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Bond erased by \$19 million

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

Subtracting over \$19 million from the estimated school bond issue, the Novi Board of Education decided last Thursday to hold off on a new elementary school and pool.

Upon the March 5 discussion concerning the final recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Task Force, board members felt that with so many immediate needs at stake it would be wise to present voters with something less expensive.

"Right now we're not showing an explosion in the elementary ranks beyond what our current buildings can hold," said board trustee George Kortlandt on a new elementary. "We're not saying no to the entire concept because it is something to consider, but right now it's best to leave it as an option for the future."

According to the price analysis of the project, a new elementary

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Gateway becomes district

By RANDAL YAKEY
Staff Writer

The Grand River corridor has always been a major concern for development in the city.

Now, with a new Novi Expo Center and, possibly, a new Catholic Central High School, the city looks to the venue east of Novi Road and the downtown area.

The proposed Gateway district ordinance will run along Grand River and go as far north as Eleven Mile Road and Trans X Drive and from Novi Road down to Meadowbrook where the Gateway development is looking to begin construction later this year.

The Gateway district is a smaller version of the Town Center district that encompassed Twelve Oaks Mall, West Oaks, the current Novi Expo Center properties and the Town Center proper. The Town Center Committee, predecessor to

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Cruising into town



Jim Benton (Billy Crocker) and Jenny McCracken (Reno Sweeney) rehearse a song and dance number from Novi High's upcoming production of "Anything Goes". Photo by JOHN HEIDER

NHS presents "Anything Goes"

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

This ship doesn't sink as in "Titanic," but "Anything Goes" does tell the story of a cruise to Europe in true style.

Opening with a bang and not into an iceberg, Novi High School's production of Cole Porter's popular Broadway show

promises sheer enjoyment. "It's all the fun and excitement of a cruise without getting seasick," said sophomore Matt Britten, who plays Sir Evelyn Oakleigh.

Combining a stellar cast, amazing scenery, catchy jazz numbers and fancy choreography, "Anything Goes" represents

all the charm and wit of the 1930s musical.

Starting today, the show sails into the Fuerst Auditorium for three nights, March 15-17.

As one of the largest musicals to be performed at Novi High School with a cast of 63 students, "Anything Goes" mixes love and intrigue with humor for a true

production of an American classic.

"The storyline is basically about a man who falls madly in love with a young woman on a ship bound for England," explained lead actor Jim Benton, who plays Billy Crocker.

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Library board has hopes set on new building

By RANDAL YAKEY
Staff Writer

The ancient Greeks believed that a full library was a sign of a fully-evolved culture - so does the Novi Library Board.

The Novi Library Board Director Brenda Evans is aware of the talk surrounding the fire department and police department millages, road issues and the potential for a

Sandstone Vistas lawsuit settlement that may cost the city millions.

But she also believes that the citizens of Novi will support a new library considering over 89 percent of the households in Novi utilize the library, according to a survey conducted last year.

Of the 400 residents questioned, 63 percent said they use the library

at least once a month and 26 percent said they use the library at least once a week.

Evans said the board would like to see a new library constructed on the library's current seven-acre site.

"The space we would need is about 70,000 or 80,000 sq. feet," Evans said.

According to Evans, the cost of

construction for a new public library is approximately \$18 million.

The average homeowner now pays \$1.53 per week for library services. According to library board estimation, the cost would increase to \$3.84 per week for increased services.

Evans also said that she would like to see the library inventory and staff stay in the current building

while a new building is constructed nearby. Evans said that moving to another site would not be "cost effective."

Evans said the board has asked Novi City Council to look over and prepare a proposal for the August ballot.

The next Library Board will be held at the Novi Public Library meeting room beginning at 7 p.m.

Puppets teach kids to use imagination

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

Last week, Village Oaks Elementary looked more like the set of the Muppets and Sesame Street, as Madcap Productions Puppet Theatre provided the students with an experience they'll never forget.

Bringing with her a crew of over 20 animated puppets, Madcap's Karie Shelton had the children meeting all kinds of strange and interesting characters from Nacho the Fat to Oo the Rock.

"This has been so fun," exclaimed second grader Zach Goodman. "I never thought puppets could be this exciting!"

The week-long workshop taught the students everything about puppetry, from storytelling, lip sync,

character voices, ambient movement and other types of basic puppet manipulation.

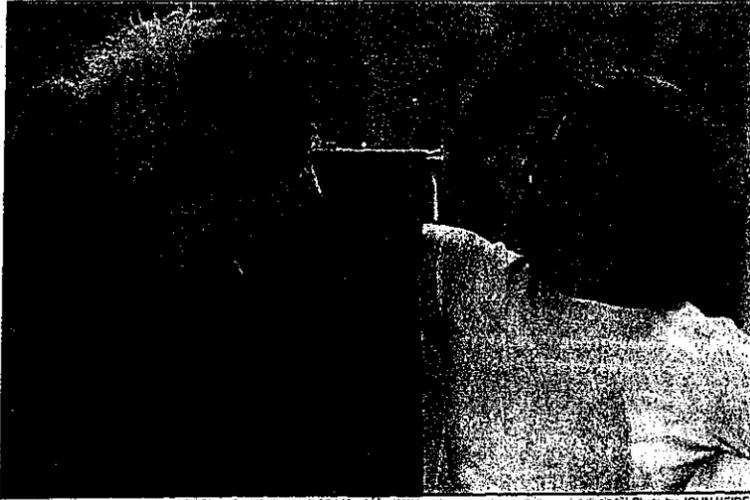
However, Shelton said the workshop is not only about teaching the kids puppetry, but also acting, music and art.

"We encourage them to be creative," she said.

Madcap Productions Puppet Theatre is a nonprofit, touring children's theatre company out of Cincinnati, Ohio, that combines large puppets with actors and utilizes all the elements of theatre to create an artistic and educational performance.

The company has been in existence for 19 years and for the past three years has been a favorite

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Madcap Puppet Theatre's Karie Shelton hams it up with one of her hand-puppets for the amusement of Village Oaks students last week. Photo by JOHN HEIDER



Speeding, drugs lands man in jail

A minor traffic stop ended up in a marijuana bust that landed a California man in the Oakland County Jail.

Police News

The suspect was traveling along Novi Road, just south of Old Novi Road when he was clocked at about 55 mph at a 40 mph zone. According to police reports, when the officers pulled him over they were overcome with the smell of marijuana. This prompted police to call on the K-9 Unit to search his car on March 11 around 11 p.m. When the dog was released into the car, it sniffed out an estimated 674 grams of marijuana. The marijuana was found in a Northwest Airlines duffel bag. Also inside the bag were drug paraphernalia and two 9 mm bullets.

The man was arrested for possession with the intent to deliver marijuana.

ROUGH NIGHT

A 29-year-old Redford man was arrested for drunk driving after police pulled his damaged car out of a median on March 7.

at about 2 p.m. The car apparently had a shattered windshield, a damaged front end and clumps of sod stuck to the front end. Police noted the car appeared to have been in a rollover accident. When police attempted to do the sobriety test, the man said "I'm drunk. I can do it." The man blew a 0.18 and a 0.20 on the breath test, the second being twice the legal limit. An investigation into what may have happened, police reports indicate that the man may have ran into the median of the intersection of Cranbrook and Woolsey. Earlier that evening, a similar vehicle was seen running into two trees. Both trees were uprooted.

TEEN ARRESTED FOR

and Waycraft near Nine Mile and Taft Road. According to police reports, the student first denied that he asked such a question but then said that he was only "joking." An subsequent interview with the child's parent revealed that the child did have discussions with parents over guns and school.

Police were called to Hickory Woods Elementary sometime after 9:30 a.m. on a report of a student making threats to bring a gun to school. On March 7, Novi police responded to a report of a Hillside Middle School student in Northville who reportedly asked a fellow student, "Are you going to bring a gun to kill people?"

The Hillside student, who is a Novi resident, was interviewed at the bus stop near Lightsway

belonging to the victim in a hallway near the scene of the BNE.

KNOCK, KNOCK

On March 3, police responded to a report of an 'intoxicated woman' who was pounding on a man's front door.

When police arrived on the scene of the incident, the resident said that the woman just left in a black Missan Pathfinder and was "very drunk." While speaking to the resident, the Pathfinder came from around the corner driving right past the police cruiser parked in front of the residence in the 23,000 block of Pleasant Run.

An officer at the scene noticed the car coming down the street and immediately turned on the overhead flashers.

The woman was given a breathalyzer test which registered a 0.13. According to the State of Michigan, 0.10 or higher is legally drunk.

She was arrested for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor (OUIL).

Police Department Construction Update
The front lobby of the Novi Police Department will be closed for construction Monday March 19 for approximately 6 to 8 weeks.

Police Department Construction Update

Citizens with business at the station will be directed to the rear parking lot of the police department where a large trailer is set up. Follow the signs.

For more information, please contact Novi Police Department at 348-7100.

Blood Donations Needed

On Thursday, March 22 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.

Novi Briefs

Mother/Son St. Patty's Day Blast

Moms, share a bit of the Irish love with your son at the Mother/Son Dance, Friday, March 16 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. Tickets include hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, picture of mom and son, and comfortable seating for everyone! Be sure to show your leprechaun spirit and wear lots o' green!
Cost is \$7 per person and \$8.40 for non-residents.

St. Patrick's Irish Luncheon & Dublin Derby

"Faith & Begorra," seniors you better be wearin' you green on this special day. A great Irish lunch followed by the Dublin Derby Horse Race. The event is Friday, March 16, at noon. Cost is \$3.50. Tickets on sale now at the Senior Center.

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Road closing

Novi Road between 10 Mile and the railroad tracks will be closed from 7 p.m. Friday, March 23 to 8 a.m. Sunday, March 25 for repaving. Road Commission of Oakland County will post signs for a detour.

Cat show will be the meow

Meow's the word. Friskies PetCare and the Cat Fanciers' Association will present the Friskies and CFA Mid-Michigan Cat Show on Saturday and Sunday, March 24-25, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Novi Expo Center.

Featured will be Fancy Feast Cat, the Friskies Cat Team, and the Chef's Blend Cat, celebrated felines who have played roles in commercials and movies, such as "Stuart Little." These notable four-legged celebrities will perform on stage at noon, 1:30 and 3 p.m. both days.

Dr. Sandi Sawchuck DVM, a feline nutrition expert from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, School of Veterinary Medicine will give a presentation about the importance of proper cat nutrition prior to each Friskies stage show.

Admission: adults, \$7; seniors, \$6; children under 12, \$4. For more information, call Eve Russell, Mid-Michigan Cat Fanciers, (734) 654-2362. Also, visit www.friskies.com, the online resource for better pet care.

"Copycat" incidents happen locally

By RANDAL YAKY
Staff Writer

"Vigilance." It's the term being used to deal with threats of violence at schools within the confines of the city of Novi.

On March 9, Novi police were at the Hickory Woods Elementary School in the Wallied Lake Consolidated district concerning a fifth grader who apparently said he was going to bring a gun to school. On March 7, Novi police responded to a report of a Hillside Middle School student in Northville who reportedly asked a fellow student, "Are you going to bring a gun to kill people?"

The Hillside student, who is a Novi resident, was interviewed at the bus stop near Lightsway

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Novi Parks and Rec Briefs

The Novi Parks and Recreation Department is offering the following:

• Drop in Line Dance Lessons
Treat yourself to an exciting way to meet new people and exercise. Join the 6:30-7:30 p.m. class for basic beginners or jump right in to

the intermediate class, from 7:30-9 p.m. The lessons are followed by an open dance, from 9:10-10:30 p.m.

The class takes place every Friday night and is taught by Jean Rowe of Steppin' Time. See class schedule for specific class location or call the Novi Parks and

Recreation office at (248) 347-0400.

• Country Western Dance
Come join the March Country Western dance at the Novi Civic Center on Saturday, March 24,

from 7-11:30 p.m. Singles and couples are welcome. Dance your favorites: Line, 2-step, Waltz or Cha Cha. Admission is \$7 for Novi residents and seniors age 55 and over, or \$8 for non-residents.

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Footnotes
Dr. Michael P. Burk
TOE JOINT PROBLEMS

Toe joints are a common source of pain and problems in the foot. Ill-fitting shoes, systemic conditions like arthritis, and poor bio mechanics can contribute to toe joint problems. Gout - a form of arthritis involving the formation of uric acid crystals in and around joints-and infections can trigger heat, pain, swelling, tenderness, and redness in the big toe. The big toe joint can suffer a bruise from a misalignment that causes it to bend toward the second toe. The four smaller toe joints are susceptible to bending abnormally due to constricting shoes or excessively high or low arches. Corns may develop as the joints rub against shoes. Arthritis commonly affects the toe joints, causing pain, stiffness, and swelling. Proper care of toe joint problems and other foot conditions is vital to your program of overall good health. Our office has taken special attention to provide comprehensive care to manage foot and ankle problems as well as prevent them before they occur. If you have questions about today's column, or any questions about foot care, your own or a loved one's, please feel comfortable calling NOVI FOOTCARE ASSOCIATES, 248-476-1500. Our office is located at 39555 West Ten Mile Road, Suite 307.

