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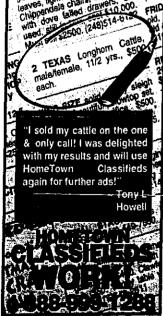


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Fire issue may alter charter

BY RANDAL YAKEY

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 stre-fighters (POCs), they are adamant What the union is doing is for the about their stance: Yes, the city is

"Absolutely," POC Jerry Holtzman said. "For the amount of



benefit of the union. This proposal is not necessary at this time." But many people do not agree

3232 secured 2,077 signatures to get the issue on the November 7 ballot. Only 1,575 signatures were 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 rest-

dent 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 depart-

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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

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 twothirds 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 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 con-

Currently, a simple majority vote

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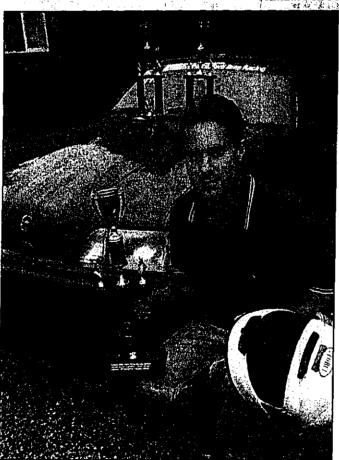


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Joffre LaFontaine hits the track with this hot Mustang.

Burning rubber: racer a top rookie

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

BY RANDAL YAKEY

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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Setting the scene



Erin Chupinsky as Hero is surrounded by her malds-in waiting during a recent rehearsal.

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

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

Directed under 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

shows different ways of how people are attracted to one another. and how their realization and definitions of "love" relate to their perceptions of inward and out-

acting career at NHS.

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

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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Campaign finance reports show who's backing who

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

BY RANDAL YAKEY AND JAN JEFFRES

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

"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 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 825 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. Moisan, a Novi resident

Total contributions: \$1,932

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Public Access

Monday, Nov. 6 10:00 a.m. - Potpourri: Music 10:30 a.m. - The Cutting Room 11:00 a.m. - Harvest Ministries

11:30 a.m. - Cosby and Company: Photographer 12:00 p.m. - Intercessions Word 12:30 p.m. -- (con't)

1:00 p.m. - Adventures with Pirate Pete 1:30 p.m. — Aviation Journal 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. - AARP Vote 2000: Candidates for U.S. Congress, 11th District

4:00 p.m. - 37th District House of Representatives 4:30 p.m. - (con't) 5:00 p.m. - New Millennium Medicine

5:30 o.m. - Army News Watch 6:00 p.m. — Christian Singles 6:30 p.m. - Bagels and Talk with Tracy 7:00 p.m. - Lansing Connection 7:30 p.m. - Legacy: The Gift of

8:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Candidate Forum 2000 Tuesday, Nov. 7 10:30 a.m. — A Reason to Vote

10:00 a.m. — Legislative Forum 11:00 a.m. -- Civil War Muster Strategies: S.C.O.R.E.

12:00 p.m. - Summit University 12:30 p.m. — (con't) 1:00 p.m. - Chamber Spotlight 2:00 p.m. - Lansing Connection 2:30 p.m. - SANT Health

Insurance: Alternative Health 3:00 p.m. - Michigan Living: Winter Car Care 3:30 p.m. — Multi Kickoff Rally 4:00 p.m. — (con't) 4:30 p.m. - Pet Talk: Canine

Solutions International 5:00 p.m. - The Way, The Truth, and The Life 5:30 p.m. - People Who Make Things Happen 6:00 p.m. -- Harvest Ministries 6:30 p.m. — Building Scene 7:00 p.m. - Potpourri: Music Go

7:30 p.m. — Aviation Journal 8:00 p.m. - Sober October 8:30 p.m. __ (con't) 9:00 p.m. - Out in the Open: C'mon Kids: Episode 1 9:30 p.m. - (con't) Wednesday, Nov. 8 10:00 a.m. - Legacy: The Gift of

Clark Trail 12:00 p.m. Historie

12:30 p.m. - MDOT Today 1:00 p.m. — Study in scripture 1:30 p.m. - AMVETs 2:00 p.m. - Restoration Now 2:30 p.m. - Travelin' On:

3:00 p.m. - Watch What You 4:00 p.m. - Critter Connection 4:30 p.m. - Mountain Ski: The Promised Land 5:00 p.m. - Berean Baptist Church 5:30 p.n. - (con't)

9:30 p.m. - (con't) 6:00 p.m. - The Jesus center Friday, Nov. 10 6:30 p.m. - Fitness Motivators 10:00 a.m. - Lumen Christi 7:00 p.m. — Adventures with 10:30 a.m. - Christian Singles Pirate Pete 7:30 p.m. - Financial Strategies 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. - To Be 8:00 p.m. - Chamber Spotlight 8:30 p.m. _ Step 'n Move to the 5:00 p.m. - Todd L. Levitt Show Groove: Terry Bar

9:30 p.m. -- (con't) Thursday, Nov. 9 10:00 a.m. - Step 'n Move to the 10:30 a.m. - Fitness Motivators 11:00 a.m. - Building Scene 11:30 a.m. - New Millennium

9:00 p.m. - Todd L. Levitt Show

12:00 p.m. - Bagels and Talk 12:30 p.m. - That's Italian 1:00 p.m. - Iditarod 1:30 p.m. — (con't)

Off-peak pricing.

Can't hold that tiger: Wildcat band 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. - Bobby: roars to state finals 4:00 p.m. - Civil War Muster

4:30 p.m. - Swearing in 5:00 p.m. - Shaarey Zedek 5:30 p.m. — (con't) 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. — GRIP 8:00 p.m. - People Who Make Things Happen

8:30 p.m. __ Pet Talk 9:00 p.m. - Let's Talk with Ben Sheckler, will be performing at 1,127 to 1,150 students.

The Novi High School band has 5:20 p.m. qualified for the 21st Annual The Champion Contest consists Michigan Competing Band of four flights of ten finalist bands. Association State Champton Flights are based upon school enrollment as recorded in the The Champion Contest will be MHSAA 1999-2000 Directory. held at the Pontiac Silverdome on Novi High School's Band quali-Saturday, November 4. The band, files as a Flight II, which is for directed by newcomer James schools with an enrollment of

Get medieval, milord, at NHS Madrigal Dinner

7:00 p.m. - Cosby and annual Madrigal Dinner.

9:00 p.m. - Legacy: The Gift of tainment by the choir. "It's a wonderful evening filled with the choir kids performing. madrigal songs," explained Karen Whikehart, parent and show vol-

formance is 6:30 p.m. and Tickets will go on sale to the

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8:00 p.m. — Chamber Spotlight

6:30 p.m. — Aviation Journal

Peak performance.

The three-hour show includes a Sunday's show starts at 1:30 p.m. full course meal, along with enter- Both shows will be held in the high

unteer, adding that the singing and high school at (248) 449-1500.

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A scene from the production of "Little Red Riding Hood."

Novi Students unite for a drug-free life

BY STEPHANIE FORDYCE

From October 23-27, students in and making safe decisions. the Novi Community School District participated in National

The Red Ribbon Campaign is the largest drug and alcohol prevention of fruits and vegetables, jogging, and driving. On Octobe effort in the United States. Schools across the nation wear red ribbons to signify their dedication to pro- nial holding of the red ribbon. All moting a positive drug- and alco- 450 students lined up along the

Throughout the week, students continuous stream of ribbon. in each school participated in activities suitable for their age group, students will always remember," explained Becky Stockbridge, com- said Tammy Egner. Red Ribbon munications coordinator for the

"The elementaries primarily focus At Parkview Elementary, stuon keeping healthy while the high dents indulged in a number of school and middle school focus on dress-up days including "Orange drug prevention," she said. "So it's You Proud Day," "Appreciation Williams' class at the middle For example, at Novi Woods Elementary, the children engaged many different colors as they can to Novi.

surrounding good health. Minissale, Joanna Beaton, and buckling their seat belts.

in a number of fun themed days represent all the healthy choices they have made like wearing helgraders Angelica mets when riding their bikes and

issues like eating right, exercising, the students learned about the getting lots of sleep, keeping clean dangers of drugs and alcohol. The students even had the "We learned a lot about how to chance to use "fatal vision goggles" live healthy lives," said seven-year- and test their hand-eye coordinaold Brooke Collins. "Like eating lots tion as if they had been drinking

On October 26, the classes were On Friday, the school ended the put to the test with a surprise red week-long campaign with a ceremo-

front of the school and held up one 100 percent of the students wear-"I think this will be something the social worker and SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving) Supervisor Committee chairperson for Novi Kristin Weinbeck. "It was great to see that the students were really into it this year."

The district couldn't have done it without the hard work of Judy Day," and "Rainbow Day." On school, whose students made over Rainbow Day, the children wore as 15,000 red ribbons for the city of

"The students were very proud to tude." prepare the ribbons for the district and be an active part in this impor- Ribbon Campaign, sponsored by friends and family began wearing draw attention to the growing mil-

Students at Novi Woods Elementary celebrate the end of Red Ribbon Week by all holding a large

ribbons for the past eight years. "Red Ribbon Week provides an

Meadows Elementary.

opportunity for them to take leader- was assassinated in Mexico by a cators, parents, community ship in promoting a healthy atti- drug cartel in 1985. He believed that one person can make a differ-Since 1988, the National Red ence. Inspired by Camerena, his stop the spread of drugs and to has coordinated the creation of the has been held every year at the end commitment against drugs.

and Barrett Schwarzlose said they

"it's cool because it incorporates a

Cash said his favorite part of the and a fur coat."

lot of the things that are happening

today," Cash said.

of October to honor the memory of Now a national weekly celebra-DEA agent Kiki Camerena, who tion, Red Ribbon Week allows edugroups, students and others to focus on the work being done to

"My character is a Hollywood pro-

ducer who comes in and wants to

Novi Meadows explained. "She's very

dramatic and wears a lot of jewelry

Little was already getting a little

"I love this play. I'm so sad that

sign the kids as a band," Little, from

tant campaign," Williams said, who the National Family Partnership, red ribbons to commemorate his lions who have pledged to live Children's theatre presents wacky Red Riding Hood

BY STEPHANIE FORDYCE

On October 20-22. The Little ters, clever one-liners, and dynam- cleverly written. People Players presented a gold star ic dance acts, "Little Red Riding performance in a wacky version of Hood... Or Wolves in Cheap Little Red Riding Hood at the Novi Clothing" was packed with comedy.

"It's really funny," said 12-yeartheme, it was the Riding Hood pack versus the Wolf pack, with

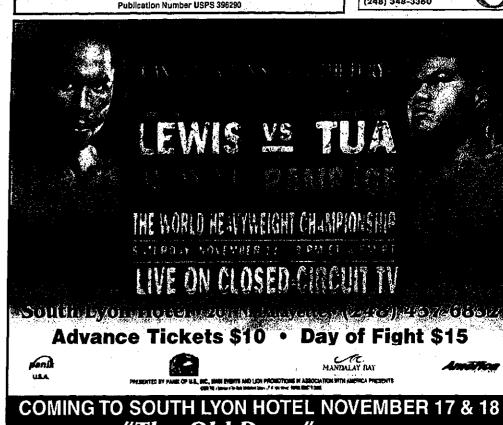
the wolves representing the bad and the hoods representing good. "We're basically long-time rivals, with the wolves always was a big hit not only with the auditrying to cause trouble for the red riding hoods," explained

old Tony Maccio, a student at play is the talent show scene in Clifford H. Smart Middle School in which he does an Elvis imperson-Commerce. "I think people have "I get to sing 'Hound Dog' and this is our last performance," she dance around, it's so much fun," he said. really liked it so far."

Written by Suzi Barrett and directed by Carrie Wickert, the play ence, but with the cast as well. Actors Mike Cash, Matt Mehill

character, the boys agreed that Barbara Little's "Mavis" personality

With its unforgettable charac- thought the play was hilarious and





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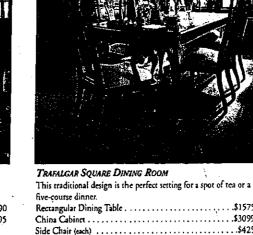
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by vehicles in Novi. On October 27, a Romulus man. 53, hit and killed two deer as he have been no human fatalities was traveling southbound on M-5 related to the accidents. No specifnear Twelve Mile Road. The man ic information is available about was not seriously hurt, but his the deer. vehicle did suffer enough damage that it had to be towed. That incldent occurred around 2 a.m.

Later that morning, a 34-year-West Park drive. Unlike the 10 p.m. Romulus man's car, there was not Lvon woman's vehicle.

Then, that evening, a Belleville window. The homeowners told speeding through the parking lot. man, 28, struck a deer as he tra- police that among the items miss- When police checked the inside of versed Wixom Road near Ten Mile. A 26-year-old woman from Novi watch and a diamond ring, individuals smelling of intoxicants. struck a deer on Ten Mile near According the report, police sus- All three were tested, and found to about 5'-6", wearing a green flannel Cortland on October 25. The very pect that the burglar was very be legally drunk. next day, a Novi woman struck a deer on West Park drive around. The victims told police that a num- year-old told police that all three 7:30 a.m. On October 29, a ber of costume jewelry items were had been drinking in a Wolverine Clawson teen hit a deer on Twelve left behind.

Police reports indicate that at was "very neat and appeared to least three of the deer died in the know where everything was locat-

Police News

over 11 accidents this fall that occurred because of deer. There

Lake, 17, and the other from Wixom, 16, were arrested along BURGLAR LEAVES NO TRACE with a 20-year-old from Walled A Novi couple returned from an Lake for driving recklessly and a evening out to find their home bro- liquor violation after police were old South Lyon woman struck a ken into and several items of lewel- called to the Spring Lakes apartdeer on Twelve Mile Road near ry missing on October 24 around ment complex on a disturbance

Police reports indicate that the Police arrived on the scene significant damage to the South suspected burglar entered the around 3:15 a.m. on October 24 home by prying open an upstairs and found a red pickup truck ing from the home were a Rolex the vehicle, they found all three selective about the items taken. According to the report, the 20-

Lake bar where they "never ask for

and passed the report onto the

Police will continue to investigate

Two teens, one from Walled

the above incidents are urged to call the Novi Police Department at 348-Police took all three into custody

Novi Briefs

bank fraud after they received a

check for \$2,000 for payment o

been made with the check writer.

CREAM - AND MORE

ister on October 29.

shirt and a black jacket.

WE ALL SCREAM FOR ICE

Police are looking for a white

female suspect that entered the

Baskin Robins on Grand River ask-

ing about "clown cones" and ended

According to store employees,

from the register and fled the store.

Police describe the woman as

RE-ELECT

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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 Lebours. 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 The establishment called police on October 24 after no contact had

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

Top executives from Arthur Andersen LLP, Delphi Automotive, Gensler, The Auto Club Group (AAA Michigan), The Gallup organization, and Watson Wyatt will comment and answer questions regarding initiatives by their award winning companies. Comments will also be provided by executives from four companies receiving special recognition from the Women's Economic Club. They are Barton Malow, Providence Hospital and Medical Centers, SilverCube, and The fourmidable group. "Crain's Detroit Business Editor" Mary Kramer will serve as moderator.

the woman grabbed about \$350 Tickets for the luncheon are \$25 for members and \$30 for guests. For more information or reservations, call (313) 963-5088. Visit their Website

UNCOMMON SOUND FOR COMMON GROUND

Local blues band, The Willies, with special guest Joce'lyn 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

Common Ground Sanctuary is an Oakland County-based non-profit crisis intervention agency. Proceeds from the concert will fund CGS's 24hour 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.



CHRISTMAS TREE DIRECTORY

It's that time of year again! We will be publishing our Christmas Tree Directory. The standard size is that of a 2x2 classified ad. The directory will run between November 19 and December 21, 2000, (according to volume of advertisers) in The Livingston County Daily Press & Argus, South Lyon Herald, Milford times, Northville Record & Novi News.

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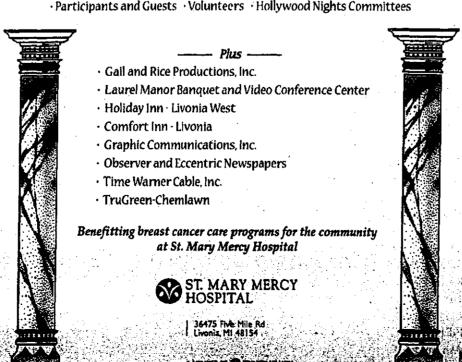
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✓Improve nine major intersections -in Novi! Vote November 7

✓ Widen Novi Rd.-Ten Mile to Grand River.

✓Provide \$5,400,000 for additional neighborhood street repairs.

✓ Construct a full Beck Road interchange with I-96.

✓Widen Grand River-Novi Road to Wixon Road.

✓Novi will obtain \$45 million in state & county matching funds.

✓Cost to owner of a \$200,000 home is \$53 per year.

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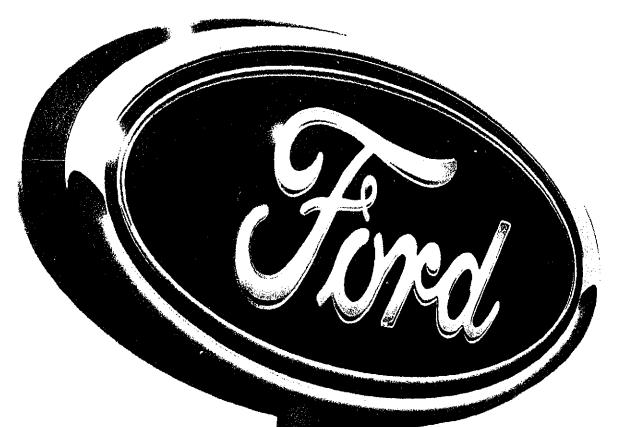
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WALLED LAKE NEWS

Walled Lake Briefs

In a holiday frame of mind VOLUNTEER JUDGES FOR HOLIDAY DISPLAYS

Volunteers are requested to serve on Walled Lake's eighth annual Holiday Display Contest Judging Committee. Judges are required to review the nominated businesses and residences twice and attend one committee meeting held in mid-December to determine the final awards. To serve as a judge, you must be a Walled Lake resident without ties to the business community and send your name, address and phone number by Nov. 13 to: Walled Lake DDA, 500 N. Pontiac Trail, Suite C. Walled

Sponsored by the Walled Lake Downtown Development Authority and the city of Walled Lake, the holiday display contest is a city-wide holiday decoration competition open to all businesses and residences within the

The VFW Post No. 3952 of Wixom are asking for donations for the Toys for Tots, the Marine Corps Reserve, Police Teddy programs, plus the Christmas party for the children. Your donations of toys will be greatly appreciated. Let us all show these programs that we care and that we do support our community. Call the

VFW Post at (248) 624-9742. Their address is 2652 Loon Lake Road.

ANOTHER WATER PROJECT DELAY

Don't expect any digging and water main installation on Walled Lake roads this month. The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department project to install 13,00 linear feet of a 42-inch water main under Walled Lake Drive, Angle and Maple roads - to supply the service to Wixom - is on hold again for at least another month.

Loyd Cureton, Walled Lake's department of public works director, said a pre-construction meeting is scheduled for November, but there is no scheduled date for construction to begin. The project start-up date has been delayed three times since its original date last March. "They're really put us through the wringer on this one," Cureton said, "But we have

Having fun

A Fall Craft Show sponsored by the PTSA will be held on Saturday and Sunday at Walled Lake Central High School, 1600 Oakley Park Road. On display will be work by popular returning crafters, as well as new

Admission is \$2 for adults, \$1 for students. Hours are Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Health matters **OAKLAND COUNTY HEALTH DIVISION**

• 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.

Services include: Heights and weights, head-to-toe physical examina-tion; immunizations; vision, hearing and lab testing; growth and developmental screening; and counseling with referrals to physicians and area resources as needed. Appointment is required. Call (248) 926-3341. · 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 solids, Information is targeted to participates involved in the first year of

HURON VALLEY-SINAI HOSPITAL

breastleeding. To register, call (248) 926-3341.

• Children and Constipation, Wednesday, Nov. 15 at 6 p.m. Offered by Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital in Commerce Township.A pediatric gastroenerologist will discuss preventing constipation in children of all ages. Information will be provided on the causes of constipation, encouraging healthy toilet habits, symptoms of constipation and how to

To register for this free program, call 1-888-DMC-2500 by Nov. 13. · Cooking Class and Grocery Store Tour

Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital and Whole Foods Market are offering a cooking class, "Soysational," and grocery store tour on Thursday, Nov. 16, from 7-9 p.m. Melissa McCorquodale, hysh dietitian and Kristin Fusco, marketing director of Whole Food Market will lead the in-store program at Whole Foods Market's Orchard Lake Road location in West Bloo Learn about organic food choices and using soy foods in everyday food

preparation. Taste samples and recipes will be provided. The program is free. To register, call 1-888-dmc-2500 by Nov. 6.

• Free Heart Health Seminar Huron Valley-Sinat Hospital in Commerce will host a free seminar Risk Factor Modification for Heart Disease," on Tuesday, Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. There are some risk factors for heart disease that you can control. Learn what they are and tips for making healthy lifestyle changes from cardiologist Thomas Mladsi M.D. To register for this free program, call 1-888-dmc-2500 by Nov. 3.

 Anger Management Seminar Huron Valley-Sinat Hospital in Commerce will host a free Anger Management Seminar on Thursday, Nov. 16 at 7 p.m.

Anger is the most long-lasting of all moods. The negative consequences of anger are numerous and can lead to damaged friendships, reckless driving, verbal and/or physical fights, property damage, and alcohol abuse. This presentation by David Wartle Ph.D. is designed to help you identify your anger, its consequences and ways of handling it better. To register for this free program, call 1-888-dmc-2500 by Nov. 13.

• Teen Health Seminar Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, Commerce will host a free seminar, "Everything You Wanted to Know About Your Teen But Were Afraid to Ask," on Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 6:30 p.m.

The teen years can be a tumultuous time for the adolescent and parent alike. Teens and parents are faced with many difficult and sensitive issues like STDs, smoking, alcohol, and drugs. Adolescent medicine physician Alcesa Backos M.D. will discuss these topics and how to talk with your teen about them. General health information including the mportance of regular doctor visits, health tips, and immunization guideines for teens will be provided. In addition, learn about the hormonal hanges your teen is experiencing and how it affects them. To register for his free program, call 1-888-dmc-2500 by Nov. 8.

Walled Lake Library Lines

• Turkey In The Straw, Saturday, Nov. 4, 10:30-11:15 a.m. Recommended for children 5 and up. Registration is required. A fall harvest program with special guest Tom Turkey (live turkey) pre sented by Margaret E. Schmidt of Maplewoods Homestead. She'll talk about the good of days of farm life and what it was like down on the farm in the late 1800s. Step back in time as boys and girls create their own jug band on homemade instruments.

• The Book Discussion Group meets the third Tuesday of the month at

12:30 p.m. Nov. 21: Choose a classic author. Making It Through The Holidays With Less Pain And Less Gain,

Sandra Dalka-Prysby, author of "Slow But Sure: How I Lost 170 Pounds with the Help of God, Family, Family Circle Magazine and Richard mons," will be here to discuss various strategies on getting through the holiday season without gaining weight.

