crawford is running unopposed in November for the position of county commission, but has one year remaining in his Novi City Council

Cassis, noting that he has much respect for Crawford,

said that there were a number of council members who asked him to consider the position.

There were three different council people who asked me if I would sit on the council," Cassis said. "I cannot say who right now.'

Mayor Richard Clark said that the decision on who would replace Crawford was too far in the future to start bringing up names of possible replacements. Clark did sav that both Cassis and Smith are individuals of merit and could be considered for council or planning commission.

"I don't have a crystal ball," Clark said, "I have a lot of respect for both Asa (Smith) and Vic (Cassis.) Asa has probably been less visible, but he has made a lot of contributions in the north end of the

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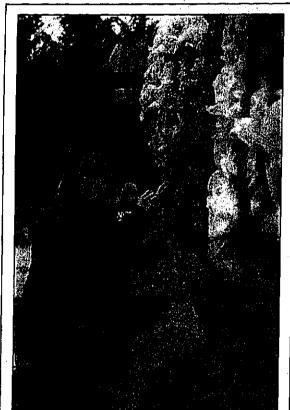


Photo by JOHN HEIDER Sophomores Lyndsey Crofoot, left, and Kiley Elfring place plastic flowers on their class float.

### Homecoming, how sweet it is

■ Choco-holics will love Saturday's NHS parade.

By Stephanie Fordyce Staff Writer

This Saturday, Novi will be turned into a mini Candy Land as the homecoming parade hits the

Over the past two weeks, members of the senior, junior, sophomore and freshman classes at Novi High School have been tirelessly working away to build the biggest and baddest floats the city will ever see, with this year's theme being candy.

'It's really fun and it's a

cool way to represent our class," said sophomore float builder Dave Benton.

Stomachs of paradewatchers will be growling, with the freshman class managing the Hershey Kisses float, along with the sophomores' Kit Kat, the juniors' Bubble Gum and the seniors' Skittles float.

Fifteen-year-olds Lauren Powell, Kiley Elfring and Michelle Slavin, from the class of 2003, said the sophomores chose "Kit Cat" because it was great way to tie in with their school mascot, the Wildcat.

Sophomore Class Advisor JoAnna Haselhuhn, who

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### The best of both worlds

Visiting a foreign country for a vacation can be intimidating enough, but at least you know you can go home soon. Moving your family to a new land for a few years is a different story. You've got to learn munity and culture before returning home. This is the language. The food is different. The schoolwork—the last in a series of three articles. is different. Your friends are far away.

The Novi News took a look at how a growing number of Japanese workers and their families living in Novi make their way through a new country, com-



Mom Haruka Matsuura sits in her home with daughters Kaorl, 16 at left and Yuki, 14 and discusses her perceptions of life in the United States. Sometimes, she gets homesick for Japan.

### Asian family rebuilds their lives in Novi

BY WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL

Life changed drastically for the Matsuura family when they moved to Novi from Japan last year.

Not only did they have to learn a new language, live in a new community and attend new schools, they had the added novelty of spending time with their father.

"In Japan, Dad worked until mid-

night so we didn't often see him." said Kaori. "Now we have more time to talk as a family. Shinji now helps his youngest

daughter, Yuki, with her homework, attends his son Daisuke's soccer games and watches Kaori play soft-

ball. He wouldn't have been able to do so in Japan. Even their mother, Haruka, was working in Japan and couldn't get to games there but does so now. Shinji works for Catalel Corp.'s

Detroit office. He is a one-man show

with a degree in chemical engineering. His job is to set up a subsidiary for his Japanese-based company. He is in the United States indefinitely. Kaori, 16, hopes to improve her

English well enough to attend an American university. Her brother, a senior at Novi High, also plans to stay in the U.S. for college.

But it's 14-year-old Yuki and her mother who seem to miss Japan the

most. Haruka admits she wants to go home. Still, the family has pulled

good experience. "They have to get together as a family to get through the difficulties.

together to weather the new and

strange community that they say

welcomed them in. So far, it's been a

so that's a good thing," Shinji said. The family agreed America is much friendlier than they anticipated, but the language barrier still prevents close friendships with others.

Even after a year here, making

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#### **Motor museum races** to find a new home

Story by Wendy Pierman Mitzel

■ New chairman looks for a place to park racing memorabilia.

By Randal Yakey Staff Writer

He's determined to make the Motor Sports Museum & Hall of Fame a success, but first he has to find it a new home.

Larry Jansen, account manager. of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, was named chairman of the board for the Novi-based facility last week.

With forgone conclusion that the Novi Expo Center will be moving, Jansen said the search is on for a new home for the Motor Sports Museum.

We are perfectly happy in Novi.

but this building will no longer be available to us," Jansen said.

Photos by John Heider

Jansen said that the Expo Center's management told them that they "wanted the room" and that the expansion will leave them homeless if they don't make a move.

"It's a situation were we are growing and have outgrown the space in the building and have been told there will be no space of us in this building, at all, within a year." Ron Watson, President of the Motor Sports Museum said.

"Even if they stay here, they told us there will be no room for us here. They (the Expo Center) are

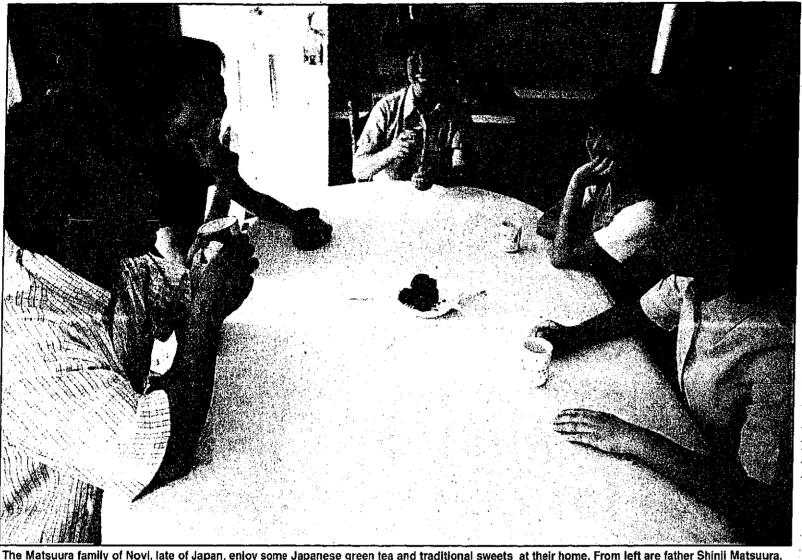
expanding that fast.' Jansen said that the museum



Larry Jansen, here with the Novi Special, Continued on 12 leads the Motor Sports Museum board.

Have a haunt

# The best both son Daisuke, 18, mother Haruka, daughter Yuki, 14 and daughter Kaori, 16. Living in the U.S., the family gets more time together





### Life with father: U.S. job with shorter hours draws family together

"In Japan we spoke the same language so making friends was easy. Here it is hard. I don't do anything after school, so I just come home," she

Kaori said she finds Americans friendv. but feels that American kids think she doesn't want to get to know them

But for the most part, all the kids have been nice and Kaori and Daisuke have become comfortable fitting in at school. lem children. Shinji was once worried about how his

those fears have been allayed. In fact, Second Language classes. Shinji said he chose to make his home in In between, she squeezes in get-

other Japanese transplants was an Kaori laughed. advantage when the Matsuura kids started school. Other families and students helped the family adjust to the differences. In Japan, the teachers move from room to room, not the students. And there are not as many electives. In addition, counselors here meet with students to help them make choices where in Japan, it is a teacher or no one at all. ping and playing catch.



Perhaps of all the family members. Haruka has made the biggest adjust- a Japanese restaurant." "When we came, I was told it was a dif- ment. While she worked as a nurse in ficult age. I was worried how they could Japan, here she has no visa to permit complained. "The desserts are too go smoothly into school and with the her to do so. Her days now are filled with sweet."

While life in America is liberating in many ways. Kaori admits she's bored. "In Japan, I can go somewhere by anywhere without my parents giving me a ride," she explained. She spent her summer vacation days

"hanging out," sleeping, reading, shop-

tial to Mariah Carey. Yuki now catches reruns of "Full ;

House" on television in English, Back in Japan, she was a big fan. Even Haruka is getting into the American act, attempting to cook American cuisine like barbecue pizza and roast

Still, Shinji said: "When we go out to dinner, all of us raise our hand to go to "American food is too salty," Kaori

He also worried the children would be the Japanese class and in the library. to know America. They've picked cherbehind in studies when they returned to She hopes to help out at a local medical ries in Traverse City, toured Mackinac Japan, but they've done so well here that facility also and attends English as a and hit Hollywood, the San Diego Zoo and Universal Studios on a trip to Los

conceived notions of Americans before they moved. Americans were blue-eyed with blond hair, they thought. And Daisuke said: "Before I came here, my dad told me we were moving to Detroit.

in Novi, it is a beautiful town and safe." Shinji said he never had contact with any foreigners when he lived in Japan,

### Newcomers are shown the ropes by volunteer

many Japanese families moving to

In strictly a volunteer capacity, Wang and her husband Gary, and

"I want to help them get adjusted nity," Wang said.

The Wangs moved here more than a decade ago from Taiwan. parts of the Novi Middle School dents. where they learned the language they decided to start helping other Asian families adjust.

Novi High School senior Michael Wang tutors Japanese kids at the middle school and his older brother Jack also helps when he is home

In 1996, she started translating newsletters that go out to the stu-

But it's Betty who throws new other important information that I stay," Matsuura said. Japanese parents, especially the many parents wouldn't be able to

newsletter into Japanese, then in In addition to the newsletter, 1998 she started a Japanese Betty befriends many of the new newsletter for K-12 students with women and helps them find volunthe United States, they decided to help from the Novi Community teer work or English classes to stay and become citizens. Then School District. It now goes out to take.

If she stays, I stay.'

120 families and is growing all the said. "We try to help everyone."

Japanese resident of Novi who relies on Betty Wang

to help her adjust to life in America.

"I have to stay here. I cannot move (to another city).

here a year ago with her family, has "All the Japanese families will come to depend on Wang as a close The newsletter tells families. "I have to stay here, I cannot about school events, issues and move (to another city) If she stays,

Stories by Wendy Pierman Mitzel Photos by John Heider



#### Lifesaver

Betty Wang is from Taiwan, but a few years spent in Japan amiliarized her with that culture. Now, new Japanese

families in Novi turn to Wang when they want assistance in adapting to their new ifestyle in Michigan. Some say they wouldn't move elsewhere in the U.S., because they couldn't bear to part with

The active Wang even started a Japanese language newsletter for parents of students in the Novi schools.

### A Fulbright fellow

### Novi schools superintendent embarks on German study tour

tendent Dr. Emmett through Lippe left for a valuable exchange. across the globe, saying sored entirely by the and "guten tag" to Ger-

The Fulbright Scholarlished in 1946 under leg- the world at work." islation introduced by

about another culture

promote the advance- the community as there States and countries ment of knowledge is academically.

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successful educational means. models, as well as discuss trends in educational reform, technology and Lippe said he is particing about their school-to-

Germany has one of the best secondary school-toworld," he said. "They are very skilled at putting young people into

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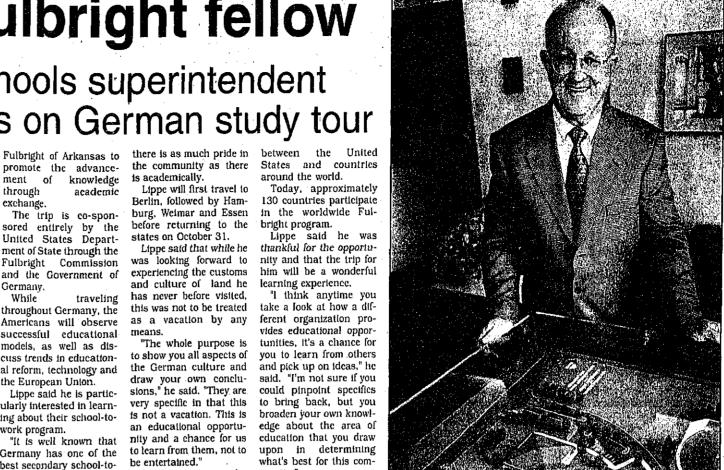
Lippe said the upside

Lippe will first travel to Today, approximately Berlin, followed by Ham- 130 countries participate burg, Weimar and Essen in the worldwide Fulbefore returning to the bright program. states on October 31. Lippe said he was
Lippe said that while he thankful for the opportustates on October 31.

was looking forward to nity and that the trip for experiencing the customs him will be a wonderful and culture of land he learning experience. has never before visited. this was not to be treated Americans will observe as a vacation by any ferent organization pro-

to show you all aspects of you to learn from others sions," he said. "They are could pinpoint specifics ularly interested in learn- very specific in that this to bring back, but you

> Fulbright Teacher and Stephanie Fordyce Administrator Exchange a staff writer for the Program has helped near- Novi News. She may be ly 23,000 teachers and reached at (248) 349administrators contribute 1700





Dr. Emmett Lippe will spend two weeks studying in Germany.



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### of a good time in Novi

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Halloween Happening on Oct. 31. The festivities include delicious

"Hobgoblin" lunch, games and

The Halloween Happening will begin at noon at the Novi Civic Center. Cost is \$3. Tickets are available at the Novi Senior Center. Call (248) 347-0400.

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### Party line by post confuses voters Tickets on sale,

woo the Novi voters and some residents are complaining that the sales pitch is leaving them con fused and frustrated.

A campaign mailer sent out by the Republican Committee 2000 with recommendations on voting for GOP candidates, as well as a letter from John Engler, began arriving at Novi homes last week. that doesn't include the people that years.' The filters also included applica- came to the counter," Cornelius the presence of the absentee bal- it was put out by the clerk's office. lots that has everyone up to arms. According to Novi City Clerk

applications, many became con- nelius said fused. Novi residents should have already received their absentee ballots. Cornelius said the GOP mailers were pre-addressed to the cityclerk's office, but the material defi- Committee 2000 Director of Comnitely was not sent by the clerk's munications said.

Republicans are working hard to "The first week we were receiving about 100 to 200

about 100 to 200 calls a day and That is not true.

"We send out hundreds of thousands of those at a time and sometimes there is always some confu-

slon," Sage Eastman, Republican that have been coming from the Arenz said.

"The first week we were receiving to those that receive them. We've been doing this for years and Novi voters have an overwhelmtions for absentee ballots. And it's said, "What people thought is that ingly Republican track record at the polls.

When asked if the scramble over The calls have slowed down since the mailers was enough of an issue Maryanne Cornellus, when rest- October 2, but some residents are that the committee would stop dents saw the absence ballot still inquiring about the filers, Cor-sending them out, Eastman said that the confusion had always been There have also been some com-

> plaints about phone solicitations Republican campaign headquarters of Texas Governor George W.

Auburn Hills and Joe Knollenberg. R-Bloomfield in Farmington Hills, according to Cornelius.

One resident complained that they received a call from a phone solicitor has about a deceased 'spouse. Another local resident was worrled about who had access to her name and address.

"I got call from a solicitor who know we had absentee ballots at our house," Novi resident Kathy "They were for my boys who are in college but what if they weren't. who knows what?"

applied for absentee ballots is public record. Cornelius said. According to Arenz, the phone solicitor was very aggressive and came across as pushy and rude. "He said 'You're not going to vote for that liar Al Gore are you?"

All information about who has

Staff Writer Randal Yakey may be

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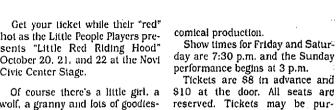
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### Woman heads to school, with van Novi Briefs

ident was arrested by police after she crashed her Ford van into the Meadowbrook Elementary School Police News on October 5 around 9 p.m. at

When police arrived at the scene, the woman was agitated and refused to give police the keys to her vehicles. After police asked the woman to take a scat in the squad car, she struck one of the officers. Police handcuffed the woman and

placed her in the vehicle. According to police, the woman was "unable to sit still for more than a few seconds" and was given a alcohol breath test, which she passed. Police, still suspecting the woman was under the influence of drugs, had her transported to Providence Hospital where she failed a substance abuse test. The woman was found to be under illegally using prescription drugs. The woman was released to her

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locate the suspect

A Novi resident and her adult son were returning to her apartment when they caught sight of a man, pants down, masturbating next to a apartment window in the 31000 block of Wedgewood on October 7. just past noon.

Police arrived at the scene, just south of Pontiac Trail and west of

West Road, but were unable to

The witnesses described the man a navy blue sweatshirt. as being in his 20s, between 5'10" and 6 foot tall with a goatce and Police continue to look into the

The Novi Hilton on Haggerty Road reported a man reached into a cash register and ran off with approximately \$250 in cash on October 3 at around 10 p.m. in the

initially reported an armed robbery in progress. When police arrived on the scene, they found a cafe supervisor who told them a suspithe back room, he grabbed the cash and left the hotel

man fleeing the hotel. The supervi- a controlled substance. sor said she called for the man to stop but he entered a red late model Plymouth and headed southbound on Haggerty Road.

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the officer caught a strong smell of 'What's that?', the cop asked. "I'm burning oil. There's no dope in my car," the youth said. "My

turbo is burnt out and that's what smells. Police did not believe him and asked the suspect to step out of the car. Inside the ashtray, the officers clous man had enter the cafe and found a "blunt." A blunt is a when she went to retrieve ice from eigarette or eigar that is laced with

either hashish or marijuana. The suspect was placed under The supervisor said she came arrest for marijuana possession back out to the front and saw the and driving under the influence of

Police arrested two women, one 35 and the other 20, after they The suspect was described as a were found drinking whiskey in white male between 5'10" and 6 their parked vehicle on the side of foot tall, 120 to 140 lbs, with brown the road on October 3 around 10

it sat on Endwell just north of Thirteen Mile Road. When an officer rolled down the window and told police they were just sitting there | news and share ideas for improving the subdivision

"having a drink." Both women were given alcohol tests that read over the legal limit and were placed into custody for

It must have been the season for a deer run because two 26-year-old women from separate towns hit deer on different roads on the same

was driving along Twelve Mile Road when a deer jumped in front of her vehicle just before 10 p.m. There was minimal damage to the car and the woman was not injured in the

In the other incident, a woman was traveling along West Park Road when she stuck a deer that was crossing in a northbound direction across the road. The woman had not hurt in the incident. She drove

the car from the scene. There was no information on the injuries suffered by the deer.

Citizens with information about the above incidents are urged to call the Novi Police Department at 348-

The annual North Hills Estates Board meeting will be held Tuesday approached the car, the driver Oct. 24 at 7 p.m. in the Novi Library Meeting Room. All residents of North Hills are invited to attend and meet neighbors, hear the latest subdivision

Oakland County rescheduled the Oct. 26 flu shots due to a shortage of vaccine. The new date is: Wednesday, Nov. 29, from 9:30 a.m.-noon at the Novi Civic Center. If you are eligible for Medicare, bring a picture ID and Medicare card; otherwise there is a \$3 charge for the immunization.

MONSTER MOB AT THE MALL

Did you know that 80 percent of children in the United States dress up for Halloween to go trick-or-treating or to attend parties and that sales of Halloween candy generated an estimated \$1.8 billion in 1999?

Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi is proud to make trick-or-treating a fun, safe and "spooktacular" event for all children. Bring your little ghosts and goblins to the mall between 6 and 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 31 and let them enjoy a warm and safe evening of trick-or-treating at participating stores. Shopping hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday; 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

MORE F UN AT TWELVE OAKS

Twelve Oaks announced the second annual Holiday Shopping Extravaganza to benefit Farmington Family YMCA and Boys and Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan on Sunday, Nov. 5, from 7 to 10 p.m.

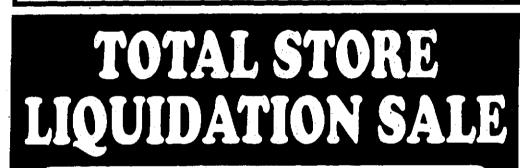
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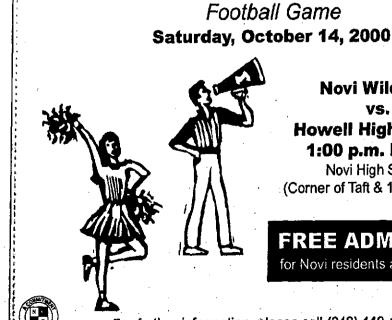
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issue an injunction against Secre- law. She admitted she was "disap- law probibiting governments from tary of State Candice Miller that pointed" with his conclusions using public resources to campaign in three areas. For one, a public (the information must be) factual." would have blocked her from enforcing a section of campaign finance law intended to keep govermnent officials from using taxpayer dollars to influence the out-

dents and the teacher unions. statewide election ballot this fall, she is unsure how much impact circulated petitions to place the against the Secretary of State. The anced. Ingham County Circuit Court the judge's ruling will have. It was voucher question on the November At the same time, he refused to out the judge's interpretation of the school districts had violated a 1996 the duration of the election season.