LET'S TALK
WITH GARY S. WEINSTEIN
GEMOLOGIST

RUBY'S BEST IMITATOR

Those who appreciate red gemstones need not automatically turn to ruby to satisfy their yearnings. The fact is that spinel does an admirable job of imitating ruby at a fraction of the cost. Spinel may appear in almost any color. In its fine pink and orange hues, it can measure up to high-quality pink sapphires and flame-colored rubies. In the red variety, however, that really does an admirable job of competing against far more costly gemstones. In fact, two of the most famous "rubies," the Black Prince and Tintur (both in England's collection of crown jewels), are actually fine red spinels. Aside from its beautiful color, spinel is as hard as sapphire and sparkles wonderfully when cut. These qualities and spinel's bargain price make it a gemstone worthy of consideration.

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Please provide a headshot, or bring \$3 to have one done on-site.

Information concerning the nature of the picture and directions to the audition location will be available at www.momentumworld.net

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Novi High School Winterguard/drumline members Sara Beth O'Connor, Matt Smith and Jenny Najjar, and their teammates recently brought home two first-place finishes in the MCBAIA Linden Invitational.

Novi High School will host Band State Championships

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

Next weekend, Novi High School will be overwhelmed by the sounds and sights of music as the Novi High School band boosters and the school's winterguard and drumline host the Michigan Competing Bands Association Indoor Activities (MCBAIA) State Championships, March 25.

Attracting nearly 30 color guards and percussion ensembles from high schools across the state, NWS and band director James Sheekler are hoping to represent their school with pride, skill, and grace.

"The winter guard and winter drumline is a great opportunity for these students to express themselves artistically," Sheekler said. "This is one more example of the great performing arts programs here at Novi High School that the general public may not know about. We hope that hosting the MCBAIA Indoor Activities State Championships will offer the community a chance to see these exciting performances."

Novi's 23-member winterguard, a competitive indoor color guard unit, is sure to make waves this year, by combining artistry and athletic ability, all set to contemporary music.

The winterguard team, assisted by the band department's Jeremy Sanborn, uses large flags, rifles and sabers in the dances, with members moving in unison to create a memorable visual effect.

"It's quite theatrical," said NWS band booster president Gail O'Connor. "With the costumes, props, and expressive movement, it's really something to see."

This year, the Novi winterguard will perform to the music of Sting's "Windmills of Your Mind" from the movie, "The Thomas Crown Affair."

Last weekend, the all-female team took a first place finish at the MCBAIA Linden Invitational, with a score of 87.0, the highest in the Regional B class at Linden.

Judging on the performances are based on techniques including movement, general effect and how the equipment is used.

O'Connor said the performance remains the same through the year with bits and pieces being added for each competition, similar to the drumline. By rehearsing and performing the show in gradual increments, she said, the team becomes synchronized through repetition.

Not to be outdone in the state competition is the NWS percussion group, an exceptionally profound one, as it holds the state title six years in a row.

Last week, Novi's drumline earned a score of 86 out of 100, the highest for its Scholastic A class, the highest for all drum lines, and the highest of all competitive units at the Linden Invitational.

The drumline's show this year is "Madeline's First Adventure," a three movement piece of music originally written for a symphony orchestra.

"It's an indoor competition that is also like a drama production," O'Connor said.

Featuring over 800 area students, the MCBAIA State Championship will take place at Novi High School on Sunday, March 25, beginning at noon.

Stephanie Fordyce is a staff writer for the Novi News. She may be reached at sfordyce@homecomm.net

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Boy Scouts hunt for missing gear

By RANDAL YAKY
Staff Writer

The motto "Be Prepared" is at the core of the Boy Scouts' way of looking at life.

But for Novi Troop 407, it's hard to imagine how they could have prepared for a crime that could ruin their summer camp plans.

On March 2, the troop was informed that all their camping gear and trailer holding the gear was stolen. The troop's gear was stolen from its storage spot behind the Holy Family Catholic Church in the 24000 block of Meadowbrook Road.

According to police reports, the trailer could have been stolen between February 1 and March 2. Inside the trailer was the camping gear for the troop including sleeping and dining tents as well as propane heaters and cooking items. The trailer value was about \$3,500 and the equipment inside the trailer was valued at \$7,000.

Troop 407 committee member

Leslie Weirmer, who is also the wife of the Scout Master Allen Weirmer, said the camping equipment was not.

"They don't have any tents, they don't have any equipment and with the camping season upon us soon, they are in terrible shape," Weirmer said.

There have been some donations made to the troop but Weirmer said they would really prefer their equipment back.

"We would really like the trailer and the equipment back," Weirmer said. "There are some items in there that really can't be replaced. We just don't want it all to end up in a dumpster somewhere."

If you have any information about the stolen items, you are asked to call the Novi police department at 348-7100.

Randal Yaky is a staff writer for the Novi News. His e-mail address is ryaky@bt.home.com.net



Troop 407's trailer before it was stolen.

On Campus

Laurel A. Bolhouse of Northville was recognized and named on the Dean's List for being in the top 20 percent of her class at the University of Illinois-Urbana.

Bolhouse is majoring in engineering.

Named to the Dean's List for fall semester at Grand Valley State University were local area students who maintained a 3.5 or higher grade point average.

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Amanda B. Cuzly, Sarah E. Miller, Daniel G. Pellar, Michelle L. Redding, Crystal A. Rudolph, Angela V. Shea, and Heather L. Weiss.

WALLED LAKE
Charles E. Carlson, Angela M. Garcia, Kelli J. Kaske, and Dale Paris.

Maria Schimzitz, a senior at Brenau Academy High School, has achieved Dean's List status by obtaining an average of 93.

Brenau Academy is located in Gainesville, Ga.

Schimzitz is the daughter of Tony and Mary Schimzitz of Novi.

Alan J. Lyskawa has been named to the Dean's List at the University of Notre Dame for maintaining a scholastic average of 3.4 or above for the fall semester.

Lyskawa is the son of Michael and Grace Lyskawa of Novi.

Robert Steven Stawski of Novi graduated from Oklahoma State University in December 2000, with a bachelor's degree in psychology.

Named to the Dean's List in recognition of earning a 3.5 or higher GPA at the University of Michigan-Dearborn College of Arts

and Sciences were Northville students: **Marie Kopka**, sophomore, undetermined major; **Sharon Leskie**, senior, two majors, anthropology and Hispanic studies; **Kristen Pickford**, junior, undetermined; **Melissa Ponder**, senior, psychology; **Jill Teriak**, senior, environmental science; and **Nathan Morgan**, junior, biochemistry.

John M. Charnota and **Jay E. Piggott** are recent graduates of Western Michigan University.

Charnota was awarded a bachelor's degree in media studies. He is the son of Michael and Gloria Charnota.

Piggott graduated cum laude with a bachelor's degree in sociology and criminal justice. He is the son of John E. and Barbara Piggott.

Both families are from Novi.

In recognition of maintaining a 3.5 or higher grade point average, **Eric L. Garrahan** has been named to the Dean's List for fall semester at Calvin College. He is a freshman majoring in engineering.

Garrahan is the son of Robert and Sharon Garrahan of Novi and a graduate of Novi High School.

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School lunch ranks high

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

After a recent evaluation of school-bought lunches, Novi seems to be making the grade.

Several years ago, school-bought lunches used to be macaroni surprise and meatloaf, but since then, a lot has changed.

With that change, has come a widely more acceptable, healthier lunch for Novi students - from chef salads to veggie wraps to chicken quesadillas.

To find ways of further improving such lunch services in the school district, the Novi Food Service Quality Team decided to look at neighboring districts and compare them with Novi's.

"When we first met this year, we discussed everything from time studies on length of lines to marketing new products," said Food Service Director JoAnn Clements. "But what we discovered is that we always kept asking ourselves, 'I wonder what they do in Walled Lake or West Bloomfield,' so we decided to visit and find out what we could do to improve."

Using three school districts with Novi's approximate demographics: Farmington, Walled Lake, and South Lyon, the committee studied food service programs at both the elementary and secondary levels. Members evaluated a total of nine schools, looking at food preparations, kitchen, efficiency, nutrition and



Novi Middle School student Nick Wright, right, enjoys his school-bought lunch Monday afternoon. Friend Riley Lokar eats food he bought from home.

salads," she said, adding the middle school's open breakfast window and more adult friendly items on the menu set Novi apart from the rest.

Kris Ridal described the area elementary school lunch programs as a disappointment, when compared with Novi's.

"The serving and quality in Novi is exceptional," she said. "Our food has a greater emphasis on freshness and we have a bigger variety of items. Overall, we do a better job."

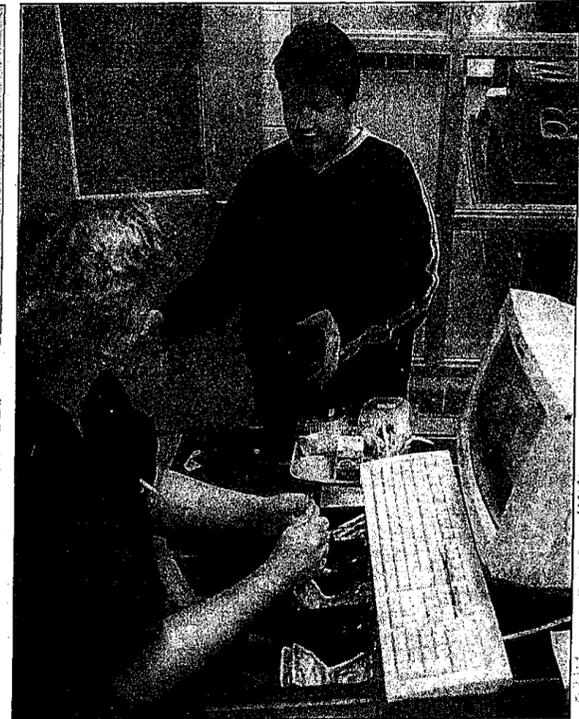
While Ridal was impressed with Farmington's portion control of food and pre-packaged condiments, she said most items resemble T.V. dinners.

Clements said while all schools provided the team with good concepts, Novi proved to be exceptional.

"We did gather good ideas from all the schools we visited, but I do feel that we have the best program around," Clements said.

Gayle Roberts, who evaluated the middle schools in the area, said Novi has much more to offer than both South Lyon and Walled Lake.

"We have more fresh products and



Novi Middle School student John Brislin buys his lunch Monday afternoon from Kelly Limpert.

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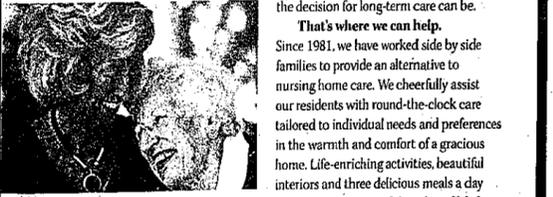
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TOT TIME
Children ages 19-24 months are invited to join us for a half-hour of stories, songs and games on Friday, March 16 at 11 a.m. Registration is not required but space is limited, so toddlers and caregivers only, please.

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
The Novi Library Board of Directors meets Monday, March 19 at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room. Community members are welcome to attend.

THE CHAPTER CLUB
The Chapter Club, a book discussion group for grades four-six, meets Saturday, March 24, from 11 a.m. to noon. We'll be discussing "Sideways Stories From Wayside School" by Louis Sachar. To sign up, please stop by the

library or call the youth department at 349-0720.

AARP TAX WORKSHOP
An AARP Tax Workshop will be held at the library on Thursday, March 22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please register in advance in person or by calling the library. Note: You cannot prepare small business or rental property taxes at this workshop.

ANCESTORS ONLINE: GENEALOGY RESEARCH ON THE NET

Designed for those who want to begin searching the Internet for information on their ancestors, the program will explore key genealogy Web sites and effective search techniques for locating genealogy information. The program will be held Thursday, March 15, from 7-8:30 p.m. Please register in advance for all Internet classes.

DATABASE ACCESS ONLINE
Learn how to search our databases to find magazine, newspaper and journal articles in the FirstSearch and Infotrac databases on Wednesday, March 21, from 7-

8:45 p.m. Hands-practice included.

MORE INTERNET
This class is designed to implement further use of the Internet, building on concepts presented in the introduction to the Internet class. Topics include e-mail, online shopping, Internet Service Providers, viruses, and security. The class meets Thursday, March 22, from 7-8:30 p.m. Hands-on practice included.

INVESTMENT RESEARCH ON THE NET

Want to start tracking your stocks on the Net? Need to find historical stock data? Want to learn more about that "hot stock" your broker mentioned? Join us for an overview of Internet sites for personal investors on Monday, March 26, from 7-8 p.m.

GETTING CONNECTED TO THE NET
This 1 1/2 hour program talks about traditional options for getting connected, as well as free Internet connectivity options, cable access, and DSL. Even if you are

already connected to the Internet, this class will help you to determine if there's a better way for you to access the Internet. The class meets from 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 27.

ANCESTORS ONLINE FOR SENIORS

Designed for seniors who want to begin searching the Internet for information on their ancestors, this class meets from 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, March 28. The program will explore key genealogy Web sites and effective search techniques for locating genealogy information.

USING THE LIBRARY CATALOG ON THE WEB

Covered will be author, title, subject, and keyword searches on Thursday, March 29, from 7-8:30 p.m. You'll learn how to limit your search results to items in our library and/or to specific types of media, such as videos or audio-books. The session includes hands-on practice.

Name that park contest

Announcing Name that Park at 11 Mile and Wixom Road Contest. Novi Parks and Recreation Commission Announces Park Naming Contest with the help of Deerfield Elementary.