• Paperback Book Swap, National Children's Book Week, "Fuel Your

Mind," Nov. 13-19, during library hours. For preschool through middle school. No registration is required. Did summer reading deplete your collection? Here is an opportunity to

fuel up with new titles for fall and winter reading. For every paperback you bring to trade, take home a different one. All books must be in good condition and suitable for preschoolers through middle school.

Where old meets new

Mall mingles antiques with latest crafts

BY ANNETTE JAWORKSI

Local collectors as well as out of town guests know a spot where they can find just about any-

Crafters and antique collectors find their paradise at the Town Peddler and Antique Mall in Walled Lake, which has a mixture of antiques and one of a kind craft items. Owner Linda Macchiarolo and her husband.

Matt, said the concept is often used in Texas. where she hails from. The store has an interesting combination of hand-made and manufactured items filling its aisles.

Macchiarolo said she feels it's important to offer those choices to the customer. "We've got quite an eclectic group of shoppers

here," she notes. In Walled Lake, the antiques and craft account for about a 50/50 blend of sales revenue. Customers seem to enjoy the variety and selection of items as well. In fact, many customers incorporate the look of an antique together with a craft item.

from all over, including Canada. About 50 per Bob Adamey's booth. The plate is priced at \$8. cent of the crafters and antique vendors come locally from the Walled Lake area.

store and an exhibitor as well who lives in tors, including sports and hunting among their one of a kind pieces such as end tables and mir-Walled Lake. After several years of working at shelves. the Town Peddler, she decided to use her knowledge to prepare a few booths of her own. Lots of people are into the antique clothing.

such as vintage clothes." Horner noticed. Bob Adamek, and his wife, Joan, from Livonia

the Livonia location, which the Macchiarolos tage Pyrex bowls. One secret to his success is to prepare an

item carefully before it's put up for sale. "They should be able to take it from my booth to their kitchen," he added.



Merchandise and exhibitors/crafters come Hilda Horner, of Town Peddler Craft and Antiques, admires an English Village plate in

scented candles continue to be appealing to al smaller ones. customers, as well as wooden items, such as This includes purses gloves or anything from the Lakes area, the lighthouse or boating theme instead of a group of smaller articles. Or, cusa vintage era. Furniture is also one of the best is popular. Walled Lake locals also supply that tomers are using large wooden pieces such as booth, she adds.

also display at the Walled Lake store as well as resurge in popularity, according to Macchiarolo. ing the holiday season as well. And customers own. Right now he finds that kitchenware is a from the country look to contemporary," she Peddler staff, including, manager Sheri Day popular item for antique shoppers, such as vin- notes. "Now we see a trend back to the homey, said Macchiarolo.

They're also mixing the two styles of country and contemporary together for an interesting eclectic look. One popular rustic item the store carries is a birdhouse bench. Painted wooden 1950s and 1960s dinettes and furnishings are hand painted wooden garbage can with acces- (248) 685-1507.

Hilda Horner is a well-known employee of the find almost any kind of memorabilia for collec- Another uses broken pottery or cups to create rors. In addition, today's collector is seeking out In the craft department, floral wreaths and larger more important pieces instead of a sever-

For example for one lady's holiday décor, she shelves and knick-knack cupboards. Around purchased an larger almost life-size angel sideboards to make a statement. Many people The country and rustic theme is enjoying a use the destination for a one of a kind gift dur-"For awhile, people seemed to be moving away rely on the experience and support of the Town

> Town Peddler is located at 1154 E. Wes Maple Road in Walled Lake, or call (248) 926-8650 for craft or consignment information.

Annette Jaworski is a special writer J Macchiarolo also points out that a lot of the pieces are also popular. One crafter makes a HomeTown Newspapers. She can be reached at

Viva la difference!

Schools celebrate unity in diversity

Acceptance and love never looked so good as Walled Lake Consolidated School District celebrated National Diversity Week,

October 16-20. Meadowbrook Elementary in Novi planned their own version of the week with guest speakers, books on diversity and special activities to encourage students to celebrate their differences.

"Our message is for students to know strength is in diversity. Our uniqueness brings us together." said Media Specialist and Multicultural Committee member Carol Trembath.

Trembath said the committee came up with different activities each day including reading a story which was projected to television sets in each classroom. Stories or poems included "The Crayon Box That Talked" by Shane DeRolf, "Love Can Build a Bridge" by Naomi Judd and "A Rainbow o Friends" by P.K. Hallinan.

Other activities the children participated in was making bookmarks, wearing diversity sweatshirts, building a bridge with three words that described how the children could build relationships and ending Friday with Rainbow Day. Students in each grade wore a different color to represent all colors

the "uniqueness" of everyone, Michael Swisher, Meadowbrook music teacher and Multicultural Committee member said this was

the second year the elementary had participated in Diversity "The students definitely enjoyed the week and their attitudes showed they understood the messages," he said.

Another feature of the week was guest speakers from different cultures and countries including Japan, Croatia and Mexico, who would share their experiences and bring items like dresses, pot tery and jewelry which was uniquely that culture.

Students in the first grade attended a Japanese program on Thursday, Oct. 19. "It was good. My favorite was the Chinese writing we saw," said Jeremiah Thompson, first grader

in Mrs. Hilmer's class. "I liked learning to speak words of Japanese," said first grader Nick Anttila of Mrs. Hardin's class. "I might learn more words,

Kelli Cooley is the copy editor for Novi News/Northville Record. Her

ACCEPTANCE WAS THE MESSAGE

The Crayon Box That Talked By Shane DeRolf

"While walking in a toy store the day before today, I overheard a cravon box with many things to say.

'I don't like Red!" said Yellow And Green said, "Nor do I! And no one here likes Orange, But no one knows just why."

"We are a box of crayons that doesn't get along," Said Blue to all the others. "Something here is wrong!"

Velf. I bought that box of crayons And took it home with me And laid out all the colors

so the crayons could all see ... They watched me as I colored with Red and Blue and Green

And Black and White and Orange

and every color in between.

They watched as Green became the grass

And Blue became the sky. The Yellow sun was shining bright! On White clouds drifting by. Colors changing as they touched,

Becoming something new. They watched me as I colored, They watched me till I was through.

And when I'd finally finished, I began to walk away. And as I did the crayon box Had something more to say ...

"I do like Red! said Yellow.

And Green said, "So do I! And Blue, you were terrific! So high up in the sky." "We are a box of crayons, Each one of us unique.

But when we get together

The picture is complete."

No cabin fever for seniors in November

WIXOM SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

Wixom Senior Center, 49045 Pontiac Trail. For more information, call Joan Horvath, senior coordinator at (248) 624-2850. • Thursday, Nov. 2

Movie and Pizza Day. Senior

Trip: Kalloways • Monday, Nov. 6 Exercise Class, Line Dancing Tuesday, Nov. 7 Euchre, 12:30 p.m. • Wednesday, Nov. 8

Maisano's. • Thursday, Nov. 9 Brown Bag, Bingo and Birthday

Exercise, Lunch Bunch:

Friday, Nov. 10 Lounge Closed. Parks and Recreation Sports Sale set-up. • Saturday, Nov. 11 Parks and Recreation Sports

• Monday, Nov. 13 Exercise and Line Dancing. • Tuesday, Nov. 14 Senior Commission, Senior Mantini Sisters

• Wednesday, Nov. 15 Exercise • Thursday, Nov. 16 Thanksgiving Catered Meal. Bridal Fashion Show. • Friday, Nov. 17

Flu Shots, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 20 Exercise and Line Dancing. • Tuesday, Nov. 21 Ray Burke Memorial Pinochle

• Wednesday, Nov. 22 Exercise. • Thursday, Nov. 23 Happy Thanksgiving. Monday, Nov. 27

Exercise, Line Dancing and Special Program: European Battlefields • Tuesday, Nov. 28 US Movie Day.

Wednesday, Nov. 29 Exercise and Senior Trip: Holly COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

SENIORS CLUB The Commerce Township Seniors Club, which meets at 1485

Walled Lake Central High school,

holds weekly activities as follows: • Sundays: 1-5 p.m., Bingo and

• Mondays: 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; exercise and Bingo;
• Tuesdays: 12:30-3:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Euchre: • Wednesdays: 9:30 a.m.-3:30

p.m. Wednesdays, exercise and Pinochie: • Thursdays: 12-30-3:30 p.m. Pinochle:

• Fridays: and 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. exercise and line dancing. Hot lunches and Meals or

Wheels are also run out of the Richardson Center. Call (248) 669-4510.

State board race hones in on voucher issue

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if the proposed constitutional amendment to create vouchers should pass Nov. 7, the State Board of Education - because it sets education policy for Michigan schools - would be responsible for of the plan

Should vouchers fall, the board **Wo**uld be responsible for the reforms that have been proposed as alternatives.

the Board of Education, on the school districts. general election ballot next week, candidates say. Elections for the proposition "deceptive." For one. board are typically low key affairs, the "choice" lies not only with parand the contest still isn't generate ents, but also with the administrate reforms in time to help kids of giving parents choice an alterna-Ing anything like the air war seen tors of private schools, who can already in those school districts, tive to youchers, in senate and congressional cam- refuse some students entry to their Austin responded by saying, "we paigns, but voters are paying more schools. For another, the proposal have to."

Seeking two seats, for eight-year—such testing is already in place in terms, on the eight-member hoard are Democrats John Austin and tification process, Straus said. And would include teacher training and said, "but I don't think any kid is responds that all that information Kathleen Straus and Republicans Terri Lynn Land and Lawrence ments that might be needed could Patrick, Jr. Seven third-party can- be accomplished without a constididates appear on the ballot for State Board as well.

If vouchers is the "litmus test" in this race, of the major party candi-school districts, the very ones that dates, only Land favors the youcher plan that appears on the ballot. And the proposal would "breach

port Proposal 1 because it is fairly and is too vague." Still, voters their wishes.

Democrat Austin opposes youchnew level of interest in the race for dents in Michigan's troubled Fellow Democrat Straus calls the

> calls for testing of teachers, but Michigan as a part of the state cerany increase in testing requiretutional amendment, she said.

"drain resources" from troubled need those resources the most.

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CITY OF NOVI **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR** STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AND **CITY OF NOVI** WATERSHED STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council is seeking volunteers to

NOVEMBER 7, 2000 serve on the newly formed Stormwater Management and Watershed Stewardshi To the Qualified and Registered Electors of the City of Novi — Oakland County nigan Notice is hereby given that a GENERAL ELECTION will be held on Tuesday

ovembar 7, 2000 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the following Polling Locations:

RECINCT LOCATION ADDRESS Meadowbrook Congregational Church
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21355 Meadowbrook Road
21355 Meadowbrook Road Village Oaks Elementary School Novi United Methodist Church Orchard Hills Elementary School Holy Family Catholic Church loly Family Catholic Church dowbrook Elementary School The Grand Court Novi Novi Christian School Faith Community Presbyterian Church

Novi Civic Center Thorton Elementary School Novi Civic Center United States Senator

Of Michigan, Two Members of the Board of Trustee Of Michigan State University, Two Members of the Board of Governors of Wayne State University County Executive, Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, County Clerk/Register of Deeds, County Treasurer,

One Justice of the Supreme Court (regular term). Two of the Court of Appeals-2nd District (Incumbent position and Circuit (Incumbent position). One Judge of the Circuit Court 6th Circuit (Non-Incumbent position), One Judge of the Probate Court, One Judge of the District Court 52-1st and for the purpose of voting on the following proposals STATEWIDE PROPOSAL 00-1

esentative in Congress 11th District

Two Members of the Board of Regents of University

A proposal to amend the constitution to permit State to provide indirect support

to students attending non-public pre-elementary, elementary and secondary schools; allow the use of tuition vouchers in certain school districts; and require enactment of teaching testing laws.

STATEWIDE PROPOSAL 00-2

A proposal to amend the constitution to require a super majority vote (2/3 vote) of the State Legislature to enact certain laws affecting local governments.

OAKLAND COUNTY PROPOSAL A METROPOLITAN ARTS AND CULTURE COUNCIL CULTURAL, ARTS AND RECREATION PROGRAMS MILLAGE PROPOSAL

COUNTY OF CAKLAND AND COUNTY OF WAYNE
The Metropolitan Arts and Culture Council, will support nonprofit regional cultural institutions and local arts and recreational programs within its operating area of Oakland and Wayne Counties. As provided for in Public Act 292 of 1989, as amended, the levy of a 05 mill ad valorem tax (50 cents per thousand dollars of taxable value) will be on the taxable value of taxable real and personal property located with in Oakland and Wayne Counties, for ten years, 2001-2010, inclusive, if approve and levied, this new additional millage will generate approximately \$44,000,000 i

COUNTY TREASURER'S STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT NO 62 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1933 AS AMENDED can do hereby certify that according to the records in my office, as of September 27, 2000 the total of all voted increases in the tax rate limitation above the 15 mills established by Section 6 of Article IX of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 affecting

, idealed properly in the cooling of c	Years Increase	
Local Unit	Voted Increase	Effective
County of Oakland	.25	1992 to 2001 inc
	.25	2002 to 2011 inc
Oakland Community College	1.00	Unlimited
	.80	1995 to 2001 inc
County School District of Oakland Co.	.50	Unlimited
Northville Public Schools	18.00	1998 to 2002 inc
		(Non-Hornestead
City of Novi	1.80	<u>Ùnlimited</u>
Novi Community Schools	18.00	1994 to 2003 incl
		(Non-Homestead
	5.49	1995 to 2003 incl
South Lyon Community Schools	18.00	1995 to 2004 incl
		(Non-Homestead
Walled Lake Schools	18.00	1996 to 2005 ind
		(Non-Homestead
	4.30	1996 to 2005 ind

ROAD IMPROVEMENTS BOND PROPOSAL Shall the City of Novi, County of Oakland, Michigan borrow the principal sum of not to exceed Eighteen Million Three Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Dollars purpose of defraying the City's share of the cost of (a) an expanded program eighborhood pavement and resurfacing street improvements, (b) making various ntersection safety and capacity improvements throughout the City and (c) making rights of way, traffic signalization, curbs and gutters and proper drainage facilities therefor? The estimated miliage to be levied in 2001 is .30 mills (\$.30 per \$1,.000 of axable value) and the estimated simple average annual miliage rate required to

retire the bonds is .53 mills (\$.53 per \$1,000 of taxable value).

THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST OF THE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
SHALL BE PAYABLE FROM THE GENERAL FUNDS OF THE CITY INCLUDING
AD VALOREM TAXES LEVIED WITHOUT LIMIT IN SUFFICIENT AMOUNTS TO
PAY THE ANNUAL PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS. THE BONDS WILL BE ISSUED IN ONE OR MORE SERIES AS SHALL BE DETER MINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND MATURE OVER NOT TO EXCEED 17 PRIN

FIRE SERVICES CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL

Shall the City Charter of the City of Novi be amended to levy an additional to not exceeding 0.15% (1.5 mills) of the state taxable value, to be used to: increas the Fire Department staffing levels in order to provide 24 hour station staffing, provide a Fire Department based advanced life support emergency medical service, and to provide for equipment acquisitions and station modifications in order to occommodate 24 hour staffing and advanced life support emergency medical ser

MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK (10/26 & 11-2-00 NR/NN 1007913)

give parents that choice," she said. one of this country's real Standards. Whether you favor or oppose "strength's," the U.S. being one of

nequitable, can never be applied attending troubled schools.

the state is willing to put toward the certification process presently. those reforms. The legislature in he said. ers too, and he also advocates the past has put only \$1.5 million districts, and this year, the alloca-students, Austin contended, of and if documents aren't available improvement but more is still program. nceded, she said.

certification, as well as testing, trapped now." lowering of class sizes and modernization of school buildings.

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by video taping classroom sessions ters. "I agonize over that," Straus said. for later analysis. Although the cer-

tion is up to \$10 million, quite an those teachers who go through the from the management companies curriculum so that youngsters

Studies have shown "profound"

The alternative reforms, he said, nity. We've got to make that hap- when critics say charter schools contended, but all that should be which could accomplish improve- pen to make sure that no kids are don't have to give out information among the options students can ment of those troubled district trapped in poor schools," Austin about their teachers. Patrick get from public schools, she said.

school buildings and reduced class offices because they have to submit employees of the state Department Austin said he would like to see sizes and other important reforms. it to the state education depart-Straus said vouchers would the state require certification of Patrick also advocates address- ment to receive teacher certificateachers through the National ing the issue through expansion of

If you are interested in serving on this Committee, applications may be obtained

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 volunteer

serve as the Hearing Officer to evaluate dangerous structures. Expertise is

If you are interested, an application may be obtained in the office of the City

equired in housing matters including, but not limited to, an engineer, architect, build

contractor, building inspector or member of a community housing organization

Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, or by calling (248) 347-0456 to receive an applica

CITY OF NOVI

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, November 15, 2000 at 7:30 PM. In the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mila Road, Novi, Mi to consider QUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH, SP. 09-38, located on the north side of Eight Mile Road and west of Beck Road, to consider PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN and WOODLAND, WETLAND AND SPECIAL LAND, USE PERMITS. The applicant is proposition a now crurch and school facility.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard a e hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning & Commu-y Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI until 5:00 P.M.

CITY OF NOVI

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

on Wednesday, November 15, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI shall consider ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.603 FOR

(OST) TO COMMUNITY BUSINESS DISTRICT (B-2) OR ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE ZONING DISTRICT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Novi

REZONE

8-2

To rezone a part of the SE 1/4 of Section 12, T.1N., R.5E., City of Novi, Oaklan-

point being \$88°55'38" W, 716.42 feet along the South line of Section 12 (nominal of of Twelve Mile Road) and N03°02'24"W, 78.37 feet from the SE corner of Section 12; thence N03°02'24"W, 630.13 feet; thence N86°55'36"E, 654.71 feet to the West-

erly right-of-way line of Haggerty Road, thence along said Westerly right-of-way line the following two courses, \$03°10'48'E 518.72 feet and \$40°59'50'W, 142.08 feet to a point on the Northerly right-of-way line of Twelve Mile Road; thence \$80°04'18'W, 557.29 feet along said Northerly right-of-way line to the point of beginning. FROM OST OFFICE SERVICE TECHNOLOGY

ORDINANCE NO. 18,603

TO: B-2 COMMUNITY BUSINESS DISTRICT

S UNE SEC 12 & NOMINAL CAL 12 M RD

Back Road

the state already has that system The state board has to make "It has become very popular to in place and it is showing good sure that parents, whether they are vouchers is not really the issue, says her Republican colleague an established state religion.

the few countries that doesn't have call for teacher testing, but this results. He argued that there is poor or have low income, have also improves their skills," he said.

more demand for enrollment in every option available to them. We Still, if vouchers are rejected, can The year-long certification process charter schools than those schools do not want any child locked into a choice, but says he does not sup- alternative reforms be enacted fast involves teacher training and have seats, so he sees that as evi- failing school. That's immoral," he enough to help kids currently review of the teachers' techniques, dence of the need for more char-said

election, and if they choose to the answer, but she said it also some other states, only a few not held to the same accountability accountable. Charter schools are need of higher education. subject to Freedom of Information sometimes hired to manage charter would be able to enter the job martheir contractors. Records held in

Patrick strongly disagrees with also believes that schools should will make the determination in the Making choice available is part of tification process is widely used in those who say charter schools are put more emphasis on technical adopt the proposal, he'll carry out depends on how much in resources. Michigan teachers are undergoing standards as public schools. In that would make them employable fact, he believes they are more right out of high school without What used to be called "skills The ballot proposal is creating a increased choice for parents of stu-towards helping troubled school advancement in the achievement of laws and the Open Meetings Act, centers," Land argued, should be incorporated into the high school

> Austin also advocates expanding schools on a day-to-day basis, ket directly after graduating. Such Asked if the state could enact charter schools as another means that's no different that how other technical lobs command salaries of government agencies deal with \$30,000 in some fields, she said. Parents might still prefer their "We have to very aggressively the offices of those contractors do children go to four-year colleges to provide new choices in the community not become subject to the FOI. And complete their education, Land If youchers are rejected, Land about the background of the teach- suggested that the State Board He calls for modernization of ers is already on hand in state should get the more than 300

> > Continued on 9

LAST DAY - NOVEMBER 4, 2000 TO OBTAIN ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR NOVEMBER 7, 2000

Absentee Ballots for said election are available to qualified electors at the Office or ballots to be mailed is 2:00 p.m. Saturday, November 4, 2000. The City Clerk's Office will be open for the purpose of absent voting on Saturlay, November 4, 2000 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Persons qualified to vote by Absentee Ballot may obtain a ballot in person until 4:00 p.m. Monday, November 6, 2000. This ballot must be voted in the City Clerk's

(11-02-00 NR, NN 1009513)

CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for Trash Removal Services according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Bid packages are available at the Office of the Purchasing Director. Sealed bids will be received until 3:00 P.M. prevailing eastern time, Wednes

shall be addressed as follows: CITY OF NOVI CAROL J. KALINOVIK, PURCHASING DIRECTOR 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd. Novi. MI 48375-3024

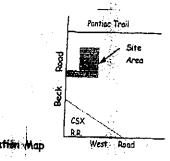
All bids must be signed by a legally authorized agent of the bidding firm. ENVELOPES MUST BE PLAINLY MARKED "Trash Removal Services" BID AND MUST BEAR THE NAME OF THE BIDDER.

r both; to reject any or all proposals; and in general to make the award of the contract in any manner deemed by the City, in its sole discretion, to be in the best inter Notice dated: 10-30, 2000

PURCHASING DIRECTOR

CITY OF NOVI

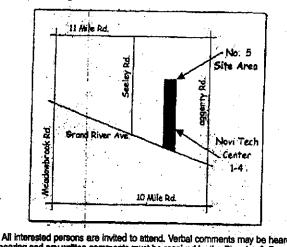
will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, November 15, 2000 at 2:30 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider POINTE PARK CONDOMINIUMS SP 00-51, located south of Pontiac Trail and east of Beck Road to



the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning & Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Mi until 5:00 P.N.

NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE



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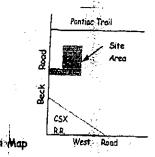
TRASH REMOVAL SERVICES

day, November 22, 2000, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bid

The City reserves the right to accept any or all alternative proposals and award the contract to other than the lowest bidder, to waive any irregularities or informatities

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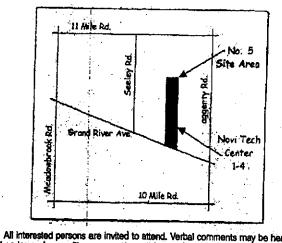
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All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard a

CITY OF NOVI

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, November 15, 2000 at 2:30 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider NOVI TECHNOL-OGY CENTER NO. 5, SP00-19A, located north of Grand River Avenue betwee Haggerty and Seeley Roads, for PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN and SPECIAL LANGUES APPROVALS. the applicant is proposing a 17,451 square foot one-story light



These full-timers support the ballot proposal: from left, Jim Morris, Dave McLeod, Ramone

Alvarez, Phillip Duczyminski and Fire Marshall Michael Evans.

