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Novi students participated in the nation's biggest anti-substance abuse campaign, Red Ribbon Week. The story's on Page 3A

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HomeTown Newspapers asked Dick DeVos and former governor James Blanchard to debate Proposal 1. That, and other election coverage is on. — Page 9-11A

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Today, people may think a cemetery is a scary place, but in the past, it was a place of rest to commune with deceased family members. This old burial ground is also full of history — Page 1AA

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Another shot

Novi lost to Northville 35-14 two weeks ago, but thanks to a 24-14 win over Portage Northern last Saturday night, the 'Cats get a chance for revenge this Saturday at home against the Mustangs — Page 1B

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## Fire issue may alter charter

BY RANDAL YAKEY  
 Staff Writer

The question that residents most want answered when it comes to the 24-hour fire department staffing issue is: Are we safe? Talking to the paid-on-call firefighters (POCs), they are adamant about their stance: Yes, the city is safe. "Absolutely," POC Jerry Holtzman said. "For the amount of runs we have in this city. It is safe."



What the union is doing is for the benefit of the union. This proposal is not necessary at this time. But many people do not agree with that stance. The Novi Firefighters Union Local

3232 secured 2,077 signatures to get the issue on the November 7 ballot. Only 1,575 signatures were needed. If the ballot proposal passes, the city charter will be amended to levy an additional tax not exceeding 1.5 mills to increase the fire department staff level. This would provide 24-hour staffing, advanced life support (ALS,) emergency medical services and fire station modifications. The cost increase to a resident whose home is valued at approximately \$200,000 would be \$150 a year. It has been estimated that the cost of running a 24-hour full time department would cost \$3.1 million annually.

Novi Fire Marshall Michael Evans points to slow service incidents as the reason for the push. "There are fire stations being closed on the weekends and Station Number Two was closed regularly," Evans said. "It was becoming a bad situation up there. There was a house fire late in the fall last year in the Maples of Novi that Station Two only got two people on the engine and Engine One from Grand River actually beat Engine Two to the site." According to Evans, that incident was revealing of a larger problem that has plagued the department.

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## Proposal 2 doesn't lure local leaders

Local leaders don't see the state as threat to local power.

BY RANDAL YAKEY  
 Staff Writer

It's called the "Super Majority" or the "Home Rule" initiative, and it could change the way laws are enacted at the local level. Proposal 2 would amend the state Constitution to require a super majority vote of at least two-thirds of the state legislature to enact any law which addresses a matter which a county, city, township, village, or municipal authority could otherwise address under its governing powers or which places a condition on unrestricted aid extended to local government by the state. Currently, a simple majority vote

by the legislature is all that is required to enact such laws. While it has the backing of the Michigan Municipal league, this initiative has not necessarily earned the support of Novi's local government. Don Stypula of Let Voters Count, a group that collected over 450,000 signatures to get the proposal on the ballot, says that Proposal 2 would keep the legislature from making decisions that weaken local control over issues like residency requirement for municipal workers or ordinances. "What we are trying to do is keep the legislature from meddling in local issues," Stypula said. "They are overriding local laws and ordinances and nullifying local control."

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## Setting the scene



Erin Chupinsky as Hero is surrounded by her maids-in waiting during a recent rehearsal. Photo by JOHN HEIDER

## Much ado at NHS over a play by some guy called Shakespeare

BY STEPHANIE FORDYCE  
 Staff Writer

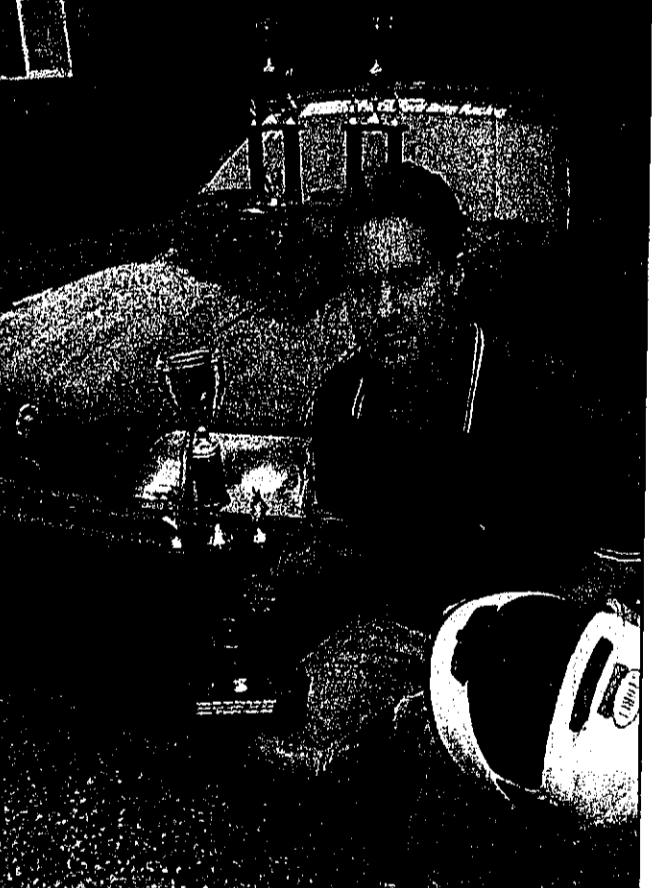
Novi High School is bringing William Shakespeare as it was originally intended- to the stage. Beginning tonight, the students will present "Much Ado About Nothing" in the Fuerst Auditorium. "Everyone has worked so hard to make this the best fall play ever," said cast headliner, Maureen Sebastian who plays Beatrice. "The play has really come together nicely and I think people are really going to enjoy it." Directed under Heather McKaig, the play has been in rehearsal for six weeks. In this comedy set in Italy during the 1500's, Shakespeare's drama satirizes love and human courtliness between two couples who take very different paths. "Much Ado About Nothing"



Maureen Sebastian and Chris Sandberg rehearse their roles. Photo by JOHN HEIDER

ward beauty. "It's like a love story went wrong, but eventually, everything works out in the end," explained sophomore Matt Loper, who plays Friar Francis. Loper said this has been a great first acting experience and that he was pleased with Director McKaig's play selection. "I think Shakespeare is always a good choice and it's great for the cast we have," he said. "There's a lot of good chemistry." Loper said he has had a great time working on the play and looks forward to pursuing his acting career at NHS. Further, he said that McKaig was a pleasure to work under and that she was key in making the production a success. "Mrs. McKaig works extremely well with the cast- getting us

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Joffre LaFontaine hits the track with this hot Mustang. Photo by JOHN HEIDER

## Burning rubber: racer a top rookie

NHS grad makes "Rookie of the Year" in drag racing.