The Novi Parks and Recreation Commission and the Novi Parks and Recreation Department would like to announce a "Name that Park Contest". The department is enlisting the help of Deerfield Elementary to come up with the name. They would like the focus to be centered on the spirit of cooperation between the Novi School District and the Parks and Recreation Department (city of Novi). Please keep in mind that the use of this park will not only be to benefit the children at Deerfield Elementary School and Novi Middle School, this will also benefit the community as a whole since it will be an active play area when completed, for youth sports, including soccer fields, softball and ball fields, tennis courts, basketball courts, a picnic shelter and bathrooms.

The parameters for the park naming will have to include the following:

1. Do not use current park names.
2. Do not use any real person's name, either living or deceased.
3. Do not use any current Novi School names.
4. Do not use a specific race, religion, group of people, specific place (i.e. subdivision names).

They are also asking that anyone else interested in submitting a name for the park please send your idea and name and telephone number to the Parks and Recreation Department. All names submitted will be considered.

The deadline to submit a name is Friday, March 30, 2001 at 5 p.m. At an upcoming April joint City Council meeting and Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, the three top finalists will be announced. We will then enlist the children at Deerfield Elementary, as well as the entire community to vote on the final name.

The final name selection voting deadline will be Friday, April 27, 2001 at 5 p.m. The Park name and winner will be announced during the May Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

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VILLAGE OF WOLVERINE LAKE
The Park and Recreation Board will be sponsoring "Lunch with the Easter Bunny" on Sunday, April 8 at the Richardson Community Center. There are two sessions, 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. The cost of \$3 per person includes lunch and a goodie bag. There will also be a raffle for prizes.
Reservations are required and can be made by calling the village office at 624-1710.

ENROLL FOR KINDERGARTEN
If you have a child who will be starting kindergarten next fall, or know of someone who does, contact the school office at (248) 956-2600.
Incoming kindergarten students must be five years old on or before December 1, 2001.

BEAUCHAMP EARNS AWARD
Michael Beauchamp, Assistant Superintendent for Walled Lake Consolidated Schools, was presented with a plaque and a proclamation from the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools honoring his efforts as an educational leader. A team of peers, co-chaired by Beauchamp, visited Farmington Middle School several times during the school improvement cycle to evaluate the success of their improvement plan.

BOARD APPROVES CHATFIELD
The board of education approved the appointment of William Chatfield as Director of Operations, effective February 26, 2001. Chatfield, current Director of Facility Operations in Holly Schools, holds a Bachelor of Science in electrical engineering from Lawrence Technological University. Prior to his work in Holly, he served as a facilities engineer for Birmingham Public Schools.

TALENT SHOW COMING TO GUEST ELEMENTARY
Mary Helen Guest Elementary talent show is fast approaching. Auditions are scheduled for March 16 at 4 p.m. Rehearsals will be held March 20 and March 22 at 4 p.m. The dress rehearsal is slated for March 26 at 4 p.m.

Two performances of the talent show will be presented at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. All auditions and rehearsals will be held immediately after school. Acts will be limited to no more than 90 seconds.
For more information, contact Guest Elementary at (248) 956-3300.

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COMMUNITY EXPRESSIONS

DESIGN-A-BOOKMARK WINNERS
Walled Lake City Library announced the winners of the "Design-A-Bookmark" contest, in which students K-5 from Walled Lake District were invited to submit designs including the phrase "Spring Into Art."

The first and second place winners received a certificate and the printing of their bookmarks, which are available at the library.

- **Kindergarten - First Grade**
First place - Sato Kikkawa, first grade, Pleasant Lake Elementary.
Second place - Rihoko Akazawa, first grade, Maple Elementary.
- **Second and Third Grade**
First place - Sara Lee, third grade, Mary Helen Guest Elementary.
Second place - Marysa Kotsogianis, third grade, Meadowbrook Elementary.
- **Fourth and Fifth Grade**
First place - Zachary Coley, fourth grade, Leon Lake Elementary.
Second place, Saloni Yoshikawa, fifth grade, Pleasant Lake Elementary.

MOMS 2 MOMS SALE
A Moms-2-Moms sale will be held 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, March 24 at the Walled Lake United Methodist Church. Over 20 people will be selling their gently used baby equipment, baby and children's clothing, toys and games, and maternity clothes.

The 50 cents donation for admission will benefit the church's Appalachia Service Project group.

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The Park and Recreation Board will be sponsoring "Lunch with the Easter Bunny" on Sunday, April 8 at the Richardson Community Center. There are two sessions, 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. The cost of \$3 per person includes lunch and a goodie bag. There will also be a raffle for prizes.
Reservations are required and can be made by calling the village office at 624-1710.

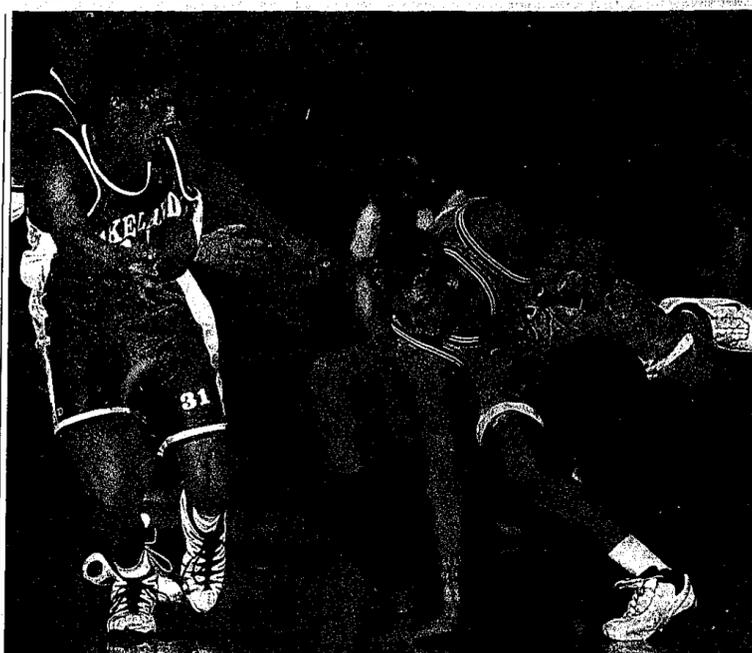
ENROLL FOR KINDERGARTEN
If you have a child who will be starting kindergarten next fall, or know of someone who does, contact the school office at (248) 956-2600.
Incoming kindergarten students must be five years old on or before December 1, 2001.

BEAUCHAMP EARNS AWARD
Michael Beauchamp, Assistant Superintendent for Walled Lake Consolidated Schools, was presented with a plaque and a proclamation from the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools honoring his efforts as an educational leader. A team of peers, co-chaired by Beauchamp, visited Farmington Middle School several times during the school improvement cycle to evaluate the success of their improvement plan.

BOARD APPROVES CHATFIELD
The board of education approved the appointment of William Chatfield as Director of Operations, effective February 26, 2001. Chatfield, current Director of Facility Operations in Holly Schools, holds a Bachelor of Science in electrical engineering from Lawrence Technological University. Prior to his work in Holly, he served as a facilities engineer for Birmingham Public Schools.

TALENT SHOW COMING TO GUEST ELEMENTARY
Mary Helen Guest Elementary talent show is fast approaching. Auditions are scheduled for March 16 at 4 p.m. Rehearsals will be held March 20 and March 22 at 4 p.m. The dress rehearsal is slated for March 26 at 4 p.m.

Two performances of the talent show will be presented at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. All auditions and rehearsals will be held immediately after school. Acts will be limited to no more than 90 seconds.
For more information, contact Guest Elementary at (248) 956-3300.



Lakeland High School's #31 tries to steal the ball from a Viking player during a district match up last week. Photo by AL WARD

Central captures district title

By TIM ROBINSON
Sports Editor

The Brighton basketball team didn't get Friday night's Class A district championship game at Walled Lake Central, but it gave the host Vikings all they wanted in a 64-56 decision.

Walled Lake Central advanced to the Class A basketball regional level on Friday night with a 64-56 win in the district final, enduring a tough opponent in Brighton.

"Give them credit. They came ready to play," Central coach Bob Shoemaker, whose team improved to 22-1, said of Brighton. "Coach (Dan) Christner did a great job of getting his team ready for us. They played us as well as anyone's played us this year."

Brighton ended its season with a 12-10 record.

Central advanced to the Class A regional at Macomb Dakota, where it will face Pontiac North in the semifinals.

In a sometimes-raucous Central gym, both teams had their runs. Brighton led 27-20 midway through the second quarter before the Vikings closed to within four points at halftime, 30-26.

Central ran out to a 47-40 lead with 1:05 to go in the third before Brighton rallied to close to within three, 51-48, when the Vikings called timeout with 5:15 remaining. That was as close as Brighton

Vikings tromp Lakeland 59-33

By STEPHEN BELL
Sports Editor

Walled Lake Central opened up a 10-point lead in the first quarter with a flurry of layups and a three-pointer by Ryan Bartman, but Lakeland's defense held them to a 12-30 deficit by the end of the first quarter.

"We lost to the better team," Lakeland coach Bob Brugger said. "That's the best team we played all year."

Both of Central's big guns were firing early. Mark Bortz, the Vikings' 6'9" senior, scored his team's first eight points.

"We went with a match-up zone because if Bortz gets the ball under the basket, it's all over," Brugger said. "We figured if we when Leuan had a layup and Bortz blocked it off the backboard, we hadn't seen too much of that."

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Oasis serves up mid-east cuisine

The owners of the Downtown Walled Lake's Oasis, Sam Saleh and Mike Hasim are celebrating the opening of their new authentic Middle Eastern restaurant with Arabic music and culture.

The Oasis features hot pita bread baked in a special oven that will be served with such favorites as hummus, taboulee, baked kofta, chicken shawarma, dishes, kabob, lamb and vegetarian dishes, with managing partner and chef Hasim leading the middle eastern kitchen staff to properly prepare the cuisine in a traditional manner.

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The Oasis is open for lunch and dinner, seven days a week from 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.

"Our Downtown Customer surveys have all expressed the desire for additional restaurants in the community," said DDA Chairman Casey J. Ambrose. "With the increased residential growth, there is a strong demand for new dining experiences."

The Oasis is located at 11856 E. West Maple Road in the Maple Plaza Shopping Center. For more information call (248) 689-8240.

"We wanted to celebrate the opening of the restaurant by giving back to the community," Saleh said.

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Sam Saleh
Oasis co-owner

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Walled Lake's Oasis restaurant employees Samira Khesheh, Kasseem Hasim, and Anna Majek have a lot of mediterranean fare to offer at their Maple Road location including the dish Kasseem's holding: The Oasis Appetizer Combo of falafel, tabouli and hummus.

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Monday, March 5
 Investigation, 41698
 Chattman, 3:47 a.m., Engine 3.
 Medical, 27475 Huron, 10:13 a.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, Eight Mile and Haggerty, 11:38 a.m., Squad 3.
 Medical, 45125 Ten Mile Road, 1:33 p.m., Squad 3.
 Personal injury accident, Ten Mile and Haggerty, 4:42 p.m., Squad 1.
 Wires down, East Lake and Endwell, 8:53 p.m., Engine 2.
 Fire alarm, 43035 West Oaks Drive, 9:34 p.m., Engines 1, 2.
Tuesday, March 6
 Medical, 21948 Chase, 12:25 a.m., Squad 3.
 Fire alarm, 23947 Phasant Run, 2:47 a.m., Engines 3, 1.
 Medical, 43443 Fonda, 4:17 a.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 45125 Ten Mile Road, 9:11 a.m., Squad 3.
 Medical, Fourteen Mile and Pontiac Trail, 2:50 p.m., Squad 2.
 Personal injury accident, I-96 and Beck Road, 3:21 p.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, Eleven Mile and Taft, 4:51 p.m., Squad 4.
 Service, 31031 Woodstone, 5:09 p.m., Squad 2.
 Medical, 21658 Taft, 6:12 p.m., Squad 3.
 Medical, 24500 Meadowbrook, 7:01 p.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 40123 Buckingham, 7:39 p.m., Squad 3.
Wednesday, March 7
 Fire alarm, 43635 West Oaks, 2:74 a.m., Engines 1, 2.
 Medical, 45182 W. Park, 5:48 a.m., Squad 2.
 Medical, 45182 W. Park, 6:58 a.m., Squad 2.
 Personal injury accident, Ten Mile and LeBost, 7:14 a.m., Squad 3.
 Medical, 40675 Patsley, 7:54 a.m., Squad 2.
 Medical, 45182 W. Park, 9:02 a.m., Squad 2.
 Medical, 43460 Algonquin, 11:15 a.m., Squad 3.
 Building fire, 45017 Pontiac Trail, 12:04 p.m., Engines 2, 1.
 Medical, 47601 Grand River, 12:29 p.m., Squad 4.
 Medical, Hudson's-Twelve Oaks, 4:34 p.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 42566 Capitol, 6:42 p.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 30553 Village Wood, 8:50 p.m., Squad 3.
Thursday, March 8
 Medical, 43045 Nine Mile, 11:22 a.m., Squad 3.
 Medical, 41935 Twelve Mile, 11:49 a.m., Squad 1.
 Fire alarm, 43635 West Oaks, 10:46 p.m., Engines 1, 2.
 Medical, 43455 Ten Mile Road, 11:06 p.m., Squad 3.
 Fire alarm, 43635 West Oaks, 11:20 p.m., Engines 1, 2.
Friday, March 9
 Personal injury accident, Twelve Mile and M-5, 11:22 a.m., Squad 2.
 Outside burning, 24630 Nottingham, 1:11 p.m., Engine 4.
 Medical, 163 Pickford, 1:58 p.m., Squad 2.
 Personal injury accident, Eight Mile and Haggerty, 2:02 p.m., Squad 3.
 Medical, 24509 Old Orchard, 2:12 p.m., Squad 1.
 Personal injury accident, West and Pontiac Trail, 2:50 p.m., Squad 2.
 Medical, 45182 W. Park, 2:59 p.m., Squad 2.
 Service, Novi and West Oaks, 3:35 p.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 29999 Rousseau, 5:57 p.m., Squad 2.
Saturday, March 10
 Medical, 45182 W. Park, 8:40 a.m., Squad 2.
 Investigation, 23918 Heartwood, 10:14 a.m., Squad 4.
 Medical, 40800 Thirteen Mile Road, 10:20 a.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 23764 LeBost, 11:19 a.m., Squad 3.
 Medical, I-96 and Novi, 1:47 p.m., Squad 1.
Sunday, March 11
 Medical, Beck and Grand River, 12:38 a.m., Squad 4.
 Fire alarm, 27550 Novi Road, 2:55 a.m., Engines 1, 2.
 The new pool, which would comprise of 8 lanes, seating for 300, and associated lockers, would cost approximately \$6.5 million.
 "While I would love to see the middle school have its own pool, I'm not sure that's a need for our curriculum and our student body right now," Kortlandt said. "It's a fair chunk of money to commit the public's dollars with."
 Using the remaining recommendations brought forward by the task force, the public would see a new district renovation and expansion total in the amount of \$77 million.
 This would include upgrading