Tim Knowlton, attorney for Kids line and sent out letters warning But who won the case depends of State, assessed the judge's state-stop. largely on who is talking. Plaintiff's ment as "overall more positive than One of the districts, Huron Valley express views in a public building. The judge further ruled that dis-

attorney Tom Baird said the negative hidge's statement was "very favor- The case grew out of a string of, with three teacher unions - the judge said. able" to school boards, superinten- complaints against school districts. Huron Valley Education Associadefendant Secretary of State, said First! Yes! is the organization that Association - in Ingham County ballot proposal it has to be bal- publish a one-time brochure carry-

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12 districts had indeed crossed the some use of public resources. intendent would be in a position to ment of the judge's ruling.

Schools; filed suit last week along using the (school) telephone," the tricts can distribute opinions Secondly, he disagreed with periodically A regular newsletter filed by Kids First! Yes! with the tion, the Michigan Education Asso- Miller that when a school district could contain debates and com Liz Boyd, spokesperson for the Secretary of State's office. Kids ciation and the Utica Education distributes information about a mentary, but a district could not

"There may be nothing against intended, she explained, to give ballot now known as Proposal 1. block Miller from enforcing that which to balance," Harrison con- indeed use internal school mail school officials guidance by laying The organization alleged that 17 section of campaign finance law for cluded. "It does not require any-systems to communicate about body to have to propound both The judge disagreed with Miller sides of an issue. It merely says bers.

ballot proposals with their mem-

Harrison also said unions could

which differed from Miller's inter- for or against ballot questions. The official in a policy making role can Knowlton, attorney for Kids will review the judge's ruling and pretation of the law in several key Secretary of State concluded that express views, even if it involves First, stressed that the judge said consult with the state Attorney this information has to be factual. General to decide its next course of "If a member of the media were to and cannot include conjecture or action. It could include continued First! Yes! which had sought to join that penalties might be applied in call the superintendent and ask a speculation. But Baird pointedly enforcement of the campaign the suit on the side of the Secretary the future if the violations did not position on a matter ... the super- disagreed with Knowlton's assess- finance law, or it could include an appeal to a higher court, Boyd said

Following is a list of runs by the Novt Fire Department from the week beginning on Oct. 2. Incidents are listed by type and fire department team that responded.

Monday, Oct. 2 Building fire, 25460 Trans X. 8:42 a.m., Engines 1, 3. Medical, Novi Road and Twelve Oaks, 11:19 a.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 40000 High Pointe, 7:04 p.m., Sauad 3. Tuesday, Oct. 3 Medical, 39601 Grand River. 2:03 a.m., Squad L. Medical, 40756 Village Wood,

6:26 a.m., Squad 3. Investigation, 23634 Stonehenge, 8 a.m., Squad 3. Medical, 45175 Ten Mile Road,

10:30 a.m., Squad 3. Chemical leak, 26300 Delwal, 11:02 a.m., Engine 1. Injury accident, Novi Road and Nine Mile Road, 12:44 p.m., Squad

Medical, 30224 Marquant, 12:51 p.m., Squad 2. Medical, 22548 Heatherwoode 1:12 p.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 1256 East Lake, 12:37 a.m., Squad 2. Medical, 27475 Huron Circle, 2:52 a.m., Squad 1.

Wednesday, Oct. 4.

Medical, 24557 Hampton Court. 9:39 a.m., Squad L Wire down, 39500 Ardet, 10:56 a.m., Engine 1.

Medical, 47601 Grand River, 3:27 p.m., Squad 4. Medical, 45182 West Road, 4:56 p.m., Squad 2.

Thursday, Oct. 5 Medical, 25737 Lochmoor, 5:20 a.m., Squad 4. Fuel spill, 24500 Meadowbrook,

8:01 a.m., Engine 1 Medical, 45175 Ten Mile Road. 11:13 a.m., Squad 3. Investigation, 24265 Novi Road.

2:40 p.m., Engine 1 Medical, 25670 Fountain Park, 4:41 p.m., Squad 1 Medical, 45231 Wilshire Court.

5:50 p.m., Squad 2. Investigation, 29200 Meadowbrook, 9:01 p.m., Engine 2. Chemical leak, 41710 Onaway Court, 10:20 p.m., Engine 1. Medical, 45125 Ten Mile Road,

10:22 p.m., Squad 3. Friday, Oct. 6 Medical, 43455 Ten Mile Road, 3:12 A.M., Squad 3. Medical, 40250 Harrison, 9:29

A.M., Squad 1. Injury accident, Grand River and Novi Road, 11:15 a.m., Squad 1. Injury accident, Haggerty and Nine Mile Road, 12:06 p.m., Squad

Medical, Napier and Ten Mile Road, 1:12 p.m., Squad 4. Gas leak, 25220 Trans X, 2:35 p.m., Engines 1, 3. Medical, 39500 Orchard Hill,

2:54 p.m., Squad 3. Medical, 21111 Haggerty, 4:29 p.m., Squad 3. Medical, 43700 Expo Center. 5:08 p.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 31088 Beachwalk, 6:02 p.m., Squad 2. Medical, 41935 Twelve Mile Road, 6:27 p.m., Squad 1. Service, 45182 West Road, 7:28 p.m., Squad 2.

Investigation. 23784 Wintergreen, 10:21 p.m., Engine 4. Saturday, Oct. 7 Medical, 27500 Novi Road, 12:36

a.m., Squad I. Medical. 24211 Kings Pointe. 10:49 a.m., Squad 1. Fire alarm, 21615 Kilrush, 12:12 p.m., Engine 3.

Medical, 43075 Crescent, 4:17 p.m., Squad 1. Medical, 25983 Creek Crossing.

8:19 p.m., Squad 1. Sunday, Oct. 8 Medical. 23988 Devonshire,

12:33 a.m., Squad 4. Medical, 45138 Emery, 9:33 a.m., Squad 3.

Injury accident, Novi Square Parking, 12:11 p.m., Squad 2. Fire alarm, 22595 Halifax, 1:31 p.m., Engine 4.

Medical, 48251 Rushwood, 5:30 p.m., Squad 4. Medical, 43455 Ten Mile Road,

6:24 p.m., Squad 3. Medical, 24573 Queens Pointe, 7:38 p.m., Squad 1 Medical, 40424 Franklin Mill. 10:48 p.m., Squad 3.

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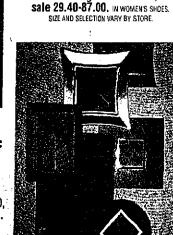
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#### WALLED LAKE BRIEFS

#### Child abuse seminar

Mercy Network- West will host Karen Austin who will present Bringing a message of understanding and hope for victims of child abuse" on October 17, 2000. This free presentation will take place at 1:00 PM at Mercy Network- West, 1885 Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake, MI and at 7:00 PM at the Novi Civic Center, 4517 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi,

Karen Austin is a survivor of severe childhood sexual, physical and emotional abuse. She has lived with the severe effects on her mental and physical health and has received several mental illness diagnoses. Ms. Austin has been able to recover from the profound effects , of this abuse by working with mental health professionals and by much personal courage and work. She now helps others by lecturing on topics ranging from the prevention and detection of childhood abuse, to surviving incest and post traumatic stress. For more information please contact Michele Bietler at (248) 668-3410.

Shake D'Em Bones by Education in Motion with Connie Batchik will be at the Walled Lake City Library located at 1499 E. West Maple in Walled Lake on Thursday, Oct. 12 and 26, from 4-4:45 p.m. Recommended for children age 2-6. Register by calling the library at (248)

Nature's Colors with art instructor Helen Carroll will be at the Walled Lake City Library on Tuesday, Oct. 17 at 6:30 p.m. for children

Recommended for the beginning art student. Color, harmony, paints, brushes and technique will be discussed. Take home a finished work of art. Register by calling the library, (248) 624-3772.

Helping Hands with Jerry Webster from the Helping Hands Organization will bring his live capuchin monkey to the Walled Lake City Library Saturday, Oct. 14, from 1-2 p.m. With videos and questions and-answer time, he will explain how monkeys are trained to help quadriplegics and other people with disabilities to perform everyday tasks. The program is recommended for children, ages 4 and older.

Jack and Jill Lapsit Story Hours for 2-year-olds are offered at the Walled Lake City Library. It is designed to introduce stories in a group setting along with simple fingerplays, songs and activities which fos-ter group participation. (248) 624-3772.

The library is located at 1499 E. West Maple. Register by calling (218) 624-3772.

#### Oakland County Health Division

The Oakland County Health Division is sponsoring a breastfeeding support series. Sessions, taught by public health nurses, are held at the Health Division's West Office, 1010 E. West Maple Road, Walled Lake, one block east of Pontiac Trail.

Information covered includes pumping, solving common problems associated with breastfeeding, taking care of mom, growth and development of the breastfeeding infant including growth spurts, starting

Information is targeted to participants involved in the first year of breastfeeding. For information or to register, call (248) 926-3341.

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 exami-

nation; immunizations; vision, hearing and lab testing; growth and developmental scree Fun For Youth The Lakes Area Youth Activity Center is offering activities for teens at \$10 each. For information, please call (248) 624-2850.

#### Lakes Baptist Church

The Lakes Baptist Church, 1375 Decker Road, Walled Lake, (248) 624-2900 has Sunday services at 9:30 and 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Staffed nursery is offered for Sunday and Wednesday meetings. Ladies Bible Study is at 7 p.m. Tuesdays or 10 a.m. Thursdays. Men's Bible Study is 8 a.m. Saturdays. Treasure Hunter's Club for grades one through six is held at 7 p.m. Wednesdays at Guest Elementary School on Decker Road. CrossTrainers, grades seven through

#### 12, is at 7 p.m. Wednesdays at the church. Crossroads Presbyterian Church

Crossroads Presbyterian Church, 1445 Welch Road, Walled Lake has a contemporary worship service at 8:30 a.m.; Christian education classes for all ages at 9:30 a.m.; and a traditional worship service at 10:30 a.m. A nursery is open all morning. For more information, call (248) 624-3821.

#### **Commerce Township Seniors Cub**

The Commerce Township Seniors Club, which meets at 1485 Oakley Park Road across from Walled Lake Central High School, holds weekly activities: Sundays, 1-5 p.m., bingo and cards; Tuesdays, 12:30-3:30 p.m., euchre; Thursdays, 12:30-3:30 p.m., pinochle; Mondays, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., exercise and bingo; Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., exercise and pinochle; Fridays, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m., exercise and line dancing. Hot lunch and Meals on Wheels are also run out of the Richardson Center. (248) 669-4510.

#### **Maloney Family Center**

The Maloney Family Center of Walled Lake is pleased to announce the expansion of its staff and services. The center is directed by Dr. Susan Maloney, licensed psychologist. Also on staff are Ulla Gmelin MA, MSW and Robin Heideman LSWT, CAC, ARMS, APRP. The center is dedicated to provide quality care to individuals struggling with life's problems, including a Christian frame of reference if preferred. Personal values are enhanced as self-defeating thoughts and behaviors are diminished. All individuals are encouraged, regardless of age, to develop a healthy life-plan that will continually invite meaningful rela-

Groups are as follows: • Infertility/Miscarriage/Grief and Loss, Tuesdays, 7-8:30 p.m. Substance Abuse, Wednesday/Thursday, 7-9 p.m.

 School-age Adopted Kids Group, Saturdays, 9-11 a.m. (Seven core issues of adoption will be explored)

Maloney Family Center is located at 2655 Oakley Park, Suite 206. Walled Lake, one mile north of Maple Road and one-half mile west of Haggerty. To inquire about additional services or to make an appointment, please call (248) 926-8532. Evening and weekend appointments available. Payment arrange-

ments are also available ening; and counseling with referrals to physicians and area resources as needed. Appointment is required. For more information, call West Oakland,

Walled Lake at (248) 926-3341.

#### Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital

Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital in Commerce will host a free three-part series, Speech and Language Development, on Thursdays at 7 p.m. during October. A team of health care professionals will discuss speech and lan-

guage development in children. Sessions can be attended individually or as a series. The sessions will cover normal speech and language development, signs of delayed skills, the importance of hearing in the development

of language, practical ways to stimulate oral language and speech To register for one or all of these free sessions, call toll-free 1-888dmc-2500. Remaining session is Oct. 26: Practical Ways to Stimulate Language and Speech Development in Children.

City hopes scoop will cut park poop

STAFF WRITER DWEST@OE.HOMECOMM.NET

Discussing problems about pet droppings in city parks causes some Walled Lake officials to have been discussed periodically by the Walled chuckle, but they agree they have to make a stink Lake Parks and Recreation Commission over the

about the matter. Concerns escalated to the point where the animals leave behind, in violation of city ordi-longer to pick up droppings left in parks.

around in excrement, that's not very healthy," ularly frustrating for the citizens who obey it." Concerns about animal droppings in city parks

past three years. Barb Whaley, the commission's recording secre-Walled Lake City Council was recently asked to tary, said commission conversations on the issue consider banning pets from city parks because reignited this summer as city department of pubmany walkers are not picking up the waste their lie works crews realized it was taking longer and

Whaley added some cities, such as Farmington City Manager Phil Vawter said most of the prob-Hills, enacted laws banning pets in parks because to wash into Walled Lake, forcing local authorities lems have been reported at Sims Park, a neigh- of the frequent messes that are created. Residents to close the public beach. borhood park located on Quinif Street near Ponti- caught walking their pets in Farmington Hills

Walled Lake City Council officials said Tuesday Vawter said. "It is the law, and I'm sure it's partic- they will monitor the situation the rest of this fall and early next spring before seriously talking about a pets-in-parks ban. In the meantime, the city is using news media and other resources to heighten local awareness of the problem and

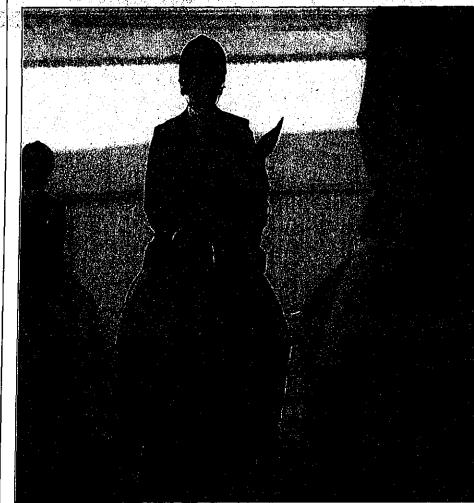
> remind residents about the law. "With winter coming up, not too many peopl will be out," Vawter said.

"Council will wait about six to eight months before they consider further action.' Vawter added geese and animal droppings at Mercer Beach two years ago caused more bacteria

"Not only is it a potential health problem," he parks are ticketed and charged with a misde-said, "it's an environmental concern as well."

### Not just horsin' around!





#### Riding high

Photo by TOM HIBBELN Above, The Walled Lake Equestrian Team, (from left) Coach Ericka Utz. Dana Griffin, Amy Alix, Vickie Chamberlain, Kayti Dicks, Rachel Angelosante, Ann Ressler, Elyse Longhurst and Jackie Gerich. Not pictured: Melanie Suess, Leigh Garrison. Also picture is Ben, the horse.

Photo by TOM HIBBELN Left. Walled Lake Central's Ann Ressler rides in the bareback competition at the equestrian championships at the Michigan State Fairgrounds on Saturday.

### Walled Lake seniors get transportation

By Tran Longmoore

Allison Penner doesn't like to feel like she's a burden on anyone, so she hates asking for a ride downtown or to the doctors office. But the 64year-old widow with arthritis in her knees can't make the two mile walk to her doctor's office. She's happy about the City of Walled Lake's new senior transportation and says that it will give her more independence.

daughter every time I have to run my errands." she said. "She never complains about giving me rides, but I know that she's busy with her work and my grandchildren. It will make it easier on

Beginning October 16, the dial-a-ride transit adding more days of service," he said. program will be available to residents over the age of 55 and to those with disabilities. On Mondays and Thursdays between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.; residents who reserved a spot two days in advance will be picked up and shuttled to would be nice if they could get 10 to 12 people to shopping centers and doctors offices. The vans, go shopping at the same time," Vawter said. "There which can hold up to 15 passengers, will also take will probably be times when we cannot reserve a seniors outside city limits to Novi and to the Henry trip for a resident because of bookings, and we'd Ford Medical Center in West Bloomfield and the like to keep that to a minimum." Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital in Commerce Township. There is no fee for using the service, must be followed. although the city does ask that riders donate \$1

per trip. One of the vans is equipped with a wheel chair lift for disabled persons.

City Manager Philip Vawter said that seniors have been looking for this kind of service for years. "It is an issue of independence. "It is an issue of independence. Sometimes seniors can find people to give them rides, but Sometimes seniors can find peosometimes they can't." Vawter said. "This gives seniors more options.

Walled Lake is contracting the services from the City of Novi. The program costs \$21,000 per year, which will come from Oakland County Communi-"I'll try to plan my week so I don't have to call my ty Development Block Grant funds, federal tax credits, and the city's general fund.

Vawter said that if the program goes well, the city council could expand the program. "If, after the end of the two year contract, there is more demand for the service, we could look into

Vawter expects that demand could be high dur-

ing peak hours, and asks people in retirement communities to coordinate their trips. "Particularly in places like Walled Lake Villa, it

As with all city services, there are rules which The city asks passengers to refrain from bring- 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

ple to give them rides, but sometimes they can't."

> Philip Vawter City Manager

ing food or beverages into the vans. Passengers should also be aware that drivers will not make unscheduled stops. Drivers are also not permitted

to help passengers with grocery bags. All reservations must be made through the dispatcher, and not the driver. When making reservations, be prepared to give a name, address, phone number, a list of medications, allergies and disabilities, and an emergency contact name and

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### Still in the red

### Ice arena struggles with deficit

By Randal Yakey

It was a slushy summer over at the Novi Ice Arena The arena is still \$472, 512 in the proverbial ice hole for overall arena operations but, as the seasons grows colder, the arena management expects an avalanche of

"We feel good about the upcom ing season and we expect to turn a profit," Suburban Hockey Management President Tom Anastos said. "We have a lot of competition (with other arenas) but we're booked up and we've made a lot of upgrades

Novi Finance Director Kathy Smith-Roy said the ice arena had about \$191,000 in revenue, but still had a net loss of \$119,091 for the months of July and August. "They haven't started their fall programs yet," Smith-Roy said. But we are projecting that we will break even by the end of the year," Even though the rink needs \$472,512 for operations to break

But the management of the rink is staying positive. "Everything is getting ready." rink manager Sid Fox said. "We have our skating club, our bockey teams, the midgets. Mites, and the Novi and Northville varsity teams will be staring up. We also have a Junior varsity Northville program

even, the arena still needs an esti-

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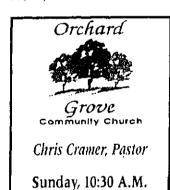
bond for constructing the arena.

that is staring up." Anastos said that the rink is right on target for meeting their budgetary goals and that just because a net loss occurred in July and August, there is no reason to

"From September through March you're expected to make a profit," Anastos said. "April and May, you break even

June, July and August, you won't turn a profit. BI-monthly reports were requested by city council to keep up to date on the fiscal viability of the ice

Randal Yakey is a staff writer for the Novt News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700.