BY RANDAL YAKEY  
 Staff Writer

If the thought of drag racing someone from a stoplight has crossed your mind, make sure the next time you get the notion to race that the driver next to you isn't Joffre LaFontaine. LaFontaine, Novi High School graduate and lifelong city resident, is the National Mustang Racers Association (NMRA) Rookie of the Year. The Novi resident has been drag racing with some of the best dragster drivers in the county, according to the editors of "Race

Pages" magazine. Joffre didn't start out as a drag racer; it was always one of his favorite things to be involved in, but he was originally a skier. "I used to be into mogul skiing," LaFontaine said. "but I had a car accident about two years ago and I couldn't do that anymore and so I went with the drag racing." Joffre said that giving up the moguls for the race track has been a unique twist, but the larger agenda has kept him occupied. "This year, I was pretty busy," LaFontaine said. In the stock racing circuit, each car must contain the same number of parts and it is up to the driver to tune his vehicle. LaFontaine said

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## Campaign finance reports show who's backing who

A committee opposed to the full-time fire department proposal raised just under \$2,000.

BY RANDAL YAKEY AND JAN JEFFRES  
 Staff Writers

Only one of three Novi-based ballot question committee filed a pre-election campaign expense report at the Oakland County Clerk's Election Division by the Oct. 27 deadline. That was Citizens Against Taxes, a group opposed to the proposal to change the Novi Fire Department from the current paid-on-call/full-time mix to a full-time staff. They filed on Oct. 24. Two other committees did not file their reports: Citizens For Roads, which backs the road bond proposal; and the Committee For Improved EMS And Fire Protection, which backs the fire proposal that would change the city charter. All three committees have signs up on local street corners. "We just had gotten behind and we plan to finish it up today (Monday)," said Tony Nagy, the treasurer of Citizens for Roads. "I hope to have it done as soon as possible." Asa Smith, who has been actively campaigning for the road bond, said that the deadline

was missed, but they would file the report. "I think it is about \$25 a day," Smith said. "I don't expect that it will get expensive." The treasurer for the Committee for Improved EMS and Fire Protection, Larry Christensen, did not return calls by press-time and Novi Fire Marshall Michael Evans, representative of the Novi Professional Fire Fighters Union Local 3232, was not available for comment. This committee backs the charter amendment launched by the union's petition drive. The Michigan Department of State Bureau of Elections requires such committees to file either a report or request a waiver if they plan to spend less than \$1,000. The penalty for late filing depends on the amount of money raised by the committee. If a committee raises \$10,000 and doesn't file by the deadline, the penalty is \$25 per day, with a maximum fine of \$1,000. If a committee raises over \$10,000, the penalty is escalated and can go max out as high as \$2,000. Following is information on the sole committee to file, taken from the expense report.

**Citizens Against Taxes:**  
 Treasurer: Michael L. Molsan, a Novi resident  
 Total contributions: \$1,932

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# Car, deer crash toll rises to 11

During a four-day period between Wednesday, October 24 and Sunday, October 29, there were six separate accidents with as many as seven deer being struck by vehicles in Novi.

## Police News

On October 27, a Romulus man, 53, hit and killed two deer as he was traveling southbound on M-5 near Twelve Mile Road. The man was not seriously hurt, but his vehicle did suffer enough damage that it had to be towed. That incident occurred around 2 a.m.

Later that morning, a 34-year-old South Lyon woman struck a deer on Twelve Mile Road near West Park drive. Unlike the Romulus man's car, there was not significant damage to the South Lyon woman's vehicle.

Then, that evening, a Belleville man, 28, struck a deer as he traveled Wixom Road near Ten Mile. A 26-year-old woman from Novi struck a deer on Ten Mile near Cortland on October 25. The very next day, a Novi woman struck a deer on West Park drive around 7:30 a.m. On October 29, a Clawson teen hit a deer on Twelve Mile near Huggerty.

Police reports indicate that at least three of the deer died in the incidents. There now have been

over 11 accidents this fall that occurred because of deer. There have been no human fatalities related to the accidents. No specific information is available about the deer.

**BURGLAR LEAVES NO TRACE**  
A Novi couple returned from an evening out to find their home broken into and several items of jewelry missing on October 24 around 10 p.m.

Police reports indicate that the suspected burglar entered the home by prying open an upstairs window. The homeowners told police that among the items missing from the home were a Rolex watch and a diamond ring. According to the report, police suspect that the burglar was very selective about the items taken. The victims told police that a number of costume jewelry items were left behind.

Police also note that the burglar was "very neat and appeared to know where everything was located."

## Novi Briefs

**DANCERS, GET ON YOUR TOES**  
On Saturday, The DanCentre at The Sports Club of Novi is proud to offer master classes with the ballet master of Les Ballets des Monte Carlo, Gerard Lebour. The intermediate class runs from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. and advanced class will run from 2:45 - 4:15 p.m. Proper ballet attire required. The fee is \$20.00 per class. Les Ballets des Monte Carlo is in Detroit for their production of "Cinderella" at the Detroit Opera House, which runs from November 2 - 5th. Call space is limited; to register call 248-735-8950.

**ACHIEVING WOMEN**  
The Women's Economic Club will present its Today's Workplace of Tomorrow awards to six companies with offices in Southeast Michigan at a noon luncheon Nov. 15 at the Novi Hilton.

**WE ALL SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM - AND MORE**  
Police are looking for a white female suspect that entered the Baskin Robins on Grand River asking about "clown cones" and ended up double dipping in the cash register on October 29.

According to store employees, the woman grabbed about \$350 from the register and fled the store. Police describe the woman as about 5'-6", wearing a green flannel shirt and a black jacket.

**CITIZENS WITH INFORMATION ABOUT THE ABOVE INCIDENTS ARE URGED TO CALL THE NOVI POLICE DEPARTMENT AT 348-7100.**

## Novi Briefs

**TEENS BUSTED FOR BOOZE**  
Two teens, one from Walled Lake, 17, and the other from Wixom, 16, were arrested along with a 20-year-old from Walled Lake for driving recklessly and a liquor violation after police were called to the Spring Lakes apartment complex on a disturbance call.

Police arrived on the scene around 3:15 a.m. on October 24 and found a red pickup truck speeding through the parking lot. When police checked the inside of the vehicle, they found all three individuals smelling of intoxicants. All three were tested, and found to be legally drunk.

According to the report, the 20-year-old told police that all three had been drinking in a Wolverine Lake bar where they "never ask for ID."