Board will finalize plans for bond issue tonight

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and expanding technology - now over 8 years old - throughout the district, total renovation at Novi Woods, expansion of the media centers at Village Oaks and Orchard Hills, and site improvements at the middle school including new tennis courts, basketball courts and a concession stand.
 Other renovations include expanding the district's transportation warehouse facilities, the Bosco land purchase and the expansion of Novi High School.
 Adding on to the current high school to fit 600 new students, major renovations of the high school's existing pool and cafeteria would also take place.
 The board agreed to add in over \$700,000 of additional costs so that the NHS pool would not only be brought up to standards, but would be exceptional. Totaling over \$3 million in pool renovations, the high school pool would be expanded from its current six lanes into eleven, include additional seating and more deck space.
 The board said it would like to see the high school hold swim meets and invitations, since it currently can not hold more than two teams and has minimal spectator seating.
 "This is going to be the last major re-do of this facility, so we need to have a building that does the job," Kortlandt said.
 Other renovation costs to the

School Briefs

Candidate Nominations Due for Open School Board Seats
 The terms of the current incumbent school board members John Streit and John Balagna have expired and voters will be asked to elect two open four year positions on the June 11 annual election.
 Candidate nominations petitions must be filed by 4 p.m. on Monday, April 9.
Concert to Benefit Novi Students
 On Friday, March 30, the Men's Glee Clubs of the University of Michigan and Michigan State University will join together in a festive evening of song to benefit the Novi Educational Foundation.
 Real Estate One, Merrill Lynch, and Twelve Oaks Mall are sponsoring the event which will take place in the Novi High School Fuest Auditorium the 8 p.m.
 Joanne Purian, Channel 7, will host the evening.
 A preconcert party will begin at 7 p.m., also at the high school. Concert tickets are \$20 (reserved seating); Preconcert party tickets are \$10 (general admission). Contact Novi Community Education, 25345 Taft Road, in person or by mail; by phone at (248) 449-1206; or by fax at (248) 449-1211. Visa, Mastercard, and Discover are accepted.
Focus on Families Workshop
 On March 17, the annual Focus on Family Workshop will take place at the Novi Community School District's Instructional Technology Center.
 The keynote speaker, Theodore R. Braude, will present Power, Conflict & Love: An Essential Guide to Family Matters.
 Power is everywhere, but it's not usually talked about. Questions covered will include: "What do power and conflict have to do with love-the mainstay of the family?" "Who has power, what is power, and how is it used?" Other topics which will be covered are breakout sessions including: becoming a love and logic parent, taking the hassle out of homework, stop the world, I want to get off, how to keep being a parent when your child stops being a child, rave drugs in 2001, finding a happy balance, and community norms.
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District will try to keep balance for developing

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the Gateway district, looked at commercial and business ventures.

But there are still a number of things some council members would like to see in the ordinance. Novi Mayor Pro-Tem Laura Lorenzo said she would like to see more office space and less residential. Lorenzo said a Gateway district would provide a wider range of tax-based business.

"I'd like to see more office space and less residential," Lorenzo said. "And we don't need more residential. We need more tax base. When you have residential, you have more need for police, fire and water."

Lorenzo said she would also like to see less "predatory" business to compete with the downtown area. The Gateway project, located inside the proposed district, consists of residential housing and a limited commercial business. The total cost of the project is expected to come in at the \$45 million range, according to N.Y. Properties management. Developers would like to see construction begin sometime this spring.

Lorenzo said she would like to see the district be a "transitional area," a buffer zone between the suburban neighborhoods and the new downtown project.

"This isn't suppose to be a downtown," Lorenzo said. "It's suppose to be a transitional area." This past summer evaluations were done on the Town Center Committee and earlier this year the committee was "sunsetted" (dissolved).

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Well read

Novi Woods student Allen Lin, right, takes a look over the shoulder of Novi Mayor Richard Clark as he reads "A Bad Case of the Stripes" last Wednesday afternoon in the school's cafeteria.

Mayor Clark was one of the celebrity readers the school's enjoyed for its March is Reading Month activities. The book's author is David Shannon.



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Class will be held in the Novi Middle School gym from 7-9 p.m. on March 19. Cost is \$8.

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Too often key decisions are made on the advice of a friend or banker without full awareness of the options and with unintended consequences. This class provides practical information on wills, trusts, powers of attorney, joint property, providing for minor children, estate and income taxes, probate, and other areas of estate planning to assist you in more informed decision making.

The instructor, Dale Aho, is an attorney with over 18 years in private practice, working with families of all ages in matters of estate planning and administration.

Class will be held in Room 129 at Novi High School from 7-9 p.m. on March 19-20. Cost is \$20 or \$18 for seniors.

Super Sleuth Party
You and your child (aged 6-10) are invited for this pizza and mystery party. Working together with other participants, you'll go on scavenger hunts, solve clues and find hidden objects. Oodles of mystery games, puzzles and riddles top off the evening. Our focus is on teamwork and fun. Everyone is a winner this evening. The hunts will take place indoors and outdoors so wear comfortable walking shoes and dress for the weather.

Class will be held in the Novi Middle School cafeteria from 6:15 - 8:15 p.m. on Tues. March 17. Cost is \$25 for parent and child and \$4 for each additional child.

Juggling Workshop
This workshop will teach participants age 12 through 99 how to explore the method of cascade juggling. Students will learn how to keep three objects moving in relationship to each other. They will have hands on experience juggling balls, scarves, and pins. Students will explore overthrow techniques, juggling while eating an apple and juggling variations.

This is a beginners workshop and is for people who have never mastered juggling three balls.

Class will be held in the gym at Novi High School from 2:45 - 4:15 p.m. on Saturday, March 31. Cost is \$10 with a \$10 material fee.

Ukulele Workshop
The ukulele for decades has been played by people who live in the Pacific Islands. It was spread throughout the Pacific by Portuguese sailors who played the instrument. Workshop goers will learn to play this wonderful four stringed instrument. Participants will receive their own ukulele to take home and learn to play at least seven songs. No prior music training or experience is necessary.

This class, for ages 10 and up, will be held in Room 602 at Novi Middle School from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 31. Cost is \$16 and includes a material fee of \$27.

DTE Tech brings generators to Novi

More business enterprises are coming into Novi and with questions about shortages in the northeast, a local energy company is looking to cash in on generating power.

DTE Energy Technologies is looking to become a major player in the energy generators field with a new 22,000 sq. foot facility in Novi.

DTE president Paul Horst said independent energy, not associated with a power grid, is an important source of energy during emergencies such as storms, earthquakes or hurricanes. A power grid is the system by which power is transferred from power plants to residential and commercial homes and businesses.

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DTE Energy Technologies is currently working with Plug Power, a developer of residential fuel cells systems.

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Horst said the distribution generators that his company is involved in could help power office buildings and even entire subdivisions.

DTE Energy Technology, whose parent company is DTE Energy, is a Detroit-based diversified energy company involved in the development and distribution of energy-related businesses and services nationwide. DTE Energy's principal operating subsidiary is Detroit Edison.

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CITY OF NOVI

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Woodlands Review Board, of the City of Novi, will hold a meeting on Thursday, March 22, 2001 at 4:30 p.m. in the City of Novi, Community Development Conference Room, Novi, Michigan to review Woodlands Review Board Permit Application for, Douglas R. Necci, Park Place Subdivision, Lot 30 (Case #01-03).

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are invited to attend. Any written comments may be sent to the Department of Public Services, Attention: Woodland Review Board, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, until 3:00 p.m., Thursday, March 22, 2001.

KAREN AMOLSOCH, CUSTOMER SERVICE

(3-15-01 NR/NN 1034487)

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 21, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan to consider **EXPRESS SP-01-09, RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT SP 01-09**, located on the west side of Haggerty Road, north of 12 Mile and north of Lewis Drive, to consider **PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN AND WETLAND PERMIT APPROVALS**. The applicant is proposing a research and development project for vehicle exhaust systems.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be sent to the Planning & Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 21, 2001.

NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION
ROBERT CHURELLA, SECRETARY

(3-15-01 NR/NN 1034499)

ORDINANCE NO 01-2001 CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY GAS FRANCHISE ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE, granting to CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY, its successors and assigns, the right, power and authority to lay, maintain and operate gas mains, pipes and services on, along, across and under the public highways, streets, alleys, bridges, and other public places, and to do a local gas business in the TOWNSHIP OF NOVI, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, for a period of thirty years.

SECTION 1. **GRANT TERM.** THE TOWNSHIP OF NOVI, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, hereby grants to the Consumers Energy Company, a Michigan corporation, its successors and assigns, hereinafter called the "Grantee," the right, power and authority to lay, maintain and operate gas mains, pipes and services on, along, across and under the highways, streets, alleys, bridges, waterways, and other public places, and to do a local gas business in the TOWNSHIP OF NOVI, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, for a period of thirty years.

SECTION 2. **CONSIDERATION.** In consideration of the rights, power and authority hereby granted, said Grantee shall faithfully perform all things required by the terms hereof.

SECTION 3. **CONDITIONS.** No highway, street, alley, bridge, waterway or other public place used by said Grantee shall be obstructed longer than necessary during the work of construction or repair, and shall be restored to the same order and condition as when said work was commenced. All of Grantee's pipes and mains shall be so placed in the highways and other public places as not to unnecessarily interfere with the use thereof for highway purposes.

SECTION 4. **HOLD HARMLESS.** Said Grantee shall at all times keep and save the Township free and harmless from all loss, costs and expenses to which it may be subject by reason of the negligent construction and maintenance of the structures and equipment hereby authorized. In case any action is commenced against the Township on account of the permission herein given, said Grantee shall, upon notice, defend the Township and save it free and harmless from all loss, cost and damage arising out of such negligent construction and maintenance.

SECTION 5. **EXTENSIONS.** Said Grantee shall construct and extend its gas distribution system within said Township, and shall furnish gas to applicants residing therein in accordance with applicable laws, rules and regulations.

SECTION 6. **FRANCHISE NOT EXCLUSIVE.** The rights, power and authority herein granted, are not exclusive. Either manufactured or natural gas may be furnished hereunder.

SECTION 7. **RATES.** Said Grantee shall be entitled to charge the inhabitants of said Township for gas furnished therein, the rates as approved by the Michigan Public Service Commission, to which Commission to its successors authority and jurisdiction to fix and regulate gas rates and rules regulating such service in said Township, are hereby granted for the term of this franchise. Such rates and rules shall be subject to review and change at any time upon petition therefor being made by either said Township, acting by its Township Board, or by said Grantee.

SECTION 8. **REVOCAION.** The franchise granted by this ordinance is subject to revocation upon sixty (60) days written notice by the party desiring such revocation.

SECTION 9. **MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION JURISDICTION.** Said Grantee shall, as to all other conditions and elements of service not herein fixed, be and remain subject to the reasonable rules and regulations of the Michigan Public Service Commission or its successors, applicable to gas service in said Township.

SECTION 10. **REPEALS.** This ordinance, when accepted and published as herein provided, shall repeal and supersede the provisions of a gas ordinance adopted by the Township Board on January 26, 1970 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE, granting to CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY, its successors and assigns, the right, power and authority to lay, maintain and operate gas mains, pipes and services on, along, across and under the highways, streets, alleys, bridges, waterways, and other public places, and to do a local gas business in the TOWNSHIP OF NOVI, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, for a period of thirty years.

and amendments, in any, to such ordinance whereby a gas franchise was granted to Consumers Energy Company.

SECTION 11. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall take effect upon the day after the date of publication thereof; provided, however, it shall cease and be of no effect after thirty days from its adoption unless within said period the Grantee shall accept the same in writing filed with the Township Clerk. Upon acceptance and publication hereof, this ordinance shall constitute a contract between said Township and said Grantee.