O FIRE SERVICE

AMENDMENT

W For Improved EMS &

Fire Protection

saying full-time is overdue fight this ballot proposal

Both sides of the 24-hour staffing of the Novi Fire One day, Novi will need a 24-

hour fire department. But whether that they didn't know it wasn't a don't think that is what this city is that comes in the next three or ten years is a matter for debate. Members of the Novi Professional Fire Fighters Union Local 3232, which represents the full-time fire protection officers, say the time is right to get the issue in front of the people. The union is proposing a change in the Novi City charter that, would more than double the happens, all out to the of technology of fire department's current budget. vote on 24-hour service on Nov. 7.

Fire Marshall Michael Evans said could be left behind. that the union stance isn't trying to force anything onto the residents. County departments like the city of municipal fire employee. they are merely letting people look Wayne, Garden City, Plymouth, "I would rather have a have a

Novi fire service has been lax. "We were seeing a lot of things. ambulance company was just not give you the cross-trained, duel ambulance to get there." would have to take them to the medics." hospital as a basic life support

The union proposal would staff each station with at least two fire- have in a life- threatening situa- house EMS/ALS. fighters, 24-hours a day. Evans tion," Evans said. "To diabetics and Evans also said that it is apparsaid that it's necessary because heart attack victims, ALS is imporent why the part-time POCs are some stations are currently left tant and you just have to have it. unmanned during certain evening "The American Heart Association

"The intention (of the proposal) is improve that level of service with the buildings. station staffing and life support." posal himself and that he used pro- between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m., Evans also lose money because there will posals he looked at from other said. "You put a defibrillator in a be less runs for them.

hour staffing. "I took the full brunt of this," Evans said. I wrote the proposal 8 p.m. the call comes in, it may call staff. I felt it was not our postand the union adopted it." Union Firefigher James Morris, get to the location. For somebody with the (POCs), That was up to the who is the assistant to Evans when in cardiac arrest, they only have city," he added, it comes to union issues, said that four minutes." there has been a lot of mis-information about the issue and 24hour staffing in the city.

not aware that we were not a fulltime fire department," Morris said. what would be cheaper when it with full-time personnel. We cur-Both men said that even with 24 comes to life-saving services, I have rently have that in our contract,"

they thought that they must be level of service." doing their jobs," Evans said. "I'm thinking that the city is not going at least two and possibly three to advertise when a station closes or when a rig doesn't get on the want to wait until a catastrophe

departments in the area, Novi "Even if you look at Wayne he would prefer to be assisted by a

decision. And, according to the Dearborn - all these places have versus a private EMS agency," he "The reason I say that ALS and a You go up into Highland Township First, we were doing a lot more full-time fire department (24-hour or Milford and it's not uncommon transporting because the private staffing) go hand-in-hand is that it to wait a half an hour for an ALS

available," Evans said. "So we role personnel as firefighter/para- According to Evans, the problem provider. And sometimes it was an stations are strategically placed in every two or three years those the city money." ALS (Advanced life support) patient the city, and with the ALS-trained paramedics will join a full-time fire that we were transporting to the firefighters, the service will be vast- department. Evans also said that ly improved.

talks about the rate of survival- lose?." Evans said. "We have 22 | fire department failed, while in

to let the citizens know what serv- how many automatic defibrillators change how the system operates. ice level they currently have and are in a station or on a fire truck Will there need to be POCs give them an opportunity to won't matter if there is no staff in responding to medical emergencies

"At the time we were taking the when the price of services is men- go.

large number of firefighters in the "if we want to talk about what is station. There would be two fire- the cheapest for the city, it would fighters in each station and that be a private EMS coming in here POCs would still be available for and staffing our stations with private EMS personnel and going to "I read that people were saying an entirely volunteer department. I full-time fire department, so that looking at. They won't like that

Evans said that Novi would need

Full-time fire department: Ready or not?

EMS units within the city limits. "By having the firefighters being the paramedics on the ambulances "The other thing is that you don't so that you have adequate personnel to fight fires as well, it would be advantageous to have a firefight-Evans said that with the prolifer er/paramedic on the scene treat Voters will get their chance to ation of ALS training among fire not only a victim of fire, but our own personnel too," he added.

Evans said if he were in trouble, Pehrson, drafted as spokesperson a full-time, 24-hour staffed, fire at the issue and make their own Canton, Northville Township, and firefighter paramedic treating me. department. union, there have been times when made a more toward ALS fire said. "I would much rather go to an unsafe city by preventing this to paramedics that would need to pagers, but no direct access to dis

> with paying extra to keep a private Evans said that the four Novi fire EMS ambulance in the city is that the majority of communities are

"Life support is a vital tool to providing 24-hour staffing and in- city administration and council against the proposal.

"Look who has something "What that was telling us was early CPR and early defibrillation. members of the union. That is not that the service being provided was That needs to be done within four going to change. If this passes, we studied the issue for 2.5 years and the city that, they say, would be will still have 50 POCs. What is But Evans said that no matter going to happen is that it will timers. in the middle of the night? No. "You have to under stand that there will be no need for that." Evans said that he wrote the pro- there is no one in the stations Evans said that the POCs will

cities in the process of adopting 24- station that isn't staffed. This sta- "When I wrote the proposal, I did tion (Grand River) has two people it with the intent with not saying in it at night and the weekends. At what was to happen to the paid-on take them six to eight minutes to tion to state what should be done

> Evans said, and Fire Chief Evans said that the trouble he Arthur Lenaghan concurred, the facing a big hit, these POC fire-twice the high-rise buildings. If has with suggested alternatives to POCs would remain a part of the fighters said. his 24-hour staff proposal comes department and would not be let the city and it really isn't needed

"We told him that we would not "When we start talking about be against them filling in on shifts

Paid-on-call firefighters are in front Tom Greenwald and from left Ron Blumer, Dennis Tarrant, Brian Shea, Jeff Feig and Mark Pehrson. They do not support the fire department proposal. Union launched petitions, Paid-on-call organized to

The paid-on-call firefighters of

Novi said that they are as con-

cerned as anyone with the safety of

the community, but there are other

issues that should be considered

before voters approve a conversion

tion on the ballot.

the city's needs are.

Pointe Shores and Grosse Pointe

"We're going out to take on the

mass amount and full burden on

right now," Pehrson said.

services in Novi. According to the POCs, they should be looked at," Feig said asked local ambulance services "But you have to remember that around the area and were given a this is a union proposal. This is no quote of \$300,000 as the price of a citizen-based, citizen input pro stationing an ALS certified ambu- posal. There are a lot of alterna lance in Novi.

to a 24-hour, full-time fire depart-"Farmington Hills does that right now," Pehrson said. "...The city First, the part-time firefighters that would obviously have the betfighting the ballot proposal said ter leverage and they could probathey would like to the city to bly get it for a better price." undertake a comprehensive study As an alternative to the ballot into account. of the fire department needs -

issue package, the POCs said that independent of the Novi Professional Fire Fighters Union Local 3232, which is responsible for the campaign to get the queswho only deal with medical emer-Paid-On-Call Firefighter Mark by his fellow POCs, said that they Community EMS, but there are no are seen around the city. He sug

"With the number of runs that radio dispatch capabilities "We are not trying to make this we go on right now, you could have Currently, Community EMS has happen, what we are saying is for a inject patients with drugs only much reduced price for the tax once every four or five months." payers - and this isn't about a dis- Pehrson said. "The kind of thing we us we don't need four (EMS) cars." gruntled work group, it's about stress in this department is repeti- Feig said. "They said that two." Two money - there is a better way to tive training. We raise ladders and approach this than by paying \$3.1 we put hoses into buildings." million," Pehrson said. "We can But the POCs agree that someimprove this in a better way to save where in the future the city will have to become a 24-hour, full-

During a recent meeting of the time fire department. POCs, the consensus was that that "Even the chief (Arthur with more input by citizens, the Lenaghan) said we have a ten-year cushion before this would be needmembers, a more concise plan ed. If we could start this in five could be implemented into what years, we'll still have the three years available that is needed to

Pehrson said a recent push in (Implement) the system," POC Rochester Hills to add a full-time Dennis Tarrant said. Northville, a citizens committee

recommended adding a few full- more cost-effective. The average property tax bill for 64 percent of all fire department Hills has 8,000 runs a year, where

including. Bingham Farms, Grosse runs and false alarms. And with the increased tax rate, ical at all. They have two dedicated the first in over three years. the possibility of a road bond cars and Echo cars." POC Jeff Feig approved by voters next week and said.

to some of the more upscale com-

"They do not go near a medical. Sandstone lawsuit that is still Their fire budget is \$2.8 Million hung up at the Michigan Court of and ours is \$2.7 right now. And Appeals, Novi taxpayers would be they have twice the population and they (Troy) can do it, I don't see why we can't do it."

An Echo car is an ALS-certified paramedic that provides care until the two-man ambulance can get to If voters approve the fire depart- the scene. The Echo car is among ment ballot issue, the conversion the alternatives that these POCs to a full-time department would say are not being discussed with

"That is one of the things that tives that are not even being dis cussed."

Feig say that the union's accusa tion that response times are high in Novi include a number of vari ables that the public should take

"For example, you can have, the 24-hour service provided by a Community EMS right here as you brivate ambulance company woulds go down with a heart attack," Fe feduce liability for the city and said. Officially, EMS is not he would offer qualified parametrics. Feig said that even though there gencies. Currently, Novi is served is no dedicated car for Novi, by the ambulance company number of Community EMS units were no in concept against having ambulances dedicated strictly to gested the possibility Community EMS having local

"The ambulance companies told

putting automatic defibrillators inside police squad cars. that have gone to 24-hour staffing

considered 24-hour staffing," POC staff consists of two union firelight ers and paid-on-call, if we're talk ing about the evening hours or low-

tions for ALS emergency services in Not all Novi runs are emergen "One other thing you have to According to the POCs records, think about is that Farmington

a Novi homeowner is approximate- runs are medical and 1.7 percent as Novi has just over 2,000 runs a ly \$1,000, according to city offi are structure fires , which could year of which 25 percent of those cials. The POCs say that compares range from a waste basket fire to are false alarms." Pehrson said. These members of the POC staff munities in southeastern Michigan The rest comprise miscellaneous also challenge the city's track record on recruiting the part-"What the city of Troy does is timers, saying that last month's that they do not respond to med- open house to recruit POCs was

> Attending the meeting was Dani Shultz, Ronald Blumer. Tom, Greenwald, Tarrant, Feig and

Other POCs that are supporting the defeat of the 24-hours fire serv ice proposal with campaign funding are Ray Moruzzi. Robert Peterson, Eduardo Bruno, Gilberti Van Sickle, Lawrence Reisner and George Pierson. POC Jerry Holtzman has also been a vocal supporter of defeating the 24-hour

State school board candidates face potential big changes

Lansing and into those troubled teacher testing program.

Patrick said, he promised to do his seven, she said.

best to implement the proposal in Selecting a replacement for out-

would have to implement, should duties.

among the board's top priorities.

ence at recruiting.

Everybody says they want a She'd like to see someone with a the Center for Creative Studies.

education policy. One of the most going Superintendent Arthur Ellis when it recruited two of its past different idea of what vision that available on brain development. Kent County Clerk.

degrees that with a demonstrated be a strong supporter of public project manager with Public Police districts, help them work on cur
Straus said several reforms have "We need to have someone who ability to provide visionary leader
education, she said. The new Associates, a "think tank." He specially to provide visionary leader
education, she said.

up, not by bringing the top down."

important areas the State Board will be one of the new board's first superintendents, so he has experi- person should have." Straus said of and therefore be an advocate the task of appointing a new state early childhood education. of Education out of their offices in vouchers pass, would be its Land wants a "visionary" to fill "I am less concerned with superintendent, He or she should Austin, 38, of Fenton, is a senior

years. She is retired as president to

riculum development. She said the administration of school districts

The first control of the c administration of school districts showing a positive result, such as governor and the kids themselves, she should be reviewed to make sure the state's program to get all high ents and the kids themselves, she one regardless of whether they are ing the gap between the state's top straus. 76, of Detroit, is the should be reviewed to make sure the state's program to get all high ents and the kids themselves, she one regardless of whether they are ing the gap between the state's top school districts and those at the incumbent and has served on the CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at they are using their \$6,700 per schools accredited. Initially some said. he hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning & Commu-ity Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI until 5:00 P.M., 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 35 districts lacked certification. Patrick said that recruiting a whether they come from an educa- bottom, "by bringing the bottom State Board of Education for eight If voters do adopt vouchers. Today the number is down to about new superintendent is indeed tional background. P.M., Wednesday, November 15, 2000. NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION

Thursday, November 2, 2000 - THE NOVI NEWS - 11A

Proposal 1, both sides speak out

DeVos: The issue boils down to education reform | children in public schools

Dick DeVos

. Politicians would have us believe that every election is the most important one, particularly when their names are on the ballot, it is ati understandable impulse. But this year, voters have a oncein-a-lifetime opportunity to read; seventh grade boys are conimprove the quality of our educational system and to do something that will really matter in the lives of thousands of children. By voting YES on Proposal 1, we can all give educate them. parents a choice and kids a

"be patient," the kids suffer. Catholic Conference, and the many things: it initiates regular testing of

teachers in their academic sub from budget cuts; and it provides school choice, through vouchers, for families who live in failing districts. That's it. And I almost forgot , according to education reform apponents, it causes cancer as fact, many of them sound pretty There are only two questions to good. Some of these little ideas, consider when evaluating the mer-

its of Proposal 1. First, "Is the problem in our educational system great enough to seek real reform?" and second, "Is Proposal I the right On the first question, there is Are we really, so paralyzed and always known with people of near consensus. Almost no one can impotent as a society that we can Michigan to be folks who demand irrue that the problem with public ducation in some school districts not serious. People of goodwill an certainly differ on the best

ing. These people should not be currently providing a quality edu- education reform - teacher testtaken seriously. Recent reports—cation will certainly see that quali- ing, protected public school fund- and the "have-nots." behind in failing schools. 'Is Proposal I the right reform?" Opponents of Proposal 1 argue that we simply need to give the current

remedy, but those who argue that

there is not a dire problem demon-

reforms time to work while we throw more money at the problem. that teacher testing and protecting They argue that the system can school funding are common-sense

Continued from 1

and weekend hours.

POCs on staff.

POCs on the payroll.

Currently, Novi depends on full-

time fire protection officers and a

corps of POCs who work evening

And finding the part-time fire-

fighters to fill in the gap when the

biot been easy for Novi and for other

heal itself, and as one opponent of reforms. Those who oppose real education reform told me, "Be Proposal 1 are mysteriously quiet

But let's focus for a moment on of the proposal. Instead, they tend the uncomfortable truth about to focus their fear/smear campaign what is happening while we are exclusively on the issue of provid-"being patient." Fourth grade girls ing school vouchers to parents with with pig-tails are failing to learn to kids in failing districts. sidering dropping out before they reach high school; and tenth grade kids are being hurriedly passed. Just last week another study through a system that is failing to proved decisively and without

It is easy to confront these issues when they are put in statistical Harvard, the University of terms, but once we put the face of real children on them, it makes us. Institution - which are not exactly very uncomfortable. Doesn't the right-wing outfits -- are conclusive. American Dream apply to them as Even more compelling is the suc-

tics of graduation rates or test public and non-public schools. scores; these are our kids. As the adults continue to bicker and to has not gone unnoticed. In fact, the 463,000 Michigan voters, who announced his support of vouchplaced Proposal 1 on the ballot. ers. General Colin Powell has long Neither will the hundreds of been an impassioned and outspo-African American pastors who sup- ken supporter of vouchers. Both port Proposal 1, and neither will Governor Bush and his running the Michigan Chamber of mate favor vouchers for kids in Commerce and the Michigan

others who support Proposal 1. Please consider all of us as offi- ers. but has actually written legiscially "impatient" when it comes to lation to enact them. the need to provide ALL of The campaign against school Michigan's children the opportunity for a quality education. I am not against the little reforms to higher taxes. This is simply that are typically introduced by untrue. The Michigan Chamber of politicians and bureaucrats; in

over time will have some impact. But what about the seventh lion dollars a year in prison costs grader who, right now, is languishing in an under-performing school? Do we really want to let another generation fall through the cracks? not muster the courage and the quality education, who can recogcommon sense to fix something nize common-sense when they see

that is so clearly broken? One of the real merits of Proposal others, particularly children. I is that it seeks to fix only that which is broken. People who live in cast their votes on Nov. 7, 1 am strate a callousness that is revolt- areas where the public schools are confident that they will vote for real They will benefit greatly from regular teacher testing and from the protection against education budg-

Most open-minded people agree

Unfortunately for opponents of vouchers work is overwhelming.

when it comes to these two pieces

Wisconsin, and the Brookings cess in Milwaukee, where 10 years Again, these are not just statis- of vouchers have improved both The proven success of vouchers just last week President Clinton's I will not "be patient." Neither will former Secretary of Labor

poorly performing schools. Vice

When it comes time for them to

High School in Kent County.

Fighting fires with ballot proposal

dial education.

question that youchers work.

James Blanchard

Presidential candidate Joe Lieberman not only favors vouchschools. Michigan should vote NO and reject this voucher scheme. Private schools would clearly be the big winners under Proposal 1. vouchers has been waged upon And they could discriminate fear tacties that Proposal I will lead against children with our tax dollars. Choice goes to the private school, not to parents or kids. Commerce, Lt. Governor Dick Private schools have the power to Posthumus and others support pick and choose the students they Proposal 1 because they know that want based on race, religion, a stu-Michigan taxpayers pay over \$1 bitdent's grades or athletic ability, or even a parent's income. Private for high school dropouts and remeschools can discriminate for any

Without Proposal 1, there are no solutions on the table. I have kids lose. Most people lose. it, and who have compassion for

tax increase

two classes of children, the "haves" As private schools pick and doing a good job and have shown choose the students they want, steady improvement. However, middle-class working families and voucher proponents initially hard working students earning claimed that as many as 40 public Dick DeVos is Co-Chair of the average grades will be left behind in school districts are "failing." Kids First! Yes! ballot campaign

which supports Proposal 1. DeVos is a public school graduate of Ada Children with special needs will Michigan Department of Education

Blanchard: Vouchers hurt

should not start down that road.

voucher schools that accept public

Furthermore, many private

because of the possibility of gov-

the possibility of accepting public

voucher money and then opening a

floodgate of exposure to govern-

Once a religious school receives

the talk about failing schools, let's

remember that most of our public

schools and school districts are

But the voucher proponents have

been proven wrong again. The

Opponents of the proposed

switch to a full-time fire depart-

ment say all Novi needs is a dedi-

cated ambulance stationed in the

city. Novi currently commissions

Community Emergency Medical

The President and Chief

Executive Officer of Community

Emergency Medical Services

ambulance service with

ment rules and requirements.

Some religious leaders in

Meeting laws.

ernment regulation.

By James J. Blanchard

There is no greater threat to Michigan's education future than dren with special education needs. the voucher proposal on the Nov. 7

and innovation in our public Options like charter schools, magschools, voters are being asked to net schools, schools of choice with-Proposal 1, the evidence that divert money to private schools. In the school district or in other Education should be about helping children, not about helping a few private schools. Proposal I would shift public tax dollars away from child is required to remain in a The facts are clear. Studies by neighborhood public schools and



Who loses under Proposal 1? Our Proposal 1 hurts most average hard working Michigan families with kids in neighborhood public

Voucliers would drain millions of dollars away from neighborhood public schools and likely result in a tracted litigation. In addition, Proposal 1 creates

public schools with reduced fund-

also be left behind. Private schools recently released a list showing can reject disabled students or only seven school districts would even refuse to accommodate chil-Then there's the real hidden

Parents who are unhappy with their child's school for any reason have choices today in Michigan. While proponents of vouchers apply to just seven districts, the some neighboring intermediate 'school districts, all exist today. No

their deceptive television commerschool building that is not serving cials. In fact, every school district his or her needs. even highly acclaimed districts. In places where vouchers have could be affected by this voucher been tested, the record shows that proposal. A school board, by a simmost of the parents who take pubple majority vote, can trigger a voucher program, or a small fraclic voucher money already have their children in private schools. In tion of the people who voted in the large part, vouchers don't rescue last school election could schedule children from troubled public a voucher election. Private school parents could be schools, they simply use public money to reimburse parents who

Ironically, voucher schools would tus quo in education is not an

Act, or even be subjected to Open make our public school system

Getting back to education and all Michigan's future depends on it.

pitted against public school parare already paying for a private ents in every school district in the school education. Michigan cannot state. In this kind of divisive battle. afford to support two school sys- our children will be the losers for tems, public and private, and we sure, Finally, we all know that the sta-

not have to reveal what they are option. We know how to improve doing with our tax dollars, Private our schools Smaller class size, more parental involvement, modernizing our money would not be required to release financial information to the school buildings, more computers public, or be required to comply in the classroom and extensive with the Freedom of Information teacher training will all help to

even better. Now is not the time to weaken schools have already announced our commitment to public educathey would not accept vouchers tion. I am asking voters to join me and hundreds of organizations like the PTA, the League of Women Voters, the NAACP, teachers' Michigan have expressed alarm at organizations, the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce and thousands of individuals including Gov. John Engler and most elected Republicans and Democrats throughout Michiganoin Topposing

n the hardevolving logspoors might 'dictate 'how that religious When you vote, remember that Proposal 1 hurts kids in our neigh This raises constitutional issues borhood public schools. Public money should not be used regarding separation of church and state and would likely result in pro- to support private or for-profit schools. Vote NO on Proposal 1.

> James Hlanchard is the forme governor of Michigan, served as ambassador to Canada and served four terms in U.S. Congress. A member of All Kids First, he has become an outspoken critic of Proposal 1.

State representative



38th District, which includes Novi and some of Northville, earns \$56,981 per year for a two-year term.



Nancy Cassis Republican

Joseph Bush,

Reform Party

I oppose this program as a means to

need specialized continuing education

programs. We would undercut our cur-

rent school system instead of strength-

enting them. Our schools have a lot of

competition under the current program

age new innovative methods of teaching

so our teachers can adjust the curricu-

lum according to the child's ability to

learn instead of passing a standard

test. If we are to put the children first

to teach with. I believe this proposal

Our government is already set up to

the state government to control our

local government, what will stop the

federal government from controlling

Thank you for allowing me to answer

not answer I am not familiar with, I will

some of these questions. The questions I did

however research and become familiar with

them. As I become familiar with the current

policies. I will decide accordingly how to deal

with them. The current parties that rule our

government continue to suggest or claim

that they are the party of reform yet we

Candidate preferred

not to respond to this

to make a change for the better.

control their responsibilities if we allow

will institute a defection of our public

we need to give our teachers more tools

Vouchers: Do you favor or oppose Proposal 1 as it vouchers for private schools are the appears on the November balkey to improving schools and I am lot? If yes, do you propose to make private schools which afford the cost of two separate school accept vouchers accountable systems. America has a long democratc history of providing a free public to taxpayers for how the education for all children while privat money is spent? schools can discriminate whom to

If no, what should the state do to assure that students in To improve educational opportunity where children are falling to graduate "failing" school districts get I have supported schools of choice, an opportunity for a full edupublic charter schools and reform of

the Detroit system. What's your take on I am an opponent of big government and over-regulation at any level. Two Proposal 2, Let Local Votes

had to do with the legislature voting to Would you agree that the legislature has been injecting police and firefighters and the eliminaitself too often into the affairs of local government? Specify what areas you believe should be left to the control of municipal councils inconsistent with the one person, one and which should be subject to further regulation by the

state legislature.

ling sprawl?

support Proposal 2 because: the language is overly vague and will result in vote used for the vast majority of decisions; it could limit positive assistance to communities, especially in terms of revenue-sharing and road dollars; it also potentially gives a disproportionate degree of control to large urban cittes. compared to smaller communities.