Police took all three into custody and passed the report onto the Oakland County Sheriff's office

**COMMON GROUND SOUND FOR COMMON GROUND**  
Local blues band, The Willies, with special guest Jocelyn B. will perform a benefit concert for Common Ground Sanctuary on Sunday, Nov. 19 at 8 p.m. at the 5th Avenue Ballroom on Novi Road, one-quarter mile south of Grand River in Novi. A \$10 donation is requested at the door.

"The Willies are a hot rockin' Motor City blues band dedicated to making music to support children's charitable causes," said John Potter, band member.  
Common Ground Sanctuary is an Oakland County-based non-profit crisis intervention agency. Proceeds from the concert will fund CGS's 24-hour crisis line (1-800-231-1127). The Sanctuary and A Step Forward shelters for youths in crisis, family counseling and outreach to at-risk teens. Call Common Ground Sanctuary at (248) 456-8150.



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# 'Much Ado About Nothing' will be really something

Continued from 1 really motivated and encouraging us to perform to the best of our ability," he said. "She's really good at what she does."

Senior Matt Ephraim who plays Leontio, said the cast has also put their heart and soul into this production, and that it will surely shine through during the performance.

"There's been a lot hard work involved. The cast has put so much passion into this that the audience will feel like they're in the play," he said. "The actors aren't doing this because they have to, they are doing this because they enjoy it, and it's something they love."

While Ephraim said the Shakespeare terminology was hard getting used to, he feels the actors did an awesome job with it.

"I think we portrayed our characters in a way that everyone will be able to understand," he said.

Megan Breedlove, who describes her character Margaret as the town hussy, said she too has had a great time working on the play and that with production running so smoothly, it looks as if they'll be ready for opening night.

"Everyone is so well prepared," she said. "Now we're just concentrating on polishing up the rough edges."

Sixteen-year-old Lindsay Kelting, who headed the making of the fountain, said she would much rather work behind the

## NOW APPEARING

### The cast from "Much Ado About Nothing":

Joseph Schlenke, Scott Lloyd, Matthew Britten, Chris Sandberg, Matthew Ephraim, Andrew Cox, Michal Filipowski, Alicia Hirschfield, Eric Adams, Matthew Loper, Steve Szlaga, Jenny Davies, Sandra Rosko, Bob Jones, Elida Harris, Alice Zheng, Erin Chupinsky, Maureen Sebastian, Ashwini Hardikar, Lindsay Mutch, Kara O'Connell, Keighty McLallen, Andrew Nickels, Elisa Balon, Alex Demiry, Alison Barasman, Katrina Budlong, Emily Healy, Karen Janik, Jenny Potts, and Stephanie Witichowsky.



Novi High theater students run through the wedding scene in "Much Ado About Nothing" in center Matt Loper, who plays the friar, the bride, played by Erin Chupinsky and groom, Matt Britten.

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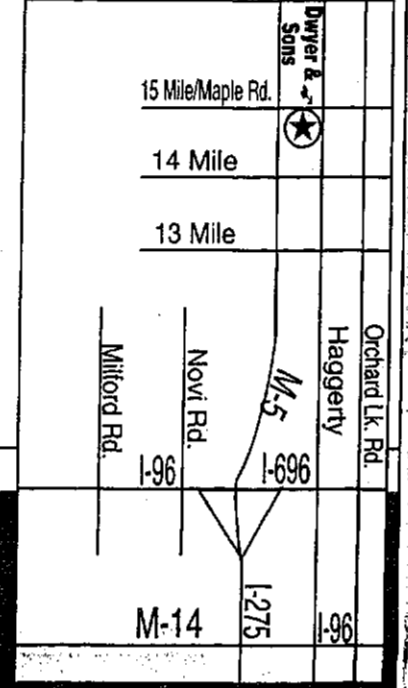
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The Novi Public Library is open Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. We are located at 45245 W. Ten Mile Road, just east of Taft. For more information, call 349-0720.

**STORYTIME NOTES**  
Fall 2 Storytimes begin Nov. 13. Please call the library during the week of Nov. 6 for information on the day and time of your child's session.

**TOT TIME REGISTRATION**  
Children ages 19-24 months are invited to join us for a half-hour of stories, songs and games on Friday, Nov. 10 at 11 a.m. Pre-registration is required; you may register in person or by calling the library. Space is limited however, so toddlers and caregivers only, please.

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT**  
In honor of children's Book Week, September productions will present an interactive production of "Hats Off to Reading" on Wednesday, Nov. 15 at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room. No registration is necessary for this live theater program, which will run about 45 minutes. All ages are welcome.

**DESIGN-A-BOOKMARK CONTEST**  
Entry forms for our second annual Design-a-Bookmark contest are now available in the library. The winners in each of three age groups (preschool, kindergarten-grade one, and grades two-three) will be printed for distribution in the library and posted on the Kids Net portion of our library Website. Entries are due Nov. 30.

**ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**  
Our November selection is "Life After Life" by Raymond Moody. The group meets Monday, Nov. 6 at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room. All are welcome.

**SENIOR BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**  
Senior booklovers are reading "City of Light" by Lauren Beller. The senior group meets in the library meeting room on Thursday, Nov. 9 at noon.

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

**SEARCHING THE ONLINE CATALOG**  
We'll cover author, title, subject and keyword searches on Wednesday, Nov. 8, from 10-11 a.m. You'll learn how to limit your search results to items in our library and/or to specific types of media, such as videos or audio-books. The session will include hands-on practice. Please register in advance for all Internet classes in person or by calling the library.

**INTRODUCTION TO AOL**  
Richard Truxall discusses ways to effectively utilize the many features of Internet Service Provider America Online on Tuesday, Nov. 14, from 7-8 p.m.

**INTRODUCTION TO THE INTERNET FOR SENIORS**  
Novi residents 60 and older are invited to discover how the Internet works, practice using the Netscape Navigator browser, and learn about search engines on Wednesday, Nov. 15, from 1-3 p.m. The class includes interactive discussion and hands-on practice.

**ANCESTORS ONLINE: GENEALOGY RESEARCH ON THE NET**  
Designed for those who want to begin searching the Internet for information on their ancestors, the program will explore key genealogy Websites and effective search techniques for locating genealogy information. The program will be held Thursday, Nov. 16, from 7-8 p.m.

**BECOME A CYBER SLEUTH: KID WORKSHOP FOR SEARCHING THE INTERNET**  
Learn how to find everything from information for your homework assignment to the latest scoop on your favorite band on Wednesday, Nov. 8, from 7-8:30 p.m. We'll look at some of the best directories and search engines just for kids. Prior experience with the Internet is helpful.

**MORE INTERNET**  
This class is designed to implement further use of the Internet, building on concepts presented in the introduction to the Internet class. Topics include e-mail, online shopping, Internet Service Providers, viruses, and security. Hands-on practice included. The class meets Thursday, Nov. 9, from 7-8:30 p.m.