We certify that the foregoing Franchise Ordinance was duly enacted by the Township Board of the TOWNSHIP OF NOVI, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, on the 27th day of February, 2001.

RAY SHOVERS, TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

ATTEST:
PAUL DONNELLY, TOWNSHIP CLERK
(3-15-01 NR/NN 1034495)

NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 01-005

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT RAUMER ELECTRO, INC. is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of a temporary construction sign from March 22, 2001 through November 1, 2001 at 27272 Dorland Drive at the Fountain Walk Project, which is located west of Novi Road and south of Twelve Mile Road.

A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for temporary use permit.

This request will be considered at 5:00 p.m. on March 21, 2001, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Official and must be received prior to March 21, 2001.

C. J. KILLEBREW, SR. PRINCIPAL CLERK
(248) 547-0415

(3-15-01 NR, NN 1034500)

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 2000-150.03

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 2000-150.03 — **ADDITIONAL NOTICE TO AMEND ARTICLE V OF CHAPTER 1 OF THE NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES, TO REVISE THE STANDARDS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND USE OF NATURAL BEAUTY ROADS WITHIN THE CITY OF NOVI.**

The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, March 5, 2001. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on all regular local time.

(3-15-01 NR/NN 1033706) MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 21, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan to consider **NOVEMBER STATION TRAINING CENTER SP 00-71A**, located on the southeast corner of Haggerty and Ten Mile Roads, to consider **PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN APPROVAL, SECTION NINE FACADE WAIVER AND WOODLAND AND SPECIAL LAND USE PERMITS**. The applicant is proposing a fire station and training center.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be sent to the Planning & Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 21, 2001.

NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION
ROBERT CHURELLA, SECRETARY

(3-15-01 NR/NN 1034498)

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 21, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan to consider **NOVI EXPRESS SP 00-29A**, located on the southwest corner of Pontiac Trail and West Park Drive to consider **PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT AND WOODLANDS PERMIT APPROVALS**. The applicant is proposing a self-serve gas station, convenience store, fast food restaurant and car wash.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be sent to the Planning & Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 21, 2001.

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(3-15-01 NR/NN 1034496)

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Obituaries

JOHN L. GALIDO
John L. Galido, 56, died March 11 at his residence in Novi. He was born in 1944.
Mr. Galido was a co-owner of Schroeder & Co. He received his bachelor's degree in accounting from Indiana University-Pennsylvania. Mr. Galido was an avid golfer and hunter. He was a Vietnam veteran and a lifetime member of the American Legion.
Mr. Galido is survived by his wife, Theresa; daughter, Darlene (Chris) Varani; son, David; sister, Barbara (Paul) Scalse; and brother, James (Nancy).

A scripture service was held on Wednesday, March 14 at O'Brien Chapel/Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi. Interment was in East Ridge Cemetery, Westover, Pa.

Memorials to the American Heart Association or the National Kidney Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

FRANK L. GONDEK
Frank L. Gondek, 66, of Brighton died March 11 at his residence. He was born in 1934.
Mr. Gondek was a retired Detroit fire fighter and arson investigator who lived in Detroit for many years. He served in the Air Force during the Korean Conflict, from 1953-57. Upon his return, he joined the city of Detroit Fire Department. While working, he earned his bachelor of science degree from Madonna College. In 1974, Mr. Gondek was promoted to the arson section and was one of the first fire fighters in the country to be a certified law enforcement officer. He received a citation for heroism from the city of Detroit and retired in 1983 as a lieutenant in the arson section. In 1984, he founded F.L. Gondek Investigations Inc., a private investigation consulting company specializing in the cause and origins of fire. Mr. Gondek built a successful business and had a reputation as being one of the top cause and origin expert witnesses in the country. He retired from private practice in 1998.
He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Joan; daughter, Denise (Andrew) Gondek DeBenedetti; brothers, Dennis (Dolores) and Timothy (Kathy); sisters, Bonnie and Sharon (Ray) Zmuda; and many nieces and nephews.

Mr. Gondek was preceded in death by his son, Frank Jr.
A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 15 at Holy Family Church, 24505 Meadowbrook Road, Novi. Interment will be in Oakland Hills Cemetery, Novi.
Arrangements were made by O'Brien Chapel/Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi.
Memorials to the Livingston County Hospice and Mesothelioma Research Fund would be appreciated by the family.

JUSTINE M. LIND

Justine M. Lind, 54, died March 1 at Sinai Hospital in Commerce Township. She was born in 1946.
She is survived by long-time companion, Gill Shaw; daughters, Dianira (Andrew) Willetts and Christine (James Bar) Lind; father, Andrew Nelligan; two brothers, Dan (Jan) and Jim (Pat) Nelligan; and sister, Tricia (Joel) Popa.

Ms. Lind was preceded in death by her mother, Justine Nelligan.
Services were held on Saturday, March 10 at Holy Family Church in Novi.
Arrangements were made by O'Brien Chapel/Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi.
Memorials to the American Cancer Society would be appreciated.

JENNIE MELLINGER
Jennie Mellinger, 70, of Northville died March 5 in Ann Arbor. She was born Sept. 19, 1930, in Plymouth.
Mrs. Mellinger worked for the Plymouth Mail, now known as the Plymouth Observer. She moved from Plymouth to the Northville Township community in 1964.
Mrs. Mellinger is survived by her husband of 40 years, Duane of Northville, whom she married in April 1960; sons, Dale of Northville and Robert (Rene) of South Lyon; daughter, Marjorie Sue (Joseph) Hay of Northville; three sisters, Alexandria Johnson of Plymouth, Florence (Joseph) DeVriendt of Roseomon and Margaret (Richard) Robinson of Howell; and grandson, Joseph Ray Jr. of Howell.
Services were held on Saturday, March 10 at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, with the Rev. Leonard Partensky officiating.
Memorials to the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center, 1500 E. Medical Center Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48109 would be appreciated.

FRANCINE O. SCHLEE
Francine Olette Schlee, 83, died March 6 at her home in Brighton. She was born Sept. 24, 1917, in Storm Lake, Iowa, to John W. and Hazel (Crawford) Edwards.
Mrs. Schlee was a graduate of Buena Vista College in Iowa. She was a school teacher at St. Agatha in Redford Township and also taught at Grinnell & Melvin in Iowa. Mrs. Schlee was very active in Girl Scouts and was an accomplished seamstress.
She is survived by two daughters, Mary Beth (Jim) Rose of Brighton and Pat (Mike) Marks of Howell; two sisters, Virginia de St. Paer of Wheaton, Ill., and Mary Ellen Kelling of Montezuma, Iowa; sister-in-law, Lori Schlee of Chicago, Ill.; and six grandchildren.

Ms. Schlee was preceded in death by her husband, William in May 1997. They were married in Carmel, Calif., October 1943.
A funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday, March 9 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Brighton. The Rev. Dan J. McKean officiated.

Arrangements were made by MacDonald's Funeral Home Inc. of Howell.
Memorials to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Girls and Boys Town would be appreciated. Envelopes available at the funeral home.

OLIVE M. SCHMITZ
Olive M. Schmitz, 76, of Northville died March 10 at Camelot Hall Nursing Center in Livonia. She was born Aug. 5, 1924, in White Earth, Minn., to Fredrick and Mabel Irene King.
Mrs. Schmitz was graduated from Waubesa School in Minnesota. She was a homemaker and a member of Our Lady of Victory Church, the Northville Eagles, and the American Legion in Northville.
She is survived by daughters, Virginia, Teresa and Nancy; sons, Gerald and Bruce; sister, Florence Schiffrer; and 12 grandchildren.

Mrs. Schmitz was preceded in death by her husband, Adelbert in October 1998, whom she married in July 1951; and a brother, James King.
Services were held on Friday, March 9 at the Northville Eagles, Al Smith of Red Lake officiated a traditional Indian funeral service.

Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.
Arrangements were made by Casterline Funeral Home Inc.
Memorials to the Alzheimer's Association, 17220 W. Twelve Mile Road, Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48076 would be appreciated.

CURT G. SMITH
Curt George Smith, 47, died March 13 at his home in Novi. He was born in 1953.
Mr. Smith was currently employed as a financial analyst for Ford Motor Co. and controller for the Ford Essex Engine Plant in Ontario. He received his bachelor's degree in business administration from Eastern Michigan University in 1975, and his master's degree from the University of Detroit in 1978. Mr. Smith was an avid golfer.
He is survived by his wife, Karen; daughter, Brandy; son, Chad; mother, Lora Smith; sister, Sandra (Ken) Brillinger; and Richard (Donna) Smith.
Mr. Smith was preceded in death by his father, Harold (Bud).
Visitation on Thursday, March 15, from 2-9 p.m. with a scripture service at 7:30 p.m. at O'Brien Chapel/Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River, Novi.
A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Friday, March 16 at Holy Family Church, 24505 Meadowbrook Road in Novi.
Interment will be in Oakland Hills Cemetery, Novi.
Memorial contributions to Angela Hospice and the Novi Educational Association would be appreciated by the family.

Local Rep. will try to sunset excise tax

By RANDAL YAKY
Staff Writer

Teddy Roosevelt received fame for his historic charge up San Juan Hill during the Spanish-American War.
At the time legislators implemented taxes to help with the war effort. One hundred and three years later, the 'excise tax' still exists and comes to million of American homes each month on their phone bills.
Now, Rep. Nancy Cassis (R-Nowi) is putting together a coalition of Michigan legislators in the hopes of repealing Congress to repeal the federal excise tax.
"It was a tax to help fund the Spanish American War," Cassis said. "It's time to repeal it." Congress attempted to purge the excise tax last year but the resolution failed with a lack of support.
Cassis introduced the resolution memorializing Congress to repeal the 3 percent federal telephone excise tax last month.
"This outdated tax is poor public

policy that should have been disconnected long ago. It was implemented for the ongoing Spanish American War. Evidently, Congress hasn't gotten the word that it was wrong."
Cassis said the taxation on telephone bills needs to be scrutinized at both the state and local level.
"Eliminating the telephone excise tax is one significant way we can reduce the taxes for Michigan residents and businesses," Cassis said. "The tax has been collected for years and was dumped back into the budget. It's a special amount but there is no reason for it to remain."
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Date: March 15, 2001

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality proposes to issue an authorization for a discharge to the ground or groundwater pursuant to Part 31, Water Resources Protection, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (Act 451), being Sections 224-3101 through 224-3110 of the Compiled Laws of Michigan, and the administrative rules promulgated thereunder, to:

Country Cousins Mobile Home Park
26855 Haggerty Road
Novi, Michigan 48377

The applicant proposes to discharge a maximum 133,000 gallons per day (22.6 million gallons per year) of sanitary wastewater only to the ground and groundwater from their discharge areas located in the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 13, T1N, R9E, Novi Township, Oakland County.

Comments or objections to the proposed authorization received by April 13, 2001 will be considered in the final decision to grant the permit. Persons dealing information regarding the proposed permit or procedures for commenting or requesting a hearing should contact: Groundwater Program Section, Waste Management Division, Department of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 30241, Lansing, Michigan 48909, Telephone: 517-373-8148. Copies of the public notice, fact sheet and proposed authorization may be obtained at the Southeast Michigan District Office, Waste Management Division, located at 38980 7 Mile Road, Livonia, Michigan, 48152-1005. Telephone: 734-953-8905.

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Village Oaks student Allison Anolick, left, and others get some hands-on experience with puppeteering during last week's visit from Madcap Theatre's Karle Shelton.

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Village Oaks brings puppets to Novi

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throughout the district.
This was an especially joyous occasion for Village Oaks, since the element was the first school to welcome the traveling puppet theater to Novi in 1999.
"With larger than life puppets providing goofy fun to its young audience, the children couldn't get enough of their new found friends."
"My favorite puppet was Sybber," Goodman said, referring to a wild cheetah with purple hair. "He was crazy and had this really funny voice."
While the students did have fun throughout the week, they also learned quite a bit in the world of puppeteers.
"The most important thing is to make sure to keep your puppets up and their eyes down, so they're always looking at the audience," Shelton told one class, adding that when moving a puppet's mouth, always move it to the number of vowel sounds in a word.
She also taught the children about the different

kinds of puppet entrances and exits, such as the stair step and elevator.
Classmates Marianne Cuddy and Rachel Staudt had fun performing with other second graders as they got the chance to hold and move some of Shelton's puppets.
"Shelton asked the students all kinds of questions from their favorite foods to their favorite color as the students put what they learned to the test."
"It was kind of hard keeping the puppet still, because you just wanted to make him go crazy as soon as you got him over your hand," said 7-year-old Cuddy.
"Using what they learned from Madcap, this week the students will begin constructing their own puppets."
"I can't wait," Goodman said. "I'm going to make my puppet a crazy dinosaur who is out of control. I think I'll name him 'Reptile.'"

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Main Street may get parking structure

By RANDAL YAKY
Staff Writer

More parking for the Main Street project may be on the way.
Novi city manager Richard Helwig acknowledged that the city is working with developers on bringing a brand new, "above-ground" parking structure to the Novi downtown area.
Helwig said the structure has been talked about after difficulty with parking was reported.
"That's a parking structure been in the plans," Helwig said. "We are looking at it as a part of the long range plan."