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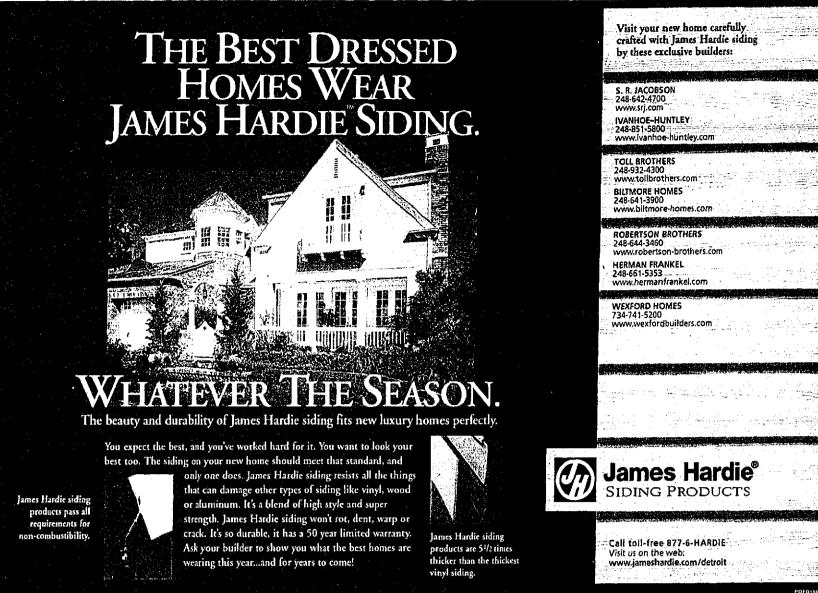
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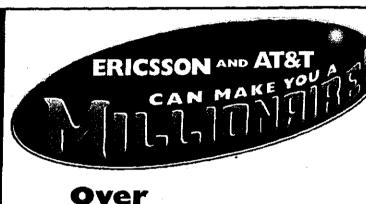




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Monday, Oct. 16 10:00 a.m. --Potpourri:

Mervyn's Youth Spree 10:30 a.m. - The Cutting Room

11:00 a.m. - Harvest Ministries 11:30 a.m. — Cosby and Company: Story Teller 12:00 p.m. - Intercessions Word Ministry

12:30 p.m. - (con't) 1:00 p.m. - Adventures with Pirate Pete 1:30 p.m. — Aviation Journal 2:00 p.m. - Inside Reform

Today: Joe Bush Sr. 2:30 p.m. — (con't) 3:00 p.m. - Community Comments: Beverly Papai

3:30 p.m. - Halloween Arrange-4:00 p.m. - Law Talk: Kathleen McCarthy, Family Law 4:30 p.m. — (con't)

5:00 p.m. - New Millennium Medicine: Occupational Therapy 5:30 p.m. — Army News Watch 6:00 p.m. - Christian Singles

with Tracy 7:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection 7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. -- Candi-

date Forum 9:30 p.m. - Scary Tale

Tuesday, Oct. 17 10:00 a.m. - Legislative Forum 10:30 a.m. - Fall Harvest 11:00 a.m. - Maxabilities 11:30 a.m. - Financial Strate gies: Linda Taylor

12:00 p.m. - Summit University 12:30 p.m. — (con't) 1:00 p.m. - Chamber Spotlight 1:30 p.m. - Home For Life: Exterior Painting 2:00 p.m. - Lansing Connection

2:30 p.m. - Aches and Paines: Chiropractic 3:00 p.m. — Community Living Centers 3:30 p.m. - SANT Health Insur

4:00 p.m. - Scary Tales From 4:30 p.m. — Pet Talk 5:00 p.m. - The Way, The Truth,

and The Life 5:30 p.m. - People Who Make Things Happen: The Ecumenical Institute 6:00 p.m. - Harvest Ministries 6:30 p.m. - Building Scene

7:00 p.m. - Potpourri: Mervyn's Youth Spree 7:30 p.m. — Aviation Journal 8:00 p.m. - Movie Lovers Guide to Horror Movies 8:30 p.m. — (con't) 9:00 p.m. — Out in the Open: Under Cover of the Night

9:30 p.m. - (con't) Wednesday, Oct. 18 10:00 a.m. - Law Talk: Kathleen McCarthy, Family Law

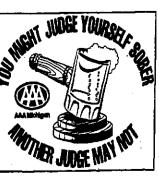
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2:30 p.m. — (con't) 3:00 p.m. — (con't) 3:30 p.m. — Alliance For Democ-9:30 p.m. — (con't) Thursday, Oct. 19

4:00 p.m. — Critter Connection 4:30 p.m. - Mountain Ski: Ski

Arrangement 11:30 a.m. — In the Green:

12:00 p.m. - Community Com-

Labor Day Ralph Nader Part 1

5:30 p.m. - (con't 6:00 p.m. — The Jesus Center

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9:00 p.m. - Let's Talk with Ben Marks: Andrew Raczkowski 9:30 p.m. — (con't) Friday, Oct. 20 10:00 a.m. - Lumen Christi ance: Tai Chi

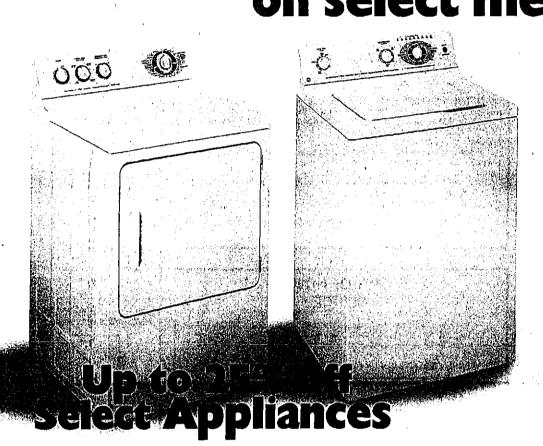
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#### **Obituaries**

VESTER MCCLURE Vester McClure, 86, died Sept. 13 at Medical Center Hospital in

Punta Gorda, Fla. He was born April 1 Blythsville, Ark. Mr. McClure resided in Charlotte Harbor, Fla., for the past seven

years. He was a long-time resident of Novi and Skidway Lake, Mich., and retired in 1982 from Diamond Automation, Farmington Hills. He is survived by his wife of 67 ling in 1952. He was a carpenter years, Cora Mae; two sons, Billy contractor from 1953-61, and a Wayne of Novi and Carl Ray of custom builder in Northville, from Charlotte Harbor, Fla.; two daugh- 1961-69. Mr. McBride moved to ters. Virginia Burcham and Junella Gladwin County in April 1969 and

grandchildren.

Wayne D. McBride, 72, died Oct.

WAYNE D. MCBRIDE

5 at Mid-Michigan Medical Center, Midland. He was born in Detroit on March 23, 1928, to Russell and Ruth (Caldwell) McBride. Mr. McBride was a 1945 gradu-

ate of Henry Ford Trade School. He served an apprenticeship program as a carpenter from 1947, graduat-

in many community activities and (Jim) Pajot of Coleman; one broth- Baraboo, Wis.; step-grandson, served on several committees. His er, Kay (Sylvia) of Howell; a sister, Charles Falconberry of Gladwin: favorite hobby was tending his Shirley (Joe) Caramagno of Sterling ten step-grandchildren; and severflower garden. In 1994, he was rec- Heights; son-in-law, Dr. William al nieces and nephews. ognized in two separate issues of Wenzel of Baraboo, Wis.; mother-"Better Homes and Gardens" for in-law, Helen Cambridge of his floral gardens and the renova- Houghton Lake; brother-in-law, Sally Wenzel in 1997; and stepson,

tions done to his home.

Mr. McBride married Treva Rae nati, Ohio. Robinson on Nov. 2, 1996, in Beaverton. He was previously mar- (Bruce) Sutkus of Calif., Jeannie ried to Barbara Elaine Thompson (Fran) Staley of Houghton Lake, in January 1949.

(Robert) Falconberry of Gladwin; Novi; former wife, Barbara (John) leaf, Gladwin, MI 48624. Keown of Charlotte Harbor; one was a custom builder until his son. Wayne "Buzz" of Colorado Northup of Eastport. sister, Helen Rease of Rector, Ark.: retirement in 1987, after which he Springs, Colo.; three step-daugh- And four granddaughters, McBride Memorial Scholarship land Hills Memorial Gardens in 12 grandchildren, 21 great-grand worked part-time for Sisson Funer- ters, Ronda (Jeff) Rappaport of Michele Zara-Thomas of Northville. Fund would be appreciated. children, and five great great- al Home and did architectural West Bloomfield, Cheryl (Lance) Megan Zara of Gladwin, Lindsey

and South of Twelve Mile Road.

(10-12-00 NR, NN 1004995)

designs until 1997. He participated Goin of Bloomfield Hills, and Lisa Wenzel and Tiffany Wenzel, both of

Also, five sisters-in-law, Sally Linda (Noel) Griffin of Kansas City. He is survived by his wife and Mo., Joyce McBride of Walled Lake, best friend, Treva; daughter, Linda and Gall Osburn (Ed) Walsh of son Funeral Home, 135 N. Silver-

Alfred (Pat) Cambridge of Cincin-

Memorials to the Wayne D.

Craig Robinson in 1992.

land Cemetery, Gladwin.

ADOLF F. BRENT Adolf F. Brent, 80, died Oct. 6 in Harper Hospital, Detroit, Mr. Brent

was born in Germany on March 8, 1920, to Adolf and Hattle (Salews-He was preceded in death by his Mr. Brent was a retired brick brother, James in 1983; daughter,

mason. He served in the United States Army during World War II. He is survived by a brother, Services were held on Sunday, Hubert (Betty) of Northville, three Oct. 8 at the Beaverton Baptist nieces and one nephew. Church, with the Rev. Tim Terhune Services were held on Tuesday. officiating. Interment was in High-

Oct. 10 at Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home in Northville. The Arrangements were made by Sis-Rev. James P. Russell of the First Presbyterian Church of Northville officialed. Interment was in Oak-

#### NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 00-049

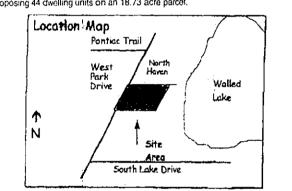
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Ryan Construction Company is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow a temporary construction trailer from October 19, 2000 to April 1, 2001. The temporary trailer will be located at the Turley Investment Building, at 22241 Roothel Drive Road, which is South of Nine Mile Road and East

A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for temporary use This request will be considered at 3:15 p.m. on October 18, 2000, at the Nov

Divic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Official and must be received prior to October 18, 2000. (10-12-00 NR, NN 1004987) (248) 347-0415

#### CITY OF NOVI NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednosday, October 25, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider, NORTH HAVEN SUB-DIVISION, SP 00-43, located southeast of West Road and south of Pontiac WOODLAND PERMIT APPROVAL & TENTATIVE PRELIMINARY PLAT & WET-LAND PERMIT RECOMMENDATIONS TO CITY COUNCIL, The applicant is



All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at he hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning & Commu nity Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Mt 48375 until 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 25, 2000. NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION

(10-12-00 NR/NN 1004999)

#### CITY OF NOVI

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Nov will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 25, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider, NOVI TECHNOLOGY ty and Seeley Roads, for PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN and SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVALS. The applicant is proposing a 17,451 square foot one-story light indus-

rial spec building.

\* Pleaso note that this project was initially scheduled for October 4, 2000 bu



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NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION ROBERT CHURELLA, SECRETARY



#### CITY OF NOVI **VOLUNTEER NEEDED TO SERVE** AS HEARING OFFICER TO EVALUATE DANGEROUS STRUCTURES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council is seeking a voluntee to serve as the Hearing Officer to evaluate dangerous structures. Expertise is required in housing matters including, but not limited to, an engineer, architect, building contractor, building inspector or member of a community housing organization. If you are interested, an application may be obtained in the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile, or by calling (248) 347-0456 to receive an application by (10-5/12/19-00 NF/NN 1003206) MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERI

NOTICE - CITY OF NOVI

REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT

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requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow a temporary construction trailer from October 19, 2000 to November 19, 2001. The temporary trailer will be located in the

Fountain Walk Project, at 44075 Twelve Mile Road, which is West of Donelson Drive

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Grand Rive

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 & Commu-

nity Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00

PERMIT APPROVAL. The applicant is proposing a 262 unit apartment complex

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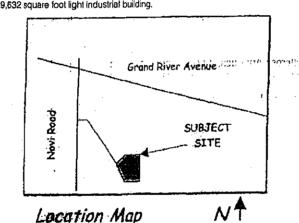
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council is seeking volunteers to erve on the newly formed Stormwater Management and Watershed Stewardshi

If you are interested in serving on this Committee, applications may be obtained in the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile, or by calling 347-0456 to receive MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK

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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, October 25, 2000.

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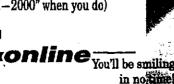
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# Terms up in air for two incumbents on the Novi Planning Commission Continued from 1 Cassis is a regional leader in the name put before council at the last new face on the Novi Planning Commission

bent may be brought before coun- has.

up and Mr. Watza's name was not

though there is no indication or

new commissioners to take our

Capello said he thought that he

could get a majority of the votes

from council if he and Canup could

"All I ask is that the city council

Capello said that the job doesn't

pay well - commissioners receive

said that he doesn't want to leave

added that he is willing to leave if

The mayor's refusal to nominate

Canup said earlier that he felt

thing for the city.

the commission in limbo. Capello port them.

put up my name for a vote." Capel-

place or reappoint us."

time incumbents were not brought rible mistake" by putting forward

to council on the first ballot. Clark names of people who may not have

said he was not sure which incum- the experience that he or Capello

"My name was not brought up, said that it is the mayor's "preroga-

Mr. Canup's name was not brought tive" to nominate who he wishes.

the planning commission, even Canup and Capello.

brought up." Capello said. "Mr. said that every time he brings the

Council Member Louis Csordas

Council Member Hugh Crawford

"I'd like to bring this to a vote,"

successor named by council and

the mayor. He is unopposed in the

"I don't think we have more qual-

ifled candidates here than Brent

when Hugh leaves?"

county race in November.

and get it over with?"

keep their seats.

the council's support.

BY RANDAL YAKEY

Remaining closed mouth about it all, Mayor Richard Clark is apparently holding back on nominating two planning commissioners' names for reappointment - or finding their replacements.

It has been over two months since their terms expired and both Watza got frustrated with the situ- issue up to the mayor, he (Clark) Planning Commission Chair Kim Capello and Commissioner Brent Canup have yet to have their names brought up for reappoint-

Speaking to the council on October 2, Capello asked that a decision on his reappointment be made as soon as possible, so he can "get on with his life."

"I served on the planning comget the mayor to bring their names mission for seven years and have been acting chairman for a year," Capello said. "Prior to expiration of my term, I met with Mayor lo said. "I think that the majority of (Richard) Clark and I advised him the people elected by the people that I was planning to reapply and (council) want me back. I think discussed with him my past histothat holds true for Brent Canup."

Capello said he felt that he was being snubbed by the council for no pay - but because of his dedicapolitical reasons and that because there are no other names brought up, the mayor is dragging his feet. Capello said that he felt his name would be up for reappointment. Capello was one of three commission members whose terms the council believes it the right expired on June 30. A third commissioner, Michael Watza, resigned and Clark appointed Antonia Nagy to the job, with the council's

approval. positions will be replaced. In Novi, the mayor nominates a commissioner, but then the candithe mayor would be making a "terdate must have the backing of a majority of the city council.

"I'm going to give it some serious consideration," Clark said, declining to make any other comment on

Clark said that it isn't the first

#### Northville antiques store opens

BY MELANIE PLENDA

Bellerose Antiques, 147 E. Main Street, puts a new spin on old yarns with its supply of antiques, architectural elements and vintage The store opened its doors to

customers Sept. 15 and boasts of antiques from all generations with a slant towards the kitsch of textiles from the forties and fifties. But antiques are nothing new to owner Peggy Allgeier whose last antique store made its home in Plymouth's Old Village on Mill Street and Liberty Street. She said she wanted to be a quaint downtown area and found Northville to be just

the right shopping environment for her wares. Further, she said she is not daunted by the proliferation of antiques in Northville and will offer her fellow antiquarians a "This is just such a nice shopping environment," she said. 'And the more antique stores there are in the area, the better it is for all of

us. And if we don't carry what a customer is looking for, we can send them to another shop close Allgeier said this is because people who antique tend to want to go to more than one store to find the

hidden treasures they are looking Though textiles abound in Allgeier's family owned and run shop, she also offers her customers glimpses into vintage gardens with antique gardening fixtures as well

as vintage furniture and jewelry. For some of her more unique pieces, Allgeier said she frequently travels around the country to antique shows looking for things of home decor. When she is out scouring the countryside for pieces of the past, she leaves the store in the hands of her mother-in-law and manager. Anna Aligeier, who said the real reason people are flocking to the store is to see her. "I'm from New York, "she said "So they come to see me because they like the accent."

The customers may be attracted to the store not only for the lovingly yet gently used items but for the prices which Allgeier said she likes to keep in the moderate range. Their prices are very reason-

able," said customer Sandy Drake. "I was on my way up north and noticed from the window some of the interesting things they had in here and came in. It's a great

Prices can range from \$5 for maller items to \$700 for items such as a vintage mantle piece or n the \$1,000 range for a vintage

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is a possibility." According to the city charter, the must be made within thirty days of ored to give back what I could." resignation and the candidate must receive a majority of four votes from the council. Candidates can be nominated by any member of the council including the mayor and mayor pro tem.

"I haven't made up my mind yet ation and resigned. Mr. Canup and avoids the question. Both Crawford (on joining council.)" Smith said. I, in good faith, have continued on and Csordas publicly support "It's still up in the air. There has been conversation and if everything worked out, I would consider it. intent from this council to appoint Csordas said. "I'd like to put this to

rest. If we can't make a decision on Smith said that he is not aware this, what do you think will happen of any other names that have been mentioned for the position, but Crawford, who is all but set to speculated that there will be others join the Oakland County Board of vying for it. Commissioners, will have to have a

> will be considered," Smith said. "But if everything went right. I'd throw my hat in the ring." Smith, who worked in heavy

industrial, constructing electrical (Canup) and Kim (Capello)," Csorautomotive plants as well as in das said. "Why not bring it to a vote management, has been on local committees and currently is help-Both Council Members Michelle ing to lead the charge to get the Bononi and Mayor Pro Tem Laura road bond passed in November. tion to the city, he should at least Lorenzo have stated that if Canup Cassis, who is been a well-known have his name put out there to be and Capello were the only two canlocal businessman and husband of accepted or rejected. Capello also didates to come before council for Stafe Representative Nancy Cassis. appointment, they would not sup-R-Novi, has been on a number of

Therefore, Capello and Canup have two votes, but need four to He is on the planning commission. In July, Clark nominated Capello or Canup has given rise to Michael Meyer, Sarah Gray and called. I would do what I could and questions on when the two final David Ruyle, but they did not win

Cassis said that he would be will- vote for me or not." ing to help in any way possible.

Rotary Club.

"I've invested my sweat into this city and have a lot at stake in this selection of a council replacement city," Cassis said. "I would be hon-Cassis said that he didn't want to get into politics long-term, but said he would do it for a short time. "I would do it for a brief time," Cassis said, "to fill out Hugh's

Even though both men are qual-

ified individuals, Clark said there still is enough time for another candidate to make his or her presence known. "Nothing is going to happen until the first of the year," Clark said.

"I'm sure there may be other names that may come up between now and when Hugh goes to the county commission. In a move that could shake up "I'm sure there will be others that not only the council but the plan-

ning commission, Smith has said if he were named to the council, he Laura Lorenzo and Council Member Michelle Bononi over keeping Brent Canup and Kim Capello, both incumbents, off the planning

"Some people have been on the commission for a long time and have not reflected the views of the community," Smith said. Planning Commissioner Kim

committees, including chair of the mayor had already made up his Grand River Corridor Committee. mind on the issue. "He's going to wait us out," "I would do whatever I could for Capello said. "He's going to wait this city," Cassis said. "If I were until Hugh (Crawford) leaves and appoint either Asa (Smith) or Vic

meeting on October 2, has been at odds with the mayor over the qualifications for planning commission. Lorenzo said that she would wait and see who all applied for the position and refused to say if she would be in favor of either Cassis or

"This is not a mayoral appointment, it's an appointment by the council," Lorenzo said. "We should advertise for candidates and make the decision after that."

Council Member Louis Csordas agreed with Capello that the mayor is waiting for January to make his choice for planning commission and may be waiting for someone who would side with him.

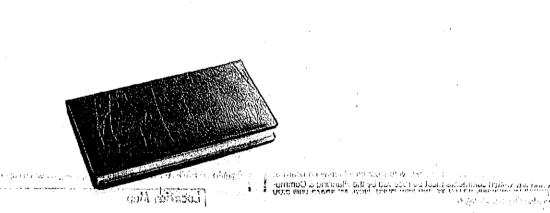
"Bingo," Csordas said. "I think that is exactly what he is doing." Csordas said that he has had conversations with both Smith and Cassis on the subject of replacements for Crawford and said that he thought Cassis would be a good candidate.

"I think that he (Cassis) has political savvy and he's gained a lot of experience on the planning commission." Csordas said. "I don't know for sure, but I think he would any special interest groups."

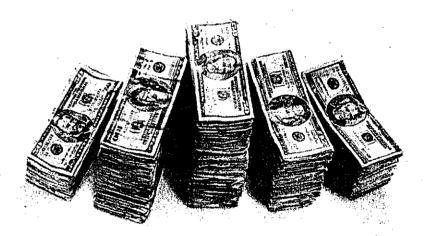
do his best for the city and not for Both Council Members Bononi and Craig DeRoche were unavail-Capello said that he felt that the able for comment by press-time. Council Member Ed Kramer said that he would wish to speak on the issue when he had more information on all possible candidates.