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## Pom Pon of NHS offers a dance clinic for girls

Novi's Varsity Pom Pon Team is offering a Dance Clinic for girls kindergarten through sixth grade, on Saturday, November 4, in the high school's cafeteria.

Registration begins at 9:15 a.m. and parents must complete all registration and permission forms prior to class.

All forms will be available at registration.

The cost is \$12 and all participants should bring a snack, wear comfortable shorts, T-shirts and tennis shoes.

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Stabenow's got the momentum

Biggest political news last week was that the race for U.S. Senate between U.S. Rep. Debbie Stabenow and Sen. Spencer Abraham has turned into a statistical dead heat.

Experts were flabbergasted. Typical was a remark by Bill Ballester, editor of Inside Michigan Politics, quoted in the Detroit News: "Abraham is collapsing like a tower of Jell-O."

Phil Power I'd guess at least four factors contributed to Abraham's meltdown: Abraham, a first-term Senator from Auburn Hills seeking re-election, and Stabenow, who represents a mid-Michigan congressional district, back to square one.

Abraham may have started to believe what his very aggressive campaign spokesmen were saying about how well he was doing; it looks like he's been sitting on his lead.

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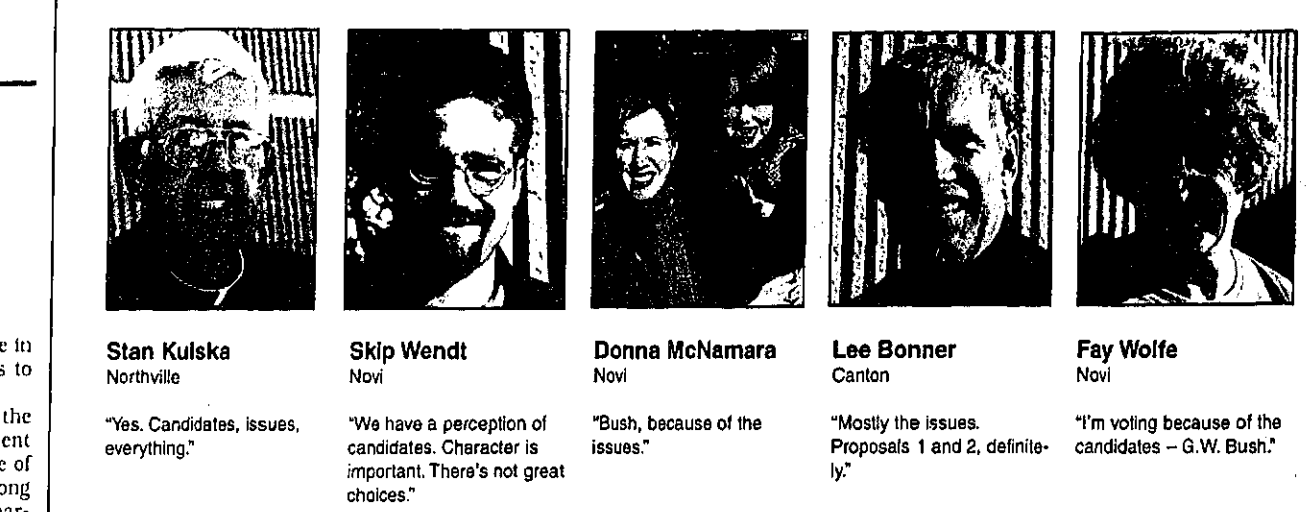
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IN THE NEWS

Are you going to vote next week? Why or why not?

The Novi News asked Novi library patrons about their intentions.



Stan Kulska, Skip Wendt, Donna McNamara, Lee Bonner, Fay Wolfe

"Yes. Candidates, issues, everything." "We have a perception of candidates. Character is important. There's not great choices."

"Mostly the issues. Proposals 1 and 2, definitely." "I'm voting because of the candidates - G.W. Bush."

By Melissa Leggiere

LETTERS

Customers can be rude, too

I am responding to the letter in the Novi News, October 19, "Poor service is becoming the norm," written by Susan M. Thomson.

I am sure there are rude clerks as there are rude customers. You question if low wages, poor training or employees who "just don't want to be there" are the problems.

I wonder how you ever worked with the public in a store, bank or an office? I hope you are not the person I heard scream out at the bank, "Why do I come here?"

Joseph G. Toth, Member Citizens for Roads Committee

No to vouchers

The voucher proposal, which will appear on the Nov. 7 ballot, will delete language from the Michigan Constitution to allow public tax dollars to go to private and religious schools in the form of vouchers.

Chuck Tindall

Yes to vouchers

My recent experience at Village Oaks Elementary in Novi precipitated this letter urging a yes vote on Proposal 1.

Theresa Poole

Road bond is a real bargain

ONE DOLLAR PER WEEK! This November our Novi residents will be asked to vote on a proposed Road Bond issue.

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Not time yet for fire issue

Nothing is more important than the safety of a human life and in second place comes property, especially residential property.

Now, voters will be asked to raise their taxes to more than double the size of the fire department - adding 31 new full-time firefighters to the existing full-time staff of 24.

Can the concern over Advanced Life Private be addressed by commissioning a private company to station an ambulance in Novi around-the-clock?

Without a full study of the fire department, we cannot at this time endorse the charter amendment. So, we must say NO to the fire department ballot question.

While the full-timer's union launched this petition drive, strong opposition has been mounted by the paid-on-call fire-

fighters, who will play a decreased role in the department should voters say yes to the proposal on Nov. 7.

There can be no doubt that both the full-time and part-time fire department employees are dedicated to the welfare of the city. Still, there is more than a strong difference of opinion between the two parties on this issue.

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The Novi Cemetery on Novi Road.



Kathy Mutch takes a look at the gravestone of Zebina and Sarah Cudworth who died in the late 1890s. The gravestone is in the shape of a tree trunk.

## Creepy or comforting? Cemeteries used to be places of gathering

It is easy to imagine a creaky, wooden buggy, struggling up the slope of a steep bluff, with its two passengers - one male, one female - driving an old mare up an embankment on a bright Indian summer afternoon.

The bluff, overlooking a creek that transverses the valley to the west and the dusty road that brought obscure travelers from the north into the town of Northville to peddle their goods, is a serene perch to watch the harvesting of a fruitful valley.

The lady, parasol laid across her shoulders, and the gentleman, holding a straw basket containing a warm bottle of local wine and a luncheon for two, step down from the carriage and scout the surroundings. They choose a smooth, freshly cut, plot of grass and lay their blanket down. But it isn't the place you'd think these two souls of the Victorian Era would be lounging -- it's a cemetery.