Novi director of economic development Greg Capote said there are no "concrete" plans at this time but a "feasibility study" is underway to investigate the need of a parking structure.
"It's being talked about," Capote said. "We're looking into how it could be financed. But it's really a question of future parking."
Capote said there is not a parking problem in the downtown area but a problem of "signage" telling visitors where to park. He said downtown customers are not being directed into areas where parking is plentiful.
"There are also plans for new buildings to be erected heading west on Main Street. Capote said there could be as many as three new buildings constructed in the downtown area over the next several years.
Main Street is a 63-acre, four phase development that is expected to have over 700,000 square feet of feasible space when finished.
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Celebrate Reading Month with kids

When parents and teachers read to children, they help open the door to a new world.

This month is reading month, and all throughout the Novi Community School District, students are picking up books, while forever expanding and enriching their minds.

As a parent, you can further what the district is doing this month by beginning an endless learning chain.

It's no secret that activities at home are an important supplement to the classroom, but there's more to it than that. There are things that parents can give children at home that the classrooms cannot give.

Children who read to grow love books. Over the years, these children will have good memories to treasure.

They remember stories that made them laugh and stories that made them cry. They remember sharing these times with someone they love, and they anticipate when they will be able to read for themselves.

By reading aloud together, by being examples, and by doing other activities, parents are in a unique position to help children enjoy reading and see the value of it.

By reading to your child you not only do you get to spend quality time with your little one(s) but it also stimulates your son or daughter's interest in reading and language and

further develops communication skills and enriches the imagination.

You also don't have to devote great amounts of time to reading with your child. It's the quality of time that counts. Just be consistent—give as much time as you can each day to help your child, not just during March's reading month.

Helping your child become a reader is an adventure you will not want to miss. The benefits to your child are immeasurable and in the process, you will find your world becoming richer as well.

If you do not have children at home to read to, volunteer at one of the elementary schools this month who are sponsoring reading sessions daily. All the elementary are in need of readers to come into the classroom and share a story with students.

It takes a half hour of your time and the benefits you will receive not only include helping children but the joy of sharing in the wonderfully woven tales of children's books.

Read, Read, Read. It's a never-ending process that continues to enrich the minds of children and adults alike.

Letters policy is not harmful

It's always good to be clear about things.

Here at the Novi News, we have company policies just like any other business. Please submit your engagement and wedding announcements within a year of the event, please keep your letters to the editor brief - 400 words or less - and if you have an event that you feel is newsworthy, by all means, submit a photo and a small write up if we

are unable to make it.

Letters to the editor are particularly tricky because ethics and law come into play.

My job as an editor is to make sure events reported are fair, accurate, unbiased and libel free.

By libel free, I specifically mean no newspaper and persons involved do not get sued.

Getting sued is a possibility with a letter to the editor as much as an investigative story. I read through every letter to the editor for general content. I first make sure the person writing the letter is from a local entity or local resident. Secondly, I check this address to make sure the person writ-

ing the letter is legitimate.

It sounds funny but we had had letters from people who decided to slam others in public and made up another identity. This is libel and it will get us sued.

After a preliminary run-through, I then read the letter again and check for spelling errors, obscenities (which our family-oriented newspapers feel should be left out) and statements that could be taken as libelous or slanderous.

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LETTERS

School board should reconsider

Contrary to the desires of many Novi parents, the Novi board of education is turning a deaf ear to requests for alternative abstinence-centered (a.k.a. abstinence-only) sex education in our schools.

Is it because of money? Federal funding is available through the Title V Abstinence Education Program since 1997. Teaching harmful psychological and physical effects of sexual activity outside the context of marriage reflects the values of our local community and even our federal government.

Yet the Novi Board of Education clings to its "comprehensive" abstinence plus condoms curriculum.

The board claims there is no evidence that abstinence-only teaching works.

A Sept. 1997 article in the Journal of the American Medical Association reports the findings of a study called "Add Health." This study is the most comprehensive investigation in history to identify risk and protective factors to adolescent health. The "Add Health" study overwhelmingly confirms the principles of abstinence-only education while seriously calling into question foundational aspects of "comprehensive" sex ed as currently taught in Novi schools.

Another 1996 longitudinal study in association with Northwestern University Medical School also confirms the efficacy of abstinence-only education. Parents, researchers, and our Congress stand in favor of promoting an abstinence-only message. Why isn't our school board listening?

The board says they want to teach abstinence, but a little bit more. Abstinence-centered teaching totally agrees with this mindset. Abstinence programs teach the complete facts about condoms and STDs. Abstinence-only teaching equates teens with medically and sexually accurate information on the consequences of sexual activity; but further provides knowledge, character development, and skills on how to remain abstinent. Teaching abstinence-only as opposed to safe sex (the message of our current comprehensive curriculum) is truly the only healthy choice for our children and our community.

Safe sex teaching has dominated our schools since the 1970s. During this time we have seen STDs reach epidemic levels. Parents in Novi echoing the sentiment of the U.S. Congress are calling for a paradigm shift. To promote the greatest physical and emotional health of our children, our school board must consider an abstinence-centered curriculum.

Suzanne Cortez
Novi

Commission member in with "old boy network"

After watching the Planning Commission meeting the other night, I was struck by the nerve and audacity of Andrew Mutch in the direction of committee assignments.

I see this as an attempt to stymie the creativity of the mayor's newly appointed commissioners. Your entire monologue reeked of the former mayor's attempt to control this city. The only thing you didn't say is, "Historically speaking..." I would like to remind you that the previous mayor is gone and, with her, we voted out one of her last campaign managers. The new

Resident needs a vacation

I could hardly keep my cool reading the nasty letter from Mr. Korte to the editor. OK, so we are all a little cranky due to the long winter and desperately need a long vacation in sunny Mexico, but there was no need for Mr. Korte's temper tantrum. In order to appeal to all readers, a paper must be diverse and print stories that are of interest to a wide range of subscribers.

The Novi News does just that. To fill the paper with local politics of the city every week would be quite one-sided. The Novi News prints the political "going ons" of the city that are "news." I certainly would not like to read about the sometimes long winded meetings that you can see on Channel 13. Mr. Korte has a beef with this so-called "hot shot" but it might be more productive to just give this person a call. After that take a long vacation.

Judy Demarest
Novi

Students set 'great example'

We would just like to convey a huge "thank you" to everyone involved in last weekend's Walk-A-Thon, which benefited the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan in honor of our son, David.

All the students, staff and parents who supported this event to raise more than \$5,000 to help fight kidney disease are very special people. We're particularly grateful to Mike Hendricks and Sara Beth O'Connor for all their hard work, and I'm sure there are others (whose names are, unfortunately, unknown to us) who also deserve recognition.

The students of Novi High School have once again set a great example for the community, and I'm sure you and the staff are as proud to be associated with them as we are.

Keith and Kathy Langham
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OTHER OPINIONS

Questions for would-be candidates

There's no doubt we'll be infested over the next 18 months with folks running for governor.

On the Democratic side, there are former Governor Jim Blanchard, sitting Attorney General Jennifer Granholm, sitting U.S. Rep. David Bonior, and state senators Gary Peters and Alma Wheeler Smith. The GOP establishment is trying to suppress everybody but Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus. But since he doesn't seem to be getting traction, you can expect other Republican candidates to emerge, possibly including state senators Joe Schwarz and Dan DeGow.

With so many candidates, there's a chance that one of them will wind up knocking on your door. If you're so lucky, here's a list of questions that go beyond the usual blah, blah bromides of politics. Persistent questioning along these lines could make candidates pause to think a moment.

Phil Power
What are you going to do about the shortage of qualified workers?

University of Michigan economists George Fulten and Don Grimes, who forecast economic activity in our state, argue that the biggest problem our economy will face over the next 3-5 years is a shortage of skilled workers. Since unemployment can't go much lower, increases in the labor force are going to come only from either an increase in people wanting to work or an increase in the working-age population.

The "participation rate" for women has increased enormously over the last 30 years and probably has room for a slight increase.

However, the participation rate for the elderly has been dropping. So increases in the workforce are going to come from the general population, where a declining percentage of people will be between 16-64.

Aggravating these trends is the reluctance of families to standardize their kids in urban areas who are trapped in lousy schools.

Last November's vote on the voucher plan overwhelmingly rejected spending taxpayer dollars for parochial or private schools. But merely turning down vouchers isn't in itself going to do anything to improve schools. In fact, it turns out that in areas like Detroit, thousands of students are moving either to charter schools or districts outside Detroit. That sucks money out of the public school system and makes improvements even harder.

What are you going to do about bad schools, especially in inner cities?

One glimmer of hope can come from minority populations concentrated in urban areas who are trapped in lousy schools.

What is your opinion on a women's right to choose an abortion?

If the answer — parroting Right to Life — is "No," then ask: What do you say to the majority of people, both women and men, who in general do not favor abortion but believe individuals should be allowed to make that free choice?

If the answer — parroting the National

Candidates should be encouraged to get beyond the standard battleground positions - pro teachers union or pro voucher - and come to grips with what to do about thousands of kids who are trapped in bad schools

Abortion Rights League — is "Yes," then ask: What do you say to the majority who do not think that it is appropriate as the preferred method of birth control?

My point is to suggest there exists a broad middle ground on abortion that extremists on both sides would just prefer went away. Political discourse needs to move from the extreme into the area where some kind of compromise is possible.

Do you really believe local gun boards should be required to issue concealed gun permits to any person who can prove they're not a felon or mentally ill?

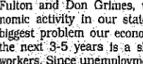
The state legislature passed this legislation — under the shorthand title "shall issue" — last year, responding to pressure from the extreme wing of the National Rifle Association. A petition drive is under way to put the issue on the ballot.

Candidates who support "shall issue" should be asked whether they feel comfortable standing at the door of somebody who might well be packing concealed heat and setting a bit cross at the evasions and even lies produced by candidates for governor.

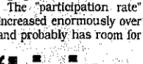
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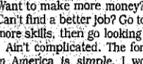
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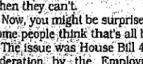
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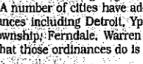
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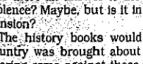
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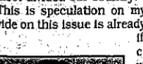
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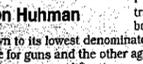
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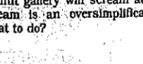
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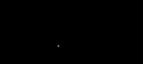
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'Living wage' sends wrong message

Want to be a success in life? Get a job. Want to make more money? Get a better job. Can't find a better job? Go to school and learn more skills, then go looking again.

Isn't complicated. The formula for success in America is simple. I won't say it's easy because most of us spend the majority of our waking hours trying to achieve just that goal. Nonetheless, the game plan is pretty basic.

Grant you, if you want to be well-off, it gets a little more complicated. But that's easy to remember: formula — education, then a job.

Will you go along the way to a decent, comfortable life.

Oh yeah, one more thing, don't spend more than you earn. Learn to live within a budget. Even the wealthy have to do this, and wind up in bankruptcy court when they can't.

Now, you might be surprised to find out that some people think that's all backwards.

This issue was House Bill 4927, up for consideration by the Employment, Relations, Training and Safety Committee of the state Legislature. The bill, sponsored by Rep. Andrew Richner, R-Grosse Pointe Park, would override local "living wage" ordinances.

A number of cities have adopted such ordinances including Detroit, Ypsilanti, Farmington Hills, Warren and Ann Arbor. What these ordinances do is require that any

company that does business with the city government pay its employees a wage high enough to be considered a "living wage." In Detroit, the requirement works out to \$8.50 per hour with health benefits or \$10.50 without health benefits.

Richner argues that the state already has a minimum wage, \$5.15 per hour, and ought not have a hedge-podge of what would essentially be different minimum wages throughout the state.

Rep. Andrew Richner, R-Muskegon, says it differently. Why not let local governments set their own minimum wages, after all they know what it costs to live in that area. For instance, she cited a study that showed it would take an income \$27,000 per year for a single parent, two young kids, to even make it. That would translate, she said, to \$19 per hour.

That's an interesting set of numbers. A person making \$19 per hour could make \$38,000 annually, if they were willing to work full time and limit vacation to two weeks per year. You only need \$19 per hour to get up to \$27,000, so you can't work more than 28.5 hours per week.

But it is an even more interesting mindset. For one, I'm not sure why we should consider setting minimum wage based on what it would take to support a family of four working part time.

And yes, it is expensive to raise kids. That's why parents, single or otherwise, are best advised to have a good income before they set out having a family.

Rusty Merchant, spokesperson for the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce, said it best: "Some people make more than they need. Many people make less than they need. But I will tell you this, no one's paid based on need. They are paid based on skills."

Discussion on guns needs to happen

Is there an answer to the problem of gun violence? Maybe, but it is in a law or a suspension of the Second Amendment.

The history books would say our great country was brought about by militia men bearing arms against those nasty redcoats, but future history books may be recounting the numerous incidents and shootings involving children as well as adults that almost divided our country.

This is speculation on my part, but the divide on this issue is already apparent even if we exclude the concealed weapon stance. The tragedy of a school shooting is something that hits home with any normal human being, but the divide begins to appear when the discussion begins of how to stop future tragedies.

To boil the divide down to its lowest denominator, there is one side for the other against them - in a huge oversimplification.

Maybe I should extinguish that broad statement by asking myself the question: do guns kill people? Of course they do, and the peanut gallery will scream at me, but that scream is an oversimplification as well.

What to do?

Americans try to answer the violence problem by seeking, enforcing and passing new gun laws, and we also counter by saying: don't infringe on my constitutional right to bear arms. Discussing this issue can cause a person to slip and fall into a head-spinning quagmire. So that's why we keep it simple and divide into two warring camps when pushed into the corner of deciding where to stand on an issue that's historical and crucial.