The last person to be appointed

to the city council was Kramer on (Cassis), I don't know if Vic would December 2, 1996. He then ran for his own term of office. Capello, who asked to have his



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### New home would be trophy for museum

Authority about possibly moving the facility there. The state was dangling an offer of financial help to fure the museum

"When the State Fair authority made an offer to us, we started negotiations with them. When that was falmost! finalized, the State Fair received an offer with Nederlander organization," Jansen said. "That completely changed the ball

Without an offer from the State Fair Authority and no offer from the Nederlander Group, the hall

"Now we're looking for a home, Jansen said, "We don't want to relocate away from Novi but we have to relocate somewhere." The museum houses one of the city of Novi's treasures, the Novi

Special race car. Jansen, who grew up in Rochester, New York, and attended became a board member in 1997. Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, has worked at Goodyear for over 30 years.

had been talking to the State Fair "The organization has to survive. We are open to all

Motor Sports Museum & Hall of Fame president

design and development." Jansen building site and are concentrating sitions. We induct someone next said, sitting just feet away from Al their search to southeast Michigan, Unser Jr. red. white and blue Indianapolis 500 type racing car. "I spent three years at our proving ground in St. Angelo, Texas, to the public. and I've been in the Detroit area for

> "The organization has to sur-Association for Stock Car Auto

memorabilia that the museum plus." would like to collect, Currently, there is only about 9,000 square feet of space to display the arti-

(square feet) which would provide for more displays and better laidout displays," Jansen said. "We begun a campaign to look for a new would like to have room for acquiyear and he offers you his winning car, you'd like to be able to display a high enough density of traffic to tit property and not agonize on how But it's not only the square

footage. According to Jansen, there Daimler-Chysier and General is a need for high ceilings and a big Motors have all been significant door to get the displays inside the Sundays, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. "It can't be on the fortieth floor of

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with an emphasis on an area with make the Hall of Fame accessible to get it there."

According to Jansen, Ford, 12 years, I guess that make me an "Having been a race fan since contributors to the Motor Sports hall. Museum, but that there is still a my high school days and having need for building space and an some place," Jansen said. "And For further information please cal having a nice venue for corporate 1-888-250 RACE additional contributor to come for-Jansen, who with this wife cur- ward.

teering at the museum in 1990 and vive," Watson said. "We are open to With the popularity of National

SCARY FALL SAVINGS

Jansen said he would like to

Motor Sports Museum in Oakland

county and would not eliminate

moving the hall to "Automation

"That would be perfect, " Jansen

said "Understand, we include all

motor sports including boat racing.

With all that this, the Detroit area

While plans are afoot for a new

Expo Center on Grand River

Avenue in Novi. Jansen did not

forsee any hope of getting a spot at

"There is no space available.

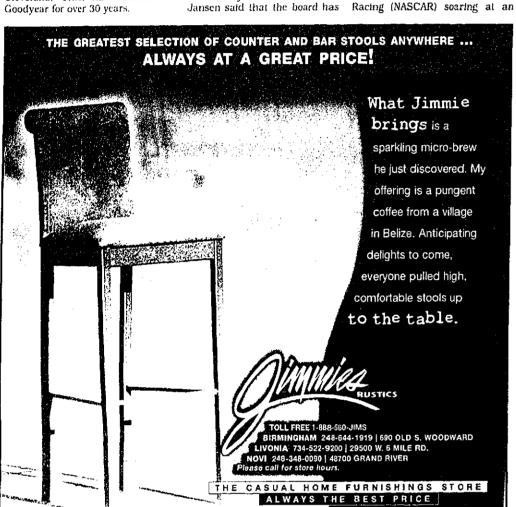
The Motorsports Museum & Hall

of Fame is open Thursdays through

Alley" near Auburn Hills.

the expanded facility.

Jansen sald.



old-timer out here.

rotation," he joked.

have always an interest."

worked in racing for Goodyear,

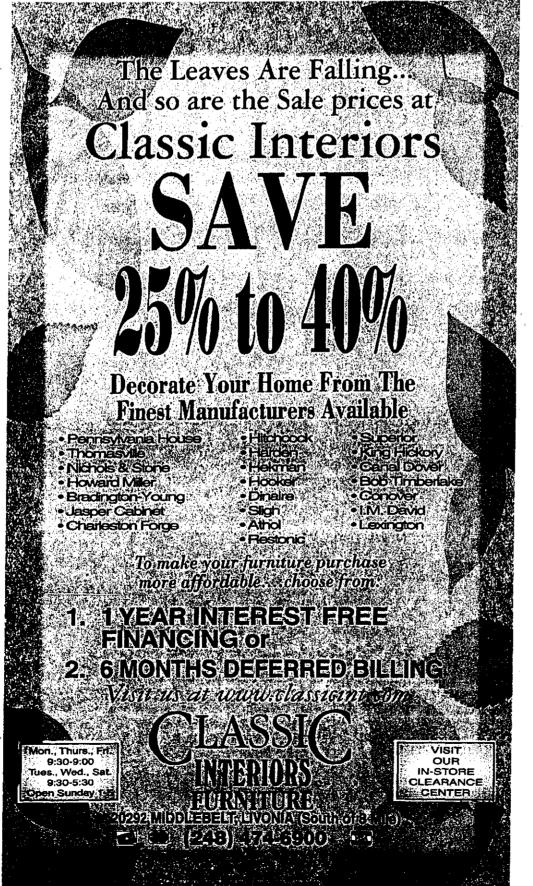
rently resides in Novi, began volun-

"I guess it was my turn in the



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# Millennium homecoming NHS band on the run: takes first place at EMU

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ioined her students to build at the Hunt residence, said she was impressed with how well the students worked together and how passionate they seemed about getting the float completed. "It's really cool to see how they all from the Holy Family Church on come together to solve a problem Meadowbrook. and they have a really good time doing it," she said. "They've put in

a lot of really hard work." Haselhuhn said even before they Each of the floats will be on display begin the actual construction of the in the NHS parking lot throughout float, they work for weeks putting the afternoon and evening. together the plans and making the

weeks," she said. "Just making the parade, is a blast.

Years as Novi's

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will be safely kept in a storage facil- on Friday." the floats are demolished with Jersey Day.

sledgehammers From there they will travel south on Meadowbrook to Ten Mile Road begin at 1 p.m. and is free to the heading west to the high school.

Students Shannon Shrader and Sara Goodman said everything the class of 2001 consist of Lindsay "We've been working on this five about homecoming, including the

"I really like Spirit Week," said Putting it together is the easy part." Shrader. "Everyday the week before Just so there will be no float is a different dress-up theme and Mohr made their class prince and

The week consisted of Concert T-Sadly, once homecoming is over, shirt day, Hawaiian Day and Old

The parade will begin at 10 a.m. major festivities also include the Saturday with the floats departing big football game against Howell and the homecoming dance. The game, which is also a part of Community Appreciation Day, will

> the senior homecoming king and This year's homecoming court for

Anan, Jim Benton, Justin Fischer, Steve Horne, Maureen Sebastian, Juniors Bethany Kittle and Tyler

Andrew Krupansky. At 8 p.m. the students will step

> out in style as they put on their gowns and tuxes and head to the dance held in the high school gym-The pep assembly is sure to energize the students, with a spirited performance by the cheerlead-

> > games like the flipper run, balloon

stomp and hoola-hoop chain, and a

visit from the NHS Choir and Novi

Singers. The assembly will begin

Stephante Forduce is a staff

America 2000 Regional Champi- second overall. Twenty-one bands onship. This year's show, under the direction of James Schekler, features music of the rock band Chicago. Bands of America featured 31 ing and pom pon squads, relay

storms. writer for the Novi News, She all of those different bands," Schek- each time to perform even better may be reached at (248) 349-

experience for our students to see tition. The students are challenged

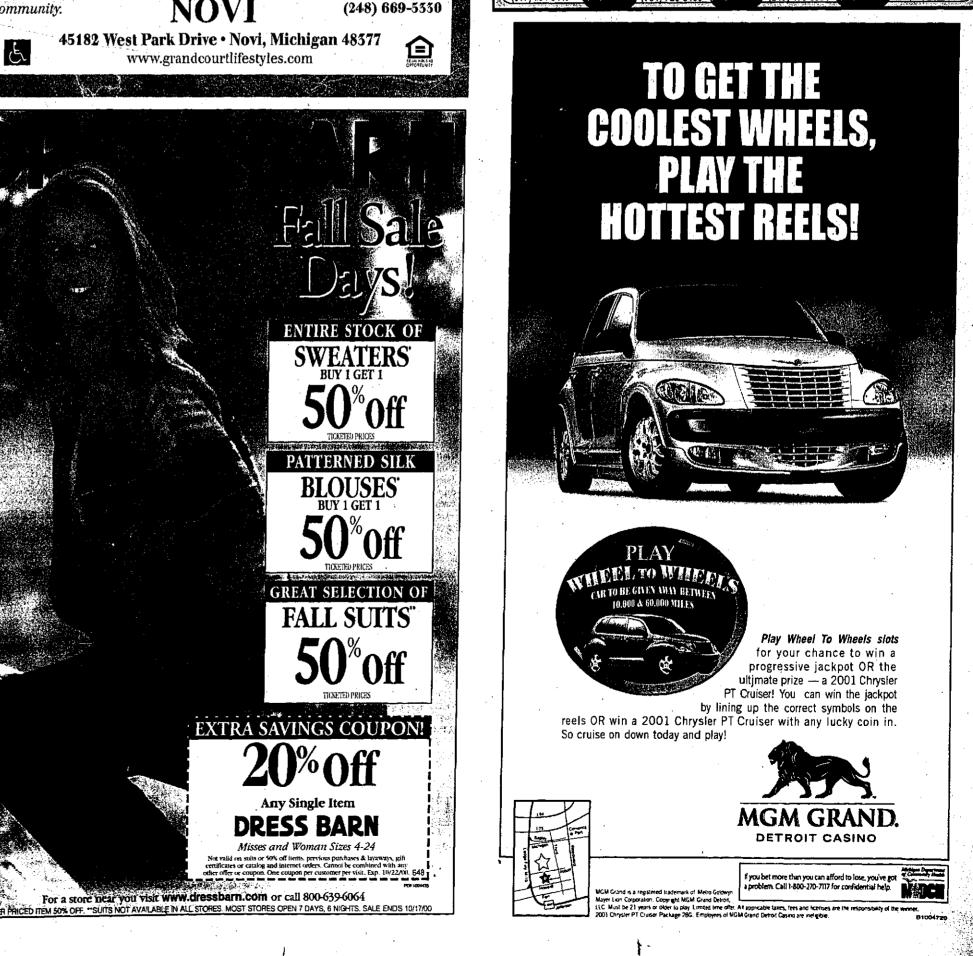
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titions over the past three weeks, nament hosted by Flushing High expanding an aiready excellent rep-School. This year's invitational was man Lindsay Blaszczak and utation of the Novi music program held at Eastern Michigan University. The Wildcat Band saw their On September 23, the band travscore rise to 76.6, placing them eled to Toledo for the Bands of first in their Flight II group and

> participated this year. the Novi High School band was the 10th Annual Trenton Invitational in Trenton. This festival hosted 18 bands from Mich., Ohio, Ind., Ill., bands from around the state. The and Penn. Out of a total of 100 pos- Novi score dropped slightly to 75.1. sible points. Novi received 67.65 for still strong enough for a first place a 16th place finish overall. The finish once again in the Flight II finals of the championship were competition and second place over-

> canceled due to severe thunder- all. "It was an excellent learning tance of musicianship over compe-





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### Risks taken in recent chases just not worth it

While we have the highest respect for the Novi Police Department, over the past couple weeks we've read a few reports that give true cause for concern.

In the last week of September. Novi police joined Fenton and couple of snowblowers? Of course, state police in a high-speed chase down Interstate 96. The suspect. Tracy Lee Hender- out of traffic after the Ryder truck

son, 34, was driv-Ryder\_truck and A Ryder truckload of snowing a rented was allegedly trying to steal snowblowers from a Sears store in Fenton. police Fenton estimate that as

afternoon chase got underway, flenderson was doing 80 or 90 mph down the

son was then arrested for fleeing and eluding police at the scene. Here's another incident that ran and happened Sept. 28. Someone driving a Delorean-type vehicle filled up his tank at the Total Sta-

tion at Ten Mile and Novi Road.

then took off without paying. The

gas station staff called the police. who moved in on the car. They found it traveling at 85 mph on Meadowbrook Road. A chase ensued, going onto to Eight Mile Road and turning onto Haggerty Road with speeds ranging all the way up to 100 mph. The Delorean handily pulled away from the police, but the vehicle

Holly Hill Professional Village.

This call came at 3:50 a.m. Here's our question of what seems like good police work. Why a high-speed chase down I-96 during rush-hour to recover a

this chase ensued in Fenton, but a corps of cop cars weaving in and Hollywood crash up movie is a rightening pic-

Fortunately, Hen-

derson didn'

take any other

cars out with his

truck, but the

possibility was very real. Lives

were at risk, the

blowers - is that more precious cargo than the people in every vehicle in the vicinity of the great

suspect's, officers' freeway, weaving in and out of those of anyone who happened to traffic. He totaled the truck in roll- be on the freeway at that time. over crash at a ditch near a rest stop east of Beck Road. This was And at 4:30-5 p.m., plenty of peo-ple are on that freeway.

We've read too many stories Novi police had joined in to "box about someone innocently driving in" the runaway suspect. Hender- down the street when their smack in the middle of a police chase and end up killed or seriously injured. While the incident with the in our police blotters on Oct. 5 Delorean vehicle racing away with a pilfered tank of gas occurred during the very early morning hours, we still don't think this was a case that justified a high-speed (and we're talking up to 100 mph

Even at today's prices, a tank of gas is how much? Up to \$30? And ă Ryder truckload of snowblowers - is that more precious cargo than the people in every vehicle in the vicinity of the great chase?

While we realize that a cost/benefit analysis isn't feasible in the heat of the moment, is any was later found parked at the of this really worth endangering any one's life?

### Novi schools on a roll

and of the positive kind, which in a mini-Fulbright scholarship itself is unusual these days. First, Novi High School reaped ment of State and the government the national Blue Ribbon Award for

Evervone who excellence. This was handed over to local school representatives Secretary of Education Richard because Presídent Clinton was too busy campaigning for his wife while still on our payroll.

To win that award, Novi High had to meet a rigorous set of criteria and pass on-site inspections. What a great moment for Novi. for the school district, is enrolled should be proud.

The Novi school district keeps getting that national attention - Lippe is in Germany this week on sponsored by the U.S. Departof Germany. He's studying the education of that nation, which has

new significance

locally due to the

Daimler-Chrysler

He's there on the

works for the school district, is enrolled there or Fulbright Teachsimply pays taxes er and Adminisshould be proud. trator Exchange

Program and you Lippe was chosen because he impressed a few Fulbright program decision-makers. Let's face it, if there are national awards and grants out there for

the taking. Novi schools deserves them. How fantastic that the folks there or simply pays the taxes in Washington have gotten the message.

#### **Novi News Quote of the Week**

"We induct someone next year and he offers you his winning car, you'd like to be able to display it properly and not agonize on how to get it there."

> Larry Jansen Chairman of the Motor Sports Museum, discussing the need for a new facility.

### IN THE NEWS

### What recreational facility do you use the most in Novi?

The Novi News asked Farmer Jack customers about where they play.







Dorothy Laird Jane Dyson

"The fitness center

Lifetime Fitness on Hag-



"SoccerZone on Grand

Bv Melissa Leggiero

#### LETTERS

Don't you wonder sometimes how some

#### **■** Full-time fire department needed

My blood boils every time I read an article about the fire department amendment. These articles make it sound like the only reason the professional firefighters union of Novi proposed the changes in the department is for selfish reasons. When I have first hand knowledge to the contrary, you see I am the wife of a full-time professional Novi firefighter and also a resident of

Actually, I am one of those rare breeds, a lifetime resident of this city. My parents moved here in 1956 and 44 years later, still reside in that house on LeBost, my siblings and I all attended Novi schools, grades K-

> My husband's family moved here in 1969, he and all of his five siblings graduated from Novi as well. A brother and his family also live in the city. I tell you all this so you can see we have a real, vested interested in the outcome of the vote. Will our life change when the voters pass

this proposal and the city goes to a 24hour, full-time fire department? Yes, my husband's work schedule will change and through the night.

He will miss some of his children's school activities and dinner with his famiy. We will have to pay an increase in our taxes, so will my elderly parents and brother-in-law. The amendment calls for an increase in personnel and training, not

adjustment for our family, we are a family that understands every second is critical in an emergency. So maybe my husband is selfish for wanting to give the people of Novi, including the ones he loves the most. every second that he can. You decide. **Nancy Morris** 

Even though these changes will be an

#### Customer upset by service Do you ever get the feeling that customer

service is a lost art? Recently I attempted to purchase a Visor palm computer, a device similar to a Palm Pilot. I visited the Novi CompUSA store and patiently waited in front of a locked case while a salesperson explained the features of the Visor to another prospective customer. After wait- tion for all that my "Showstoppers" have ing around 15 minutes, I asked the sales done for me is beyond expression. God person if he could unlock the case and I could buy one. "Sorry, I don't have a key. The manager

has it or the counter on the other side of the store can help you," he replied. O.K., I figured. It seemed strange that even though I could see the product in front of my eyes, the sales person couldn't help me. I proceeded to wait in line at the customer service counter. After spending a few minutes waiting in line (and wondering why they would stock the product in two different places). I made my way back to the display case. Before I got there, I asked another uniformed employee if he could unlock the case guarding the product. "No," he replied, "ask the salesperson

standing next to the product." "He said he didn't have a key," I pointed

"No, really, he has a key," the salesperson responded. His next comment sealed the deal: "You know, I'm working in another department helping another customer and I really don't know." At that point, I gave up. You know, I

thing around here. I left the store.

guess it's preity hard to just BUY some-A quick survey among other computer mailing, contact Paul Welday in Rep. Joe users confirmed my suspicions - at Com-Knollenberg's office at (248) 851-1366 or pUSA in Novi, you're lucky to get help, let

alone be permitted to purchase a product. Michigan Republican Party at (517) 487-Customer service certainly seems like a 5413. lost art at some of our local merchants.

Novi

of these stores stay in business? Marcel VandenTop

### ■ True Stars

In my opinion, the "Showstoppers" musical presented at the Novi Civic Center by senior-aged singers and dancers in September was excellent, the same as a number of previous ones.

But there is another group of senioraged dancers who gather together every Tuesday and Thursday, from 9:30-11 a.m. who are "Showstoppers," too even though they do not participate in the musicals for various reasons. Some are much too busy elsewhere (I'm one of them, although I've been a participant in the past). Some are too self-conscious to perform on stage, some just aren't interested, etc.

These Tuesday and Thursday "Showbetween 55 and 95. Many of them have heen participants since September 1992. They've learned to do more than 100 different dance routines since it was started. minute session.

but only 18 or 20 are done within a 90-The classes are considered as "Body and Mind Exercising" because the dancing exercises the body, while the mind is required to do a great deal of memory work while dancing to a variety of different sequences with numerous quick foot, leg

and arm changes.

Line dancing requires as many changes of movement as clogging and tap dancing (if not more), without the sound of taps. Most participants of line dancing prefer it to clogging or tapping, but a very few do Proud Wife both. I tried out clogging some years ago. Novi but chose line dancing as my preference. As the instructor for Novi's line dancing classes since September 1992, I have the pleasure of seeing the beauty of their symmetry, precision, and joy while they are dancing, and the friendship, sociability and concern they show towards each other is also beautiful to see. Even though they do not perform on stage, they are my

"Showstoppers." Every year my "Showstoppers" gather together at some chosen restaurant to celebrate my birthday. This year it was celebrated at the maples of Novi Restaurant and Golf Club.

It was my 87th birthday. My apprecia-

Walled Lake

#### ■ City Clerk addresses mailing

The Michigan Republican State Commit tee recently sent out a mailing targeting seniors in Novi. This publication contained: a letter from

Gov. Engler; a list of Republican candidates to endorse; and two applications for 104 w. Main absentee ballots that were pre-addressed to the Novi City Clerk. This caused some confusion, as many in this targeted group had already turned in

their absentee ballot application. The city clerk's office received hundreds of phone calls and numerous residents at our counter asking for clarification. Please (248) 349-9632 note, it did not come from the Novi City If you have any concerns regarding this

Maryanne Cornelius Novi City Clerk

#### **■** Disturbed that debate is stifled

As a parent, I am outraged that members of my school district are being denied the ability to provide me with vital information about proposal 1. As reported in last week's Northville Record, 17 school districts have had complaints filed against them by Kids First! Yes! for attempting to inform parents about this ballot proposa through established methods of communication, such as school newsletters. Who better than my local school to help me assess the potential effects of this proposal on the education of my children?

Kids First! Yes! is attempting to limit the free speech of public school officials by citing a section of campaign finance

Financing has not been a problem for this group as they are backed by Amway dollars. I believe these allegations against school districts have little to do with violations of campaign finance and everything to do with limiting the information voters receive about proposal 1.

This group knows that if parents in school districts like Northville become aware how easily vouchers could become a reality here, it might affect their viewpoint. If parents were informed that this ballot proposal that emphasizes "school choice" actually only gives the choice to the private school and not the student applicant, or that private schools accepting vouchers are not required to report back to the taxpayers how they are using public money, that too might influence

And finally, if this group is allowed to use the church pulpit to educate voters. shouldn't my school district have the same right to free speech? The potential threat from this proposal to the health and viability of public schools is very real. ' Vote "No" on Proposal 1 to ensure that quality education in Northville remains strong and available for all kids.