"They were the places where people would go and have picnics," said Novi Historical

Commissioner Kathy Mutch, standing in the oldest part of the Novi cemetery. "And when you think about what Novi was like in the late 1800s, it was mostly undeveloped land, farms, wooded areas. There were no cultivated park areas. There was not park areas to go in the buggy. So they would come here."

Novi Cemetery, a place for remembrance, was also a place where people of that time planted unique flowers and trees that were otherwise not cultivated by the farmers of the area, who were much more concerned with producing crops for sale in the local markets, Mutch said.

Mutch said that at the time the cemetery was dedicated, most of the residents in the area were entombed on family plots. That changed when more settlers and increased commerce began to come into the area.

"At the time when they first started burying people here (at Novi Cemetery,) this was just a community burial ground," Mutch said. "As it expanded, you had to be a member of the burial association. You had to pay money and you had to purchase a lot. When they formed that association in the late 1800s, cemeteries were under-going. Actually, we were going from burial grounds to cemeteries (in America) and cemeteries became almost like parks."

Mutch said that the first settlers of the area did not think of death in the same manner a 21st Century citizen does.

"Today, people have a morbid association with cemeteries. They think too literally about them," Mutch said. "They think about decomposing bodies and they are worried about shadows after dark, which is a weird concept anyway."

"In the 1800s death was as much a part of life as birth," she continued. "People got older or they got sick or they had accidents. It wasn't something that was hidden away or sanitized. A cemetery wasn't like a trip to the morgue, it was much more like a trip to the park."

In other parts of the world,

cemeteries are not seen as the settings for nightmares. This past Wednesday (November 1st) was All Saints Day, also known as All Souls Day in Europe and other parts of the world, when communities gather inside the cemetery and pay tribute to those who have passed. In these ceremonies and tributes, popcorn, hot cider and even caramel apples are served by vendors outside to the cemetery walls.

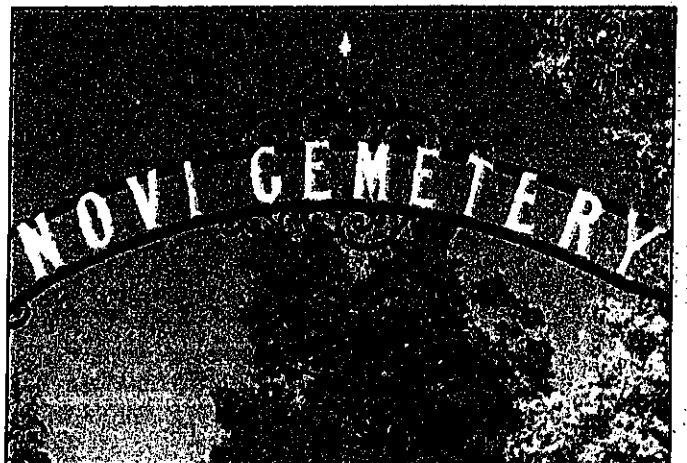
Mutch has been keeping hopes for a new walkway that would go along the tributary of the Rouge that runs behind the cemetery and, with the new downtown crossing Novi road, allow people to utilize the cemetery as others used their cemeteries - as historical documents like the city of Boston does.

"I'm hoping that when Fendt relocates, the entrance will be relocated to a new access," Mutch said.

Many stones in the Novi Cemetery and in cemeteries all over the country are damaged by acid rain and pollution.

"I guess (Vice President Al) Gore wasn't lying about that," Mutch said.

The Novi cemetery is filled with names of historical members of a number of surrounding communities such as Dunham, Clark, Hoffman, Lee, Ingersoll and Wixom.



The wrought-iron entrance sign to the Novi Cemetery.

Erastus Ingersoll was the first settler in Novi. His name is associated with the Ingersoll Drain which is a relative of the founders of the Ingersoll-Rand Company.

"Erastus was the first Ingersoll to settle here in Novi. But after ten years, they moved on to Delta Township near Lansing. And he was the first settler there. Because he spend the remainder of his life there, he's more associated with that area. And there are a lot of things named for him in Lansing, but he was here first," Mutch said.

Often settlers in the area would move on if they felt there was more to be gained in other areas of the county.

"When he came here, there may have been forty people and soon there was four hundred," Mutch said. "As the population grew, they would say 'Hey, it's too crowded -- let's get out of here.'"

There are a number of family markers in the cemetery of pioneers that made Novi and Northville, farming centers.

"The Flint Family had a Gothic Revival home on Twelve Mile," Mutch said, standing next to the family marker. "That building came down before anyone (on the historical commission) knew what was going on."

The Dunham family was a pioneer family with farm holdings in the area. But a stroke of bad luck may have cost them the farm they loved. It started with Scott Dunham

going off to fight in World War I.

The marker for Scott Dunham in the Novi Cemetery is merely there as a remembrance - he is not there. Dunham fell in the Aragonne forest on October 15, 1918, during the first World War or The Great War. His body was never sent home.

"He's buried in France," Mutch said, looking over the Scott Dunham marker. "That's interesting. The year 1918 is the year that the Fuersters bought the farm from the Dunhams."

According to Mutch, if a family did not have someone to take over the family farm, they could have been forced to sell.

Currently, the city of Novi maintains the cemeteries at Novi Road just south of Grand River and the Knapp Cemetery on Nine Mile Road near Meadowbrook.

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The gravestone of William E. Richardson, far left, who died in 1886, lies with others at the Novi Cemetery.

## As a Colts cheerleader...

BY SARAH MARKER

On Sunday, I went to the Silverdome to cheer for the Colts. I am a cheerleader, just so you know. We had eight seconds in the game and we won. That was only the second game we won in the whole season. Last game too. All of the cheerleaders went wild when the Colts won in eight seconds.

Some stuff you might want to know is, our colors are green and gold, my friend on the team is Brittany Childs, (sorry I embarrassed you.) Two of my favorite cheers are Victory and Rowdy. My two favorite jumps are the toe touch and a tuck jump.

I like being a cheerleader because I like to be able to yell

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as loud as you can, and not get in trouble. We are also doing a dance in cheerleading to the song, "Great Balls of Fire." I think it is really easy and fun. At the Silverdome we got to do a dance at half time in front of everybody. I messed up because you can't hear the music that good, and because you could not understand the music from the echo in the stadium. I still did pretty good though.

The only thing I do not like about cheerleading is that my



Sarah Marker

mom takes way too much pictures and my dad videotapes me too much. One more thing is that I don't like when I do my jumps because it gets tiring when you have to do three jumps after each cheer. Oh, I am on the freshmen

team. Next year, I will be on junior varsity. If you want to be on JV, you have to be at least 10 years old, which I will be in a year so I do not have to worry about anything.