Two recent incidents in area schools have brought the issue even closer to home. Have you ever said aloud "I could just kill that person." I can't remember offhand if I ever said that, but I'm sure I did. Not in a serious manner, but I said it. I played with toy guns when I was a kid, running around the yard pretending to shoot at my friends. Today these two things may get you suspended from school or fired from your job in today's paranoid, lawsuit-crazed society.

What do we do and where do we draw the line?

Americans tend to forget that this country has had a bloody history both in our own land and in someone else's. How was the west won and how did we win World War II? By killing a lot of people. Sounds gory, but it's true.

Where am I going with this you might be asking?

America has a history of violence and if we don't properly address the issue of gun violence then it will continue. Enforcing and passing gun laws may help in many ways, but they will not cure something that ultimately resides within the potential murder-

What bothers me most is that the mindset hurts most the very people who they say they are trying to help. It sends a message that the path to a better life is through laws forcing higher wages. It isn't. The path is through learning skills.

Rep. Jack Miron, D-Flint, continued the push for living wage laws.

"I have very confidence that businesses can make their payroll," he said, arguing that he doubted any business would avoid coming to Michigan because of higher labor costs. "Payroll is such a minor portion of the budget," he said.

For folks so concerned with the expenses and needs of families, that's a pretty cavalier attitude about what it takes to balance the budget in a business, many of which are small and struggling themselves.

What bothers me most is that the mindset hurts most the very people who they say they are trying to help. It sends a message that the path to a better life is through laws forcing higher wages.

It isn't. The path is through learning skills, then going to work. And they don't have to wait for the government to pass a law about it, they can start today.

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Lawmakers take up issue of living wage laws

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For businesses, union representatives and lawmakers, it was deja vu all over again when the House Employment Relations, Training and Safety Committee began work Tuesday, March 6, on a bill to overturn local "living wage" ordinances.

Last year, an outcry over legislation to override local governments in 14 areas of law, living wages included, set off the petition drive that led to Proposal 2. Let Local Votes Count, on the November ballot. Last December, an attempt to pass the override failed on the last day of the legislative session. It fell about five votes short despite the fact the voting board was left open for

more than an hour. In part, the bill died because of concerns of its impact on "prevailing wage" laws. Rep. Andrew Richner, R-Crosse Pointe Park, sponsor of House Bill 4327, this year included wording in his proposal stating that it would not affect prevailing wage laws. Unions still believe it could and are opposing the bill.

Living wage ordinances require that any business that contracts with the city government must pay their employees at a certain rate over the poverty level, more if they do not give health benefits.

The version enacted in Detroit would require firms to pay \$8.50 per hour, \$10.50 without health benefits. Ypsilanti, Ypsilanti Township, Ferndale, Warren and

Ann Arbor have all passed such living wage ordinances but all require pay at different rates. Richner argues there is already a minimum wage in Michigan, \$5.15 per hour set in state law. "Until 1998, when Detroit passed the first living wage ordinance in the state, locals deferred to the state and federal law," he said. "They realized that it would be detrimental to the economy. We have 1,800 units of local government in Michigan and if each adopted their own minimum wage standards, it would create a hodge-podge that would be a nightmare."

"If locals have decided what the minimum wage should be in their area, what right do businesses and stockholders have to dictate otherwise?" asked Rep.

Julia Dennis, D-Muskegon. She noted that a recent study concluded, in some areas of the state, a single parent raising three kids would need to earn \$27,000 annually to even make it. That translates to \$19 per hour.

"Some people make more than they need," said Rusty Merchant, spokesman for the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce. "Many people make less than they need. But I will tell you this, no one is paid based on need. They are paid based on skills."

Merchants argued that living wage ordinances hurt the very people they are intended to help. As the minimum wage increases, businesses have to hire more highly skilled people to make it worth their while employing

them. That makes it more difficult for less skilled workers and those starting out looking for their first jobs to land employment.

Sarah Hubbard of the Detroit Regional Chamber said Detroit's living wage ordinance makes it more difficult to attract new businesses to the area. She said Detroit has "an image problem" and that some businesses have said they would look for locations elsewhere specifically because of that ordinance.

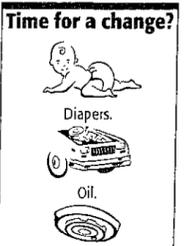
Dennis countered that didn't jibe with the recent announcement that the state has received a Governor's Award for attracting more businesses than any other state for the fourth year in a row.

Lawmakers also have intro-

duced several proposals to curtail the prevailing wage laws, requiring that state contractors pay wages that match rates of pay in the area of the state in which the work is done. House Bills 4327, 4329 and 4382, by Rep. Wayne Kutpers, R-Holland, and Bob Gosselin, R-Troy, would exempt road builders and school construction contractors from prevailing wage laws.

Bruce Burton, of the Detroit area's International Brotherhood of Electrical Contractors, said the bills would effectively gut prevailing wage laws. He said they would undermine unions. Unionized contractors provide better training, better pay and better safety programs than non-union shops, he contended.

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Benton said his character, a stowaway on the ship, dresses up in all sorts of disguises in order to get close to his true love Hope Harcourt, played by Erin Chupinsky. The catch is that Hope is about to wed Sir Oakleigh and Billy pulls out all the stops to try and break them up.

Revolving around a love triangle, the show also stars Jennifer McCracken as Reno Sweeney, an evangelist turned bar hostess, who follows Billy in hopes to disguise him from pursuing his true love.

Throughout the story, the audience meets sailors, passengers and other memorable characters including gangster-disguised-as-a-minister Moonface Martin played by senior Bryan Beeler.

Complete with cheesy one-liners and a frantic pace, the cast takes the audience on a wild ride aboard the S.S. American.

"It's like Speed 2 without the violence," Beeler said.

Directed and choreographed by Kristen Patee, the show takes audiences back to the good old days with tunes like "You're the Top," "It's Delovely," and "I Get a Kick Out of You."

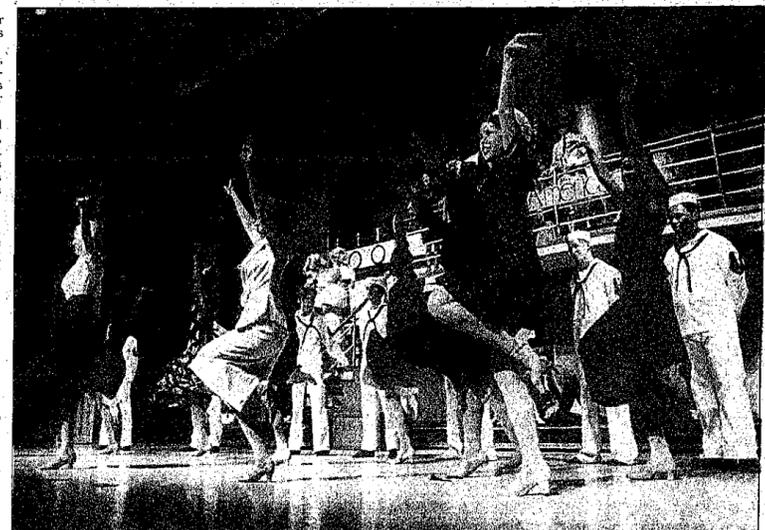
"The funny dialog, the songs, the dancing, it's going to be awesome," Britten said.

"It's the perfect escape," she said. "It's really upbeat and humorous. People are going to love it."

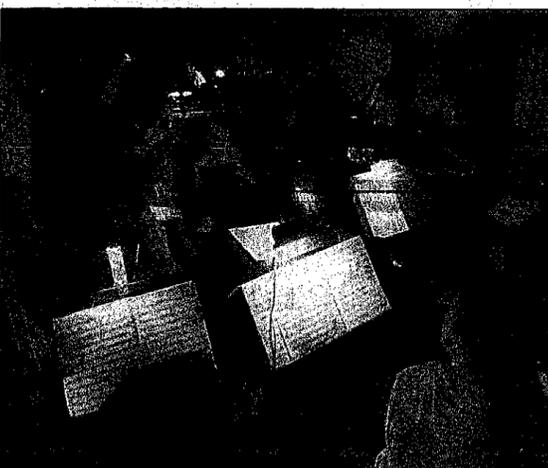
Performances for "Anything Goes" are at 7:30 p.m. March 15-17 in the Forest Auditorium.

Tickets are \$8 at the door and \$5 for senior citizens and children under 12. For additional information, call the school at (248) 449-1500.

"This is an enormous project



Novi High student rehearse a dance scene from "Anything Goes" Monday afternoon.



The pit orchestra plays during a dress rehearsal of "Anything Goes."

CAST-AWAYS

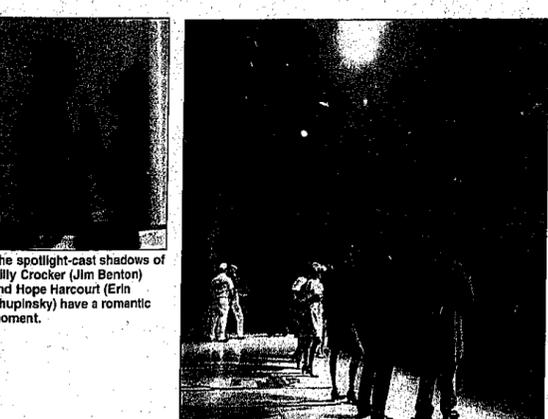
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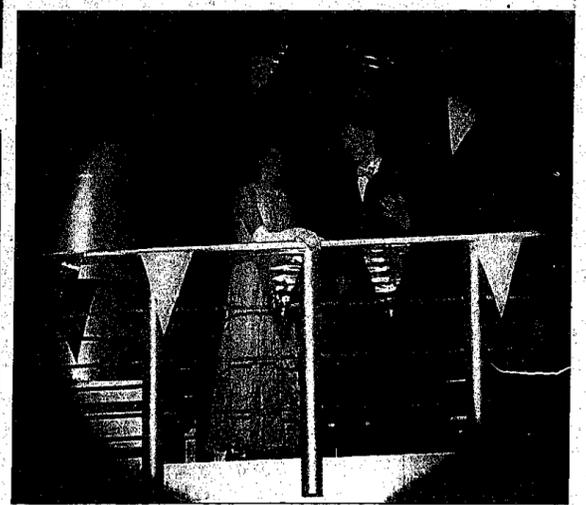
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THE CHORUS:
Ashley Atkins, Amy Burkhardt, Beth Goodearl, Caitlin Parent, Aleson Sansom, Christina Thompson, Rachel Whitehart, and Rebecca Whitehart.



Hit by the stage floodlights, students rehearse Novi High's upcoming production of "Anything Goes" Monday afternoon.



Erin Chupinsky (Hope Harcourt) and Matt Britten (Sir Evelyn Oakleigh) rehearse a scene from "Anything Goes."

Photos by John Heider

Granholtm files papers to run for Michigan governor

By LON HUZHMAN
Staff Writer

Attorney General and Northville native Jennifer Granholtm filed statement of organization papers with the state Bureau of Elections on March 8 as the first step in making a run for Governor.

"Attorney General Granholtm met with her staff on [March 8] to inform them of her intention to run for governor in 2002," said Butch Hollowell, treasurer for the Granholtm for Governor Committee. "Once they were informed, we filed our committee papers with the State Bureau of Elections."

With the announcement, Granholtm, a resident of Northville, became the fifth democratic candidate to do so. The other four candidates are former Gov. James Blanchard, State Senator Gary Peters of Bloomfield Hills, Alma Wheeler Smith of Washtenaw County and Angelo Scott Brown of Detroit. On the republican side, the leading candidate may be Lt. Governor Dick Postumus once he officially announces his candidacy.

According to Northville Township manager Chip Snider, Granholtm's candidacy represents an asset to the township because the concerns and issues confronting the township may be better addressed on the State level.

During Granholtm's tenure, she became the 51st elected Attorney General in 1998. Her campaign and tenure as attorney general has focused on child protection, high-tech crime prevention, consumer and environmental protection as well as senior citizen safety. One of the first acts in Granholtm's term was the instituting of a High-tech Crime Unit to explore, investigate and prosecute Internet and high-tech crimes. Granholtm's office also established the state's first full-time environmental crimes prosecutor to protect Michigan's natural resources.



Jennifer Granholtm

"Even though I'm a long time Republican, attorney general's Granholtm candidacy is exciting because of the local impact it would have," Northville Mayor Chris Johnson said. "Of all the democratic candidates, she is the most exciting because of her grasp of the major issues. This is a positive for the community of Northville."

Hollowell said Granholtm will in the meantime remain focused on her current position and will make a formal announcement of her running for governor in the near future as well as what critical issues her candidacy will focus on.

"She's been thinking about running for governor for some time now and believes this is the right time for her candidacy," Hollowell said. "This is an exciting step. Once the rest of Michigan gets to know her stance on the issues confronting Michigan as our committee does her support for Governor should increase."

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Coalition launches Picasso Project

Novi's Community That Cares Coalition has launched their first Pizza Box Picasso Project.

Novi's Community That Cares Coalition is rounding-up posters to help spread the message, "Celebrate Safely," during the upcoming prom and graduation seasons.

Posters will be reproduced and distributed on pizza boxes and in cooperation with local businesses throughout Novi. All artists will have their name entered into a random prize drawing. Prizes have been donated by local businesses and will be distributed as long as supplies last.

Guidelines:
1) All entries must be received on white, 8 x 11 paper. Keep in mind that

entries will be duplicated in black & white ink.