> Jane Reitman Northville

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### OTHER OPINIONS

### **Voucher forces stifle debate**

"First, a scheme is

concocted to overturn

the long-standing

I'm not at all surprised the anti-voucher folks are upset. The mad. "The purpose is to intimidate us into silence," says Livonia audacily of their opponents is breath taking.

ed mainly by a bunch of wealthy Michigan businessmen, includ- Robert O'Brien, who believes teachers and school officials have ing very conservative multimilitonaires Richard DeVos (Amway) and Tom Monahan (Domino

Next, the Roman Catholic Church, which stands to gain big time public funding for its network of parochial schools if the voucher plan passes, contributes \$750,000 to the campaign

constitutional ban on use and mails sermons supporting the plan to parish priests, togethof public funds for relier with instructions to read them on Sun- gious and private schools." days leading up to election day. Not surprisingly, local

tion. They start putting out the word than a disguised way to destroy Michi- involves some use of public resources. gan's public schools.

recently passed election law. And they file a whole string of Free- merely says (the information must be) factual."

many as eight FIOA requests so far. Then the pro-voucher forces take the stuff they get under FOIA to Miller, who rules that some of the school folks may be guilty of illegally using public tax dollars to fight the voucher proposal. (Attentive readers may note that Candice Miller is herself a nearcertain candidate in what looks like a very competitive race for the Republican nomination for governor in 2002. Whether her rulings in this matter have something to do with her own political interests in currying favor with important GOP constituencies is some-

thing I cannot assess.) Not surprisingly, the anti-voucher folks are cross. No, not cross; e-mail at ppower@homecomm.net

superintendent, Kenneth Watson. Oakland Intermediate School First, a scheme is concocted to overturn the long-standing con- District Deputy Superintendent Rick Simonson says the secretary stitutional ban on use of public funds for religious and private of state is tying the hands of school officials in trying to get factuschools. An expensive campaign gets enough signatures to put the al information out to the public. That's a violation of educators' measure on the November ballot as Proposal 1. The effort is fund- free speech rights, according to Huron Valley Superintendent

"an obligation" to explain the impact of the voucher proposal on school districts.

So the anti-voucher forces filed suit late last month, arguing that Miller's rulings under campaign finance law are curtailing their free speech rights. Ingham County Judge Michael Harrison ruled last Thursday that public school officials are free to speak their minds about the voucher plan, but he refused to tell the Secretary of State to quit enforcing the campaign finance law.

Who won seems to depend a lot on who's spinning. However, Liz Boyd, spokesperson for the Secretary of State, admitted she was "disapschool officials, teachers unions and pointed" by the judge's ruling, which differed from Miller's inter-

parent groups get organized in opposi- pretation of the law in several respects. A public official in a policymaking role, according to the judge's that the voucher plan is nothing more ruling, may express views on public policy issues, even if that

And the judge also ruled (again, in disagreement with Miller) to the pro-voucher folks complain to that when school districts distribute information about the vouch-Secretary of State Candice Miller that er proposal, it does not have to be balanced. "There may nothing school officials and teachers unions are against which to balance," Judge Harrison wrote. "It does not spending public money in violation of a require anybody to have to propound both sides of an issue. It

dom of Information Act requests to examine the materials the And Judge Harrison further ruled that school districts can disanti-voucher folks are putting out. Some districts have received as tribute opinions about the voucher plan in regularly published materials. A routine newsletter could contain comment, the judge said, but a one-time brochure would be out of bounds.

The pro-voucher forces have been trying their darndest to strangle public debate over their radical and far-reaching proposal. Judge Harrison deserves a big pat on the back for leveling the

Phil Power is chairman of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this newspaper. He welcomes your comments, either by voice mail at (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1880, or by

### **Break-in attempt was terrifying**

Click, twist, click. No, this isn't the sound of a new snap top from Rubbermaid. This actually was the sound of a man trying to break into my



You see, Friday I had taken the day off. woke up earlier than I had planned and was putzing around my apartment

in Wixom when I heard two soft knocks o the right side of the door. Puzzled since it was just before 9 a.m. and no one usually is knocking on my door at that time, I looked out the peep

lot of the circumstances surrounding

Friday lead me to believe I'm very lucky

and have a very good Guardian Angel.

hole to see if I recognized anyone. Since I didn't and noticed only minimal features about the person, I didn't say just go away.

began to try to open my door. adrenaline really does cause your vision to go blurry and it seems News. Her e-mail address is kcooley@ht.homecomm.net like everything goes very slow.

I reached out, grabbed the door knob and began yelling, "Hello, who are you?'

After a pause by the man and another vell by me, he ran off.

We are fortunate in the Novi and Northville area to live in relatively safe neighborhoods and are able to rely on well-trained police officers. And no matter how competent they are, it still hits home that you have to react when someone or something is threatening your

territory or your life. I'm glad things turned out as well as they did. However, looking back, I wish I had gotten a better look at the person.

You really do freeze when this sort of incident occurs. I suggest to everyone, no matter how safe your neighborhood appears to be, to educate yourself. Keep emergency and non-emergency numbers of the police, fire departments and ambulance handy. Use deadbolts and chains on your door and put sticks in

your windows or sliding glass doors. Twenty years ago, both of these neighborhoods were more rural anything. I decided they would probably than they are now. Locking your doors would have probably seemed silly and untrustworthy.

Unfortunately, that's when the man decided to stick a key or Today, it's not your neighbors that you should be afraid of. It's some other form that fit into the tumbler of my deadlock and everyone else coming to visit - unexpected.

At this point, it began to feel like a movie. I'm here to tell you Kellt Cooley is the copy editor for the Northville Record/Novi

### LETTERS

#### ■ It's risky to speak out on vouchers

ter to you.

I am a 28-year resident of Novi. Both of my daughters are grown and have degrees from major universities, the University of Michigan and Purdue. Their success in life is based upon a strong educational foundation from the Novi Public Schools. Over the years, the Novi Public School District has been rated in the top 20 in the nation by the "Wall Street Journal," and Novi High School has been a national exemplary school. Novi's technology instruction has consistently led the country. The athletic and music

programs have been of premier quality. Proposition 1 on the November ballot will our country, will no longer be true in Michigan. going to pay for private and religious schools. hers? Maybe Christine McCaffrey moved here Money going to other schools will mean less from Troy because Troy is too congested and will do. The change in the constitution will allow grow in leaps and bounds. vouchers to take money away from any school

Besides being a proud father and long-time Novi not as nice as it used to be. The Novi businessresident, I am a public school educator in es should pay more taxes and not only the resianother district. The organization supporting dents. Proposition 1 has filed Freedom of information requests for the personnel and employment out on this issue. They have made personal their methods or support their proposal.

I urge everyone to protect our state constituion and stop this well-financed attempt at a faid on the public treasury. Tax money should e dedicated to our public institutions and our

John A. Kuenzel Republican Party

#### ■ Agree with no more taxes letters

In response to an editorial that John Sherwood and Christine McCaffrey and Carolyn Pohlman sent in, I thank you, John Sherwood, I agree with you regarding no new taxes, 100 per-

People that have lived in Novi for many years need to get out and vote no additional taxes. jeopardize this quality. It will take some of the Families that have recently moved to the city are tax dollars which would have gone to continue doing all the voting with the young families. this excellence and give it to private and reli- They want all the new things for their children. We won't have a choice. Our tax dollars will be for our new streets. Carolyn Pohlman paid for fellow citizens of all ages and to the world at

Why am I at risk for writing you this letter? all the strip malls and subdivisions. Novi is just

I am 55 years old and a widow. I have lived here for 30 years. In the last 15 years, the taxes the Whigs, so that a public-spirited successor records of public school employees who speak have gone up two- to three-fold every year, party can move into the role of service to our which is causing a hardship on some of the resattacks on responsible public school leaders idents of the city. The builders building the new them to do so, I have resolved to never conwhenever those educators have pointed out the houses here and the new families moving in are tribute to, support or vote for another Republiserious flaws of this dangerous ballot issue. aware of the conditions of the roads, schools, They are attempting to silence educators across firehouse, police protection, etc., when they lican" in Congress. the state. Even the governor does not condone move here. If they want it changed, let them pay

**Eleanor Thompson** 

### public schools. It is critically important that everyone see the dangers in this proposition and

I started my adult political life as a Republican and actually ran for office as one. In spite of leaving the party, there were many Republicans I contributed to, supported and voted for.

Now I look at some of the things the Republi-

cans have done while in office: Voted 100 percent against the first deficit reduction budget proposed in over a decade because it was proposed by President Clinton. Promoted the expensive, protracted and unfruitful investigation of the totally irrelevant "Whitewater Affair' by a so-called independent counsel as a means of harassing President Clinton. Caused the shutdown of the U.S. Government for the only time in history in an attempt to embarrass President Clinton into adopting a budget which was glous schools. If passed, Proposition 1 will Trust me, there is not one thing wrong with your contrary to best interest of the country. Pried change our state constitution so that separation children in school buses sitting in one or two into the personal affairs of President Clinton of church and state, a fundamental principle of traffic lights. They don't have to walk to school. and others for the purpose of embarrassing I live in Willowbrook Subdivision and we paid them and then distributed the sordid story to

money for public schools. That's what vouchers Christine comments, not everyone wants Novi to live in infamy, the Republican-dominated House of Representatives, fraught with admitted adul-Most long-time residents of Novi are moving terers and adulteresses, and containing numerout and going to South Lyon and Brighton, with ous "lame ducks" in a petty partisan vitriolic act voted to impeach President Clinton. It is obvious that the Republicans put the wel-

fare of their party ahead of the welfare of the It is time for that party to join its progenitor, country and citizens. In order to encourage can so long as there is an "Impeachment Repub-

Boyd C. Baird





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your questions about Surgery Facilities Certification What should I know when considering a non-hospital surgical procedure? First you should determine your doctor's credentials. If you are assured that he certified, ask about the operating facility. Specialize

surgical equipment, anesthesia and trained support staff are requirements for a successful procedure. What should I look for? Always look for the accreditation of the overall facility; such as the Accreditation Association Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC). Their team of professionals scrutinize every aspect of the facility and before issuings certification, they demand extremely high levels of compliance. It is a challenge to meet these nationally revenized Standard but they assure you of the best and safest sure call expenence.

Isn't it mandatory for doctors to receive accr

No; unfortunately, accreditation is voluntary and facilities do not participate. That is why it is into



Who should you turn to with questions about your medicines?



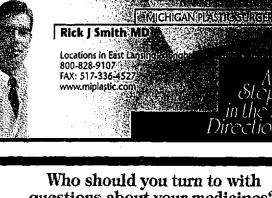
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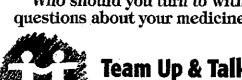
Your pharmacist is one good answer. You may not know that your pharmacist can help you understand how to take your medications

properly. This is one of the best ways to decrease your overall health

Your pharmacist can help you get the most from your medicines, so be sure to ask your pharmacist...we are always there for you...helping your medicines help you.







#### **NOVI FOURTH WEDNESDAY COUNTS** NOVISCHOOLS EXPERIENCE GROWTH DECLINE: HOOFYEAR TOTAL ENROLLMENT STUDENT INCREASE 246 1998-1999 5.592 1 1999-2000 5.748 2000-2001 5.837 244 155 89

### Schools grow, but less than in past

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he said. "I don't know what these means for the future, but it looks as if it equates itself in the next five years. This could be the calm before the storm."

While the district contemplated 59 new students at the elementary level, the actual outcome was only one. Novi Meadows saw 23 new students compared to the districts projection of 37 and the middle school remained somewhat stable in comparison with 25 actual versus the projected 28. Only in did the high school population exceed expectations this year with 32 new students. The district had predict-

But Koster added that Novi is not ed until November 1. alone

"South Lyon and Huron Valley also experienced a decline (in trict:

growth)," he said. These numbers are crucial because state aid depends on the number of children enrolled. Ever since the approval of Proposal A in 1994, student revenue is now the sole criteria for state school fund-

ing.
"(This decline) dramatically affects the district," said Koster. "Right now we're just going to have to watch our expenditures. School spending will be determined on

glitch and people are moving out," what they need, not what they want.'

This year, the state will use 80 percent of the Fourth Friday (or Wednesday) count, taken in late September and 20 percent of the count from last February as its formula for funding. The blended count is then multiplied by the state foundation allowance.

Koster explained that the allowance for the Novi school district will be \$886 per student.

State funding from the planned budget to the actual budget is \$697,000.

Below is the unofficial count of 5,837 students, broken down by school. The 2000-2001 unaudited count will not officially be complet-

#### Total of 2,312 for the K-4 dis-

- Novi Woods Elementary 444 • Orchard Hills Elementary- 525
- Parkview Elementary 502
- Village Oaks Elementary 396 • Deersield Elementary - 445
- Higher grades:
- Novi Meadows 968 • Novi Middle School - 882
- Novi High School 1, 675

Stephanie Fordyce may be reached at (248) 349-1700.

### **Library Briefs**

LIBRARY HOURS

The Novi Public Library is open Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. We are located at 45245 W. Ten Mile Road. Call 349-0720.

#### TINY TOT REGISTRATION

Children ages 12-18 months are invited to join us for a half-hour of stories, songs and games on Friday, Oct. 13 at 11 a.m. Preregistration is required; register in person or by calling the library. Space is limited, so toddlers and caregivers only, please.

#### STORYTIME NOTES

Registration for Fall 2 Storytimes begins Oct. 16 and runs until Oct. 28. Fall 2 Storytimes start Nov. 13.

#### NO. 6 CAFE FOR TEENS

Calling all poets and beatniks in grade 5 and up. Teen Read Week is Oct. 15-21. We are going to have a poetry slam at the "No. 6 Cafe" in the library on Wednesday, Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. Bring your poems for the open mic session, and we'll provide the Java and munchies. No registration is necessary.

#### THE CHAPTER CLUB

Readers in grades 4-6 are invited to join The Chapter Club. Our first meeting will be on Saturday, Oct. 21, from 11 a.m. to noon. We'll munch on goodies and discuss a different book each month. All

Chapter Club readers will vote at the meeting on our first book to read. No registration is necessary.

#### PEWABIC POTTERY STORY

Established in 1903, Detroit's Pewable pottery preserves the esthetics, ideals and commitment to fine craftsmanship of the American Arts and Crafts movement. Therese Ireland, executive director of Pewabic, will discuss the past. present and future of this community treasure and will display samples of Pewabic work. The free program will be held Oct. 26 at 7 p.m. To register, call 349-0720.

#### HOMEWORK HELP ONLINE

All out of resources for your assignment? We'll show you how to utilize helpful sites on the Internet. using our homework help page and our magazine databases. The class. designed for kids ages 8-12, meets Oct. 16, from 7-8 p.m. (Parents are also welcome.) Register in advance in person or by calling the library.

#### MAKING SENSE OF SEARCH **ENGINES**

Internet whiz Richard Truxall discusses the difference between search engines and subject guides; the pros and cons of various tools for searching the Internet; and tips for maximizing the efficiency of these tools and reducing the number of "false hits" in your searches. The class meets Tuesday, Oct. 17, from 7-8 p.m.





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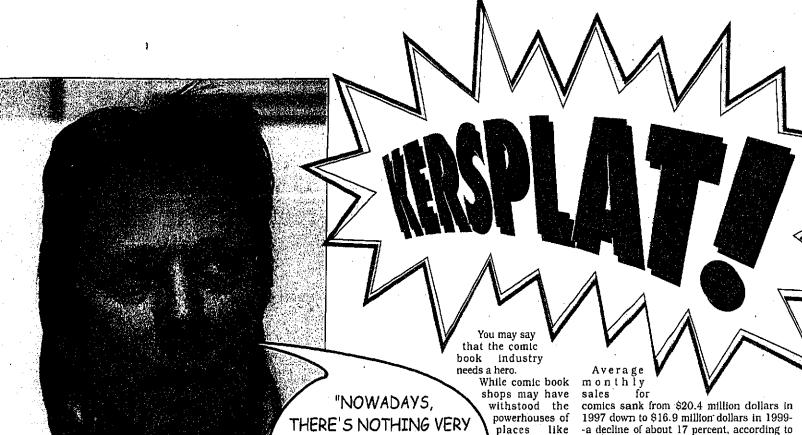
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# NOVI PUBLIC LIBRARY HOME TOWN LIFE

Community Events - 4AA Community Focus - 5AA

Thursday, October 12, 2000



THERE'S NOTHING VERY COMICAL ABOUT COMICS IT'S MOSTLY A LOT OF VIOLENCE."

-Steve Iverson

putting inde-pendent book stores out of business, they neverthe-

less seem to be suffer-

Borders and

Nobles, who

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ing. Today, our younger generation is finding satisfaction in the growing number of cartoons and video games. They don't have the attention span to sit and read a book - even one as animated and simple as a comic.

"Comic collecting is not as popular as it used to be," said Steve Iverson, owner of Rookies & Legends in Novi. "Kids are more into the movies and the video games. It's all about instant entertainment.

Iverson, who has owned the comic and collectibles store since 1991, said he is the last of a number of shops in the area that have gone bankrupt.

"I know five stores that have closed in the last two years alone," he said.

Like Iverson, many comic book store owners must sell non-comic products such as figurines, sports cards and trading card games like Pokemon and Magic: The Gathering, to stay afloat.

-a decline of about 17 percent, according to

Krause Publication's Comics Retailer. So why is the comic book industry declin-

While the instant gratification of television and video games may play a factor, comic collectors say greedy investors and poor content are also to blame.

'For one thing, it doesn't seem to cater to the kids," said Dennis McDermott, manager of Classic Movie & Comic Center in Livonia. He said his clientele is dominantly males aged 16-25. "There's a few out there, like MAD and Archie, but most of the comics are dark and

angst. Like if you really think about it, the Spawn comic is satan-

agreed. 'Nowadays, there's nothing very comical about comics. It's mostly a lot of vio-

lence," he said. However, Marvel Comics Public Relations spokesman Brian Rhiner said they are currently developing and recreating less abrasive comics to lure youth back into the trade.

Are comics dying out?

"Marvel is really bringing back a huge resurgence in the comic book industry with the release of Ultimate Marvel and Ultimate Spiderman, which is geared back at the young kids, has sold out at book stands and is about to go back into

print with a #3," he said. "Ultimate Marvel magazine is hitting the stands in December with a lot of big buzz, so there is a resurgence in the industry, Rhiner said.

While the lighter characters like Superman and Spiderman have been somewhat replaced by the more evil ones like Punisher and Spawn, money hungry investors are also hurting the industry.

There is really one hard formula that makes a great comic: a good story and good art," said Mike Rea, co-owner of A to Z Comics & Cards in Garden City. "I think they've (the industry) gotten away from that. Now they are more concerned with the cover and presentation of the comic and not

the content inside." Rea said gimmick special-effect covers like foil and dye-cut fronts may look nice, but that they do little for the inside

Another problem with the industry, according to local owners, is that the almighty dollar has taken all the fun out of comics.

"The industry has changed from loving comics and treating it like a fun hobby to making

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A X-men comic from Rookles and Legends.

#### **TOP 10 COMICS OF SEPTEMBER 2000**

. UNCANNY X-MEN #386 (Marvel) 2. X-MEN #106 (Marvel) 3: WOLVERINE #156 (Marvel) 4. JLA #47 (DC) AVENGERS #34 (Marvel) 6. PUNISHER #8 (Marvel) 7. MIDNIGHT NATION #1 (IMA) 8. SPAWN #102 (IMA) 9. DAREDEVIL #18 (Marvel)

10. X-MEN: BLACK SUN 6 THE NEW X-MEN #1 (Marvel) source: Diamond Comic Distributors



Steve Iverson reads an issue from the Amazing Spider-man.

### Student enjoyed Victorian Festival

#### **HomeTown Authors**

Our class went to the Victorian Festival. We went on the bus. When we got there, we went to the theater to see Ms. Polly. After we saw Ms. Polly, we went to story telling. I liked Sodysalaritas. After we went to storytelling, we went to see Victorian Houses and the skits next. We went to gym after the Victorian houses to play games. One of the games I liked was duck duck gooselli After gym, we went to see Mr. Mannisto play an accordion and the saw. After we saw Mr. Mannisto, we went to see Dr. Rudy. He gave



Ryan Sherry

us M and M's. After Dr. Rudy, we had lunch and listened to a band. Then we went back to school. We had a lot of fun.

Ryan Sherry is a third grader in Mary Culik's class at Thorton Creek Elementary in Northville.

#### Want to be a HomeTown Author?

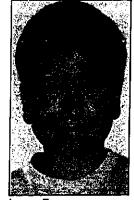
We're looking for kids ages 8-18 who want to become HomeTown Authors. Please send your story, opinion or article on what is going on in your classroom to Northville Record/Novi News, c/o Kelli Cooley, 104 W. Main St., Northville, MI. 48167. Entries should be between 300-500 words, (about one to two pages typed.) We also need your photo to accompany the story. A school photo is perfect. Also, please include your age or grade and where you attend school, along with your name.