Recognizing the expense of leaving

issues behind the current controversy

What actions would you ochind core cities and all the investment favor, that could be implein infrastructure, the legislature has a mented by state government, record of accomplishments encouraging for containing and controlresidential redevelopment and economic renewal, including tax incentives for Renaissance zones and brownfield rehabilitation and MEGA tax credits. Additional initiatives are needed to protect undeveloped farmland from urban

Is it possible for the state to adequately address the issue of sprawl without at some sprawl by taxing farmland at its agriculpoint or another encroaching on the home vittle of clocal value, providing tax relief to farmers so they will continue to farm their property kommunities? 2007-1007-1131M

Telecommunications Act. Did goal is to spur competition between companies?

for slow service, or would you propose other action?

Assess the legislature's As a member of the House Energy rewrite of the state and Technology Committee, I believe legislators addressed the prime reasons for the rewrite, to increase competition question. it appropriately address the and reduce costs to consumers. This issue? Does it make sense to was needed because the 1995 rewrite re-institute regulations on allowed for new entrants into the market without the necessary power to have Ameritech comply, essentially leaving a should receive restitution for loss of Should fines be increased service. When I was notified of the loss of service to Old Dutch Farms and Nov

Meadows, I intervened with Ameritech and was able to get service restored House Bill 6038 which requires notification by phone providers to local officials in case of outage for 12 consecutive hours. I have sponsored similar bills to set up the same requirements for elec-

The state legislature and the DEQ began a program of cracking down on municipalities that have sewage overpose to do address southeastern Michigan's water quality

In addition to stricter reporting Candidate preferred not to respond to this flow enacted by the legislature, new laws have been introduced that question. encompass all types of overflows manflows. What would you pro- dating public notice provisions. Many people feel that these provisions

encourage improvements by the par ties responsible for the sewer discharge. More needs to be done. Due to urban sprawl, it's suggested that Michigan develop a comprehensive approach to management of wastewater treatment infrastruture to maxi mize all funding sources - federal state and local - to meet water pollution control standards. We need to look at ubsidized loans from the state revolv ing fund, as well as identify a secure

removed to find agreement on a com

percent of the dollars to the state, 39

percent to the counties and 22 percent

nine-member Transportation Study

Committee has proposed an asset-man

agement approach, which is used in

maintain, improve and operate assets

The intent would be to better prioritize

accountability, encourage cooperation

between all agencies, etc. The idea is

the private sector to cost-effectively

to the locals remains in place. The

prehensive transportation approach to

federal funding source.

Lawmakers have been working to rewrite Act 51 and the present proposal continues the current road funding formula until an "asset management" program can be devised to determine how funds are to be distributed. Are you satisfied with the proposals in Lansing? Will they help ease the severe traffic congestion now being experienced in grow areas like Oakland County?

Oakland County's sends off more in tax dollars to state government than it gets back n benefits. Should Oakland be the only donor county, as it has been until just the last

If so, what level of donation should Oakland residents expect to give to others in

Michigan III allocated to Oakland

Novi representative wants another term in Lansing

BY STEPHANIE FORDYCE

Incumbent Nancy Cassis, R- tax reduction from 4.4 to 3.9 per-Novi, is hoping her established rep- cent. utation as the 38th District's state representative will help her keep the job on November 7. "I've felt so honored and privileged to be the representative for tax credit to accommodate family ing sure the schools are living up to this growing district over the last who are caring for an elderly parfour years," she said.

Cassis said she hopes to contin-Cassis said she is also trying to ue her crusade for stronger improve the availability and costschools, improvements in health effectiveness for needy seniors who care, lower taxes and better roads. require prescription drugs. Recently, Cassis said she was responsible for appropriating \$60-

70 million for major reconstruction as prohibiting alcohol sales to she said. of Wixom and Beck Road inter- minors over the Internet and limitchanges and road improvement. ing manufacturer ownership of resulting in the largest amount of auto dealerships, but she is particroad funding to Oakland County. "If elected I will continue to work empowering libraries to restrict with all levels of government to kids from gaining Internet access insure that this district gets their to pornography.
"That bill became a law and is share of road dollars," she said. Cassis said she will also work now mandatory so that children in hard to keep county, state and fed-

ing for all individuals," she said

"We've come a long way but there's forefront of committing public dolmuch to be done so that people can lars to early intervention and prekeep more of their hard earned dol-As the first female chairperson of my colleagues on the K-12 appro-

sponsoring the elimination of the reading grants up to over \$70 mil-

public libraries will not have access to pornography and obscenity on the Internet," she said. When it comes to education, Cassis said she has been on the

"I feel very proud in working with the Tax Policy Committee, Cassis priations committee," she said. said she was proud of her efforts in "We've gone from \$5 million for

ing in the largest personal income intervention." Cassis said accountability and responsibility of schools are key to Currently, Cassis has been lookensure that no child is left behind ing at health care initiatives like strong, I believe in accountability oviding a tax break to keep elderly family members at home and a through testing our kids and mak-

single business tax and shepherd- lion available for early reading

the promise," she said. On vouchers, Cassis said she does not stand behind Proposal 1/11 "No child should have to exist in a failing school system, however there are many options available During her tenure, Cassis has along the lines including schools of also had a hand in legislation such choice and public charter schools,

Cassis said she has enjoyed reps resenting the 38th district and hopes to continue her service. She ularly proud of her efforts in said she has a lot of energy and while a lot has been accomplished; there is still a lot more to do. A former Novi city council member and Novi schools psychologist she lives in Novi with her husband

her third and final term as a state representative. If re-elected Cassis would become the dean of th

> writer for the Novi News/Northville Record. She may be reached of (248) 349-1700 or

Wixom veteran is running on the Reform Party ticket

Further, he is also against politi-

On school vouchers, Bush said

BY STEPHANIE FORDYCE

Reform Party candidate Joseph Bush said he would like to elim-Bush promises to serve the people of Michigan and not big business for one usage tax on everything. and political action committees. Bush is running against incumcal action committees donating too bent State Rep. Nancy Cassis, Rmuch to candidates. Novi, Democratic Party candidate Linda Premo, and Libertarian Party he stands firmly against them. grams are a way to fix our educacandidate Anne Bord/out - 208wis While the cement dump blick driver of Wixom may have no fortion system," he said, "It's only mer political background, he going to hurt the children who

provides him with quality leadership skills. Bush, who was injured in Somalia during Desert Storm, was a staff sergeant in the army and has a purple heart. The disabled

nuclear weapons specialist before the INF Treaty was passed. "The only thing I'm going to Michigan and this district is that if I'm voted in, I will work hard and do the best that I can to help change things and make it better for the people," Bush said.

Bush said he is tired of the political parties that are in control of our government right now. "I feel they don't do anything until it's late," he said. "We just pay too much for things like gas, and

program because not all the schools will take all the kids." Bush added that Proposal 1 will only take funding away from local ice." schools and will in turn raise

Bush said what schools need is more caring teachers and larger support from our government. "I don't believe the Republicans or the Democrats have done enough for our children to protect our kids in school," he said. Bush said this not only includes safety, but in the quality of educa-

tion received as well. "A lot of these kids are coming out of the system knowing how to understand what they're reading," Bush also believes in lowering (248)

enough. I'm tired of being double- the enlistment age requirement for the military. "I think that if you are old inate income and state taxes and is enough to serve your country and vote, you are old enough to go into a bar and have a drink." he said.2 Even if he does not receive the

popular vote on November 7. Bus

said he will continue to comm himself to the people et "Ever since in Petired from the army, I have had this large to held society and what better way start helping than by working believes his 15 years in the service can't participate in the voucher my local area," he said regarding his candidacy

> "But if I do not win, I will continue to commit myself to public serv-For Bush that means coaching his daughter's softball team of

serving at the VFW. Regardless of the outcome, Bush is just urging people to voice their "I'd like the people to get out and

vote their conscience who they truly think would be the best can didate for the people," he said. "I can only say that I will dedicate myself and work hard if elect-

Stephante Fordyce is a staff writer for the Novi News/Northville 349-1700 or at our government is not doing the drinking age to 18 or raising sfordyce@ht.homecomm.net

Two more state representative candidates for the 38th District - Democratic Party hopeful Linda Premo of Novi and Libertarian Party candidate Anne Bora of South Lyon - did not respond to repeated requests for interviews by the Novi News and requests to fill out a questionnaire.

However, Bora's husband Gary reported that she gave birth to a third child on Oct. 22.

Crawford runs unopposed for Oakland County Commission

inopposed for Oakland County year. Commissioner in the 17th District. In August, he beat out incumbent Kay Schmid in the Republican primary, thus guaranteeing him a

Crawford, a lifetime resident of lovi, has served on the city council since 1985, many of those years as The 17th county district includes lovi, portions of Northville and

Walled Lake. Crawford, 58, is a retired ployee of the Xerox Corporation



Novi Fire Department would more than double The proposed change to the Novi City p.m. on Mondays through Fridays. Twenty harter would change the make-up of the are on duty at any given time. ovi Fire Department's staff.

tire Department has: • Full-time: 24 full-time employees running from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. and on weektrained to fight fires, including management, ends, the city has 50 paid-on-call firefighters

With approximately 50 POCs could be facing in the future." available. Novi Fire Chief Arthur Lenaghan said the city would like to see that number up to around sixty plus. Lenaghan said that it's hard to keen POCs on staff because on-call firefighters.

rently has about a third of the runs to get more POCs to join. and, clearly, recruiting is a way to

Spencer said he expects his fire

because of the growth in the city. "We'll have to at least look at 24hour staffing in the future because we are growing so fast," Spencer said. "(POCs) and full-timers are full-time firelighters go home has trained the same, but you can because the POC staff is not availburn out (POCs) faster if you have able. 3.000 runs a vear. That's what Novi Farmington Hills Fire Chief Rich proposal, commented said that he Marinucci said that there are areas

they go and take full-time jobs at other departments. But it just isn't Novi that is having trouble keeping Wixom Fire Chief George Spencer, whose department cur-

Novi has, said he would consider asking Wixom city officials to adopt a 24 hour staffing plan if his number of runs doubled. Spencer said he's been having trouble keeping "It's hard to keep (them) yound," Spencer said. "We're like Marinucci said that the transi- Novi in danger.

train 'em and they go on to the big Farmington Hills three years ago tion. How long do you want to leagues, somewhere where they can get full-time work."

department to go full-time soon

of his city where it has become difhard to maintain paid-on-calls," city Marinucci said. "It seems a lot of young people come in, get their

training and move on. But that's

Marinucci said that his depart-

has gone smoothly.

feels the city is safe. fleult to recruit and maintain paid- one of the first in line to support "We do have periods where it's right now, this isn't needed in the

When the Novt News asked just society today. People move the fire services available, he

Novi were, at this time, safe with "How am I going to answer that ment is constantly doing recruiting question?" Lenaghan said. "I'm not going to comment one way or the "We're always doing recruiting other. I don't have anything to say

rent staffing, are the citizens of

wait? Until it gets to that point?," "It's been great," Marinucci said. Evans said. "How many times "We still use our paid-on-calls. should it (long response times) Sometimes we've two, three or four happen before we become concalls at a time and we'll use the cerned? When people dial 911 they paid-on calls. But going to 24-hour expect someone to be there. Do you

staffing has been a success." want to wait?" Lenaghan said there are times Evans said that the best time to when fire stations are closed make sure that responses to fire or medical emergencies are done as soon as possible was through pre-But POC Mark Pehrson, who has ventive measures. The 24-hour five been a vocal critic of the 24-hour department was a "preventative measure".

But Holtzman, who has been a "It's safe, and if it wasn't, I'd be paramedic and a physicians assis- enough to cover the city of Novi. tant for over 20 years and is curthe proposal," Pehrson said, "But, rently working with trauma patients at Harper University the city would be better off if there Lenaghan whether the residents of was a private ALS ambulance team

ical emergencies ence with the dealing of emergencies," Holtzman said. Holtzman said that the idea of putting an emergency medical and that's all I'm going to say." services car in Novi 24 hours a day Evans was asked if, with the cur-

"It would be a couple hundred

thousand dollars," Holtzman said.

Hospital in Detroit, said he feels station in the city to handle med-

cars would definitely be beneficial," Beauchemin said. Beauchemin said that the city could get a dedicated car for about \$350,000 a year and that price would fluctuate depending on the

Services.

number of medical emergencies in Novi with a couple dedicated cars," Beauchemin said.

Randal Yakey is a staff writer for he (Detroit) Tigers farm team. We tion to 24-hour staffing in "Let me answer you with a ques- "It certainly wouldn't cost the \$3.1 at (248) 349-1700.

ED KRAMER:

MICHELLE BONONI:

Novi City Council members ave had little to say over the 24-hour staffing issue. There has been no resolution made by council to support or not support the proposal. Here are

ments from city leaders on the

LAURA LORENZO:

(CEMS) Greg Beauchemin said that he felt that one or two dedicated ambulances would be more than "With about 110 runs per year, I seven, eight or nine minutes. think that one or two dedicated think it only makes sense."

> group of (paid-on-calls) and I don't think we need this all right now."

could be bad timing with this." MAYOR RICHARD CLARK:

> "Let the voters decide." HUGH CRAWFORD:

some comments or no com-

"Individually, I'm supporting ne proposal. I think that public safety is a its important that we have response time in four or five minutes rather than six,

LOUIS CSORDAS: "It's too much too soon. We can gradually come to it. but right now it's just too much too fast. We've got a dedicatéd

CRAIG DEROCHE: "I have always been a big supporter of police and fire. I "I'm going to stay neutral and let the voters decide."

"money will follow the road." Once again all Oakland County state Engler indicating that while we recog nize that it isn't reasonable to expect a wealthy county like Oakland to get back every penny it sends to the state, it is

reasonable to expect some balance. Persistent attention to the issue of fair road funding has resulted in: my suc cess in obtaining \$60-\$70 million earmarked for the Wixom/Beck interchanges; money for improvements to Grand River and roads around Milford's GM proving grounds; Sen. Bullard's \$1 million MDOT grant to fund a North-South corridor study in our district: and approximately \$107 million from Build

I would like to address the following issues I believe the people are concerned with as well.

Candidate preferred

not to respond to this

question.

tax increase in the Untied States - It was 10 percent. We are currently facing a large increase in fuel cost with no relief in sight, the winter is just beginning. I will draft a bill that will lower or eliminate the taxes on fuel and oil, a bill to decrease income taxe and stimulate our economy even more I will also present a bill to streamline the I.R.S. The government should be trying to help the people and not hurt them and put them into the poor

Michigan has had the third highest

Long-time Novi City Council The part-time position of county Member Hugh Crawford is running commissioner pays \$26,000 per

Photo by JOHN HEIDER,

who work shifts running from 6 a.m. to 6 handling fire protection. The department is

. Part-time: 6 part-time auxiliary firefight-Under current staffing levels, the Novi ers also fill in shifts weekdays from 6 a.m. to

• Paid-on-call: 50 on weekday night shifts

authorized to have 80 paid-on-call firefight- firefighting employees. Fire Chief Art ers, but has never been able to recruit that Lenaghan said these new employees would

convert the fire department to a full-time force, the department staff will change to: • Pull-time: 31 new hires, plus 24 existing

If voters approve the ballot question to truck and supervisors. • Paid-on-call: staffing levels unchanged but paid-on-call may find themselves doing

want and how much they want be hired to keep 17 full-time people on duty around-the-clock - two people per each fire

"I think it is up the people to decide what level of service they

"No comment,"

Kenneth Lyle Walker, 72, of Spring Hill, Fia., died Oct. 26 in Spring Hill. He was born Dec. 20, Continued from 1

1927 in Detroit. Mr. Walker was formerly of Northville and Redford. He had been employed as an art illustrator at Ford Motor Co. in Dearborn. He is survived by his wife, Theresa (Esper) of Spring Hill,

whom he married in April 1986; son, Kenneth L. II (Belinda) of Citrus Springs, Fla.; daughter. Amanda Bates of Novi; stepson, Ray Brdak of Redford; four step-Bonnle (Jerry) Keenmon of Livonia, Vickie (Wade) McMullen of Walled Lake, Penny (Steve) Myers of Westland, and Terry (Eric) Anderson of Whitmore Lake; one brother, Donald o Southfield; 15 grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Walker was preceded in death by his first wife, Donna in October 1977. Services were held on Wednesday, Oct. 29 at Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home of Farmington, Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Memorials to Hernando Pasco Hospice, 12260 Cortez Blvd.,

Brooksville, FL 34613. **EMILY WILLIAMS** Emily "Amy" Williams, 81, died Oct. 20 in Botsford Hospital,

Farmington Hills. She was born in 1918. Mrs. Williams is survived by her husband, Douglas; daughters. Mary Anne Pembroke, Joanne Metz. and Amy; son, Douglas (Kathleen); six grandchildren and

one great-grandchild. Services were held on Monday, Oct. 23 at O'Brien Chapel/Sullivan Furieral Home of Novi. Interment was in Holy Sepulchre

Cemetery of Southfield. Memorial contributions to Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills would be appreciated by the

Names collected for WWII registry

The O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home in Novi is taking a leadership role in helping to build the Registry of Remembrance, an Important aspect of a national campaign honoring those people, civilian and military, who helped win World War

The Registry is associated with the National World War II Memorial to be constructed in Washington, D.C. on a 7.4 acre site on the mail between the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial. Groundbreaking for the new memorial is on Veterans Day.

Saturday, Nov. 11. There is no charge for someone to submit the name of a relative or friend for the Registry who served our country during World War II. whether on the battlefront or the home front. However, gifts from interested citizens to help build the memorial will be accepted at the O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi and forwarded to the National World War II memo-

rial campaign. "World War II veterans are dying at a rate of roughly 1,000 per day. We are proud to help fill the rolls of the Registry of Remembrances with those names, as well as those of surviving veterans and others who helped with local scrap drives or other efforts to help win the war." said John J. O'Brien, Korean War veteran and owner of the O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral

Novi Woods holds blood drive to aid **Red Cross**

On Thursday, November 16, the Novi Woods PTO, together with The American Red Cross, will be sponsoring a blood drive at Novi Woods Elementary School on Taft Road. Please help save a life and donate blood between 2-8 p.m. in the school gymnasium.

It takes one hour of your time and a "kids activity center" will be available to supervise your children while you donate. Schedule an appointment by calling the school office at 248-449-1230.

Of three ballot committees, one made state deadline

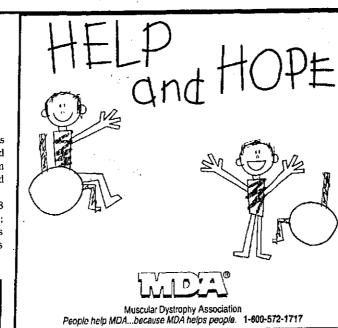
Total expenditures: \$1,098 Contributors: Michale Moisan of Farmington Hills, \$20; Kelly Linke \$100. of Novi, \$100; Brian Shea of Novi, \$100; Dan Shultz of Novi, \$100;

Schmedding of Novi, \$100; Jeff Feig of Novi, \$100; Dennis Lawrence Reisner of Novi, \$100; Tarrant of Novi, \$100; Richard Marie Mikolajczak of Northville, Novi, \$102: Eduardo Bruno of \$75 and Robert Peterson of Novi,

George Pierson of Novi, \$100; Ann Schulz of Novi, \$100; William Brown of Novi, \$20 and Ronald Blumer of Novi, \$65. Also, Matthew Blamy of Novi. \$100; Ray Moruzzi of Novi, \$100;

Expenditures included: \$728 for signs; \$263 to print leaflets; Robert Shoupe of Novi, \$100: Glen Malone of Novi, \$50; Carlton \$24 for postage: \$39 for supplies Gilbert Van Sickle of Novi, 850; Korzeniowski of Novi, 850; Mark and \$42 for voter lists and maps Maria Skawski of Novi, \$100; Edith Pehrson of Farmington Hills, \$100; purchased from the city.

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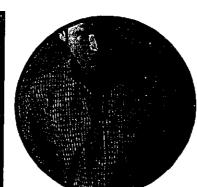


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New cable contract heads community Education to council late this month

BY JONI HUBRED

A new cable franchise agreement usurped so much of our ability to site. has passed its first hurdle and will negotiate that we don't have many soon be presented for approval to cards to play, and the deck is city councils in Farmington, stacked against us," he said. "I

Commission (SWOCC) has chairman of SWOCC, was unavailapproved the franchise agreement; able for comment. week, ending a process that took can expect is formally approved more than two years and delayed will be two-way, digital cable servthe implementation of digital cable ice with a package that allows for

from the cable commission to the city councils, but I can't think of number of local access channels, any reason it wouldn't be from eight to six. Currently, approved," said Time Warner Farmington and Novi schools each General Manager Bob McCann. I have their own channel. Under the think we struck a deal both sides new agreement, the channel will be

"Happy" isn't a word Hills City district aired only in those commumanager Steve Brock would use, nities, but he's satisfied the negotiating A change in the type of cable and

think we've done the best we can." Farmington Mayor Bill Hartsock.

team did all it could.

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links currently used will also lead "The federal government has to a better quality signal from each

of the agreement.

four weeks before their councils the Nov. 27 agenda.

lead the way."

Novi have charter rules that require publishing the franchise consider it. Farmington would not consider adoption until its Dec. 4 meeting; Novi has it scheduled for

agreement as soon as the 13th of the Novi Middle School every women in mid-life. A focus will be November," Brock said. "We also Tuesday from November 7-14, from on herbal and nutritional stratehave a meeting on the 20th. I hope 7-9 p.m. Fee is \$13 or \$11 for sengles for meeting mid-life positively. we can do it at one of the two and iors. A \$12 material fee is also

SIMPLY STAMPING

Time Warner will contribute 1 percent of its gross revenues to Projects include stamping tech-SWOCC on a quarterly basis, for niques such as: sponging, layering, sex, moods, energy, body and support of public access channels. That's about \$219,000 a year or framing, rollergraph and more. Ten this class, Judy Stone, a nutrition \$3.28 million over the 15-year term projects will be completed. Class

ners covers the basics of stamping, beginning with ink and paper. masking, stencils, corrugator, size is limited. This two week "Our city could deal with this course will be held in Room 316 at

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required.

Make a beautiful centerpiece for your table this Thanksgiving using be held in room 153 at Novi High artificial and dried flowers, ribbons, pumpkins, and other trimmings. Bring scissors, wire cutters, and a glue gun if you have one. This class will be held in the art room at Novi Meadows on

November 14, from 6:30-8 p.m.