They also announced the cheerleaders' names and the football players' names, of course of the colts. It was not a home game but we won anyway. Everybody was joking around at the end because the other team had only one second to score another touchdown for the team.

That is about all I have to say about cheerleading.

Sarah Marker is a fourth grader at Amerman Elementary in Northville.

Novi Highlights

Charter House of Novi

New Director of Activities Amy Lawless continues to present new programs for the residents...

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Marc Grobel will be in charge of this year's annual Candy Cane Drive...

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David Buckland and Nancy Wallace were married in October...

Grand Rapids

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Community Events

COMMISSION MEETING

The Novi Parks and Recreation Commission meeting scheduled for Nov. 9 has been re-scheduled...

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The Novi School Board will hold a special meeting on Nov. 8 at 7 a.m. to discuss the purchase of land...

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The Autumn Quilt Show will be held at the First United Methodist Church of Northville...

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The Michigan Christmas Show will be held at the Novi Expo Center from Nov. 30-Dec. 3...

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The Northville Historical Society will host its Christmas Workshop for children on Dec. 2 in the New School Church at Mill Race Village...

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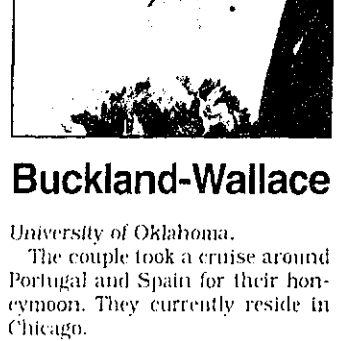
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# MOVIES

Karl Kling, Editor 248-685-1507

Thursday, November 2, 2000

## Lucky Numbers don't add up

**Lucky Numbers**  
Rated R  
Not Recommended

By Karl Kling  
EDITOR

The sum of its parts are worth more than the whole. That is the best way to describe the extremely disappointing "Lucky Numbers," a Paramount Pictures release starring John Travolta and Lisa Kudrow.

Travolta, who continues his roller-coaster career seems to have approached the downside of a very steep hill. His role, lead character Russ Richards, is a popular weatherman in Harrisburg, PA. Richards has parlayed his fame into numerous failed business ventures, the most recent a snowmobile dealership.

The business fails on account of the abnormally warm temperatures the region faces. Get the joke? A man who predicts weather fails in business because he didn't foresee the weather. Wasn't funny in person either.

Anyway, Richards is forced to find alternative means of funding to save his business and reputation. Enter Lisa Kudrow, the Lotto ball-girl at the station where Richards works.

Kudrow wants the world to



John Travolta and Tim Roth in Lucky Numbers.

know she is more versatile than her characters on "Friends" and "Mad About You" allow her to be. In her effort to shed her TV persona, she completes her transformation 180 degrees, to an annoying level. There is no depth to her character, but rather a constant reliance on foul language, when used in proper context can add to any film. In this case, you can see the struggle within.

While Travolta and Kudrow can be excused for accepting this gig since they get top billing, but what about the other quality actors who signed onto the pro-

ject.

Tim Roth, known for his portrayals in Quentin Tarantino classics "Reservoir Dogs" and "Pulp Fiction," plays his role as Gig, the strip-club owner, to an acceptable level. Roth is a true talent, and it was a shame that he was subjected to a torture of listening to other actors do lip-service to a horrendous script.

While brief, Michael Moore's presence on the screen was refreshing. He brought a small portion of humor to an otherwise

bland movie. Moore would be well-advised to continue forging his own direction as a director than diminish his position by choosing such ill-fated projects.

Ed O'Neill ("Married with Children") cannot seem to break through the crusty curmudgeon he has been type-cast into. While he doesn't offend in this role, he doesn't excite either. Also going through the motions is Michael Rapaport, who seems to enjoy playing the town hoodlum. Rapaport perfected the typical-thug character in "Cop Land," "Small Time Crooks" and "Kiss of Death." This was merely resorting to a stand-by to get through an arduous task.

Most disappointing was Bill Pullman, who recently began assuming leading man status with hits "Independence Day" and "While You Were Sleeping." Pullman's character is a late-arrival in the film, and it may very well be that by the time he appears, he is looked upon by the audience as the one who may be the film's savior.

For Travolta, with his equally-dismal performance in "Battlefield Earth," he needs another "Look Who's Talking" or "Pulp Fiction," to avoid a third fall from grace.



John Travolta and Lisa Kudrow star in Lucky Numbers, a comedy inspired by a real-life scam to win the lottery.

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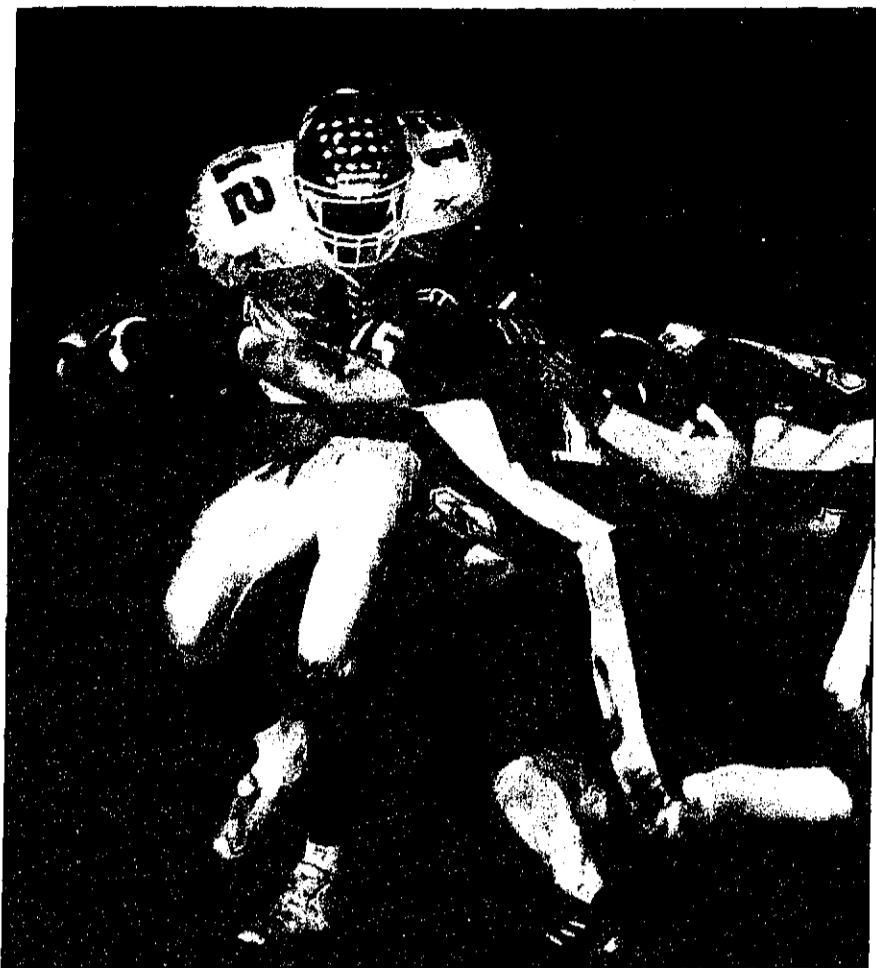


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Novi's Chris Kauffman and Matt Murray pull down Northern receiver Dashaun Young.