#### How can comics be more appealing to kids?



**Bradley Cole Borland** 

They could make them 3-D or base them on a real story."



James Ramsey Age 8

"They could make comics after video games. They could also make them funnier.



**Brent Rau** 

"They could be less violent and more realistic."

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#### **Novi Highlights**

chamber function should be in others in attendance. now. The cust is \$17 for early registration, \$22 at the door, if space is available. Special guest speaker. Thursday, Nov. 16, from 11:30-1. will be Dr. Dayld A. Dieterle, presi-p.m. Committee member and dent of the Michigan Council on Economic Education.

Dieterle has taught in Michigan on "Preventing Sexual and public schools for 12 years. He has Unlawful Harassment. earned a Ph.D. in teacher education and corriculum, a MAT degree University, and bachelor and master degrees from Central Michigan Goodfellows. University. Not only has he coauthored three books, he has also been a reviewer and manuscript consultant for professional jour-

Scheduled on Tuesday, Oct. 24, from 4:30 6 p.m. at the Lazy Lizard Cantina will be an after hours mixer sponsored by the Ambassador Club, Reservations can be made by calling the cham-

her office at 349-3743. A new member reception will be bers who have joined since April and new members who were unable to attend previous receptions are encouraged to attend. bership classes. This will be a great opportunity to

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except for a few."

Dark Ages.

today's generation are merely

Rea agreed saving a lot of peo-

What harms a comic book.

Iverson said, is when one comic

begins branching out under new

series, which is relatively new, has

now three additional sister comics

like Hell Spawn and Spawn the

"What kills a comic is when they

they had six or seven different 108.

start feeding off the original and

breaking in under new titles," he

unenlightened and uneducated -

even read a comic book before.

sponsored by the Women's Service Club will be held Thursday, Oct. 13, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday, Oct. 14, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The church is located on Meadowbrook Road, between Eight and Nine Mile roads

Comic industry has

comics. Even the dealers of have somehow maintained it."

that way. Punisher died because reached at (248) 349-1700 ext.

Church

Church families have been donating kitchen items no longer in use, such as small appliances held Nov. 1, from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. at — as well as linens, books, toys. Walsh College to Novi. New mem-crafts, tools and clothes of all sizes (children and adults.) New members joined the church

attorney Gary Ankers of Howard &

Howard P.C. will lead a discussion

Mark your calendar for Nov. 21.

of canned goods for the Novi

Meadowbrook Congregational

Oct. I upon completion of mem-The annual Chickenfest was bers of the V.A.N., (Veterans soon contact the high school group, with a registration deadlearn the benefits of being a chambel despite the rainy weather. A Alliance,

While kids may be turning to

Stephanie Fordyce is a staff writ-

her member, meet the ambas- tarp covered the grilled chickens Reservations for the Oct. 17 sadors and staff, and network with and those indulging in great food was first vice commander Ed June. This program is for juniors starts Nov. 3 for age 4 and up The final Lunch and Learn semi- Nevertheless, everyone had a good the parade, V.A.N. members host- campus of a local state college. nar for this year will be on time.

The Bon Appetit Club is a great Center. way to meet people. Each group of at a member's home. Sign-up sheets are available for this year. and help.

Many participated in the annual CROP Walk. Part of the proceeds local American Legion Post. will be retained in the Novi area in feeding and clothing the needy. Later that same week, members the Novi Community Blood Drive. Tickets are available for the harvest breakfast on Sunday, Oct. 22. Choir program in December titled, "Strangers in the Straw."

The American Legion It's been a busy year for members of Post No. 19 and the Unit No. 19 (the auxiliary made up of members of veteran families.) The post assisted the AMVETs. who hosted the annual Memorial Day parade along with other mem-

Special guest speaker this year State Program to be held in moved inside to enjoy their dinner. Florence of the AMVETs. Following and will be conducted on the (with parent). ed a luncheon at the Novi Expo

More recently, they participated Expo dinner and the sponsoring eight takes a turn at having dinner. In the Novi World War II organizations who sponsored the Recognition Day with Post Cmdr. young people. Attending this Bob Sale and president Carolyn The Property Committee will Pohlman, working with Mayor meet on Monday evenings to clean Clark of the Steering Committee. Byron, and Chris Shrader. The chamber will participate in the up, paint and fix up. Anyone inter- Also appearing as special guest at Selected girls were: Jennifer in economics from Purdue Holiday Walk and in the collection ested is most welcome to join in this event was Norbert Schollet. American Legion Department Angeski. Sponsors were lieu-Commander and member of the tenants and sergeants of the A recognition follow-up for

community members who helped make this occasion a success the post and unit. were encouraged to take part in was held with both Cmdrs. Sale and Schollet in attendance. At that time, an event honoring Korean veterans was set for July Proceeds will go to the Children's 1, 2001; plans to formulate this event will start January 2001. As their Christmas project, Unit No. 19 will take gifts to the cific classes. Classes will contin-

store at Veterans State Hospital, ue throughout December. In the Creative Pursuits secwhere patients will be assisted their families. They will also Thanksgiving Basket, Nov. 14 for assist in the wrapping and send- grades 1-4. Registration deadline is Nov. 3. Holiday Crafts Nov. 28 ing of gifts in time for Christmas. Both the post and unit will is also available for this age

Youth Assistance, in addition to

Novi Community Education

redeemable for class fees or spe-

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9 Mile & Meadowbrook

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Worship 10:00am Thomas E. Schroeder, Pastor - 349-0565

**CHURCH OF TODAY WEST (Unity)** 

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Louise R. Ott. Pastor

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oming Worship - 11:00 AM Junior Church - 11:00 / Sunday Evening Church Service 6:30 PM. Wed Evening Bible Study Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM.

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Sunday Worship 10:00 AM Eight Mile & Hoggerly Road – Navi Hilton Children's Church & Nursery

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Meeting Thursday 7:00 PM 21260 Haggerify Road - Nazarene Church Youth, Preteen, Boys, Girls, Adults (734) 216-7454 Ron Schubert, Pastor

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Painted Pottery Creations Throughout November, the

"Magic Bag of Tricks" class is. Recognition will be made Oct. being offered for grades K-6. 26 of those who attended the A baby-sitting clinic for grades 5-8 will be offered Oct. 25 and Nov. 8; instructors will include personnel from providence year were: Bedish Sonna, Steve Hospital and the Novi Police Barone, Charles Staab, Cortney Department. CPR training is offered for the same age group in Davies, Julie Wuerth and Laura November.

First Aid for little people in grades K-3 will be on Oct. 25. A Latchkey Safety program will be police department, Brookthru offered for grades 3-4 on Nov. 15. Mfg. Co., Novi Lions, and Novi Learn How to Learn is being offered in November for grades 5 8. This program is designed for

both parents and children. Private piano and other instruable for children's classes. Call ment lessons are also offered in 449-1206 to see if there are openings in your selected class. the Music and Dance Section along with vocal lessons, dance, Gift certificates are available and ballet/tap, and pom pon Selections are offered for ages 2-

Also offered are swim lessons, by members in selecting gifts for tion - The making of a computers, and Saturday

> Jeanne Clarke. Should you wish to contact her with information for this column, call 624-0173.

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COMICS CONVENTION COMES TO NOVI

hopes for the future

Buy, sell and trade comics The show will feature panel and collectibles at the Motor discussions, an art contest, City Comic Convention. Over a and also Pokemon and Magic million comic books, plus Gathering games and tournaaction figures, collectible toys, ments. posters, models, movies, roleplaying games, card games, Star Wars and Star Trek mem- 7 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to orabilia, and tons of other pop 5 p.m. culture collectibles will be on

ple in the industry have never—can sometimes benefit comic book "The X-Men movie rekindled the popularity of the X-Men and Wolverine comics, and cartoons titles. For example, the Spawn like the Batman animated series have helped, but there still has been a definite fall off," Rea said. "It's been reduced to just the core

titles coming out and it just killed dollar and cents," McDermott - it. It's just too much to handle for said. "Most of these investors one comic. Superman has four. don't even know anything about Spiderman, has four, but they

> video games, movies, and cartoons for entertainment, Iverson, Rea and McDermott say these outlets

Star Trek First, and Jay North such as David Quinn, Adam

Meet special guests Ethan 6-10 is \$6 per day w/paid Phillips from Star Trek adult. Children 5 and under oyager, Richard LeParmentier are free. Tickets are available from Star Wars. Bob May from at the door or TicketMaste Lost In Space, Alice Kregic from Parking is \$5.

NOVI EXPO FALL COMIC Mick Okamoto will be on site as well.

> Dates: October 21 & 22 Times: Saturday 11 a.m. to

Admission: Adults \$10 per day or \$16 for both. Children

For more information call the from Dennis the Menace. Over Novi Expo Center at (248) 348 200 professional comic creators 5600 or for ticket information call TicketMaster at (248) 645-

#### said. "A lot of Marvel comics died er for the Novi News. She can be Recycle HomeTown



Heather Hitchcock and Jason Stewart were married July 29 at Orchard United Methodist Church. The Rev. Carol Johns and the Rev. John Leising officiated the ceremony.

Weddings

The bride is the daughter of Stephen and Eunice Hitchcock of Novi and a graduate of Central Michigan University. She is currently employed with the Novi Community Schools. Attending the bride was Jenniser Ryan. Serving as

bridesmaids were Lisa Price,

Jillian Skiver and Keri Hitchcock; Molly and Kelly Price as junior bridesmaids; and Ashley Penzato as flower girl. The bridal gown was designed in satin, with an A-line tankstyle beaded bodice. The bride carried a bouquet of white

roses, lilies and ivv.

The groom is the son of Jeffrey and Cynthia Stewart of campus and is currently was ringbearer. employed with Detroit Public



Hitchcock-Stewart

The couple went to Portland, Maine for their honeymoon.



Lorenz.

man. Groomsmen were B'Onko motif. The bridal bouquet was Kelley, Tony Dobson, Daniel Feb. 22 at 10:31 p.m. He weighed 6 Troy. He graduated from the Sadler, William Lebron, and of blue hydrangeas and white University of Michigan-Dearborn Aaron Hitchcock; Calvin Stewart roses. Aggreko in Brighton.



Kathy Sieradski and Nikki

The bridal gown was

The groom is employed at

Kevin Dobson served as best

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from your home, Cost is \$2. Call the

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up will begin from your home after

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noon, Cost is \$2. Please call to

designed with a tank-style lace

bodice of pearls and sequins

**Dobson-Stevens** 

Jeffrey Stewart served as best accented by an empire waist man. Groomsmen were Ed their son, James Matthew, born Stevens, Ron Towas, Chuck pounds, 3.75 ounces and was 19 Mathes, and Brian Waite. Following their honeymoon in brother, John Michael. Maui, Hawaii, the couple made

Tchaikovsky's Fourth, Oct. 20: and

Shostakovich's Leningrad, Nov. 3.

Tickets to Pops Concerts are \$34 for

residents, \$41 for non-residents.

Future concerts include Halloween

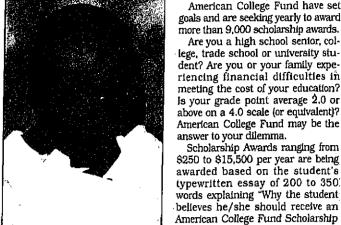


Fridays: Farmer Jack/Hiller's or for residents and \$35 for non-resi- Recreation Meeting Room. Bring laughter and fun on Friday, Oct.

Horrors, Oct. 26; and the Broadway p.m. for our monthly social follow-

be held at the Parks and first craft project will be a stack-

**Birth** 



Judi and Jim Petruska of

James Petruska

Northville announce the birth of inches in length. James has a

His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Petruska of Fenton and Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. TN 38137. Vogelgesang of Burlington, Iowa

Social Hour with Jim Lauri

Join us Tuesday, Oct. 17, 1-3

ing the potluck. Enjoy good music

and refreshments while visiting

with friends. Cost is \$5. Call the

Come to our first craft class with

Winnie on Friday, Oct. 27 at 10:30

a.m. at the Senior Center, Our

ing sno-man. Cost is \$7 plus sup-

plies. Please register at the

Senior Center to register.

Crafts with Winnie

Following Pot Luck Luncheon

ties.com/acfsp2000 or by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to: American College Fund, Application Registration, 5100 Poplar Ave., Suite 2700, Memphis,

12. We will depart from MAGS at

9:30 a.m. Lunch is on your own!

Cost is \$7. Call the center to reg-

Dinner at the Outback Steak

Join us for dinner at the

Outback Steak House in Canton

on Thursday, Oct. 26. Bus will

leave from MAGS at 4:30 p.m.

Cost for transportation is \$4

payable to the driver. Please call

The show will be held at the cen-

ter on Tuesday, Oct. 31 at 10 a.m.

groups will speak about upcoming

trips. Refreshments will be served.

There is no charge. Please call the

Representatives from various tour

the Senior Center to register.

Travel Show

center to register.

#### **Northville Seniors**

The staff at the Northville Senior Center at 215 W. Cady Street coordinates the following services and activities for seniors age 50 and older. For more information or to register for an activity, call (248) 349-4140.

#### SERVICES

 Newsletter The senior newsletter is a monthly publication filled with information tions providing financial assistance, on senior citizen activities, trips and services. You can pick up a newsletter at the Senior Center or receive it copy today. (Funding for this direction and shopping. The days monthly by mail for an annual contory was provided by the Oakland scheduled are the second and tribution of \$7.

Telephone Reassurance

(Telecare) Homebound residents can receive a daily telephone call or an occasional call to check on their well being or to talk to someone free of Library is offering a program to charge. Please call the Senior Center to register.

Blood Pressure Screening Come get vour blood pressure Senior Center on the second books, please call the Senior Center Monday of the month, from 1:30-3 at (248) 349-4140. p.m. by Westland Convalescence Center and the fourth Monday of the month, noon to 2 p.m. by St. Mary's Hospital.

• Focus: HOPE

Friday of every month, from 11 a.m. Shopping Center Market/Busch's dents. Upcoming concerts include: your own table service, a dish to to 2 p.m. at the Senior Center. Senior Services Director

Food distribution is the fourth

The Northville Senior Center has Senior Center for reservations 24 created a directory of services available to senior citizens. The director includes information on support programs, health and medical services, available housing, organizaand much more. Please stop by the and Laurel Park Mall for an after-Senior Center to pick up your free noon (noon to 4 p.m.) of movies, County Community Development fourth Monday of each month. Pick-Block Grant program.)

Library Program for Homebound Seniors

The Northville Senior Center in cooperation with the Northville deliver books and books on tape to the homebound. All homebound Northville residents are eligible. Please call the library at (248) 349-3020 to register. If you are interestchecked free of charge. Held at the ed in volunteering to deliver the

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Card Playing

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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 to 3:30 p.m.: Pinochle, Mondays and Thursdays, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.; beginning Pinochle on Tuesdays, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Northville Senior Center has reserved tickets to various concerts throughout the season. Tickets to Classical Coffee Concerts are \$28

Concert, Nov. 16. Departure time is 9 a.m. from MAGS for all concerts. Registration is necessary.

SENIOR FITNESS Line Dancing Line dancing on Wednesdays, from 1:30-2:30 p.m. now in ses-

sion, Drop-in fee, \$4. Classes will

Recreation Meeting Room. Senior Water Aerobics

Center. The next seven-week session of • Needle Crafters Group water aerobics at Our Lady of Providence begins Oct. 30. Classes Are you working on a project meet Mondays and Wednesdays, and would you like some compa-1-2 p.m. Cost is \$55 for residents. ny? Join us at the Senior Center Stop by the Senior Center to regis-

SENIOR ACTIVITIES AND DAY

 Pot Luck Luncheon Held on the third Tuesday of Trip every month from noon until l Enjoy a day to the unknown.

on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, from 10-11 a.m. There is no charge. Registration is

Fall Color Tour and Mystery

• "Late Night Catechism" Come along with us to Century Theater for dinner and the performance, "Late Night Catechism" on Thursday, Nov. 2. The Cost is \$64 or residents. The bus will leave MAGS at 4:30 p.m. Call the center to register. We must have early

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Monetary prizes will be awardfurther information

HOLIDAY HOME TOUR

verting slx area homes into Holfday Wonderlands for the Community Northville Foundation's annual Home Tour. Ideas abound and there is some-

including indoor pools, impressive entertaining areas, unloue uses of color and much, much [734] 459-0050. All of the homes are breathtak ing and seeing them enhanced for the holidays is a prust. A couple

for Thanksgiving, This year's tour is sponsored by Toll Bros. Inc. and one of their homes will also be included on the tour. Reserve your tickets early; last year's tour dates will be Friday, Nov. 10 and Saturday, Nov. 11. Tour hours are 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Tour homes will be decorat- and six women. d by designers from Changing

Seasons, Kim Slocum, Flowers Brian Tupper, director at (248) this year in its annual art compefrom Joe's, Gabriala's, and 553-4506. Box office is [248] titlon. Students from the Piccadilly's in the Park. Each 553-2955. designer will use their own unique style to adorn these homes with the latest in holiday

\$18 at the door and will be avail- a monthly Grief Support able beginning Oct. 1 at the fol- Workshop. This workshop is held lowing locations: Gardenviews, on the third Thursday of each 202 W. Main. Northyille: month at St. Paul's Lutheran, that will be awarded to young Plymouth: Traditions, 120 N. Seasons, 149 E. Main, Northville 8:30 p.m. or send a check payable to the If you or anyone you know Community Foundation for \$15 per ticket and after the death of a loved one, of art, any style and any medium. the day you prefer to: Home Tour, please plan to attend these free All entries must include the center for Grief Support is spon-321 N. Center, Suite 130, workshops.

only. Questions? Please call (248)

FALL ARTS AND CRAFTS

Handerafters will be sponsoring its 18th annual Fall Arts and corps, choral groups, scout Crafts Show on Oct. 13, 14 and fall/winter session of learn-tomusic. All entries are subject to florals, stained glass, seasonal a.m.-7 p.m. and Saturdays, from assist in the organization's McClumph and Ann Arbor under 12 years old \$6 and chilappropriate safety and content—items including Halloween, jewel- 9 a.m. 1 p.m. Classes begin the newly expanded office located Road) in Plymouth. ry, wood items, and clothing.

Local artisans include Cathy ed in categories to be determined. Chemotti with birdhouses, Ann Wednesday afternoons and ionship to patients and breaks New Hope Center for Grief 5845 or Paul Stevenson at (313) Please call (248) 349 5769 for Marie Fischer with whimsical Saturday mornings for school-age for family members who are Support at (248) 348-0115. Decorators have once again with quilted items, Louis Winek available for home-schooled chil-their families in the Northville taken on the challenge of con- with wood furniture pieces, and dren, tots and adults. Classes are Area. The organization is also holding a clothing drive to ben- hosting a concert on Sunday, houschoards.

Show hours: Friday, Oct. 13, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 14, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, thing for everyone. The six homes Oct. 15, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lunch Novi. For additional information, include all styles and sizes will be available. Admission is \$2. call (248) 347-1010. No baby strollers, please. For more information, call

ACTORS/ACTRESSES

Audition notice by the of homes will also have tables set Farmington Players. Auditions for "The Uninvited" by Tim Kelly and Donald Macardle will be held West Bluomfield Community roads. year's event was a sell out. This Theater in the Barnes & Noble Booksellers, Orchard Lake Road (north of Fourteen Mile). West TEST AVAILABLE Bloomfield. In need are four men For more information, call

MONTHLY GRIEF WORKSHOP The Northrop Sassaman The deadline for the contest is Tickets are \$15 advance and Center for Grief Support sponsor everyone 17 years of age and Gabriala's, 322 S. Main, Church 201 Elm St., Northville, artists, a \$1,000 grant will be The next workshop will be held awarded to the schools of the five Center, Northville; and Changing on Thursday, Oct. 19, from 7 to finalists for art education or to

would like to learn how to cope

To alleviate congestion, maps information about other grief to: Arts and Kids, Suite 101-The sixth annual Hometown will be distributed on tour day support opportunities offered by 2112, 3600 Crondall Lane. New Hope Center for Grief Support, call (248) 348-0115.

> LEARN TO SKATE AT NOVI ICE ARENA

The Novi Ice Arena will be accepting registrations for the week of Oct. 23.

fewelry. Dennis Gerathy with children and adults. Tuesday and caring for a loved one in their wood signs, Laurel Pitynski with Thursday mornings as well as home and also, to deliver "day hair accessories, Christine Popoff Friday afternoon classes are brighteners" to patients and Rounie Wright with personalized 30 minutes long and include 15 minutes of practice ice.