Novi Community Education is Cost is \$24 or \$19 for seniors, A already have, and what you can see offering the following classes this \$15 material fee is also required. in the Fall night skies. View the Registration deadline is November

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School on November 7 from 7-9

p.m. Cost is \$23 or \$20 for seniors

moon, planets, comets, and asteroids of our solar system. All are, welcome to bring equipment to: class. Includes lecture and slides. Class will be held at Parkview,

Commons on November 6 from 7-9:d p.m. Cost is \$10 per person and \$810 for any additional family members.

In this exciting class, "That's No Dancing, Inc." will teach couples to triple, double and single time. variety of steps and turn combinaperformed with music from the 20si through the millennium. This five week class will be held,? every Tuesday in the Novi Middle, ! School gym November 7 through a December 5 from 8-9 p.m. Cost Is 16

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Gatsby's reopens after fire

Burgers are being flipped on been fully restored, but it even the grill and cocktails are now underwent a little remodeling Bar & Grill after an August fire window overlooking the deck. forced the family business to

have re-opened, having held rations. their official grand opening on

"We had a big turnout that would like to thank all of the weekend and it was so nice to workers and businesses like see all the familiar faces back. Delta, Air Masters and Carol's here," said Gatsby's manger Joe Upholstery & Custom Built The fire, which shut down the restaurant up and running so

restaurant for over a month, August 29 in the storage closet for their efforts in containing of the men's bathroom. The few the blaze. employees and customers who were inside at the time were all

safely evacuated. Johnson said that the fire must have been started intenkept inside the closet were tollet

paper and paper towels. Damages, estimated \$50,000 were centered around the bathroom and bar area. with most of the decimation due and drinks. to smoke. There was no damage to the outside of the restaurant. However, the family put in over \$200,000 worth of repairs and

upgrades. Now with new paint, carpeting, flooring, upholstery, dance floor, bathroom, and ceiling, the business looks better than ever and regulars couldn't be happi-

"The place looks great," said Harold Canfield of Commerce Township, "They've done an excellent job fixing it up."

Canfield, who has been a regular at Gatsby's for the past 15 years, said it's the good food and great people who keep him coming back.

"The people here are the best and the food is out of this world," he said, "It's wonderful to see the place open again." And Canfield wasn't the only one who was happy to see his favorite local hang out re-open. as a number of flower baskets and arrangements, filled the





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good cheer and welcome back. Not only has the restaurant 348-6999.

Johnson said while most of address the major work is complete, he sfordyce@ht.homecomm.net Now the doors of one of Novi's is still in the process of hanging oldest and dearest restaurants up mirrors, pictures and deco-

Catherine, owner, said they Furniture, who helped get the quickly. They would also like to began around midnight on thank the Novi Fire Department

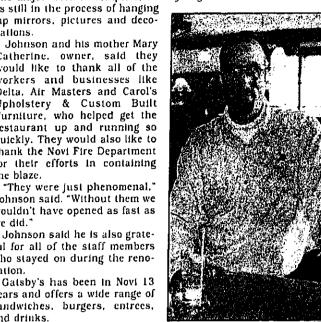
> "They were fust phenomenal." Johnson said, "Without them we wouldn't have opened as fast as we did.

Johnson said he is also gratetionally because the only items ful for all of the staff members who stayed on during the reno-Gatsby's has been in Novi 13 years and offers a wide range of

> sandwiches, burgers, entrees, Gatsby's Bar & Grill is located on Grand River near Taft Road. Hours are 11-2 am. Monday through Saturday and Sunday's

restaurant with messages of noon to midnight. For more information call Gatsby's at (248)

Stephante Fordyce is a staff being served again at Gatsby's with the addition of a new bay writer for Novi News and Northville Record. Her e-mail



Gatsby's owner Joseph



Now open for business after their recent fire, Gatsby's manager Joseph Johnson, right, chats vith regular Shirley Johnson of Farmington

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German educators tour Novi schools

German educators had the opportunity to learn more about the culture and educational systems of Michigan and the I.S., as they participated in the Michigan/Baden-Wurttemberg Bilateral Educators' Exchange from October 14-28.

This reciprocal exchange proram included a two-week visit German teachers to a Michigan educator's home along with tours of classrooms and schools in their host's district. October 23 and 24, German teacher Michael Thurwachter visited Novi Middle School and Novi High School to observe the facilities first hand. "He observed the students at

work and was intrigued by our teaming and interdisciplinary units." said Milan Obrenovich. principal of Novi Middle School. Obrenovich said he visited all the classrooms but was primarily interested in the science and language arts classes.

This program is part of the Department of Education's Michigan Educators Exchange Opportunities Abroad Project Wurttemberg

Educators' Exchange is one of Rudzinski and Steve Huntalas. several MEEOAP exchanges scheduled to take place during the 2000-2001 school year. The goal of the MEEOAP exchanges ing. They will also spend severis to enhance language and cul- al days as a group visiting cultural interaction between tural and recreational sites in Michigan and other nations' Baden-Wurttemberg schools as a means of promoting international understanding and cooperation. In the summer of 2001, dinated by Mary Ann Dillon of

Michigan educators are sched- Novi. For more information of uled to travel to Baden- other exchanges through Wurttemberg. While in Baden- MEEOAP, contact the Michigan Wurttemberg, Michigan teach- Department of Education at ers will have the opportunity for (517) 373-1262. co-teaching as well as survey-



Thurwachter visits Novi Middle School classroom of Michigan/Baden- Frank Raburn, right, and Bilateral observes students Sarah

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The event will take place on November 18 at the Civic Center. The event includes a day of mini Enjoy a turkey luncheon with all sessions for women dealing in the trimmings including pumpkin health, nutrition, exercise, party Sponsored by the Novi

at The Novi Senior Center located Council and the Novi Parks & in the Parks and Recreation Recreation Department, proceeds Department at the Civic Center. from the event will go to fund the For more information call (248) Safety Town program for 4-6 year Safety Town is a community

Tickets are on sale for the education program teaching chilupcoming production of "The dren safety behavior. Children are Dining Room," presented by introduced to safety conditions in a

Cost for the women's workshop Held at the Novi Civic Center is \$22 per person or \$36 for two November 10, 11, and 12; the play registering together. Includes lunch from Santino's Place for Pasta, along with raffle and door prizes. The event runs from 8:30 All seats are reserved and cost a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tickets are only sold in advance. Call (248) 449-



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Decisions to come soon from Blue Ribbon Commitee

BY STEPHANIE FORDYCE

On November 8, the Blue Ribbon Task Force will have completed their preliminary report surrounding the future needs of the school

This will be the last meeting for task force members to make any final changes. If the task force is comfortable with the report, their next step is to present it to the school board on December 7. The purpose of the Blue Ribbon Task Force is to make recommendations about the future direction of the high school, community education, maintenance, swimming facilities, and technology upgrades These recommendations serve as options to the board and the com-

As of now, the final three options for the high school are: build a new NHS with a capacity of 1,200,

Proposal questioned by local leaders

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However, a number of local city council members, including Mayor Richard Clark and Mayor Pro-tem Laura Lorenzo, have said that they will not support Proposition 2.

"Basically, it goes against the democratic process," Council Member Hugh Crawford said. "It's vague and will be up for interpreta-

Crawford said that the one-third minority would have the opportunity to kill a vote that wasn't to their benefit, and Council Member Craig DeRoche agreed.

"I'm a strong advocate of keeping local control," DeRoche said, "This proposal would mean that a third of the legislature can block legislation that could benefit Novi." Csordas said that he agreed with his colleagues that Proposal 2 isn't

right for Novi. "And it could backfire on us," Csordas said. "If we have legislation we want to go through, a small minority can have it blocked."

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

Flu shots offered at civic center

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.



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remodel and expand the existing technical school for those 600 stuhigh school for 2,400, or remodel dents. The "community facility" the existing high school and build could be built on the existing site a "community facility." This facility or at another location. would include the capacity for 600 These recommendations are cruadditional students, preschool, cial as the high school looks to increased storage and parking to child care, pool, etc. It could simul- exceed enrollment capacity by the taneously function as a magnet or 2003/2004 school year.

For elementary advances, recommendations include: expanding media centers at Novt Woods. Village Oaks, and Orchard Hills; more specialized rooms for art. music, physical education, and foreign language, and smaller class

In terms of technology, recommendations include upgrading classroom equipment, networks and special instructional areas like auditoriums and science labs. Transportation and maintenance include accommodate more buses, employees, and maintenance vehicles.

Other advice from the task force force will make their final recom included building a new pool, mendation report. Items in the preexpanding preschool facilities, and liminary report could be narrowed space dedication for ESL, child down during this period. The final recommendation report care, and alternative education will be given to the board in late programs.

The preliminary report will be January, early February. presented to the board by co-chairs Stephen Schram and Jim Koster on December 7. Once the board receives the preliminary report, community surveys will be conducted and any other additional input, such as

Stephanie Fordyce is a staff writer for the Novt News/Northville Record. She may be reached at (248)349-1700 ог Force will meet again and review

Once submitted, the board will

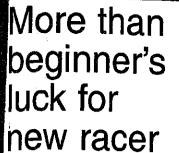
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hat getting the right mixture of air and fuel is beneficial to the how vell the car runs.

"The big thing is keeping your ar tuned," LaFontaine said. "You want to make sure the air-to-fuel mixture is perfect. You want the amount of fuel that comes into the ar to match the amount of air. That has to be exact."

Lafontaine runs his car on a quarter mile track where he's able o get up to speeds of over 100

LaFontaine, 29, who has amassed more points than any racer in any class, not only won his class but he dominated the points total crushing the competition by nearly 500 points.

"It was about 107 degrees out on the track when I won," LaFontaine said. "I did a couple of things and the car stayed consistent. I think that it was just that my car was producing a lot more power than any of the other cars out there." The BF Goodrich (BFG) Factory

Stock class, the newest classification for racers in the NMRA, was opened up to give the average Mustang owner a chance to race, with few modifications to the car. "My foot is never off the gas," LaFontaine said. "To drive this class you have to be a good driver. It is really all about knowing your

How did he learn about cars? "I learned by taking cars apart and putting (them) back together,"

car and keeping it on the road."

LaFontaine said. LaFontaine said that since there isn't a lot of tracks in the area he has to ride out to Milan or Lapeer to do his practicing and, no, he said he doesn't race on the street. What he does do is keep the new racing tires on the car when he is out and about in the city.

"Using them out on the street does break them in," LaFontaine said. "If you drive them on the street you get even wear and it breaks the side walls down. It's then just burning them off

LaFontaine won the races by clocking speeds of 107 and 108 mph and beating the competition by 2 or 3 mph. In drag racing, two or three miles an hour can be a lifetime on the track.

"I had one guy say I was cheating," LaFontaine said. The accusations were proven wrong and it all could have been

because the accuser had paid over

\$8,000 more for his car's parts.

"Sore loser," LaFontaine said. Randal Yakey is a staff writer for the Novi News. His e-mail address ts ryakey@ht.homecomm.net.



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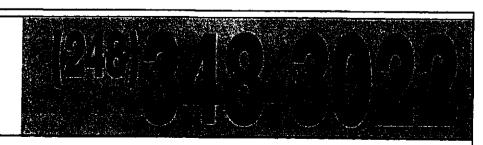
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'Much Ado About Nothing' will be really something

Continued from 1 encouraging us to perform to the become a reality is one of the most best of our ability," he said. 'She's amazing things," she said. really good at what she does." Senior Matt Ephraim who plays Shakespeare is sometimes a little

Leanato, said the cast has also put hard to follow because of its contheir heart and soul into this production, and that it will surely shine through during the perform-

"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."

love it." While Ephraim said the Shakespeare terminology was hard getting used to, he feels the actors did an awesome job with it. 'I think we've portrayed our characters in a way that everyone

will be able to understand," he 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 concen-

trating on polishing up the rough of the fountain, said she would (248) 349-1700 or much rather work behind the sforduce@ht.homecomm.net

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really moti- scenes than in the spotlight. vated and "I love it. Seeing your ideas added that while

> tent, it will definitely be a hit with Nothing": the audience. *It's your typical high school

play," she said. "People will like it." Loper agreed. Everybody should get a dose of Shakespeare," he said. "It's not a dull play; it's a good play because it's really amusing and well written. I think the audience is going to

Shows for Much Ado About Nothing begin at 7:30 p.m. at Novi High School. November 2-4. Cost is \$5 for adults, and \$3 for children 12 and under and senior citizens Tickets may be purchased in the main office at NHS, from east and crew members, or during lunch

The play also stars Chris Sandberg as Benedick. Matthew Britten as Claudio, Erin Chupinsky as Hero, and Joe Schlenke as Don Pedro. Assistant Director is Erica Emple and Student Director is Jessica Cole.

Stephanie Fordyce is a staff Sixteen-year-old Lindsay Keling, writer for the Novi News/Northville in props, who headed the making Record. She may be reached at

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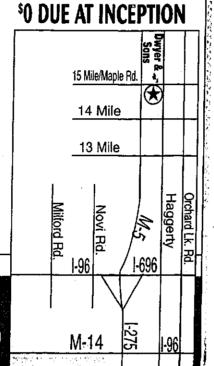
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> SEARCHING THE ONLINE CATALOG We'll cover author, title, subject

and keyword searches on Wednesday, Nov. 8, from 10-11 a.m. You'll learn how to limit your ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION library and/or to specific types of media, such as videos or audiobooks. The session will include After Life" by Raymond Moody. The hands-on practice. Please register group meets Monday, Nov. 6 at 7 in advance for all Internet classes p.m. in the library meeting room. in person or by calling the library.

KID WORKSHOP SEARCHING THE INTERNET

from information for your homework assignment to the latest scoop on your favorite band on p.m. We'll look at some of the best search engines on Wednesday, directories and search engines just Nov. 15, from 1-3 p.m. The class for kids. Prior experience with the

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 search results to items in our class meets Thursday, Nov. 9, from

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NHS offers a dance clinic for girls

Pom Pon of

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. ONLINE: and parents must complete all reg-GENEALOGY RESEARCH ON THE istration and permission forms prior to class. All forms will be available at reg-

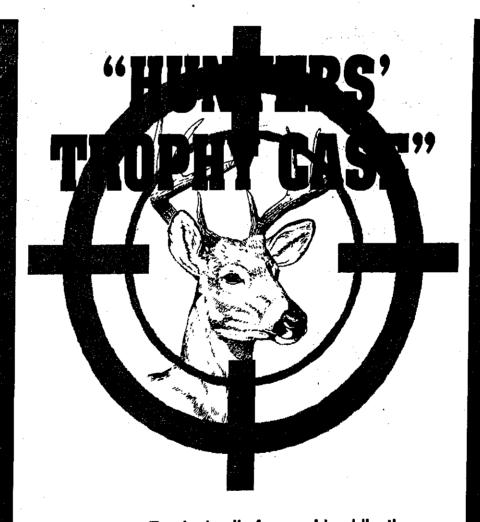
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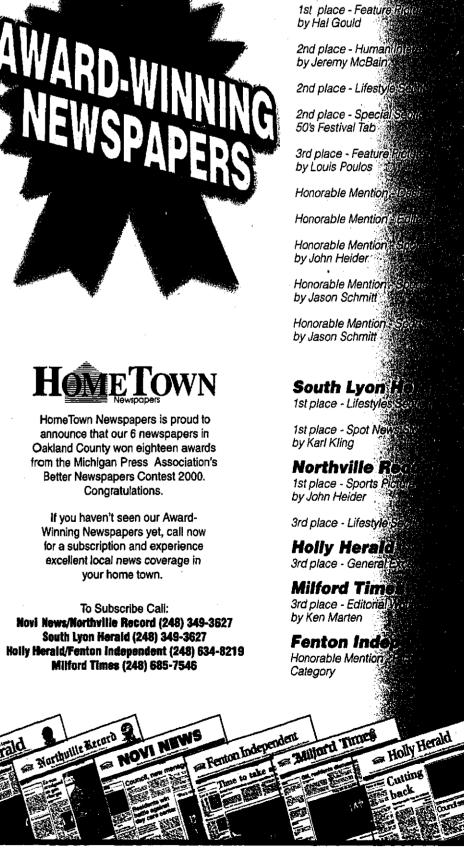


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Not time yet for fire issue

safety of a human life and in second place - the department should voters say yes to comes property, especially residential the proposal on Nov. 7.

Now, voters will be asked to raise their paid-on-call people. taxes to more than double the size of the What is troubling about the proposal is

lives of Novi residents and passers- time? through are in grave jeopardy; no one has Can the concern over Advanced Life shown us show figures that homes have Support be addressed by commissioning been tost under the existing set-up of full- a private company to station an ambutime fire crews weekdays during the day lance in Novi around-the-clock? This and part-time paid-on-call firefighters in would cost somewhere in the \$350,000

the evening and on weekends. There can be no doubt that the fire lion annual package. department is finding it more and more. Without a full study of the issue by a difficult to recruit paid-on-call firefight- committee independent of the fire departers. The current budgeted allotment of 80 ment, we cannot at this time endorse the has never been reached; the department charter amendment. So, we must say NO at present only has 50 on staff.

property. So when members of the Novi There can be no doubt that both the Flefighters Union Local 3232 launched a full-time and part-time fire department petition drive to amend the Novi City employees are dedicated to the welfare of Charter to permit a conversion to a full- the city. Still, there is more than a strong time fire department, 2.077 residents difference of opinion between the two parsigned on. This will include training the ties on this issue. But we don't think votfirefighters in Advanced Life Support ers should reject this charter amendment just to save the jobs of some dedicated

fire department - adding 31 new full-time that there have been no independent firefighters to the existing full-time staff studies of the level of service offered by of 24. On the fiscal side, this means the the Novi Fire Department - and how and fire department's budget will jump from why that should be beefed up. It seems \$2.6 million per year to \$5.7 million per likely that Novi should make a conversion to a full-time department, but does it Is this more than worth it if lives are need to be done all at once, in one fell being saved? Of course. But the problem swoop? Or does it make more sense to s, no one has documented for us that the gradually make a transition over to full-

to the fire department ballot question. While the full-timer's union launched But only no, for now, Come back later, this petition drive, strong opposition has and we may change our mind. been mounted by the paid-on-call fire-

Our take on the races

been served well by State Rep. Nancy of a Patients' Bill of Rights.

Cassis, R-Novi. here. Yes, the Democrats have a candisenator, his focus tends to be on his prior date in the field. Linda Premo of Novi, but accomplishments, not the future. is the second year the Democrats haven't endorse Debbie STABENOW for U.S. bothered to really go after the seat. Senate. because Cassis is clearly the popular 11th U.S. Congressional District

But while Cassis is clearly the only Matthew FRUMIN.

choice, we don't endorse her for that reason. We endorse CASSIS because she position on school vouchers, favoring has done an excellent job of representing instead to increase the return on federa her district and has become a force to be dollars to state education. His proposal to reckoned with in Lansing. And Cassis balance the opening of strategic oil does it all through her command of the reserves with increased exploration of issues, diligent homework and yes, new energy sources is well thought-out. charm, instead of bombastic rhetoric and The same holds true for his closing the the bully pulpit. And that is refreshing in gun show loophole, but we hope he is also

which would be voluntary and charge consumers.

Although Mr. Abraham has had a

she's not putting up much of a fight. This It is with that as background that we It's a tough choice in the 11th U.S.

Reform Party candidate Joseph Bush is Congressional District, where a relative out campaigning, but Libertarian Party newcomer is taking on an experienced hopeful Anne Bora is keeping a low pro-incumbent. After weighing the strengths file, for the simple reason that she had and weaknesses of both candidates, however, we give our support to Democrat

Mr. Frumin has taken a firm "no way" more inclined to seek enforcement of current firearms legislation.

The U.S. Senate race between incum- Mr. Frumin's opponent, Joe bent Sen. Spence Abraham (R-Auburn Knollenberg, has served the 11th District Hills) and Rep. Debbie Stabenow (D- well for eight years, but we believe he has Lansing) is neck to neck entering the final gradually lost touch with Novi and the week before elections. Our choice is hard. Oakland County portion of Northville. Both candidates have shown they can Futhermore, his willingness to give tear apart each other's record, however, school vouchers a chance is far too risky Ms. Stabenow has shown she can be spe- to chance. Likewise, his reluctance to cific with her plans to lead our communi- support the opening of oil reserves at a time when gasoline prices have doubled Ms. Stabenow is direct with her plan to from a year ago may be philosophically help seniors with their prescription costs, sound, but is a logistical headache for

Our take on proposals ■ Road bond is a

Proposal 00-1

First! Yes! placed on the ballot by petition Lansing, or none. That means it is sure to to create "opportunity scholarships," or be well tested in the courtroom for years. from districts already hard pressed and corrects. We urge a NO vote. redirect that money to private and religious schools. Passage would set up voucher programs in seven "failing" school districts. Parents then could take Clearly, the kids left behind would suffer for arts in the region. Two-thirds would Zeven more cutbacks. We urge a NO vote go to 17 institutions - Detroit Institute of

The amendment that Let Local Votes Symphony Orchestra among them - for Sount placed on the ballot, requiring a outreach programs. And more children two-thirds vote of the legislature to "inter- would have the opportunity to experience tene" in local government, has several the best art our civilization has produced. flaws. It's vague. Adoption would lead to Proposal A is worth supporting. Vote legal chaos. It distorts the workings of YES.

democracy. Nobody seems to agree on The proposed amendment that Kids what it would do. It could affect all bills in vouchers, would divert taxpaver dollars. The remedy is worse than the abuses it

Proposal A Voters in Wayne and Oakland can improve the cultural education of local students by voting YES on Proposal A. It vouchers worth \$3,150 to another school would create a half mill tax on Wayne and and apply the money toward tuition. Oakland landowners raising \$44 million Arts, Detroit Zoo, Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village and the Detroit

range, rather than this current \$3.1 mil-

38th District State Representative them \$25 a month. She is against vouch- | a teller explaining something to an elderly It's a good thing the 38th District has ers and Proposal 1 and is a firm believer | customer. Are you the person in the grocery

at the bank, "Why do I come here?" due to — a deal for us in Novi to pass upl ple who purchase more groceries than you Because there's not much competition strong record during his first term as | so you sigh, make faces and let everyone know how annoyed you are. And I surely hope you are not the person who comes shopping at 2:45 and yells out "I am late picking up my kids from school" to everyone in earshot and that you need to get home NOW!! How about the customer, who sees me talking to another customer, interrupts, taps me on the back and states "Do

shop at another store, until the process is

complete? "How do these stores stay in business?" you ask. Well, I'm sure you will continue to complain but also will continue to shop, bank and visit these stores. I suggest if you are so disgusted with dealing with service people, you should do all your shopping by catalog or the Internet, or better yet, work

real bargain

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Novi taxpayers some money when it pass- meetings and bring in substitute teachers? es? Yes indeed. It will cost a Novi Homeowner with a \$200,000 house about \$53 per year. About One Dollar Per Week! dents of Novi will be getting for this "One

IN THE NEWS

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

The Novi News asked Novi library patrons about their intentions.