## Staying right at home

Novi topples Northern, hosts Northville Saturday night

By DAN KITTLE  
Special Writer

Following Saturday night's playoff game against Portage Northern, Novi head coach Tab Kellepourey sat in his office with the appearance of a battered prizefighter. His bloodshot eyes and unkempt hair signified that he had not survived the battle unscathed. However, the broad, beaming smile slowly spreading across his face revealed that he had come out on top.

"I'm incredibly happy," Kellepourey said. "That was a very, very big win for our program."

Less than an hour earlier, the final horn had sounded at Osborne Stadium, sending the Wildcats into a jubilant frenzy. Novi had earned its first playoff victory in over a decade, taking down a tough Husky ball club, 24-14. Coaches and players hugged, parents screamed and jumped up and down in the stands, students whooped and hollered at their successful peers. Defensive coordinator Kraig Caurdy let out a yell and jumped so high that it looked as though he could touch the moon.

The team's biggest fear going into the game was Portage Northern's Kelly Baraka. The 6-foot, 190-pound running back is already being recruited by the likes of Michigan, Michigan State, and

Notre Dame; the Wildcats knew going in that stopping him would indubitably be the key to their success.

So from the opening gun, they pounded Baraka relentlessly. Everytime he touched the ball, a horde of green jerseys swarmed him like flies on a pile of refuse.

By the end of the game, the speedster was battered and beaten, his dirt-covered jersey becoming as dark and black as the October night sky. When all was said and done, the Wildcat defense had held Baraka to 154 yards and one touchdown on 20 carries, a far cry from the 262-yard, six touchdown performance a week earlier. In addition, they had also forced him to fumble the ball twice.

"He's a special runner over there," said Caurdy. "He approached me after the game and said, 'Coach, you've hit me harder than anybody's hit me this year.'"

A big part of this week's defensive scheme was moving senior Matt Polcyn to defensive end. The converted linebacker caused a fumble and recorded six tackles throughout the game. "Moving Polcyn over really helped," said Caurdy. "He really gave us some speed coming off that edge." Polcyn's caused fumble was one of six turnovers caused by the Novi defense.

"We felt we had to be very aggressive in the defensive area," said Kellepourey. "Our kids hit hard out there."

Chris Kauffman was another key element on the defensive side of the ball, recording seven tackles—five first-hits and two assists. Cas Werda also added six first-hits, while Aaron Marion and Matt Kolich each contributed with four first-hits and one assist.

Offensively, Gorman led the way for the Wildcats, just as he has all season long. The quarterback carried the ball 32 times for 177 yards and a pair of touchdowns. He also completed six passes on eleven attempts for 83 yards. He put the game's first points on the board, keeping the ball on an option early in the first and scampering 75 yards to the end zone.

The visitors responded with a Baraka 62-yard touchdown run in the first, then took their only lead of the ball game at the close of the first half. On a double-reverse pass, quarterback Mike Slater hit Baraka for a 57-yard bomb with only 18 seconds left, giving the Huskies a 14-7 halftime lead.

Gorman responded late in the third, scoring on a scramble from 13 yards out to tie the score at 14. After one first

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## How about this time?

I don't think I really have to tell anyone just how big this football game is.



Jason Schmitt

The last time Northville won a playoff game, senior co-captain Brandon Langston was wrapping up his elementary school years as a fifth grader.

The last time Novi senior co-captain Chris Kauffman saw his school win a playoff game, well, he was required to attend school just a half day—as a kindergartner.

It doesn't happen often, and the chances of Northville facing Novi in the post season is unprecedented. It's never happened, not once in 26 years of playoff activity.

So if that's not enough to draw you undecided attendees to get up and pay Novi High School a visit Saturday night, I don't know what will.

Perhaps it could be the fact that this is the rematch of Northville's 35-14 win over Novi back on Oct. 22.

Perhaps it could be the opportunity to watch Northville's Brandon Langston surpass the 2,000-yard plateau or reach 25 touchdowns on the season.

Perhaps it could be your chance to see Novi junior Matt Gorman continue what could possibly be the most accomplished season ever for a Wildcat quarterback.

Perhaps...well I think you get the picture. These two teams don't like each other. I mean the kids like each other. Many have known each other for years and grew up playing the game together as youngsters.

But the teams don't like each other. "If we were 1-8 at the end of a season and our only win came against Northville, we were happy," former Novi captain and 2000 graduate Dan Kittle told me the other day on the phone. "We hated to lose to them. Fortunately I never did."

But this year's Novi players have. And it wasn't a pretty loss either.

Northville dominated the line of scrimmage and it's skilled players had their way with Novi's defense.

Novi had trouble stopping Langston and fellow back Ryan Anolik. The offense had trouble spreading out Northville's defense enough to allow Gorman to work his magic.

Northville was able to take advantage of turnovers and mental mistakes made by the Wildcats. The game could have easily been closer if Novi had played the type of game it's capable of.

Having played last Friday, Northville coach Darrel Schumacher was able to make it back to catch Novi's win on Saturday. For a coach who's team dominated a younger Wildcat squad two weeks ago, he was very concerned.

"I think the first time around they made some mistakes and we took advantage of them and ran away with it. This game will be much, much closer," he said.

"Tab Kellepourey's got one of the best offensive minds going and I know he's got some things planned. Matt Gorman's a playmaker. He's going to make things happen for that team."

They'd better, because I've seen Northville's last two games and I believe they're playing their best ball of the year. The team is playing with extreme confidence and have the talent to go a long, long way looking at their playoff draw.

Novi's a team that has surprised some, but not themselves. Everytime I talk to a coach or player, they fully expect to be where they're at right now. And to tell you the truth, maybe they should be. Add their talent and leadership and you have a very solid mixture.

Is it enough to last at least another game? No, I said it two weeks ago and I'll say it again. Northville's destiny doesn't end Saturday. Langston gets his usual 100-plus yards and reaches 25 touchdowns in a much closer win for the Mustangs.