All registrations must be done located at 24200 Arena Drive,

WOMEN'S CLUB TO HOLD RUMMAGE SALE

The Women's Service Club of FARMINGTON PLAYERS Meadowbrook Congregational Church will hold a rummage sale on Friday, Oct. 13, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 14, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The church is located at 21355 Meadowbrook Road, Novi Sunday, Oct. 29 at 1 p.m. at between Eight and Nine Mile

ART SCHOLARSHIP/CON-Arts and Kids is pleased to announce that \$38,000 in prizes and scholarships will be awarded Northville-Novi area, particularly beginners, are welcome to try to 2:30 n.m.

Funeral Home and New Hope Dec. 31. The contest is open to et information, group rates and for vounger and entry is free. In addition to the 115 scholarships and prizes totaling \$38,000

> provide supplies or art-related technology.

For further information or for the back. Artwork should be sent Owings Mills, MD 21117. Entries must be postmarked by Dec. 31. Artwork cannot be returned.

> HOME CARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

at 331 Center Street In Classes are available Northville to provide compan-

LOWEEN FUN

This Halloween celebrate in style Theater. Come dressed in costume clothes hangers. and join us for an evening or afternoon of fun and laughter with a performance of Halloween Madness, starring the Marquis Theater children, Oct. 6-29. Halloween Madness is about

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some average, fun-loving people. who live in an old castle with their servants and pets. It's a massive mess of non-stop fun and laughter. A comedy you won't want to miss. Performance dates and times: Fridays, Oct. 6, 13, 20 and 27, 7 p.m.: Saturdays, Oct. 7, 14, 21 and 28 at 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.; Sundays, Oct. 8, 15, 22 and 29 at

Tickets to all public perforwin their share of over 115 prizes. mances are \$6.50. For general tickteachers to arrange for special performance times and prices, call The Marquis Theater is located at 135 E. Main Street, downtown

**GRIEF SERIES FOR TEENS** Feelings of isolation, confu sion, depression, and lack of To enter, send one original work energy often accompany the child's name, address and age on soring a six-session series on

"Issues of Grief" for teens, ages 13-19, which have experienced FUNDRAISER

the death of a relative or a This series is free of charge Northville and Livonia (13th and is open to the community of Congressional District,) and bereaved teens trying to cope Atty. Gen. Jenniser Granholm ARBOR HOSPICE AND with the loss of a loved one. The invite you and your family to group will meet from 7 to 8:30 the second annual spaghetti p.m. on the following dates: Oct. Arbor Hospice and Home 3 and 17, Nov. 7 and 21, Dec. 5 15 at the Northville Recreation skate classes Oct.16-21. Classes care is expanding its services and 19. The group will meet at 182 Union Hall, 35603 Center, 303 W. Main Street. Over are available for skaters 3 years and looking for volunteers to Risen Christ Church, 46250 Plymouth Road, Livonia. vehicles and participants should 70 juried artisans will display to adult. Registrations will be help in many areas. Ann Arbor Road (one-half east Tickets are \$13 for adults, be brilliantly lit and have holiday their talents with such works as accepted Monday-Friday, from 9 Volunteers are needed to of Beck Road at the corner of senior citizens and children

> To register or for more infor- For more information, call mation on this series, contact Becky Tavarozzi at (734) 398-

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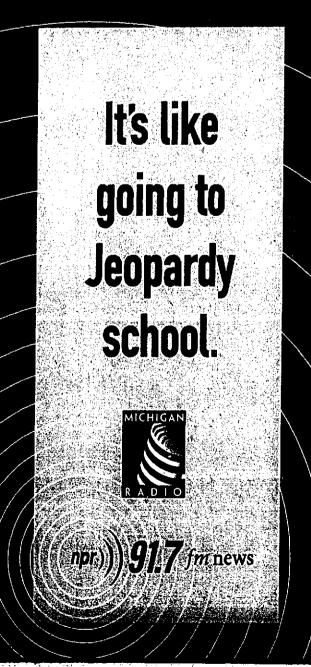
The First Presbyterian

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The Community Democratic Club of Plymouth, Canton, 5-9 p.m. at the U.A.W. Local dren under 3 years of age, free.

FINE ARTS CONCERT The Fine Arts Series of the Church of Northville will be First Presbyterian Church is seeking volunteers to assist efft the homeless in Detroit on Oct. 22 at 4 p.m. in the with special events, mailings Saturday, Oct. 14 and Oct. 28 church sanctuary. The concert and fundraising activities. To from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bring features the Detroit Handbell in person. The Novi ice Arena is volunteer or for more informa- your gently used clothing to Ensemble, which performs tion, contact Debbie Skotak at the southwest entrance of the with 70 English handbells and church, 200 E. Main Street in 37 handchimes. Following the Northville. Special needs concert, a dinner will be include winter hats, gloves, served in the church fellow-MARQUIS ANNOUNCES HAL- scarves, men's coats, men's ship hall. Tickets for the conpants/jeans, large tennis cert are \$10 individual, \$12 at shoes/boots and women's pro- the door, and \$35 family, \$40 at Northville's historic Marquis fessional clothing. Please no at the door. Tickets are available at the church office by calling (248) 349-0911.





### COMMUNITY FOCUS

#### On the prairie Nineteenth century schooling comes back into style for a day BY STEPHANIE FORDYCE It was a reincarnation of "Little" Amanda Pastoor said while it was House On The Prairie\* as Orchard fun being a pioneer for a day, they Hills Elementary was turned into the Apple Valley School of Wisconsin when third graders and their teachers celebrated Pioneer Day. On September 20, the children Pastoor said while pioneers had a experienced first-hand life as an one-room school house, she likes it early American as they dressed up much better the way the elemenin nineteenth century clothing and taries are run today. received their lesson plans in cangrader Matthew Waldrop. "It's cool to write with their right hands. If some pretend we're living in a different .

the students had to be on their very best behavior and the teachers had

to be extremely strict. "The students in pioneer times had to be very polite and obedient," explained 8-year-old Michelle Koptas. "There was no giggling and no laughing. The students had to sit up straight and keep their hands folded in front of them and when they were asked a question, they had to stand up and push in their

tried their best to play the tough,

towards the end of the class.

To really get into the day's theme,

Karen Tomilo and Melissa Mars able. stern pioneer school marms, they

"I like to play this role. We only do it once a year and it gives me the er for the Novi News. She may be chance to pretend to be really reached at (248) 349-1700.

mean," said Tomilo. "But we really do have fun with it." Third graders Sarah Less and

wouldn't want it that way everyday. They didn't have cars or electricity or much money," Less said. "And some of them lived in the woods."

In Mars' class, the students did math equations on a small slate with chalk and were only allowed to of the students were left-handed. they were out of luck, because that's

how it was back then, she explained. To get ready for Pioneer Day, the students took a week reading "Little House In The Big Woods, by Laura Ingalls Wilder, which depicts frontier life through the eyes of a young girl. "It's about a family that lives in the woods and the father hunts." explained third grader John Kern. They also learn how to make maple

The name for the Apple Valley School was taken from this book. Eight-year-olds Whitney Allen Koptas added that she sure is and Eric Kotylo said even though glad schools are more easy going—the teachers had to pretend to be strict, they still thought the day While third grade teachers like was very educational and enjoy-"For one day, it's a lot of fun." Allen laughed. "But I'm glad it's just

couldn't help but crack up and smile this one day. Stephanie Fordyce is a staff writ-



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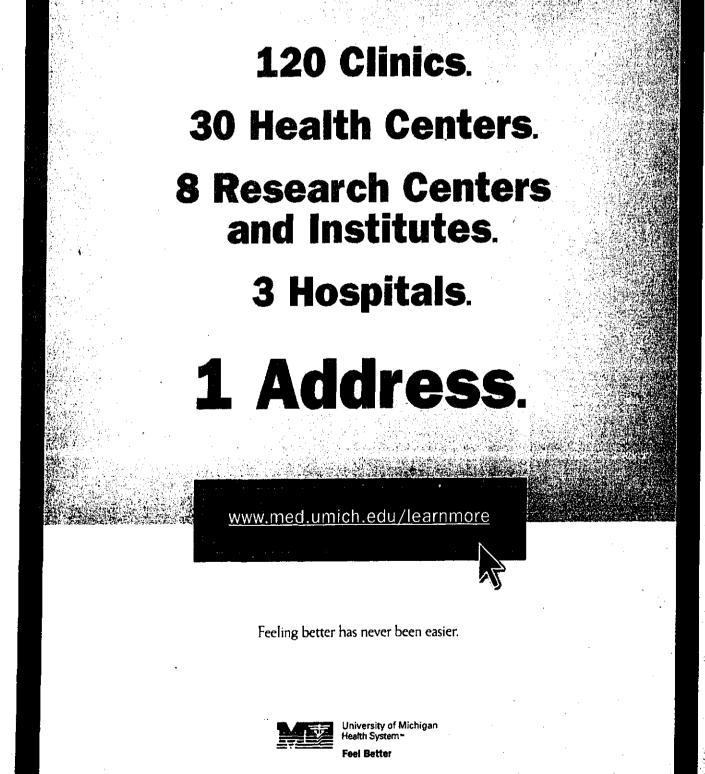
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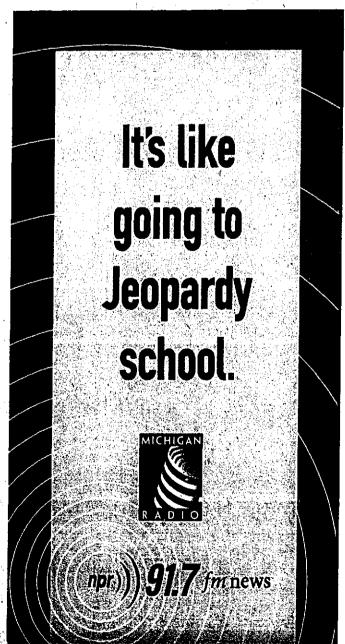
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A helping hand

Orchard Hills class held an old fashioned Spelling bee. Here,

Scagnetti quizzes Shannon Maturi.



Jim Clarkston built these shelves in and re-carpeted this room in the Holy Cross Church of Novi for part of

#### **On Campus**

Novi graduates Joshua J. graduates: Aiken, Timothy N. Blocker, and Craig A. Borashko each received a bachelor's degree in cum laude, bachelor of science cal and materials engineering; neering; Jennifer Cathleen mechanical engineering from in civil engineering; Matthew Angela Marie Dendel, cum Lanyon, bachelor's degree in Kettering University-Flint during Anderson Niskanen, cum laude, bachelor's in environ- business administration; Wayne ceremonies held in June.

Also graduating from engineering; and Kathleen Russel Harrison, cum laude in bachelor's in electrical engineer-Kettering was Narayanan Marie Wysocki, cum laude in both subjects, bachelor's, busi- ing; and Bryan Wade Wilton, Subramanian of Wixom with a master's in engineering.

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### Taking on the Washington establishment

### Joan Allen contends with the role that was written specifically for her

"All the President's Men." "The Candidate," "The Seduction of Joe Tynan" and "The Parallax View," "The Contender" is a political thriller that takes us behind the scenes of political power plays.

When the sitting Vice President dies, Senator Laine Hanson (Joan Allen) is chosen by the President (Jeff Bridges) to be the first woman to hold the office. The selection meets with opposition from members of both parties, in particular a powerful political adversary (Gary Oldman) who will seemingly stop at nothing to discredit her. Her confirmation hearings set off a firestorm of controversy as shocking secrets from Hanson's past are revealed, threatening her personal life as well as her political future.

Laine Hanson has what it takes to be a heartbeat away from the presidency. Now she must prove she has the stomach for what it takes to get the job.

A self-described junkie," writer/director Rod Lurie enjoys the power plays of government the way some people enjoy gridiron plays. "Presidential election years are like football seasons to me," Lurie says. "I watch the events unfold with great excitement. I can't wait to see who

In the tradition of such films as the Vice Presidential pick will be; I can't wait to see the debates...'

> As a former film critic and entertainment journalist, Lurie also had an affinity for movies with political backdrops, especially those that gave audiences an insider's view of the manipulation and machinations of power. He notes, "In the '70s, we had films like 'All the President's Men,' The Candidate' and 'The Parallax View.' I loved them even as a little boy. The political films of recent years are more satires. With 'The Contender,' I tried to do something different - more of a throwback to those earlier movies."

However, Lurie is quick to add. "The Contender" is more about principles than politics. The challenges that Hanson faces in this film are decidedly more about her personal life than her public persona. Her principles tell her that under no circumstance should she allow her personal life to mesh with her public one, and her courageousness emerges when she takes a stand and refuses to give in, despite pressure from both sides. Her heroics are based on her sticking to those principles even when they're inconvenient.

The story backdrop of "The Contender" may have arisen from Lurie's fascination with politics,

but he has no hesitation in revealing that it was written for the award-winning actress who stars as Hanson, Joan Allen. "I did more than write this movie with Joan Allen in mind for the role of Laine Hanson," Lurie acknowledges. "I wrote the movie itself for her. I am a gigantic fan of hers. I think she is quite simply the best actress in the world."

The decision to write the script was initiated by an off-the-cuff remark Lurie made while presenting Allen with a Los Angeles Film Critics Award for her work in "Pleasantville." He recalls, "I got up on the stage and, impromptu. said, 'I should write a screenplay for Joan Allen...' I sat down with her afterwards, and she said, 'Write that screenplay.' You know, Joan has never played the character around which an entire movie revolves, and that's what I wanted to give her, so the role of Laine Hanson was born."

Joan Allen was understandably flattered to have the central role of the film written specifically for her, but she was even more thrilled upon reading the script. "I thought it was really wonderful," she recalls. "It's a dream for an actor to have a role like this, but the whole script is so good, and all the characters in it are terrific, not just mine."

Jeff Bridges star as President Jackson Evans, whose choice of a woman to become his new Vice President leads to a showdown on Capitol Hill. "I've spent some time in Washington lobbying for different causes and I'd always thought it would be interesting to play someone in politics," Bridges, remarks. "But to play the President of the United States is an entirely different matter. It was fascinating to get in touch with

Jeff Bridges stars as President Jackson Evans, who stirs the pot in Washington by his selection of Joan Alien's Laine Hanson as his

new Vice President, in director Rod Lurie's that kind of power and what a complex job it is, but then you have to put it in some kind of normal context. There has to be a

seeming normalcy to your portrayal because that is his every-In the interests of accuracy, everything seen in the Oval Office - or in any of the White House sets for that matter - are reproductions of actual pieces in the permanent White House collection. Two pieces in particular brought a special sense of verisimilitude, as well as history: The blue couches

in President Evans' office were

actually once owned by President

James Madison, and now belong

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"The Contender". The film features an all-star cast in an effort to return political films to the roots established by classics such as "All the President's Men" and "The Parallax View."



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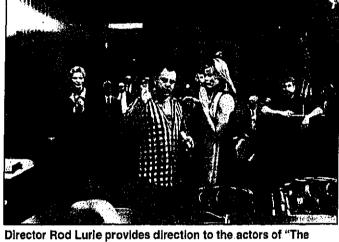
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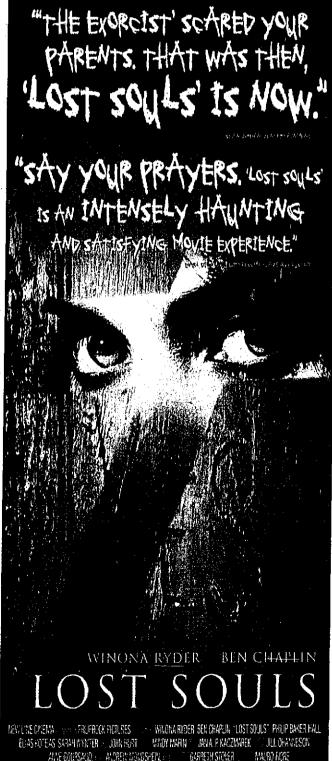
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# Heading back

Novi beats up on Pinckney, qualifies for playoffs

By JASON SCHMITT Sports Editor

Novi intercepted seven Pat Doyle passes and turned them into 30 points en route to a 36-25 Kensington Valley Conference victory over Pinckney last Friday night at Novi High School,

The win was Novi's sixth of the season and automatically qualified the Wildcats for the state playoffs set to begin in three weeks. Pinckney (3-3, 3-4) dropped its fourth-straight game after beginning the

"I can't fault our kids' effort out there," Pinckney coach Jeff Sloan said of his depleted team. "Certainly when we go back and look at the tape we'll find some breakdowns in our game. But they gave it their all."

Scott Kortlandt's interception and 28-yard return for a touchdown on the first play of the fourth quarter was Doyle's sixth of the game and gave Novi a commanding 36-13 lead. The play was on par with what Novi was able to do in the third quarter, where it intercepted two more Doyle passes and scored 13 straight points.

"I was surprised at how much they came out and passed," said Novi safety and quarterback Matt Gorman, who had two interceptions and over 100 return yards to help set up two of the 'Cats scores. "I couldn't believe how good (Doyle) was doing out there. I had a hard time getting traction out there. He did a great job."

Doyle completed 22 of 53 passes for 257 yards and three touchdowns. But even those numbers couldn't offset the turnovers. Pinckney also lost a fumble to complete the eight-turnover night.

Doyle's strong arm kept the Pirates in the game early on as Novi held a slim 17-13 lead at the half. Doyle connected with Chris Hohn for a 27-yard touchdown with 7:14 remaining in the first half. The score gave Pinckney a 7-3 lead, its only lead of the

Novi struck back with two touchdowns in a span of

#### NOVI 36 **PINCKNEY 25**

1:31 to grab a 17-7 lead. Gorman scored on a fiveyard keeper and tailback Blake Myers punched one in from 19 yards out. Pinckney closed out the half with a nine yard touchdown strike from Doyle to Andy Doupe with 39.3 seconds remaining.

"I was confident that even though our kids would give up a 17 to 18 yard completion, we could come back and make a play," Novi coach Tab Kellepourey said. "Coach (Kraig) Caurdy and (Cole) Rowecamp made adjustments on defense and they paid off."

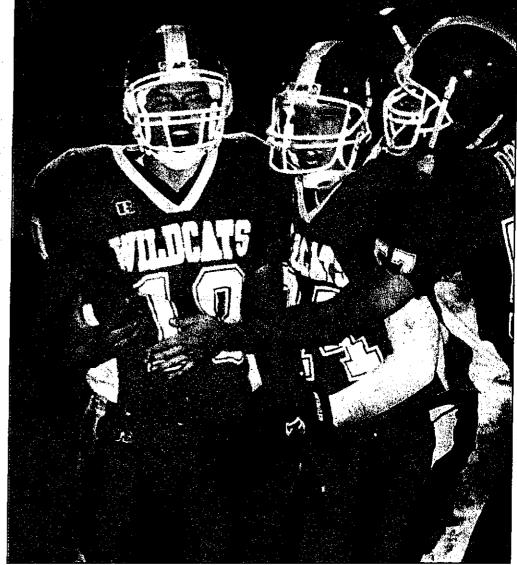
Playing with just 18 players, Pinckney began to break down in the second half. Novi scored twice in the third quarter on runs of 25 yards by Gorman and 20 yards by Fred Napier.

Pinckney made a last-ditch effort in the fourth scoring twice in the last 3:28 to make the score respectable.

Tim Daniels recovered a fumble off a botched punt by Novi in the end zone to give his team a quick score at the 3:28 mark. The team held Novi and Dovle led the team down the field for its last score, a five-yard strike to running back Mike Duncan.

Hohn was Doyle's main target for much of the game. The senior hauled in 11 catches for 135 yards and the touchdown. Doupe grabbed five passes for 62 yards and tailback David Reason, who was helped off the field midway through the fourth quarter after taking a hard hit, finished with three catches for 20

Novi's ground attack seemed to wear the Pirates out as the game progressed. The Wildcats rushed the ball 52 times for 235 yards. Pinckney finished with 39 yards on the ground.



Novi quarterback Matt Gorman (10) Is congratulated Friday after scoring his first touchdown.

### Toloff leads Novi to county title

By JASON SCHMITT

Sports Editor · Chris Toloff continued his assault on course records and the

Novi boys' cross country team won its second Oakland County championship in two years last Saturday Possum Hollow.

The Novi CHIE senior co-cap-Toloff tain destroyed Ben Evans'

course record by 17 seconds, winning the individual county title in a time of 15:38.7. He ran along-

side teammate Tim Moore for the first two miles of the race, but pulled away in the last mile to turn in perhaps his greatest performance ever.

He now owns the course record at both Kensington (Possom Hollow) and the Lakeland High School course and owns the school record at Cass Benton in Northville.

The team dominated the field as Moore took second in a time of 15:58 and Mark Avenius was third (16:32). Novi linished with 50 points to top the 39-team field. League foes Milford (90) and Lakeland (122) were second and third. Lake Orion (183) and Birmingham Brother Rice (237) rounded out the top five.