"Yes. Candidates, issues

everything."

Skip Wendt Stan Kulska

"We have a perception of

candidates. Character is

important. There's not great



Donna McNamara



"Mostly the issues.

Lee Bonner

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

By Melissa Leggiero

"Bush, because of the

LETTERS

Customers can be rude, too

ng the norm," written by Susan M. Thomson. This was in reply to a previous letter by Marcel VandenTop regarding shopping experiences at Twelve Oaks Mall & West Oaks Shopping Center. She states there seems to be a theme to poor customer service at these stores, and grocery stores in this area can't "grasp" the idea of good customer service. I have worked in retail, in Novi, for 11 years and would like to

conversations or hear them complain about

public in a store, bank or an office? I hope you are not the person I heard scream out

vou work here?" There are two sides to this story. Do low wages contribute to this problem? Yes, most retail personnel make \$7-9 an hour. This does not justify bad service but it does not give the consumer the right to verbally abuse salespeople. You stress that stores give themselves a facelift or rearrange things to "make it better", vet you say this will make no difference. This is being done for the customers not the staff. They try to upscale stores so people won't complain they are old and dirty. If a store is remodeling and you know this upsets you, why not

giving customer service and then tell me what you think.

Theresa Poole

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I am sure there are rude clerks as there money for repairs and resurfacing of local cipal and by the teacher. No wonder educaare rude customers. You question if low residential streets, road and traffic flow tional achievements in our country fall wages... poor...training. or ...cmployees, who improvements to pine of Novi's worst interpul short not, the majority, of industrialized just don't want to be there" are the prob- sections, and more. This is a great deal for mations. It is time to take positive action. lems. You state you might interrupt their all of us! Put in one dollar per week and get . Vote yes on Proposal 1. almost four dollars for over 60 million dollars) in roadway improvements!

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Citizens for

Voucher foes. vote for Gore

Something to think about if you are voting no on Proposal 1, you should also vote no on Bush/Cheney. Bush wants vouchers, and think how

mount a second attempt in this state if they are backed by the president. Also with his help they could just go around the voters, so much for local control. Al Gore is against vouchers.

Chuck Tindall

Yes to vouchers

My recent experience at Village Oaks Elementary in Novi precipitates this letter urging a ves vote on Proposal 1. Last Monday, Oct. 16, my son attended his grade three art class (he is educated at home but is enrolled in art at Village Oaks). He saw his art teacher in the hall and she informed him she would not be teaching on this particular day, he would have a substione whole day in a retail store or anywhere tute teacher. Apparently a movie was shown and ten minutes remained of class

The sub utilized this time to play 7-Up. We welcome your letters to the editor. Upon picking up my son and inquiring about his 40-minute art class, he was very disappointed to tell me that there was time after the movie that could have been used for drawing: paper/pencils were readily available in the art room.

It was necessary for him to explain the 7-Up game to me (a game no where near the and content. educational value of hangman; a time pass-

In my telephone conversation with the Mail: principal, he confirmed the art teacher was Letters to the Editor scheduled for a meeting and that there is a teacher shortage and good subs are hard to Jan Jeffres find. I must question why, when the school Novi News day is in session is it necessary to schedule Are there not enough days already on the Northville, MI 48167 books for teacher meetings? A substitute teacher is essentially a babysitter and valu-

Additionally, upon dropping my son off four days later, I inquired of the art teacher Fax: about the situation. She stated she was (248) 349-9832 dissatisfaction with the substitute and game playing, and lack of communication from principal to teacher about a parent concern. She informed me she was absent. I was puzzled because absent implies not in

of roadway work done in the City of Novi. the building; sick. I reminded her that my For each one of our tax dollars spent we will son had chatted briefly with her in the hall, get almost four dollars in city road improve- making him aware of the substitute ments! The difference will be free grant teacher. (Certainly subs are a necessity for government officials will spend it elsewhere class time for such a trivial game as 7-Up. in Oakland County and the State of She justified this by telling me that education involves "learning how to get along with • We will get much more money for people." And playing 7-Up in art with a subrepair/resurfacing of neighborhood and stitute while your art teacher is in a meeting teaches this?

Gee whiz, there was actually time after the movie to do an activity related to art So for about one dollar per week - less and instead, a game lacking any educationthan the price of a good cup of - coffee, we all purpose was played. This ultimate waste in Novi will get a new interchange, more of time was then justified by both the prin-

Rosemarie Zwiller Denton

Joseph G. Toth, Member No to vouchers

The voucher proposal, which will appear Roads Committee 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. It would also allow the legislature to add a tuition tax credit plan.

If this proposal passes, it would take immediate effect in the six or seven school districts where a minimum of two-thirds of the students do not graduate from high

However, for school districts like ours

there are other options. The state legislaeasy it would be for youcher advocates to ture could vote to make youchers a statewide mandate. Your local school board could vote to permit vouchers in your district. Or, the local electorate could hold a petition drive to put the issue on the hallot. What's wrong with the voucher proposal? Vouchers take money away from public schools. If just ten students were accepted in a private school from your child's public elementary school, the public school would lose the foundation allowance for each of those children. In the district where I teach that would mean the school would lose \$75,000. What shall we cut - a teacher, some para-pros, the new text book adoption, technology - what would you cut? Vouchers would be a ticket to nowhere

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Karen B. Zyczynski

■ Don't vote for fire

Some years back when Novi was yet a very rural community, those in charge of fire services saw fit to build four fire stations. Some of these stations were closed during the critical fire periods, that is during the night hours. That proves to me that we didn't need four fire stations then and we don't need them now. I came from Dearborn Heights. There we have a population of about 90,000 people and we

Vote no on the fire services amendment pro-

have two fire stations. Novi has 48,000 to 50,000 people.

doing now. I am told that two of our stations will be closed and new ones built. The station at Eleven Mile and Beck is only 16 years old; that will move to Ten Mile and Wixom roads. Another point I wish to make is - don't cut time men. Example: these men live in all parts of the city and that enables them to be at the the situation and inform the engine crew when

to provide information on test scores, dropout the fire chief had no part in the proposed fire amendment, in fact, it was stated that this amendment was proposal and promoted by the

I would like to see the city council appoint a five-man Fire Commission to avoid the disaster we have witnessed here in Novi. Until that happens, I cannot vote more money to the fire

I am afraid that proverbial Novi money tree is beginning to dry up.

Raymond A. Heinrich

■ Scrutinize the

ballot issues The ballot issues before us, from school vouchers to an arts tax to our own two issues -Road Bond and Charter Amendment for fire protection - have their pros and cons. As a

and cast your vote. In my opinion, this road bond issue deserves one project in this proposal that we - the people - can't or shouldn't support. Every one of the We need to encourage our legislators to invest improvements is well documented as necessary they tell us: no more road bond issues for five years. While this mayor and council may not be in place in five years, Mr. Helwig certainly intends to be here and I know this is a man who honors his word. Please vote in favor of this

road bond issue. The charter amendment also deserves careful scrutiny. One fact that I haven't seen mentioned is the potential of decreased property insurance rates with a full-time fire department. It is possible (there is no guarantee) that your homeowners insurance premium could decrease to offset or partially offset the additional tax miliage. A call to your insurance agent can confirm this; and I trust that if it passes, there will be full-time jobs for the paid-on-call firefighters within the fire department if they want them. Why wouldn't we hire them after paying for their training? Again, study the issue and cast an

With less than a week to go until the election, please remember: we're casting votes for our vast majority of school districts in Michigan. als to president - are very important and deserve our utmost scrutiny. duty not to be taken lightly.

Auburn Hills seeking re-election, and dence is that Abraham (and his Senate colleagues) merely rubber-Stabenow, who represents a mid-stamped the bill that came over from the House (where Stabenow Michigan congressional district, back to voted "Aye"). Who best brings home the bacon? I'd say it's a tie. The most interesting thing about the race has been Abraham's

If you listen to Abraham's ads, you'd think he's a moderate con-

But until this year, Abraham's voting record and rhetoric were

That's why early on Abraham's handlers fig-

ured out a way to defuse his votes against pre-

scription drug coverage for sentors by taking

the offensive, claiming he has a better and

cheaper plan. It's significant that the "better

and cheaper" plan didn't emerge until the cam-

that would have plainly favored Stabenow has

doctrinaire hard right.

been muddied.

ment brought the campaign between As to the Abraham claim to be "Michigan's workhorse" in bring-

Abraham, a first-term Senator from ing pork barrel money to our state for road repair, the best evi-

est in the nation, featuring a relatively persistent inability to get his numbers above 50 percent, even with lackluster Senator who never estab- all the advantages of incumbency and millions of dollars in unanlished much of a political base in swered television advertising. A lot of that has to do with the fact Michigan and an energetic challenger that Abraham is essentially a very skilled backroom politician, with a reputation for non-stop cambetter at cutting deals in the lobbies than pressing the flesh back

I'd guess at least four factors con-There are still a whole lot of undecided voters out there, 16 percent according to the Free Press poll and 24 percent according to • At long last, Stabenow finally started running TV ads. the News A maxim of politics is that late undecided voters tend to Abraham has raised nearly three times Stabenow's war chest; his break against the incumbent. After all, if people are still unclear TV spots ran virtually unanswered for months. Many insiders had about somebody who's been in office for six years, they're not likebeen critical of Stabenow's late TV showing, but recently she has ly to be persuaded to vote for the incumbent in the last week of the campaign.

• Stabenow performed very well in the two debates with Stay tuned. This one isn't over yet, and I'd guess that Debbie Abraham, although only one was shown on television, on Public Stabenow's got the momentum just now.

campaign spokesmen were saying about how well he was doing; it Phil Power is chairman of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this newspaper. He welcomes your • Abraham's campaign has been, even to Republicans, dazzlingly competent at what might be called creative packaging, especial- e-mail at ppower@homecomm.net.

LETTERS

OTHER OPINIONS

Stabenow's got the momentum

Biggest political news last week was that the race for U.S. Senate ly when Stabenow hadn't the money to refute. Now that between U.S. Rep. Debbie Stabenow and Sen. Spencer Abraham Stabenow's ads are on the air, voters may get cross about being

11 percent, while the Detroit News' poll had Abraham ahead, 39 servative, a family man who cares for children and senior citizens.

late undecided voters

tend to break against

the incumbent.

bamboozled by Abraham's campaign.

This last point deserves more detail.

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schools can accept or reject any student. Choice fire before the engine and men. The early arrival resides with the private school, not with the of these volunteers gives them time to assess

matched Abraham dollar for dollar.

Broadcasting on a Sunday night.

looks like he's been sitting on his lead.

has turned into a statistical dead heat.

Poli results published in the Detroit Free Press last Friday

came among Detroit suburban voters (from 16 A maxim of politics is that

The latest develop-

square one. The race originally had

tributed to Abraham's meltdown:

· Abraham may have started to believe what his very aggressive

been widely tipped to be one of the clos-

showed Stabenow and Abraham running dead even, 41 percent to

percent to 36 percent, within a four-point margin for error.

Two weeks before, the News survey had

Abraham ahead by 17 points. Abraham's losses

points ahead to a tie) and women (from nine

Experts were flabbergasted. Typical was a

remark by Bill Ballenger, editor of Inside

Michigan Politics, quoted in the Detroit News:

"Abraham is collapsing like a tower of Jell-O."

points up to five down).

Vouchers are taxation without representathey arrive what needs to be done. fion. Private and religious schools do not have rates, who they teach, what they teach or how they spend your tax dollars. Private and religious schools do not have to

respect the constitutional rights of students. Private schools do not have to follow public mandates such as guaranteeing students the rights of due process and free speech. They can expel your student and you the parent have no Supporters of vouchers want more teacher testing. Teachers are already tested several

times before they can become teachers. They are expected to earn 18 hours of college credit during their first few years out of college. Every school year they receive a minimum of five days of professional development. After their first five years, and every five years after that they are required to earn a minimum of six hours of col-

Proponents of vouchers would have you believe there is a billion dollars sitting in the education fund to cover the cost of a voucher program. That money has been encumbered for the new education initiatives passed by the leg-

What should we do next? The first thing we need to do is vote no on responsible voter, you must do your homework, Proposal 1. Taxpayers cannot afford to finance read the proposals, make an educated decision,

two systems of education. We need to encourage our legislators to concentrate on making all public schools stronger, the unqualified support of all residents of this safer and better for all children. All children are city. If we do not support it, the funds to be entitled to equal access to a high-quality public leveraged by our city will disappear. There isn't education in a safe and caring learning environment delivered by highly qualified professionals. in renovating our school buildings and facilities and we must believe the administration when so they can handle the new technology that is rapidly evolving.

We need to support and improve our public schools for all children, not to assist the limited number of parents and children who are selected to enroll in private and religious schools.

department issue

If we were to cut back on some of our stations and equip them properly with men and equipment, we could do a better job than we are

back on the volunteers. The volunteers or parttimers are often more valuable than the full-

■ Proposal 1 will harm education

On Nov. 7 voters in Michigan will make one of the most important decisions they will ever About a week ago I read in the Novt News that make with regards to the future of public education in this state. That decision will not be who is elected president, but how we vote on Proposal 1.

A vote for Proposal 1 will irreparably harm public education for generations to come. If passed, Proposal 1 will:

• Reduce funding for public schools at a time when greater funding is needed. Provide tax dollars to private/parochial schools that have no accountability to the taxpayer and can select which students they want

or don't want. · Provide tax dollars to private/parochial schools that have no obligation for MEAP test-

Open the doors to extensive indirect aid to private/parochial schools. · Decrease our ability to help special needs

children. · Provide an opportunity for the ultraconservative, Mackinac Center for Public Policy, to pressure the legislature to provide tax credits to corporations such as AmWay to redirect taxes paid for roads, parks education, prisons, public safety, welfare, etc., to their own selfish pri-

vate/parochial school causes. • Increase taxes for us all. · Result in vouchers in just about every school district in Michigan in two years.

• Encourage single issue (voucher) candidates to run for our local school boards. Proposal 1 proponents go to great lengths to proposal mandates teacher testing, provides school choice and guarantees school funding Teacher testing occurs now and can be expanded without changing our Constitution. Vouchers in seven school districts will not increase choice beyond the choice that already is available through existing charter schools and inter-district and intra-district choice programs. The funding level guaranteed is less than current funding levels and fails to address the problems

created by Proposal A of 1993. As you can see, the Trojan Horse in front of us is not what we ultimately may get. This proposal is not about helping all children succeed. or improving public schools. Instead, it is about subsidizing a select group of private/religious schools that want public money with no strings attached. We must see through the facade of vouchers and understand that vouchers will not deliver a better education to all our children.

Research has shown that vouchers do not create better education. Instead, better education is achieved through lower class sizes, early childhood education, involved parents, and extensive teacher training.

Public schools educate every child and, for the most part, have done an excellent job in the future. All the issues - from local ballot propos- The Michigan Constitution, for over 30 years, has mandated the separation of church and state and protected public education by elimi-Voting is not only a right, it's a privilege and a nating the possibility of diverting resources to private/parochial schools. The promise of vouchers to those privileged enough to attend Sarah J. Gray private/parochial schools, does not give us sufficient reason to amend the Constitution of the state of Michigan. There is no greater threat to Michigan's educational future than the voucher proposal. I encourage you to vote "No" on Proposal 1 and support public education.

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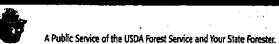
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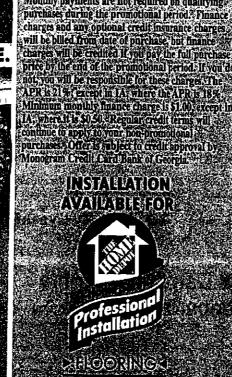
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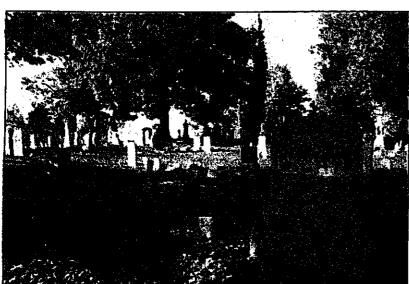
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The Novi Cemetery on Novi Road.

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 too literally about them." shoulders, and gentleman, holding a straw basket containing

a warm bottle of local wine and a luncheon for two, step down form 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. people would go and have pic-

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.

remembrance, was also a "Today, people have a place where peomorbid association with ple of that time plantcemeteries. They think ed unique flowers and trees that were Kathy Mulch otherwise

not culti-

Novi Cemetery, a place for

vated by the farmers of the area, who were much more concerned with producing crops for sale in the local markets, Mutch

Novi Historical Commissioner

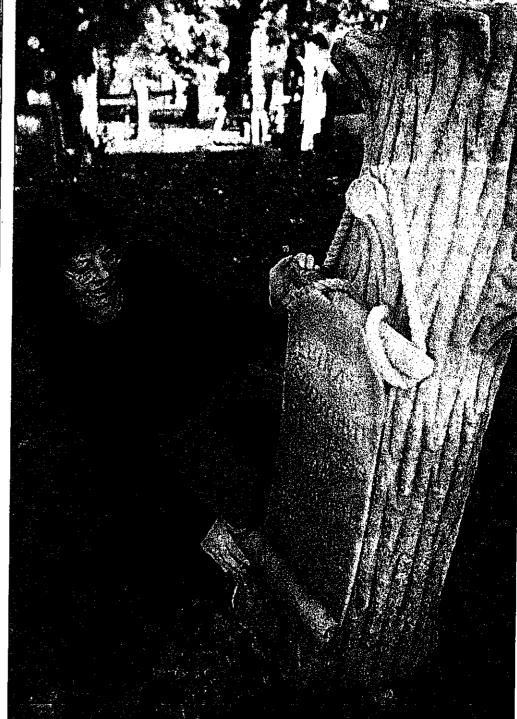
Mutch said that at the time the cemetery was dedicated, most of the residents in the area were entombed on family plots. That changed when more They were the places where settlers and increased commerce began to come into the

"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 undergoing. 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.



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.

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 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.

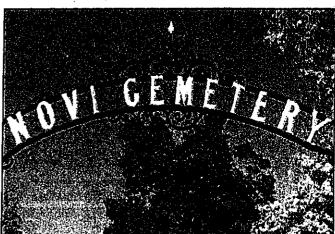
Mutch has been keeping hopes for a new walkway that would go along the tributary of the Rouge that runs behind the cemetery and, with the new downtown crossing Novi road, allow people to utilize the cemetery as others used their cemeteries - as historical documents like the city of Boston

"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 Ingersoli Drain which is a relative of the founders of the Ingersol-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 Word War

The marker for Scott Dunham in the Novi Cemetery is merely there as a remembrance - he is not there. Dunham fell in the Arogonne 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,"

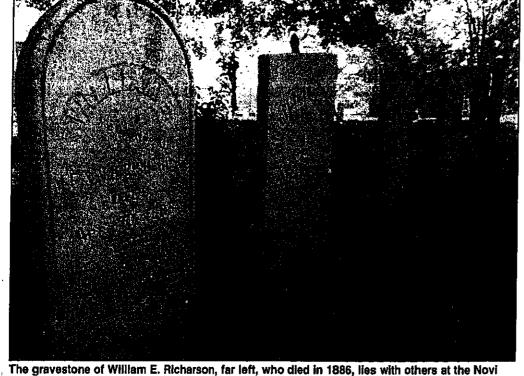
Mutch said, looking over the Scott Dunham marker. "That's interesting. The year 1918 is the year that the Fuersts bought the farm from the Dunhams.

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

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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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 embarrassed you.) Two of my favorite cheers are Victory and Rowdy. My two favorite jumps are the toe touch and a tuck

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

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.

team. Next year, I will be on

junior varsity. If you want to be

on JV, you have to be at least

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 out for volunteers. Lawless continues to present new

grograms for the residents, the he acquiring of specially printed T shirts for those participating. Parmenter's Cider Mill is planned 2000 for this month. Each week, different groups of residents visit the Cider Mill and enjoy the traditional cider and donuts.

The residents play Bingo several Town Center. times a week with the activities staff, In addition, the Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of Victory and St. Joan's Guild sponsor this this year's annual Candy Cane. Coonce and Doe Barr will be workactivity as well, with all enjoying. Drive, The sale will be held Nov. ing on the details, refreshments. Volunteers are in need; one largest fundraiser by the Lions. activity calls for a croclect teacher. Funds from this event will be disc district governor; Pauline located on Ten Mile and Christina Monday. For more information as The needles are ready so if you tributed to many charitable pro- Druschel of the Novi Library, who Lane across from city hall. The respects requirements, please call

Weddings

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door wedding followed by a can-

delight dinner on June 23 at

Galleria Marchetti in downtown

Clifcago The Rev. Harry Widman

of Wolfeboro, N.H., coursin of the

Parents of the bride and groom

are John and Lesa Buckland of

Northville and George and Nancy

The bride is a 1987 graduate of

Northville High School, and has a

degree in restaurant and institu

tional management from Johnson

and Wales University in

Honor attendants included:

David Buckland of Royal Oak,

Shannon Armstrong, Johnna

Battaglia, Lisa Kramer, Mina

Rahimi Hormerly of Northville).

ind Maggie Buckland of San

Francisco, Nephews of the groom

Aberdeen, Wash., were ring bear-

Providence, R.L.

Wallace of Oklahoma City, Okla.

bride, officiated the ceremony.

forming a men's group, with a call Grand Rapids residents are interested in making impaired person and a leader dog) est being bowling. Plans include decorations or small gifts for fame every year. Recently graduating ily members. If anyone has such was the 10,000th individual and talents and would like to volun- four-legged companion. The teer, once again call Amy at 477-

> Events for the month of November include celebration of

Novi Lions Club

Marc Girbel will be in charge of 17-26 and is considered the have an hour amonth, please congrams, such as Leader Dogs for discussed available programs for sale will be held on Thursday and the church office at 349-5666.

The school for leader dogs grad-With the approaching holidays, uates over 300 "teams" (a visually puppy program places about 300 puppies in private homes every

Welcome Home located in Grand Veterans Day and later in the Rapids is a residential home for month, attending a movie at the blind adults over 50 years of age: there are approximately 36 in res-The Lions will be promoting the

Classic Car raffle this year. Jerry Recent meetings have included several guests: Bob Jenkins, vice Nov. 1-4 at the church, which is the community twice a month on surfacing in November.

Richard Clark; and city manager, There will be a special bag sale on Rick Helwig. The Lions continue to collect no lincluded among the items will items as well as their ilme. longer in use eyeglasses for recy- be a bed, large chair, air hockey cling. Containers for these dona- game, bikes, dishware, pictures LensCrafters also assists the the church music programs.

For more information about this the Chancel Choir but is coordinand also Sundays. organization, please call Dick nating additional choirs and Stopinski, president at 624-0108. music groups within the church.