My prediction: Northville 27, Novi 20

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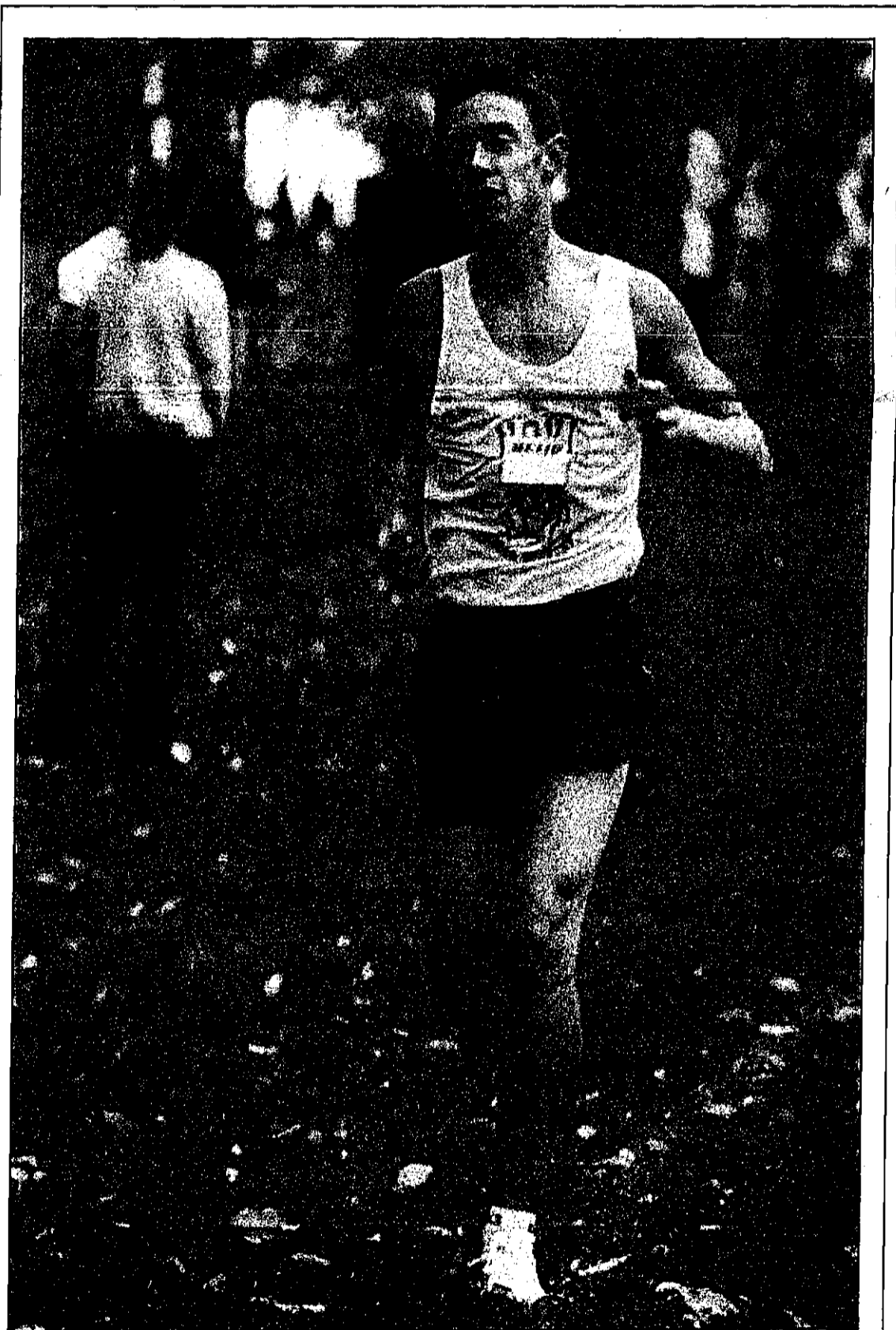


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Novi senior Chris Toloff has taken Novi cross country to new heights this season.

## Making a name for himself

By JASON SCHMITT  
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For Chris Toloff, Saturday's state final is not just a chance for his team to become the first team since Lansing Eastern in 1957 to threeppeat as state champions in Division I or Class A.

It's a chance for the senior to stake his claim as one of the best cross country runners the state has ever seen. Rockford senior Dathan Ritzenheim solidified his position as perhaps the best distance runner (cross country or track) that the state has ever had after winning both state and national cross country titles last year along with

track titles in the mile and two mile.

On Saturday Toloff will try to vault his name into the headlines alongside Ritzenheim's.

Ritzenheim was the state runnerup in 1998 to teammate Jason Hartmann and won the title a year ago. Toloff was 29th as sophomore and improved to seventh last season.

"I felt I didn't run well my sophomore season and last year I had some injuries that took away from my season," Toloff said. "I know I have the ability to be one of the best."

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## Novi boy's win regional, advance to states Saturday

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If last Saturday's regional results are any indication of whether Novi's trend of peaking at the right time will continue at the state meet two days from now, Wildcat fans could be looking at a threepeat.

Novi looked better than it has all season, winning the Midland Regional No. 7 title easily, amassing just 30 points and joining Milford and Lakeland as those teams who will advance to the state meet Saturday at Michigan International Speedway.

The 'Cats dominated the field, placing all seven of its runners in the top 19 in the race. Milford was runnerup with 80 points and Lakeland also advanced with 92 points. Northville, who finished with total of 92 points, was fourth and just missed qualifying. Pinckney (140), South Lyon (161), Walled Lake Western (195), Brighton (216), Hartland (222) and Howell (226) rounded out the top 10.

Senior Chris Toloff was the regional champion, finishing in a time of 15:10. He led the race from start to finish and remained undefeated in invitational this season.

His teammate, Tim Moore, stepped it up and ran as good as he has all year long. The junior was runnerup in 15:13.

"Right now I think Tim's stepping it up for

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us," coach Bob Smith said. "I've said it from the beginning that he's going to be right up there at the front this weekend at states. He's arrived."

Senior Mark Aventus continued to prove he'll be up there at the state meet, finishing fourth at the regional behind Toloff, Moore and Lakeland's Pat Klein. Aventus broke 16 minutes, running a 15:52.

"He stayed with Klein the whole way. In fact, he and Pat traded places a few times in the race," his coach said. "It's a nice barometer for him and helps with his confidence."

Klein was fifth at the state meet a year ago. Novi's strength continued as its next four runners finished in a 13-second pack. Tim Kava was 10th overall in 16:24, while Mitch Erickson (13th in 16:25), Todd Foren (16th in 16:28) and Eric Walle (19th in 16:35) rounded out Novi's seven.

"We're not the same team we were at Gabriel Richard a few weeks ago," Smith said. "We're much better. We looked really, really crisp

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