Novi had a pack of three guys close out the county championship. Tim Kava finished 21st overall in 17:18 and Mitch Erickson was close behind in 23rd (17:19). Todd Foren was within 20 yards of his teammates and took 24th in 17:23.

That was definitely our strategy, especially in a field this big," Novi Coach Bob Smith said. "I told the guvs before the race that they were going to see familiar faces around them. And that's really to our advantage

"They have each other to count on and as long as they don't just run together, but still race and use each other as a barometer,

they're going to do well." Steve Szwast, Novi's seventh man, took 36th place in 17:44. The top six Wildcats all earned

county medals. The title was Novi's first since 1998. Last year's team was with: out Avenius and took second to Clarkston. Despite missing Eric Walle, who is still working his way into shape, the Wildcats had little

trouble regaining their title. The KVC was well represented as six of the top 10 runners were out of the conference.

In the Junior varsity race, Eric Saurer was the overall champion. and Novi finished second to Milford. Dan Stevens was eighth overall. Steve Duda was 10th, Matt Harsha-Strong 11th and Walle was 14th to complete the team's scoring.

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Does anyone realize just how good the Novi boys' cross country



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four returning all-staters who have been an integral part of the last two state championship teams.

But for now, the team is not healthy. And the worst thing about it is that the team doesn't know if it'll regain the form it had at the beginning of the season.

Senior Eric Walle, who finished 22nd at last year's state meet, is still suffering from a foot injury that has kept him sidelined for much of the last five weeks. He has competed in the team's last few competitions, but is far from regaining his all-state form.

That means that not only will the team need a valuable fifth man to step it up for the stretch run of the season. But the team may now need that fifth man to kick it up one gear to make up for Walle.

The main difference I see from this year's team from those who won consecutive state titles is that those teams had one guy step it up and help the team to the state championship. In 1998 it was Mike Burns. Last year it was Nick Bassitt's turn.

The reason it's a difference is that I feel this year's team has four or five guys who could fill that role. But because the competition for the last three varsity positions has become so heated, I can't tell who that man will be. Early on I really felt junior

Mitch Erickson was gonna be that guy. He was sure to be the next Bassitt or Burns, only I felt he was better. I've been proved right by that, but there have been a few other guys whose names have snuck in there lately.

I've been really impressed with the late-season surges by Tim Kava and Todd Foren. Kava is on pace to be quite possibly just a step behind junior sensation Tim Moore. His times and finishes mirror that of Moore's just a year earlier. No doubt he'll join Moore on the front line in the future, but his team hopes that future is now. Foren has been within seconds of Erickson and Kava at all the big meets up to this point, and fans shouldn't be surprised if this guys steps it up and is the team's fourth runner at states.

Next we have Eric Saurer and Steve Szwast. Both have been among the team's top eight or nine runners consistently all season long. I don't believe either has cracked the team's top four at a quality meet though. Perhaps they'll be the ones who step it up come October 28. That's the day Novi will travel up to Midland to compete at the regional. It'll also be the last week of practice and competition before coach Bob Smith makes his decision as to who will run among the team's top seven at the finals a week later.

To be honest with you, I feel Erickson will be the one who makes the biggest difference for his team. He's got the potential. He's got the merits. But does he have the desire to be among the state's top 30 Division I runners?

That's what I think it'll take Novi's fifth man to defeat a tough, tough Rockford team.

Novi won last year's title with a remarkable 68 points. Moore was third overall, Chris Toloff seventh, Mark Avenius 17th and Walle 22nd. Bassitt was 55th overall and 35th in the team race.

The team looked very good at the Oakland County meet last Saturday at Kensington Metropark. It'll take a similar performance for the team to take home the hardware one more

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### Novi falls short

By JASON SCHMITT Sports Editor

Northville used its strength in the freestyle events to top Novi 112-74 in the two school's firstever meeting at Northville High School back on Oct. 3.

The Mustangs finished first and third in both the 50 ad 100 freestyles and swept the 200 free as Amy Black, Elizabeth Underwood and Erin Schubert all sinished ahead of their Novi counterparts. The sweep gave Northville an early 19-11 lead, one which it never again relinquished.

The two teams both put up a winning effort as Northville won seven times in 12 events. But the Stangs took eight of the runnerup finishes nine more third places to wear out the Wildcats.

Novi opened up the meet with a win in the 200 medley relay. Lindsey Vermillion, Andrea Yocum, Blair Tyler and Amanda Smith finished in a winning time of 1:55.26. Northville countered with another strong finish (1:56.01), but it was

not fast enough. The sweep in the 200 free relay helped Novi to a 13-3 advantage in the event and an eight-point lead. Novi came right back to take 1-3 in the 200 individual medley to close the gap to 26-20, but

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER Christina Thompson performs one of her six dives in last weeks meet against Northville.

### Colts get set for playoffs in October

to take its high powered offense into the playoffs. All three teams battled the Lakes Area Hawks. It was a great outing for the juntor varsity team as they prepare for the playoffs which begin in two weeks. Colts cheerleaders and parents Zielke, Ethan Tierney, Joseph Pritchard and Daniel Young braved the chilly temperatures with wind chills dipping into the 20s to support all three teams in action at the home of

Head coach Carl Chandler's meticulous preparation paid weekend should earn junior varsity squad a place in the off against the Hawks after a sluggish first half which saw the Colts take a 6-0 lead into the locker room. David Bandy scored in the first quarter on a great run around the end and would lead the Colts rushers in the backfield.

including a 40-yard gallop by Brandon Carnegie and an Adam Chandler touchdown pass to Patrick Schlenke. But the offense didn't lose faith and came out smoking in the

second time in the contest and later Adam Chandler hit Zach touchdowns and then were never able to recover. The offense Elker for a short pass to cap off the Colts scoring surge and turned the ball over in their first two possessions which lead

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Defensively, the unit pitched a near perfect game and didn't give up a point. Nick Zoroya and Joe Kinville and Greg fullback Thomas Spisich who scored the Colts lone Hasse will especially tough up front. Brian Bagian, Matt pitched in to keep the Hawks out of the end zone, Zack Elker also recovered a fumble. The final score was 20-0 and the Colts juntor varsity team's record is now 4-3. A victory next

The freshman unit was not as fortunate as they suffered defeat at the hands of the Hawks. The final score 24-0 in the favor of the Hawks. The offensive standouts for the Colts put The first half was marred by penalties on offense for the forth a gritty effort but were unable to come out on top. The Colts. Three big plays were called back because of penalties, offensive unit was lead by running backs Doug Beason and Bobby Thomas who carried the bulk of the rushing duties. "This team never gives up," said head coach Dan Thomas.

"And that's the joy of working with this team." The coach second half. Behind the offensive line, led by Jeremy Young, noted the efforts on the defensive side of the ball from Trevor Neal Gallagher, Steve Kowaichuck, Michael Maul and Dan O'Connor, Jacob Elker, Michael Kinville and Niko Paluzett. Enright, quarterback Adam Chandler was able to guide the Brady Rodriguez and Geoff Gomersall also chipped in to knock down a couple of Hawks when the Colts needed it. The varsity unit spotted the Hawks three first quarter

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The Colts offense was led by the bruising running of touchdown of the day. The Colts took the ball 70 yards lead by quarterback David Carnegie. The Colts get in the end zone following two great runs from scrimmage by Kevin George and quarterback David Carnegie. Then Spisich punched it in with two tough runs around the goal line. The drive would not have been possible without the solid offensive lineplay from Michael Burke, Joey Perpich, Ryon Wiska, John Kinville, Jaymz Maurer and Dean Caleb. Daniel Thomas pitched in the receiving end to make a key reception to keep a separate offensive

drive alive. Defensively Kenny Hayes, Chris McGuire and Bryan Stadtmiller made several tackles in the secondary. Up front Jonathan Pace, Ryan Logsdon, Jeremy Baber, Alex Bartlett and Cory Patterson showed signs of toughness. Ryan Murphy, Peter Piotrowicz also pitched in. The final

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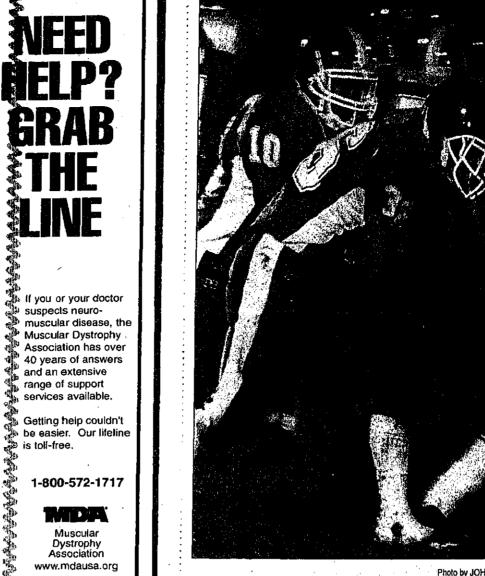
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Senior Cas Werda (36) takes the ball from Matt Gorman last Friday.

### Novi forces seven picks

Gorman led Novi with 127 yards on 14 carries and the two touchdowns. Blake Myers added 59 yards on 14 attempts to go along

Novi (6-1) qualified for the playoffs for the second straight season, giving the KVC two teams .(Brighton) who have qualified for

offs and right now we have to season," Kellepourey said. "We're focus on our next opponent," anticipating this contest to be no Kellepourey said. "Our attitude all different than any of the other along has been that we're a good games we've played this year."

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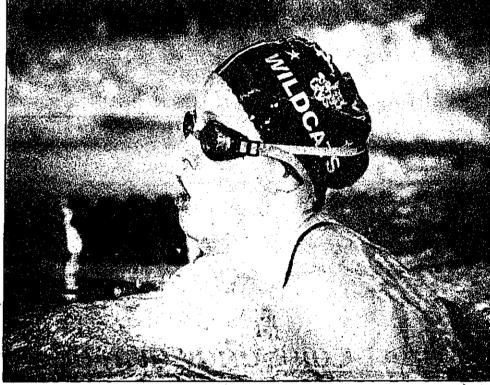
Northville would go on to win or tie eight of the last nine events to close

Yocum and Tyler finished first and third in the IM, with Deirdre Schwiring taking second for Northville, Jenny Carr came right back to share the win the 50 free with Novi's Smith.

Novi's Laurel Weiss won the diving competition with 214.40 points, but Northville's Kim Veres and Katte Braine finished 2-3 to help Northville tie the 'Cats in the event

each of the next two events as Carr and Hrivnak were 1-3 in the 100 butterfly and Christina Moceri and Schubert were 1-3 in the 100 free. Smith was second in the free for

500 free in a time of 5:25.7, but once again and Jessica Hrivnak won the race. Northville proved to be too deep as Arielle



Tyler was runnerup in the fly and Blair Tyler performs the breaststroke in the medley relay last week against Northville.

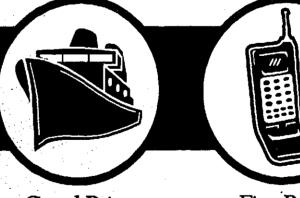
Northyille's 200 free relay teams swepth that for the Mustangs, Yocum won the breaststroke Vermillion came back for Novi, winning the event. Schwiring, Schubert, Allison Greeniee competition and Kristine Elrod and Alexandra Oliviera were third and fourth. Moceri and Black came right back to take

Northville completed the meet with a win in lee, Underwood and Ali Stewart went 2-3- first and second in the 100 backstroke and the 400 free relay. Carr, Schubert, Underwood Schwiring finished runnerup in the 100 breast and Moceri grabbed the win.

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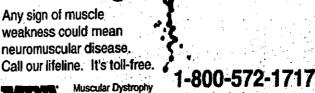
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Novi's Margo Wolowiec (right) led the Novi girls to a fourth-place finish at the county meet Saturday.

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### INSIDE THE KVC

From left, Walled Lake Western's Kevin Naughton, Lakeland's Pat Klein, Novi's Chris Toloff and

we felt, as a group, that would have race

He should know. Last year, when

State Cross Country

Having to distribute the Division I Cross Country field into nine nearly equal regionals this year, the MHSAA decided to send Regional #7 up to Midland. Novi and the rest of the KVC are included in this mix. Here is the

preakdown of each of the regionals, including top-10 teams at last year's state final, top-10 ranked teams from

this season, all-state (top-25) runners from last year and the number of top-25 runners this season

### Novi joins tough regional

Ladies finish 4th at county

Streak ends, but keeps going for girls' cross country team

Boyles, Rochester Adams won the county title with and Laine Williams was Novi's seventh runner in a

Conference title.

tle ninth and Kono 10th.

we weren't at our best mentally."

"We should've moved that pack time

up a little bit. Not by quantum leaps,

Vldya Mahadevan was 63rd in the county at 22:08

The team's next seven runners helped the junior

varsity team to a runner-up finish. Troy won the JV

Brittany Albright was fourth overall in the race and

Emily Cross was seventh. Vanessa Beard gave Novi

three top-10 runners with her 10th-place finish.

Anna Cynar was 14th and Angela Bouchard was

Milford's pack of five were just too much for the

Wildcats to overcome as the Redskins all but

wrapped up the regular-season Kensington Valley

Schmitt was the first 'Cat to cross the finish line,

coming in sixth at 21:34 on the Possum Hollow

course. Wolowiec was seventh, Thomson eighth, Kit-

through for them," Norgren said. "We ran hard, but

They had some phenomenal freshmen come

race with 40 points, but Novi was second with 50.

Novi girls' cross country coach

but a little anyways."

time of 22:39, good for 86th place.

By JASON SCHMITT

Kensington Metropark:

One streak ended for the Novi girls' cross country team, but another continued as the ladies took

fourth at the Oakland County meet last Saturday at

Novi had finished first or second in each of the pre-

vious six years at the meet. That streak ended, but

the 'Cats have still finished fourth or better every

year since 1993. Considering that nearly 40 teams

compete at the meet every year, that's not too shab-

Led by three-time defending state champion Katle

69 team points. Kensington Valley Conference foe

Milford took second with 90 points and Troy was

third with 126. Novi (183) and Marion (196) rounded

out the top five. Each of the top three teams are cur-

Margo Wolowiec led the Wildcats with a 21st place

finish, crossing the line in 20:57. After her, four

Nina Schmitt, battling a cold the entire week, was

other Novi runners packed together for a solid finish.

35th in 21:21. Bethany Kittle came in three spots

behind Schmitt in 21:28. Jenny Thomson was 43rd

Norm Norgren, Novi's coach, said he was happy

with his team's pack, but there was room for

"We should've moved that pack time up a little bit,"

That's exactly where I wanted her to be. I figured

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Norgren said, "Not by quantum leaps, but a little

In 21:32 and Tae Kono was 46th in 21:37.

she could be a top 20 runner," he said.

performance.

rently ranked in the Coaches Association Top 10.

MILFORD TIMES SPORTS EDITOR In just over two weeks, Milford and Lakeland's cross country teams will be competing for the right to run in the Division I state final. Their regional will be in Midland. The Huron Valley schools will be joined by the rest of the KVC, along with Northville, Pontiac Central, Pontiac Northern, Walled Lake Central, Walled Lake Western, Waterford Kettering and Waterford Mott. Why is Region Seven, the state's

toughest, being held two hours away from the participating "No one would host the regional," Nate Hampton, assistant director of the Michigan High School Athletic Association, said, "I asked Milford: I asked Novi, I asked all the schools in that region. After repeated

requests, we had to move forward." Forward to Midland. "The truth." Milford coach Brian Salvers said. "is that the MHSAA. that Nate, is not happy with the KVC. Our league, essentially, was teams in this regional. united in the fact that we would not ...... And it's not just the elite teams us off to Midland.

"What are they protesting?" Hampton asked. "Running the

"We could have hosted the region- race," Novi coach Bob Smith said. boys' and girls' teams will be runal," Huron Valley Schools Athletic "Some of these other regions may ning, but everyone wants to be

given our blessing to throwing our The KVC schools are particularly kids into a bloodbath amongst perturbed with the MHSAA's decision to reduce the number of indi-That bloodbath was brought vidual qualifiers, a move which,

about by the dire competitiveness of with a region such as number the region. The KVC is far and away the state's best cross country league. At Saturday's Oakland County meet, for instance, the first selected from the top 10 runners a three teams, out of 39, were from a regional who were not members o the KVC. In Novi, Lakeland and the three qualifying teams. Now, to Brighton the league has produced qualify for the state finals individuthe state's last five Class A (now ally the athlete must medal -- that Division I) champions. is, place within the top 15 -- at the "It's the toughest in the state." regional. There had been an average Pat Klein. Lakeland's two-time allof 10 individual qualifiers per state runner, said, "Every year," region. Now, according to Michigan

Novi wasn't in the regional, his dent Greg Miller, there will be about

team didn't qualify for the state five. meet, by a point. Klein and team-Had this setup been in place, for mate Brian Theut qualified as indiexample, in 1996, a young runner viduals. Lakeland is again a top 10from Milford named Tom Greenless would not have made the state finals. Greenless, of course, went on

Track Coaches Association presi-

ners at the Class A meet came from Off the course, there's another downside to the regional being held host if, to make a statement. Nate that make this region so tough, it's in Midland. Programs with the his-didn't take kindly to it; and shipped that all the programs are competitioned to Lakeland and Milford have tories of Lakeland and Milford have

tive, which isn't the case across the large followings. "My concern is that it's so far to "Our region will probably have travel for our supporters," Salvers 14, maybe 15 teams finish the said. "Only 14 of the 65 kids on the Director Gene Balawajder said. "But have four or five full teams finish a there. It's a logistical challenge."

Top 25 Ind.-2000 (ranked

KVC coaches suspended

HOMETOWN NEWSPAPERS

One of two area girls basketball coaches suspended last week has been reinstated, effective today, while the fate of the other was expected to be cleared up on Tuesday. Lee Piepho, the Howell girls basketball coach, was

back in the gym Monday after a six-day suspension over undetermined problems within the program. Carol Henson, the Brighton girls basketball coach, was suspended on Oct. 4 for giving vitamin supplements to players without their parents' permission. Piepho was suspended on Oct. 3, after the team had returned from a victory over Hartland, his 100th

"It wasn't any one thing," Howell Public Schools personnel direictor Lynn Parrish said. "It was a pattern that had occurred over time, definitely this season. It came to light this season. There were parental

complaints that we felt required looking into. Piepho, who coached the Highlanders to the Class A state final four years ago, admitted the suspension

ame as a surprise "Yes, I was (surprised)," he said Sunday. "At no time had anyone ever said anything to me or a member of my staff about any problems."

"That was the problem," Parrish said. "Parents didn't think they could go to him with their con-

She emphasized her belief that Piepho was "very sincere" in his intentions to follow district guidelines "He is returning with an improvement program

subject to athletic department oversight," Parrish Athletic director Douglas Paige will meet with

Piepho on a weekly basis and monitor the program more closely.

"I'll do what needs to be done to comply," Plepho said, "I want to coach." "The concerns covered his conduct at practices and games and his communication with athletes and

the seriousness, but we felt it was serious enough to Piepho sat out last Thursday's game, a victory over Milford, while a committee that included Paige and

parents," Parrish said. "Not everyone concurred on

Partish talked to parents and athletes as well as the

Piepho met with parents and his players before "I wanted to make sure we were totally focused on

getting ready on Monday for our next opponent, which (was) Novi (on Tuesday.)" Piepho said. The team was coached in his absence by junior

varsity coach Eric Walker. As for Henson, Brighton Area Schools superintendent David Pruneau said a decision could come as early as Tuesday

"We're hoping it comes (today)," he said Sunday. "We're still investigating, and we want to have a resolution as soon as possible.

Henson was suspended after it was determined she had given players a multivitamin supplement before a game without the other players' parents' knowledge or consent.

She had purchased the multivitamin for her daughter, Brittany, who is a player on the team. Henson was suspended while the investigation con-

Junior varsity coach Lori Gerecke guided the Bulldogs to a win at South Lyon last Thursday

J.Trent (Brighton)

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#### Scoreboard

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#### **KVC Standings**

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Howell Milford

Novi

South Lyon

Lakeland

**FOOTBALL** 

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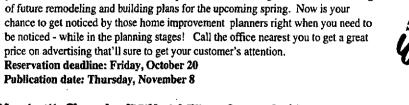
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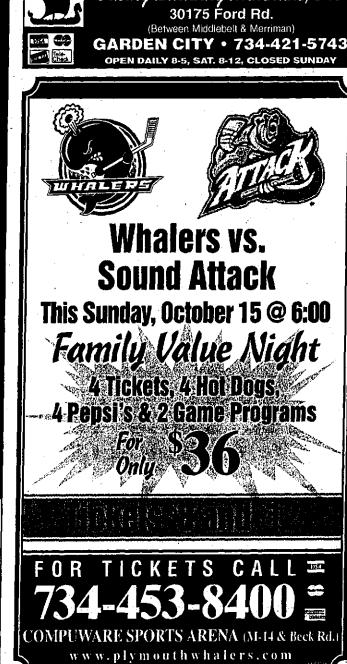
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