Lions Club with this project of dis-

Presbyterian Church

provided a good supply but now the volunteers are providing some

Contributions of the following would be greatly appreclated tions are located at the Novi and frames, computers, puzzles, canned fruit, spaghettio's, cereal, Library, Novi City Hall, O'Brien toys, and more. Also included will canned tuna, complete meal Funeral Home, and Lens Crafters. be a bake sale sponsored by sen- packs (LaChoy Chinese meal, Glasses are furnished to those in fior high students. Proceeds from nacho meal, Velvetta meal), strawthe community who are in need. the rummage sale will go towards berry and grape jelly, peanut butter, toothpaste, diapers, toilet paper, the list goes on Items can Michael Gross, new director of music ministry, not only directs be dropped off any day of the week

The next Food Bank day will be Nov. 8 and having contributions Novi Emergency Food Program made prior to that date would be Community is also a ministry which provides very appreciated. Newsletters are available in the The rummage sale will be held need. This program is available to church foyer, with new programs

Jeanne Clarke. Should you wish to the third for Any Lawless at 477 the Blind in Rochester and the visually impaired; John Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and The Food Bank supply is cur2000 Also, she is interested in Welcome Home for the Blind in Wallace, district governor; Mayor Saturday, from noon to 5 p.m. rently depleted. Postal workers this column, call 624-0173.

Religion

Saturday

The Novi United Methodist Church is pleased to announce The service will be at 9:45 a.m. include a prime rib dinner plus a and will be a monthly feature. All chance to bid on many items, Road in Novi (at Meadowbrook auction for some exciting items.

food and toiletries to families in

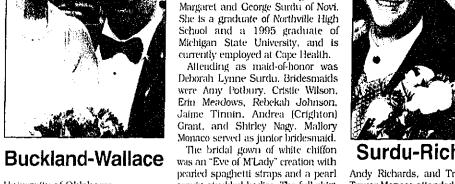
149-2652 for further information.

United Methodist Church annual auction/fund raiser and dinner. that on Sunday, Nov. 12, it will Saturday, Nov., 18 at 7 p.m. have its first contemporary service. Tickets are \$20 per person and

are welcome to attend. The church small and large. There will be a s located at 41671 W. Ten Mile silent auction as well as a bidding Tickets can be obtained by call-Please call the church at (248) ing the church office at (248) 349-

2652. The church is located at 41671 W. Ten Mile Road in Novi (at All are invited to the Novi Meadowbrook Road).





bridal bouquet was of white garde- their honeymoon.

Burton Manor in Livonia.

John and Ryan Solan of University of Oklahoma, The couple took a cruise around Portugal and Spain for their hon- detachable train. Her headpiece was The groom has a master's cymoon. They currently reside in

> roses, and variegated ivy. The groom is the son of Thomas and Luetta Richards of Reading, Mich. A 1995 graduate of the University of Michigan, he is currentty employed at Blue Care Network. Michael Dennison served as best man. Groomsmen were Chris Ruhl. Scot Loeffler Mike Vanderheek

nias, white mini calla lilies, white



sequin-studded bodice. The full skirt - Trevor Monaco attended as bellringer was of a drop-waist design with a and Roger Coe Jr. was ring-bearer. The couple went to Sandals Resort a sequin and pearl-studded tiara. The in Duns River Falls, Jamaica, for

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rown hairleyes, likes horseack nding, walks and workand rid seeks a lovable. SPECIAL SOMEONE? Im a kind hearted and happy, SWM, 27, interested in meet-ing a kind, honest, loyal, sin-cere and affectionate, SWF, 21-32. My hobbies are

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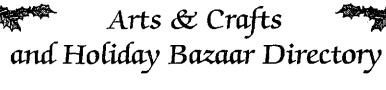
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Community Events

The Novi School Board will hold a special meeting on Nov. 8 at 7 p.m. to discuss the purchase of land. The meeting will be held in 25345 Taft Road. The public is encouraged to attend. For more information, call (248) 449-1200.

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Are you dreading the upcoming Women Club. overwhelm vou?

questions, you can benefit from and repair of the quilt, among attending the "Hope For The other things. There will also be a 0203. Holidays" seminar. We can't stop silent auction and a luncheon the holidays from happening, but served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 we can help provide you with some p.m. (cost: \$5.) Market Place with Lutheran Church, 201 Elm Street, napkins, fabric gift baskets, quilt Northville

invite your friends and family members who might benefit. This Saturday. seminar is being conducted by the and sponsored by Northrop- Kaye Whittington. Sassaman Funeral Home in Friday, 1:30 p.m. - Appliqué All of the homes are breathtak- Department at (248) 347-0400.

NORTHVILLE GARDEN CLUB Starting at 11 a.m. Nov. 6, members and guests will be mak-Nov. 16 at 7:30 p.m. If there are ing bows and clustering pine cones for the Christmas Greens Mart. If you are interested in helptime filled with friendly conversation and lunch. We'll gather at the Mill Race Historic Village and

work until 2 p.m. Questions? Call Charlotte Lenk, the Educational Services Building, (248) 349-8111 or Yvonne mer Ski and Sport Sale is back. Changing DeMattos, (248) 348-1946.

> AUTUMN QUILT SHOW The Autumn Quilt Show will be equipment.

identify the quilt design, approxi- be accepted.)

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Clean out your closets. The forwith a new look. The Northville Our club will no longer be sell- Recreation Center will hold a one- Gabriala's, and Piccadilly's in ing our wreaths at the downtown day sale on all types of usable the Park. Each designer will CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP Christmas walk. It is too late to sports equipment and clothing on use their own unique style to place an order for this year, but Saturday, Nov. 11, from 9 a.m. to adorn these homes with the please place your order next year noon. Bring us your used sports latest in holiday decor. through a member or by using the equipment - golf, tennis, soc-

Recreation Center at (248) 349- Please call (248) 374-0200.

HOLIDAY HOME TOUR

ple of homes will also have tables set for Thanksgiving. This year's

tion by Ken Taddia. This year's show will feature Northville, (248) 349-1144.

SPORTS EQUIPMENT SALE

Northville United Methodist your sales tags now at the Northville holiday season? Do you wish the Quilt show focal points: Two- W. Main Street - and start clean- and the day you prefer to be accepted on a first come, first books. Miss Karen Onkka calendar would jump from today to hundred displayed in sanctuary ing out your closets. (Old, out- Home Tour, 321 N. Center serve basis. Enrollment fee is \$12 Schanerberger is a licensed Jan. 2? Does your family expect and lounge \$\\$3 donation to view dated and heavily worn items Street, Suite 130, Northville, you to do everything the same? quilts;) written and verbal quilt and down-hill ski boots or bind- MI. 48167. Does the idea of shopping for gifts appraisals. The appraisals will ings over seven years old will not If you answered yes to all of the mate date it was made, and care For more information, call the tour day only. Questions?

Decorators have once again ideas that will help you get through quilt-related vendors (quilted taken on the challenge of con- which is a major fundraiser for them. We hope you will attend Nov. front sweatshirt jackets, quilted verting six area homes into the Novi Choralaires will be 16, from 7-8:30 p.m. at St. Paul table runners, placemats and Holiday Wonderlands for the ongoing from now till Nov. 21. notions, materials, patterns, Foundation's annual Home Tour. Dec. 5. A 23 inch wreath will The seminar is free and there is magazines, bed quilts, etc.); and Ideas abound and there is some cost \$16 and a 36 inch wreath no need to register. Feel free to free demonstrations will also be thing for everyone. The six will cost \$26. Wreaths are decopresented both Friday and homes include all styles and rated with choice of ribbon and 'sizes including indoor pools, pine cones. Order today by con-• Friday, 10:30 a.m. - impressive entertaining areas, New Hope Center for Grief Support Chentilling demonstration by unique uses of color and much Choralaires or call the Novi

tour is sponsored by Toll Bros.

Inc. and one of their homes will also be included on the tour. Reserve your tickets early; ing with this endeavor, it's a fun First United Methodist Church of last year's event was a sell out. the show will be open from 10 Seasons, Kim 20 or more are \$5.50. Slocum, Flowers from Joe's,

Tickets are \$15 in advance School Church at Mill Race form published in the Northville cer, baseball, football, equestriand \$18 at the door and will Village. A morning session from an, skiing, skating, hockey, be available beginning Oct. 1 10 a.m. to noon will be held and ceed to Wing, Dunlap, Center etc., - and then look for great at the following locations: an afternoon session from 1-3 Street and end on Main Street. deals from someone else's Gardenviews, 202 W. Main p.m. Children in grades 1-6 are Street, Northville; Gabriala's, invited to participate to make or bring along your buddies. Most held at the First United The Recreation Center will 322 S. Main Street, Plymouth; handmade Christmas gifts for the TROT Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, Methodist Church of Northville, accept equipment on Friday, Traditions, 120 N. Center special people on their list. from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fee 777 W. Eight Mile (at Taft) on Nov. 10, from 2 to 7 p.m. You Street, Northville; and Enrollment will be accepted p.m. at the Great Harvest Bread is \$1.

Friday and Saturday, Nov. 10 and decide what your stuff is worth Changing Seasons, 149 E. starting at 6 p.m. Nov. 3 for Co. on 136 E. Main Street in For more information, call 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and we will sell it for you for a Main Street, Northville or Historical Society members at Northville, Miss Karen will offer Northville Parks and Recreation at Sponsoring the event is the small percentage (25). Pick up send a check payable to 218 W. Dunlap. Non-Historical storytime Kindermusik style with Recreation Center located at 303 Foundation for \$15 per ticket starting at 7 p.m. Registration will which highlight favorite children's

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CHRISTMAS SHOW The Michigan Christmas Show

will be held at the Novi Expo Center from Nov. 30-Dec. 3. On Thursday, Friday and Saturday, This year's tour dates will be a.m. to 9 p.m. and on Sunday. Friday, Nov. 10 and Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Ticket

The Northville Historical Society

for children on Dec. 2 in the New

given if you bring in a 1lb. 10 oz. coffee can with both ends off. For more information, call Bill or Carole Jean Stockhausen at (248) 349-2833.

HOMETOWN HOLIDAYS FROM

Association presents Hometown Holidays in downtown Northville Nov. 11. Tour hours are 10 a.m. prices are \$7 for adults, in at 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 17. The until 3 p.m. Tour homes will be advance \$6. Youth ages 6-12 are annual lighted parade will feature decorated by designers from \$4 and under 6 is free. Groups of Santa, who will be escorted into town with floats, cars, horses, carriages, people, and pets. Santa 22nd ANNUAL CHILDREN'S will receive a key to the city at the Gazebo and welcome all the good boys and girls with their wish lists. There will also be carolers, clowns, elves and music. The

parade will begin behind the rec

center on Cady Street and pro-

On Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 4:15 Community Society members may register imaginative songs and chants per child for Historical Society Kindermusik instructor at Evola members, \$14 for Non-Historical Music Center in Canton. For more Society members. A \$2 rebate is information call (248) 349-3934.

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tical horns of lighthouses have guided wayfaring sured captains and seamen alike, and are now vide customers with lighthouse accessories and and ambience of rooms in homes everywhere.

On foggy nights, lighthouses usher in ships and lighthouses. "We also advise using materials and sailors home, and during the day, they stand as pil- colors such as blue and white to encourage and lars of seaside communities and beacons of hope. complement a room's nautical theme," says Hatch. home a refreshing look and feel. These beacons The serene blues of the water and sky combined water, makes the presence of murals an escape structures. At the Home Depot in Newport News, from the rest of the world. The quaint cottage VA "Lighthouse décor is the single most requested homes and fields of green give the mural greater item," according to Carole Frost, department head

Georgene Hatch, manager of the furniture and

contrast, making it a perfect way to brighten any of the design center. "I cannot keep our lighthouse www.aracontent.com

While some may think that creating this nautisailors from the perllous sea to the comforts of land design store Schneiderman's, said that the popu- cal theme in your home is an expensive undertakand home. These towering structures have reas- larity of lighthouses has encouraged them to proform a living area without putting a strain on your directing interior designers to utilize their guiding designs, as well as items that give a room a nauti- wallet. Placing seashells in a clear lamp is another lights in creating and complimenting the design—cal theme. Some of these items include striped—easy and inexpensive way to incorporate the beauawnings, rope knots and even wooden carvings of tiful and unique sights of the sea into a room.

Using lighthouses in your home can guide you to a classic nautical theme and give your The lighthouse trend has inspired other stores to of reassurance will add charm and character to with the surreal view of sailboats gliding along the stock their shelves with items depicting these a room and leave you feeling like your spending a day on the shores of an ocean bay.

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American College Fund have set goals and are seeking "Why the student believes he/she should receive an

survivors from metro-Detroit who or university student? Are you or your family experi- College Fund Registration Application) and grade point Lynn, to Robert L. Blascyk, the son

Grace O'Brien

ter, Grace Angeline, born July 26 Lawrence and Sally Blascyk of in Edina, Minn. She weighed 6 pounds, 7 ounces and was 20 inches long. Her christening was

Grandparents are Barbara

The staff at the Northville Senior
The Northville Senior Center lows: Bridge, Wednesdays. 12:15 tion for Thanksgiving on Nov. 21 fee to celebrate this election

· Nov. 15. Mt. Pleasant Cost is \$25, (Incentive \$15/2 for 1 coupon and \$5 meal) for

Cost is \$90 for residents.

Christmas in London, Ontario, Canada, Cost is \$59 for resi-

they wear off," Fisher said. "A kid get it," she said. school and do okay, but by the end patients hooked up to the monitor compare a possible ADD kid to the of treatment can be found of the day when he comes home, it's will receive a reward if the level of other kids in the classroom."

clinical setting themselves. and sets out y to another. causing more fre-A new Novi business hopes to quent lapses in "It's like riding a bike on his own? the classroom, you're a pain, That's where because you're always causing change that behavior without periods of nervous once you learn how, you multiple ses- problems," Fisher said. "If you're sions eventu- an adult that's always high-strung, lowered attention never forget it." the brain's

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allowing them to see the electrical ate reward waiting, she said.

In normal brain function, the and sounds.

need for medication to curb atten- up to a brain wave activity monitor, impulses moving through their ment of ADD after reading of beta can be taught how to recognize their or physician when a child enters ment, they aren't wiggling around

learn how to do this, you never for- certain way," Fisher said. "There's office can be reached at (248)

school. The reason? "In that kind of environment,

ly affects boys, and it typically can n't sit still for 30 seconds, and by be first diagnosed by a psychologist the time they're done with treat-

Francis Anderson, right, helps her brother Joey Gavarek hand out candy to visiting Orchard

said they love Halloween and

For kitty-cat Rebecca Covley and

Cinderella Lea Shaheen, both 6,

bubble gum and suckers were first

"I like getting the candy more

But Covley added that during

"My mom says I'll get cavities oth-

Halloween, she's only allowed three

method teaches kids how to control determined level. The reward is ty are conditions often as testing to

pieces of candy a day.

Hills students like Mikaela Bray, left, last Thursday morning at Charter House in Novi.

House, said she thought the too for these first graders.

and the school have partnered great to have the children come who dressed up as WWF's Sting,

Six-year-old Evan Nielson,

First grade teacher Megan who dressed up as Hopper from A than dressing up," said Covley,

Ristau said the kids were really Bug's Life, said he was having a "especially suckers, they're my

"I like that we get to come here,"

thought it would be a great way and the seniors really enjoy their goodies.

for the two age groups to interact. having them here. Sometimes

"I think both the kids and the their everyday routine can

seniors are having lots of fun," become a little bit dull," she

little exuberance to the home. he said. "Everyone is really nice,

Kathy Orofino, physical thera- plus we get to dress up and cele-

kids' costumes were adorable First grade ninja Joey Dworsky

"The kids are having a ball couldn't wait to start snacking on

on their list.

and that she thought it was and fellow classmate Mark Kalaj,

everyone is expected to behave a located at 22020 Garfield. The not much room for individuality. 380-8440. More information on After receiving the training, Not only that, but teachers can Active Treatment Associates' type

response such places to assimilate yourself as an adult that you can't as a child."

Seven-year-old Vedant Ram sald

he was in search of lots of Tootste

Rolls this Halloween and was really

excited about showing off his

costume as one of Disney's 101

"I'm going to have to change when

Stephanie Fordyce is a staff writer

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"When you're a kid with ADD in

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really hot," the first grader said.

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magic," he said.

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pist technician and occupation- brate Halloween twice." New business hopes to help ADD patients BY CHRIS C. DAVIS

For some, the phrase "pay attentheir own selves. Drugs are a temtypically a display of a bowling the patience of parents as they are tion" are words more easily said porary fix to a permanent problem." game accompanied with music to a child. She said research sug-Millions of Americans, including brain's beta waves which move "The brain is taught that if it condition if it goes unchecked, but a growing number of children, have through the frontal cortex are some- accomplishes a certain task that it also said adults with ADD are often

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Candy

happy

Seniors give

exchange for

The Charter House of Novi got

some early trick or treaters last

week as first graders from

Orchard Hills Elementary filled

Dressed in all sorts of costumes

like the powerpuff girls, vampires,

spiderman and Pokemon on

October 26, the children cashed

in on all the candy their bags

"Oh, the children are just dar-

Being the first year the home

up, Charter House Community

they seemed to have brought a

she said. "We'd love to invite said.

enjoying themselves and that great time.

ling," said Charter House resident Jean Smith. "It's wonderful to see

BY STEPHANIE FORDYCE

candy in

smiles

the nursing home.

them dressed all up."

them back next year."

could carry.

been diagnosed with Attention what frequent, causing stimulation gets a reward," Fisher said Deficit Disorder. For a long period to the rest of the nervous system. In But what happens when a of time, the standard remedy for the a person affected by ADD, those patient leaves the structure of a ments in which they can immerse condition was a prescription to help same brain waves ease the jumpiness from one activi- are less frequent,

drugs. Yona Fisher is the woman arousal, hence the that wants to make it happen. She is bringing a new but increasingly popular brand of neurological training to Northville and Novi which effectively eliminates the hooking patients

trade, but got involved in the treat- with proper instruction, patients wave research conducted at univer- own lulls and stimulate their brains

can take a pill in the morning, go to

at the Novi Expo Center on Nov. Pasadena, Calif. Darrigrand's outfit and tack have been carefully Come see some of the country's recreated from originals on display most unique parade costumes at at the Tom Mix Museum in Dewey,

parade themes complete with cos- markings as Tom Mix's wonder tumed banner carriers, riders, and horse "Tony." Harmony Acres rode 611 in the Avenue of Breeds to nic costumes. The group's Arabic meet Expo visitors. Tarifa is learn- silk and velvet embroidered cosing to play basketball through tumes are crowd favorites at

Saturday's feature will be the Parade, Oldsmobile's 100th new parade applicants at all lev-Great Circus Parade costumes Anniversary Parade, The els from riders to clean up for the Darrigrand portrays Tom Mix at time. In addition, the parade Acres provide the horses, tack, numerous festivals, rodeos and horses have been competition and costumes. Applicants must Huffman, some of the biggest parades in the mounts for the therapeutic riders provide time, willingness to learn Management Service. Inc. at including The at 4-H county fairs, trained for our methods, commitment, and (517) 485-2309.

Nancy Harm on Harmony Tarifa and Tom Mix (Serge Darrigrand

mounted neighborhood watch exhibit for more details. Harmony Acres are recruiting p.m.; and Nov. 12 from 10 a.m. with special guest Serge Michigan Parade, and many year 2001. There is no charge to under, free. Parking is \$5 per car.

Darrigrand of Onsted, Mich. lighted parades at Christmas be part of the group. Harmony

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Lucky Numbers don't add up

Rated R Not Recommended

By Karl Kling

The sum of its part are worth more than the whole. Than 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 is Harrisburg, PA. Richards has parlayed his fame into numerous falled 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

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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

While Travolta and Kudrow can be excused for accepting this gig since they get top billing, but

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 latearrival 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 equallydismal 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.





Tim Roth, known for his por-

trayals 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-

While brief, Michael Moore's

presence on the screen was

refreshing. He brought a small

portion of humor to an otherwise

service to a horrendous script.







Photo by TODD VANSICKLE

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

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 files on a pile of

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 doublereverse 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

last time Northville won a playoff game, senior cocaptain Brandon Langston was wrapping up his elementary school years as a flfth 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 fogether 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

But this year's Novi players have. And it was-

n't a pretty loss either.

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

Novi had trouble stopping Langston and fellow back Ryan Anolick. 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 capa-

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

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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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

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

Making a name for himself

By JASON SCHMITT Sports Editor

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 threepeat 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 Ritzenhein 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 Ritzenhein's.

Ritzenhein 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 sea-

"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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Boys' Cross Country

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 us," coach Bob Smith said, "I've said it from tooking at a three peat. . Novi looked better than it has all season, winning the Midland Regional No. 7 title easi-

Novi boy's win regional,

advance to states Saturday

ly, amassing just 30 points and joining Milford and Lakeland as those teams who will advance to the state meet Saturday at Michigan International Speedway.

If last Saturday's regional results are any

By JASON SCHMITT

Sports Editor

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 invitationals 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

the beginning that he's going to be right up there at the front this weekend at states. He's arrived. Senior Mark Avenius 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. Avenius 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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Kittle

work, or resting up for the Bighorn, long week ahead. For the most part, it was a relatively uneventful afternoon. In rooms 429 and 430 Everytime we played them, regardless of the impor-North Wonders, however, the tance of the game for either team, there was a feeling

My suitemate Dave Tardella Selection Sunday.

and no. I'm not talking about the announcement of 1 was well beyond ecstatic upon hearing this news. school football state playoffs. The last Sunday of the regular season is the first — It doesn't get any better than this.

time the MHSAA can reveal its first round playoff pairings. So as the 5:30 hour began to draw nigh, Dave Caurdy, "Isn't it fantastic? What more could you ask and became incredibly excited. I know what you're probably thinking - Move on

with your lives, guys. You're not in high school any- Cole Rowekamp about the game. "It's always a great more - you're in college now.

all. I had heard rumors earlier that day from Novi ing forward to the game, and I know the kids are, too." coaches figuring the Wildcats would draw a firstround playoff matchup with Northville.

advance in the postseason. Talk about intensity. Although, much to our disappointment, the two ball second-round matchip. If the two teams could pull off sun, victories against a pair of tough teams from the west side of the state, they would square off a week later in

the district championship. This past weekend, both ball clubs turned out surprisingly convincing wins. The Wildeats rattled off 17straight second-half points to down the Portage

The stage is set for a rematch. The anticipation is already building. And it's only can take with them for the rest of their lives.

The Baseline Rivalry is already one of the greatest rivalries in the entire sports world. Every season, devising, these two teams square off in the final game of the regular season, and every year, it is one of the most anticipated events in either town.

Even as a youngster, I can recall feeling the sheer intensity of this rivalry. I vividly remember many instances when, regardless of the teams' records, fans would come out in the thousands to see these teams do battle

On one side, a sea of orange and black filled the green and white. Chants of "We want the Jug" rang 1999 varsity football team.

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top the two-time defending champion.

Northville at Novi

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ason Schmitt. The coin flip is back this

year, so hopefully, everyone has at least a

50 percent chance of finishing out of last

It was October 22, a warm and drizzly afternoon at voraciously throughout the stadium. Anytime some-Michigan State University, and the majority of the thing significant happened, the stands crupted with campus was eating pizza, an ear-splitting roar. Coaches and players alike treatgetting caught up on home- ed every play as if it was the final battle at Little

This is the Novi-Northville football game. As a player, I got goosebumps at the mere thought

of stepping onto the field against the Mustangs.

excitement began to build. in the air that this was certainly no ordinary game. With all the excitement that surrounds this football and I sat glued to our televi- game every season, you can only imagine my reaction sion sets, watching and when I discovered that these two teams will play one walling in anticipation of more time this year. And this time, it won't just be the one of the most exciting usual Novi-Northville contest. No, this Saturday, at events in the world of sports 7:00 at Novi High, these two teams will go to war with a chance to advance to the state quarterfinals.

to MAA tournament pairings. Those come in the What more could you ask for in a playoff game? Two month of March. No, this Selection Sunday is so towns, separated merely by a four-lane road, are going the diling for an entirely different reason — the high to duke it out in a do-or die, winner-take-all football

"Wow," says Novi defensive coordinator Kraig

"I'm looking forward to it," says special teams coach opportunity to play these guys once a year. Now it's a But how could we not get wrapped up in this? After do-or-die situation for both teams. I'm certainly look-

This Saturday night, the atmosphere at Osborne Stadium in Novi will be absolutely unbelievable. For Yes, it did indeed seem possible that these two fierce both these teams, it's now or never. For months, both rivals would battle one another for a chance to these squads have put in countless hours to get to this point. They've been watching film endlessly, running through plays time and time again, lifting weights for clubs didn't actually draw one another in the first hours in the offseason, conditioning, learning, spendround of play, the pairings did offer the possibility of a ling seven hours a day in full pads in the hot August

All for Saturday

For the losing seniors, there is no tomorrow. Fourplus years of tireless toil and exertion, all gone in the lights of the Novi scoreboard. The rest of the losing squad will be forced to pick up its pieces, regroup, and Northern Huskies, 24-14. The Mustangs made the start looking ahead to next August. The winners, lengthy trip to Kalamazoo Central, using an awesome meanwhile, will be able to revel in their victory, enjoy defensive performance and another [Brandon] it, live it up, and move onto the next level, dreaming of Langston-induced offensive explosion to capture the - accomplishing bigger and better things. Even if they can't make it any further, the mere accomplishment of a playoff win against a rival this big is something they

It all comes down to Saturday night. All the time spent preparing, planning, scheming, All the time spent dreaming, wondering, wishing,

All for this. All for Saturday.

looking forward to it.

And I don't know about you, but I'm definitely hallmarks. We're gonna be ready.

stands well past capacity. On the other side, fans, students, parents, and faculty all proudly donned their 2000 Novi High School graduate and captain of the

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Alumn dreams of days past | Novi ousted by Brighton

For some teams, the post season is a distant, distant relative to the regular season. Brighton proved that with a 2-1 win in the district finals over Novi last Saturday at Novi High School.

The Bulldogs began the season in a lull. Novi was on a roll for much of the year, collecting 17 wins and a Kensington Valley Conference championship. But Brighton pulled it together when it "I give Brighton a lot of credit,"

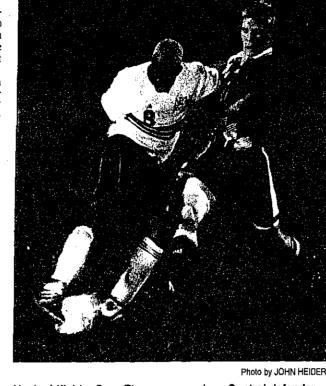
Novi coach Brian O'Leary said. "They didn't make any mistakes and played very defensively. They also cleared all the balls that needed to be cleared. Novi scored the first goal of the

game on a cross from Alan Holdorf to Mike Crawford about five minutes into the game. We were against the wind in the first half, so this was a great start

for us," O'Leary said. But Brighton fought back to score back-to-back goals midway through the first half and take a 2-I lead into the half. The second half went back and forth, but neither team was able to

put the ball in the net. O'Leary said his team carried the majority of the play in the half. "In our other two losses this

team that we are evenly matched with," the coach said. Neither Weber or Taylor had a



Novi midfielder Sean Thompson works a Central defender over last week as the Wildcats dismissed the Vikings.

This year's team loses four sen- outstanding marking back and Matsuura both did an excellent lob (Nick Slovan and P.J. Calandro.) the midfield. shutting down their two best play- The team also loses a key member

year, we played poorly. In this for starters to graduation, but could always be counted on to game we played well and lost to a returns a plethora of depth and defend other team's best players." top-noich talent. Midfielders Sean O'Leary said he expects sopho-Thompson and Matsuura are gone more Josh Churella and junior "Vince Slovan and Datsuke as are both of the team's goalies Eric Schleuder to fill in nicely in

'This team was definitely as good ers. John Weber and Kyle Taylor." on defense in Chris Schleuder. as its record." the coach said. "I "He'll be the hardest player to think we'll be just as good if not replace," O'Leary said, "He's an better next year."

Novi hopes to defend title

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Saturday pion teams couldn't claim.

Steve Szwast, Dan Stevens and Saline. Rockford won its regional Eric Saurer were the team's three as well, led by sensation Dathan his team pack the way it did, alternates in case of injury, Ritzenhein, who won the race in a responsibilities the trio will again course-record time of 14:18. Three hold this weekend. other Ram runners eclipsed 16 Novi will travel to Brooklyn minutes and the team accumulat-

JV BOYS TAKE 2ND " PROPERTY Even without the team's next three best runners taking part in the junior varsity regional race, the Wildcats finished a very respectable second to Detroit

Matt Harsha-Strong took second overall in the race, finishing in 18:07. He was followed closely by Steve Duda, who was third in 18:10. Eric Joseph (18:29) was ninth, Arne Meyer (18:31) 10th and Derek BuWalda (19:10) 29th to round out the team scoring. Rvan Slater (32nd) and Scott Bergeson (35th) rounded out the team's top seven.

"I may have been overly cautious, keeping three guys as alternates, but that was really gratifying to see the guys step it up the way they did," Smith said. "The whole JV team for us looked like the varsity team. They prepared the way they were supposed to, just like clockwork. I was busy running around and when I went to look for them they were already gone, warming up.

have four bonafide fourth and fifth Saturday's state final. The Division men." the coach said. "It's really I boy's meet will begin at 3 p.m. gonna be good for us." Novi and Rockford will once There's no pecking order. None again be the two favored teams They did everything right, they of the guys are afraid to pass and should be challenged by stayed focused. That's one of our another guy," he said. Detroit Catholic Central and

"I'm really proud of the kids. Smith said it was nice to have something the last two state cham-"Last year there was a lot of pressure on Nick Bassitt. Now we tomorrow night in preparation for

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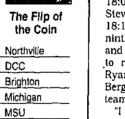
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U-13 Jags win Cup

The U-13 Jaguars' soccer team finished first at the Waterford Cup back in August Team members Include in the front (I-r) Shane Budlong, Brian Weberman, Vinnie Ciampa and Miguel Miranda, in the second row are Adrian

Belobradic, Mike Nemes, Robert Parkins, Andrew Bauer and Dan Beal. Kneeling in the back row are Ryan Pratt, David Deighton, Andrew Stratton and Peter Barilovich. Standing in the back are MAtt Wertheimer and Andrew Omiatek.



U-10 Jags take 2nd...

The U-10 Novi Jaguars took 2nd place at the Maumee Tournament played a while back. Members of the Jaguars include front row (I-r) Nathan Van Nortwick, Garrett Gauruder, Jordan Feight, Matthew Mandeville, Barrett

Schwarzlose and Max Wulczyk. The back row cludes Mikhail George, Brent Womack, Anthony Minnissale, coach Ernie Minissale, Nathan Parkins, Andrew Donatto and Kris

Tankers top Howell, set for KVC meet

After Tyler finished second in the

50 free (25.97), diver Laurel Weiss

After the diving break, Yocum

and Tyler finished first and second

in the 100 butterfly. Yocum bet-

Vernillion and Gee each fin-

events. Vermillion was second in

Kristine Elrod.

the 100 free (57.85) and Gee in the

Brittany Brodfuehrer, and Yocum

finished runnerup in the 200

Novi put the meet away with

wins in the final three events. Jill

McNamara won the 100 back-

Erica Hartland won the 100 breast

The 400 free relay team of Gee,

with 196.40 points.

Hamblin.

finished second.

By JASON SCHMITT

With the Kensington Valley came back to win her competition Conference swim tournament coming up this weekend. Novi made sure it was on the right

track heading in. The Wildcats pounded Howell tered her state cut time she 110-76 last Tuesday, completing reached earlier this season, finishits 2000 season with an 8-2 over- ing in a time of 1:01.92. all dual record. Novi won seven events and swept three en route to ished runnerup in the next two

"We feel pretty good right now," coach Bill McCord said of his 500 free. team. "We're in good shape to taper well going into the league Against the Highlanders, the freestyle relay. 200 medley relay team got things going on the right foot. Lindsey Vermillion, Andrea Yocum, Blair

Tyler and Katle Hamblin opened stroke in 1:11.83 and teammate the meet up with a win, finishing Trisha Hurches was runnerup. in a winning time of 1:59.40. Howell won the 200 free, but (1:19.80) while Christina Barlage Amanda Gee finished runnerup

Vermillion came right back to Tyler, Vermillion and Yocum won win the 200 individual medley in the night's final event, swimming 2:21.06 to up her team's lead. to a time of 3:55.14.

Cagers drop a

pair of KVC games By JASON SCHMITT Milford. Milford's Connie Mallinson

Sports Editor

For three quarters, the Novi basketball team played solid ball and was able to contain Milford's big players and keep the game close. But for one quarter, the second, the team succumbed to the ending first-half 7-0 run and then Redskins' motion offense and was pounced on the 'Cats 23-9 in the outscored 16-3. That downfall led third quarter to pick up this league

to the team's 44-34 loss to Milford on senior's night. The game was the last home con- one after one quarter, and the test for seniors Allison Tingwall, game was tied with two minutes to Jenny Krystoff, Mickie Rzepka and

Karen Edwards. they've been here at Novi and I think they wanted, at least for one to just six points in this game night, give their best effort for the However, all six of those points Sullivan said. "We never had a let- Hartland opened the game up. down in effort all night long, we just had some breakdowns in our

Milford runs a flex offense, using Novi again rallied in the fourth a lot of screens until players quarter cutting the lead down to become open for layups and three 10 at one point, but couldn't catch pointers. The 'Skins drilled three up. Megan Colligan led the 'Cats treys in that second quarter, which with 10 points while Laura Longo helped them build a 29-14 halftime added nine. Carrie Copp scored all "That's been the story of our year

so far," Sullivan said. "We need to play solid for 32 minutes. When we play solid for 28 or 29 minutes of a 24 points. quarter, when Novi made a run at

Novi actually led the Eagles by play in the first half. But that's "I think the team knew how hard Hartland senior Kristen Cullen. these four have worked since who scored 27 points against Novi

scored 14 of her game-high 17

Along the same storyline as the

Milford game, Hartland went on an

HARTLAND 57, NOVI 44

points in the first half.

when things began to fall apart. the first time around, was limited seniors," assistant coach Rod came at the end of the half, when "Psychologically it's difficult to come back after something like that," Sullivan said

six of her points in the fourth quarter, on a pair of three point-

Erin Hoeglund led Hartland with ballgame, things like this happen.

Jaime Sabol scored eight of her team-high 10 points in the fourth

Novi travels to Pinckney tonight before wrapping up the regular season against Howell on the road next Thursday

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Novi senior Brittany Albright and her teammates' season ended last Saturday.



Wolowiec advances to state meet By JASON SCHMITT Sports Editor at the Division I state meet.

For Margo Wolowiec, it's onward and upward. The Novi junior distance runner qualified as the last individual who will make the trip to Michigan International Speedway this weekend to compete

Wolowiec finished the Northwood University course in Midland in a time of 19:52, a season best, and finished 15th overall to get the nod onto the next level. Her Novi teammates will be supporting her off the course as the team finished fourth at the regional. Only the top three teams advance to the finals.

League foes Milford (19 points) and Brighton (79) along with nearby Walled Lake Central (108) will compete in Brooklyn on Saturday. Novi, with 136,

"I thought we could take Central, but we didn't run where we should have," Novi coach Norm Norgren said. "We just didn't do it up and down the line and it exploded on us." "But Margo ran a great race. She's a gutsy com-

petitor and I think she'll do just fine at the state meet." he said. The state modified its qualification process this past spring to allow the top 15 runners at the regional to qualify for the state meet, regardless of team affiliation. Last year, the top 10 runners not on qualifying teams advanced along with the 21 team runners on top 3 teams.

With the format changed. Novi's second runner Tae Kono was left out. The sophomore was 26th overall in 20:17. She would have been the 10th number to advance individually if last year's rules had been in place, Instead, she and three other individuals were left out in the cold.

Bethany Kittle crossed the line right behind Kono, in 27th place. Her time of 20:18 was also a season's best.

Nina Schmitt, still suffering from a hip injury, hobbled to a 31st-place finish. The sophomore battled to the end, finishing in a time of 20:25. Vidya Mahadevan was Novi's final scorer, taking 37th in a time of 20:58. Senior Brittany Albright and sophomore Jenny Thomson were 38th and 39th at 21:02 and 21:03. "What we needed was for some more girls to step

it up and finish ahead of Margo," Norgren said. Milford continued to improve as it took six of the top eight spots. Sophomore Katie Kramer, the twotime Kensington Valley Conference champion, won the regional in a time of 18:31. Teammates Lisa Canty and Tiffany Kaid were second and third overall for the Redskins. "They were unbelievable Saturday," Norgren said

of his conference foe. "I think if there's one team that can give Rockford a run for their money Saturday, it's them. The question is, what kind of mental state will they be in?"

Wolowiec will join 40 other individual qualifiers who will run Saturday at 2 p.m. It's her first trip to the big dance. Howell's Brittani Agostini, Pinckney's Shannon McElroy and Lakeland's Kristyn Kern also qualified out of the KVC.



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The way I see it happening

If, by the time you finish reading this column, you feel the urge to groan and grunt about what I've had to

> say. Hold on a sec-Everyone's entitled to an opinion, and it just so happens that I'm the sports editor for this wonderful

HomeTown newspaper located in the ever-popular town of Novi. I figured, if I can Jason predict the score of the Northville/Novi Schmitt football game this

Friday night, why not take a stab at who will win the boy's state cross country championship this weekend in

I mean, I think on paper I know just about as much about the cross-country finals as I do about the Novi offensive line or secondary. In fact, I think I'm more knowledgeable about the team's two-time defending state championship program. No offense, but these guys are fun to

In each of the last two seasons, Novi was the second-best team coming into the final weekend of the season. But in each of those two seasons, the team has emerged as the states' best. I don't know what it is, but whatever Bob Smith is telling these kids the night before the meet is working, I don't see any of them driving Ferrari's around, so I think we're okay there.

Rockford has been the state's best program the last three years, at least that's what many people think. But why is it that the Rams are the ones taking a step off the awards platform moments before the Wildcats assume their position as the state's best? Numbers don't lie

Sometimes they do, and guys like Nick

Bassitt and Mike Burns can make all the difference. This year the team doesn't have a number five guy. It has four number fours. That's where I feel this team separates itself from the last two champions.

Two years ago Novi had Kevin Avenius and Dan Christopherson both finish in the top 10. Last year Tim Moore (3rd) and Chris Toloff (7th) both placed among the state's elite.

This year Novi has three legitimate top-10 contenders. But I think the team's strength lays with its 4-7 runners. I've seen Todd Foren, Tim Kava and Mitch Erickson jockey for position all year. I've seen Eric Walle make continual strides to get back to where he once was.

I see four guys who can medal at the state meet (top 30.) I see four guys who may even be able to earn all-state honors (top 25.) Can anyone else in the state match that? I don't think

Rockford's the only team I feel can beat Novi; and to do that it'll have to run its best race of

JASON SCHMITT'S X-C

PREDICTIONS

ROCKFORD

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2nd Chris Toloff

Dathan Ritzenhein is the most accomplished runner the state's ever seen, having won the mile and two mile runs nationally while taking home the Footlocker national title last year as a

He has a trio of fellow seniors backing him up. Joe Swendrowski has picked it up and assumed the No. 2 position on the team, but can be beaten on any given day by Kyle Fullmoto. Brian Smith is on par with these two. The biggest drop off on the team comes with its fifth man. Phil Astras is a good 30 seconds behind Smith and that could be the difference

Adam Druckenmiller and B.J. Meyers are

even further back and won't come into play. Rockford is rock solid all the way through, however as I stated above, I think the difference is in the fifth man. Looking up and down the lineup, I see only two positions where Rockford may beat Novi.

Ritzenhein is the favorite over Toloff, but will gain only one point in the team race. And Rockford's fourth runner (I believe it will be Smith or Fujimoto) will gain minimal points on Novi's fourth man (Walle or Erickson, possibly

In the end, I think you'll be talking about the points Tim Moore gains on Joe Swendrowski, the points Avenius chalks up on Fujimoto or Smith and the points Novi's fifth man (again Kava, Erickson or Walle) gain on Astras. Another important factor is to watch for Foren. Kava Erickson or Walle to gain valuable points pushing Rockford's fifth man behind all of

I'm not a gambler, but if I were to wager a Coca Cola on the final outcome of the state meet, it would be......Novi 49, Rockford 62.

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Toloff sets sights on a title, Ritzenhein

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as long as I put in my hard work." It's that hard work that has Toloff sitting right behind Ritzenhein in the latest individual rankings by John Bishop of the Michigan High

School Track and Cross Country website. Toloff ran upwards of 700 miles this summer and his times have reflected that hard work. Toloff is undefeated in invitationals this season and has broken shattered course records at Kensington Metropark. Lakeland's high school course as well as at Hudson Mills. He set the school record at Cass Benton.

"I'm confident he could have broken more if we'd have turned him loose," his coach Bob Smith said. "I talk to him almost daily about his workouts. He knows when to train and he knows what he needs to do."

Smith talked of a practice where the team was running repeat 400s on the high school track. "We were running four in a row and took five minute breaks between sets," Smith explained.

of the breaks and said five minutes was too long "So I told him to go run bleacher creatures,"

Smith said Toloff came up to him during one

the coach said.

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Soon after Tim Moore followed him up the bleachers, and then Mark Avenius was in the

for Wildcats

Season extends

mix. All three are expected to place among the top 10 runners at the state meet.

"When you're so determined to do something, you want to go out and do it," Toloff said. "Because you know it's gonna make you better."

Toloff said his training has become more and more intense these past two years because of his passion on the track. He was runnerup to Ritzenhein in the mile run last year, running the third-fastest high-school time ever in the state of Michigan. His 4:10.77 was third only to Ritzenhein's 4:08.08 and John Hughes' 1999 time of 4:10.45.

"My goal was to run a 4:10," the senior cocaptain of the cross-country team said. "I thought it was realistic. I definitely thought I could beat John Hughes (3rd in the race) and I wanted to be close to, if not beat Dathan."

Toloff is not concerned solely on his own feats and goals, he's one of the leaders of a team which will battle it out with Rockford and Detroit Catholic Central for the state title. He's confident his team can win its third-straight

"Coming into this year we thought this was going to be the easiest year to win," he said. "I thought we had a much better chance. But now that injuries have hampered us and other teams have produced better runners, it's going to be

He thinks his team's depth betters the team's

chances of doing so.

"Todd (Foren), Mitch (Erickson) and Tim (Kava) are all running spectacular and every meet they've ran they've gotten better and better," he said. "And once (Eric) Walle gets back to the spot where he's supposed to be, and I think he will, we're gonna have a pretty solid top

seven guys." As for Ritzenhein, Toloff's probably the only runner who can challenge him for a state title.

"I think he's definitely capable of beating Dathan," Smith said of his superstar. "He's been running unchallenged all year. The numbers areshowing it. If you're running under 15 minutes, you can beat anybody.

Toloff has confidence in his abilities, but won't say whether or not he can beat his Rockford Nemesis.

"He's got a lot of guts in him and it's going to be extremely tough racing with him," Toloff said of Ritzenhein. "I'm not gonna say I can or can't beat Dathan, but I'm gonna give him a good race.

"I know the pace is going to be fast, especially the first mile. I've just got to go out there and focus my mind on the race, focus on him and believe in myself,"

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JV & FRESHMEN

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down by Northern, they punted it back to the Wildcats, and Novi started from their own 19. The junior quarterback quickly got the team near midfield, completing a 25-vard pass to Adam DeBiasi on the drive's first play. After a onevard run by Gorman, and a sevenyard counter by junior Fred Napier. Gorman came up big again. This time, he ran for 31 yards down the Novi sideline before being shoved

out of bounds at the Portage Northern seven. After Gorman tried unsuccess-. fully to reach the end zone three straight times, Kellepourey called time out to gather his troops. Instead of designing a complex play in the huddle, however, the coach simply called for a straight give to Blake Myers. On fourth and goal from the two, the senior fullback took the handoff and powered his way into the end zone for the win-

ning touchdown. Myers finished the

game with 58 yards on 14 carries. James Muldoon added a 20-yard field goal late in the fourth to seal the 24-14 Novi victory. This was just a small part of a remarkable special teams effort from the Wildcats. All game long, the kick and punt coverages were outstanding, stopping Baraka from creating in the open field. "Our kids were relentless," said special teams coach Cole Rowekamp. That was the word we wanted to use on special teams this week. We told them to never give up. We've worked really hard on those special teams, and that was a game it definitely

"I think that win is going to be great for our program. At this point, we're just happy to be in the playoffs and still playing in November."

> Tab Kellepourey, Novi football coach

"I think that win is going to be great for our program," added Kellepourey. "At this point, we're just happy to be in the playoffs and still playing football in November." "I'm so proud of the kids in the program.". said Caurdy following the win. "We had a great week of preparation. The coaches bonded together. The kids worked magnificently. Wow. I'm still numb.'

Novi-Northville matchup set for Saturday

This Saturday, Novi will play host to their archrivals, the Northville Mustangs, at 7:00 p.m. The Mustangs defeated the Wildcats, 35-14, in the regularseason finale two weeks ago. This battle for the District championship will be the first time these rivals have met in the postseason.

"It's one of those games, it doesn't matter who it is," said. Kellepourey. You gotta give the nod, though, to those people [over at Northvillel. The scars have not healed from that game yet."

NOVI JV BOYS SOCCER Overall Record: 15-1-2 Finovitiv soccer team wor its final game of the season, 2-0 ag Kalamazoo Central in a non-league contest list, Saturday, Matt Nickels and Matt Unck scored goals for the Wildian's Sent McClinchey recorded his tenin shutour of the season. The Wildington of the season the Wildington of the season of the Wildington of the Wild Novi IV soccer, registered yet another shutout last Thursday If defeated Howell, 5-0: Goals were scored by Sieve Dailey (2) Yuraka Sakamoto, Matt Urick and Matt Nickels, 10e Belter got shutout in goal, Earlier in the week, the Wildca(s) beat Pincan Ryan Siec: Matt Urick and Yutaka Sakamoto scored the goals tyris, gradini Sahriigaina (in Nillandeen Evolten), era qaraa (issae essa). Maasiya (in dii 1907), Nillanda siyras (in sahraa) (in dii 1907). CHAPTER CONTRACTOR COLOR

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