2) All entries become the property of Novi's Community That Cares Coalition, and may be used for not-for-profit endeavors in line with their mission.

3) Each entry must have the artist's full name, school and grade written clearly on the back of the entry. ONLY first name and school are to be included on the front of the artwork.

4) All entries must be returned to your school office by Wed., April 11, 2001.

5) Each submission will entitle the artist's name to be added to the random

drawing. Artists may submit more than one entry. Drawing will be held no

later than April 20, 2000.

Healthy message theme ideas can include Don't Drink & Drive, Celebrate With Healthy Choices, Be Smart, Stay Safe!, Smart Choices Save Lives!, Graduation Is A Great Beginning - Play It Safe & Smart, Making Healthy Choices Makes Sense, Celebrate Tomorrow By Making Healthy Choices Today, Be Smart! Don't Invite Drugs & Alcohol To The Party!

Feel free to come up with more of your own messages!

For more information contact Beth Belter, Executive Director Novi's Community That Cares Coalition at (248) 344-0383.

Cassis promotes special education funding

On March 1, Rep. Nancy Cassis (R-Nowi) introduced legislation that would create a statewide Blue Ribbon Committee on Special Education to research and recommend ways to improve special education funding and services in Michigan.

Gov. John Engler would appoint school officials, parents, and members of the public to develop options to improve funding and educational services for special education students.

"Parents and school officials have told us special education funding needed to reform and we must respond to their concerns," said Cassis, a former psychologist for Novi Community Schools.

"All students, including those with special needs, deserve the best education possible. Finding ways to meet the unique needs of students must be a top pri-

ority for the 21st century," she said.

More than 184,000 Michigan students received special education services in 1997-1998. Pre-school special education services were provided to 18,877 3 to 5-year-olds with disabilities. About 12 percent of the student population in Michigan received special education services during that same time.

"Special education funding is of primary concern both to parents of special education students and parents with general education students," Cassis said.

"The blue ribbon committee is the right place to start. We can all come together under one basic philosophy - that Michigan's education system is only whole when it reaches out to all students."

The two-bill package introduced by Cassis will be assigned to a House committee.

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A bounty of state champions

Gymnastics team, Churella brothers and Wildcat Pompon squad earn themselves state titles

Wild 'Stangs take home championship trophy

In dramatic and stunning fashion the Northville-Novl gymnasts pulled out a come from behind victory over previously undefeated and number one ranked Rochester Adams at the State Team Finals held at Rockford High School on Friday March 9. The second ranked Wild'Stangs pulled a victory from the jaws of defeat by posting an astonishing 37.975 on balance beam, their last event of the contest. The Wild'Stangs posted the highest total score of 147.575 to take first place.

A total of 13 teams took part in the competition, with the top five finishers as follows:

1. Northville-Novl 147.575
 2. Rochester Adams 147.00
 3. Tri-Farmington 145.9
 4. Brighton 145.275
 5. Portage Northern 144.150
- Coach Lindsay Crews was

"I can't tell you how happy I am for the girls and their achievement."

Lindsay Crews
Wild'Stangs coach

happy that her team was able to pull together when it counted the most.

"All last week we keyed on beam and practiced really hard on that event because we know that would be our last event at States," she said.

The girls were fired up for the competition, but they were particularly determined to post their maximum effort on beam.

"I can't tell you how happy I am for the girls and their achievement," said Crews. Senior co-captain Katie Braine said, "We pulled together as a team and determined to do our best, while knowing that we

would make no excuses if we lost."

Commenting about her team's accomplishment Braine said, "I have never been so proud in my life."

The victory at the State competition topped off a successful season which saw the team go undefeated during the conference season, win the WLAA title, and win its regional title. Though they dominated, the victory at the state finals did not come easy.

"Going in I knew that the competition would be tough, and that our rotation was not ideal. They were also using a padded floor instead of a state-of-the-art spring floor," Crews said.

Despite those factors she detected a quiet confidence about her team.

"On floor [36.55] we had some problems, but the girls bounced back on vault by posting our

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

The Northville-Novl High School "Wild'Stangs" gymnastics team shows who's number one after they took the team Division I State title last Friday at Rockford.

Both Churellas capture title

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE
Sports Editor

The Churella brothers now have something else in common -- state championships.

Senior Ryan and sophomore Josh both wrestled their way to individual state championships last weekend at the Division 2 tournament at Joe Louis Arena.

Josh, undefeated at his weight-class of 103, beat Karl Lonas of Utica in the first round, and moved on to face Drew Mirock of Howell in the second round. He won by a razor sharp 3-1 margin, and moved on to the third round to face off against Davison foe Paul Donahoe. Josh, hoping to exact a measure of revenge on a member of the Davison team that ousted the 'Cats from the team tournament, took down Donahoe in yet another heated battle, 5-3.

That put him in position for his first state championship when he went up against Randy Vanderveen of East Kentwood in the final. After fighting tooth and nail during the season, and all

through the post-season, Josh wrapped up the championship with a convincing 7-1 win. Josh finished the year undefeated (48-0) at 103, with his only loss coming in the state playoffs when he wrestled at 112.

Watching his little brother win the title must have fired up Ryan. The big brother, who won the state title last year at 145 came out in his first round match against Mike Paul of East Kentwood, and took care of him 9-3. Another Davison foe was dealt a loss by a Churella brother, this time Tim Polidan was the victim, losing 13-4. In round three Ryan faced off against John Cox of Grand Haven, and after a few close calls, pulled it out 8-4 to move onto the finals.

There he faced off against Brighton's Leif Olson, a fierce competitor with a terrific career record, but nary a state title to show for it. The two had met three times earlier in the season, with Ryan winning them all. The older Churella was not only looking to deny his fellow KVC wrestler yet

another win, but also put a stamp on an amazing career of his own and he did just that, when he matched his younger brother, scoring a 7-0 win. Ryan finished his final season as a Wildcat with an undefeated 54-0 record, and a second straight state championship.

Caught in all the hype surrounding his teammate brothers was 112 pound grappler J.R. Muldoon. Muldoon, unlike his fellow Wildcats, was making his first appearance in the playoffs. But by the way he wrestled, it didn't show.

Muldoon won his first round match against East Lansing's Matt Hanson, 7-4, and followed that up with a 10-4 win over Flushing's Justin Straley in round two. Muldoon battled, but fell 8-4 against the eventual 112 pound champion. Muldoon won one more contest, before losing the third place match, and earning himself a fourth place finish.

The stellar individual performances at the state tournament capped off a glorious Wildcat season.



Photo by HAL GOULD

Novl wrestler Josh Churella, top, pinning his opponent face down in his second round match. Josh won the state championship at 103, and his brother Ryan won the title at 145.

Pom Pon takes another title

BY COLBY J. CAVALIERE
SPORTS EDITOR

The Novl varsity Pompon team just can't seem to get sick of winning.

After placing second nationally in the High Kick at Disney World last month, the team returned home and heated up the Michigan winter with a Class A state championship on February 25.

In order to get themselves in position for yet another triumph, the girls had to score 85% of the possible 360 max score in one of two regional competitions in January. The teams are scored in 14 different categories, ranging from showmanship, to rhythm and timing.

In their regional they met, and surpassed the cutoff point, scoring 96% of the possible max. That score happened to be the highest score of all Class A teams at the competition. By qualifying, Novl became one of 14 teams vying for the state championship on February 25 at Saginaw Valley State University.

At the state competition the best was saved for last. The Lady Wildcats, performing 13 out of the 14 teams, were amazing, scoring 339.5 out of a possible 360. Even more impressive was that they did it knowing defending champion Livonia Churchill had amassed a score of 338.0, and that only a top notch performance

would get them over the top.

The championship is a great end to coach Julie Hobbs nine-year career at Novl. She began in 1992 and wasted little time building not only a competitive program, but a dominating one. From 1995 to 2001 the team finished among the top three in the state, with nothing lower than second place since 1997. During her tenure the Pompon team tallied four state championships, which included back-to-back championships in 1998-99.

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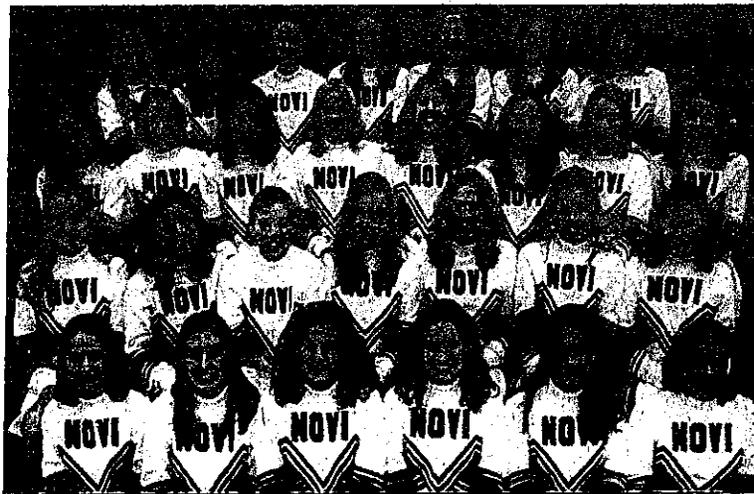


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The 2000-01 Novl High School varsity Pom Pon squad.

ALL AREA BASKETBALL

First Team			
Name	School	Grade	Pos.
Eric Messink	Novl	12	Center
Aaron Redden	Northville	12	Fwd.
David Gregor	Northville	12	Fwd.
Leaun McAvoy	Lakeland	11	Fwd.
Jamie Gasparella	South Lyon	11	Guard

Second Team			
Name	School	Grade	Pos.
Jamie Schram	Novl	11	Center
Thomas Knapp	Northville	12	Center
Pete Brown	Millford	12	Fwd.
P.J. Ingles	South Lyon	12	Center
David Gross	Lakeland	11	Guard

Honorable mention
Northville - Brandon Langston, Tim Ferng
Novl - Brandon Davis, Matt Emmenecker

Front-court duo leads All-Area b-ball team

This season, most of the local teams played .500 basketball. Given that, there were no superstars. But there are certainly some good players who gave some outstanding performances.

The area's best squad was Northville, which peaked late and reached the finals of the Western Lakes tournament. Fittingly, the Mustangs have two representatives on our all-area first team, seniors Aaron Redden and Keith Gregor.

Meanwhile, over in the KVC, for the first time in three years the league champ did not come from an area school. However, Lakeland, Novi and South Lyon were all tied for third place in the conference. Those three schools

each have a representative on the all-area first team -- Lakeland's Leaun McAvoy, Novi's Eric Messink and South Lyon's Jamie Gasparella. And the future is promising -- McAvoy and Gasparella are both juniors.

First team

Jamie Gasparella
6'0" junior guard South Lyon
Making back-to-back appearances on an all-area team following the fall football campaign, Gasparella -- a first-team all-conference selection -- was South Lyon's leading scorer at 11.5 points per game.

"Jamie's so fast and quick, it

was hard for teams to defend against his dribble drive," South Lyon coach Daren Clayton said. "He just got more confident as the season went on."

With his capacity for getting to the rim, Gasparella was the Lions' top shooter, hitting 55 percent from the floor. He also made 73 percent of his free throws. He averaged 4.1 rebounds and 1.5 steals per game.

P.J. Ingles
6'5" senior center South Lyon
After seeing spot minutes as a junior, Ingles was one of the most improved players in the KVC. He ended up a second-team all-conference pick.

"P.J. gave us leadership," Lions

coach Daren Clayton said. "He did a good job defending the post against some of the big centers we went up against."

Ingles averaged 7.1 points and 5.7 rebounds per game. He shot 52 percent from the field.

Aaron Redden
6'3" senior forward Northville
Lurking on the arc ready to nail yet another dagger into the opposition's hearts, Redden was the saddle of the Mustang offense, carrying them to many of their early season wins. As the year progressed, Redden expanded his game, playing great defense, getting his teammates involved, and

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Four Wildcats make All-Area

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cleaning up the glass. For the season he hit on 52 of 116 three point shots, while scoring 16.52 per game. He also pulled down 7.55 rebounds per game, and averaged 3.61 assists per contest. "Aaron always had the green light to shoot the ball. He carried us early in the year, and we relied on him to get us the big basket when we needed it," said Northville coach Scott Baldwin.

David Gregor
6'5" senior forward Northville
Hobbled by an injury early in the year, Gregor returned with a vengeance and was a major factor in the Mustangs second half surge. He had some monster games during Northville's playoff run, tallying a combined 43 points and 20 rebounds in the district semifinals and finals. For the year, Gregor averaged 14.36 points and 8.43 rebounds per game.

"David was hurt early on, but he came back and was an absolute monster for us in the second half. His consistency was turned around as David got hot," said Baldwin.

Leann McAvoy
8'2" junior forward Lakeland
His teammates held fort while he was out early. Back in the lineup, McAvoy was at times able to carry the Eagles with his scoring. "Chris Grimm might be the best

prosper," Milford coach Don Palmer said. "But Leann is the best player in the league."

"It was a difficult year, missing the first 10 games then injuring his ankle," Lakeland coach Bob Brugger said. "But Leann played well and, with both him and David Gross back, it bodes well for our future."

A first-team All-KVC selection, McAvoy paced the Eagles with 17.5 points per game. Always an outstanding athlete who could get the job done inside, his outside shot improved so that McAvoy was able to beat teams both with the drive and from outside the three-point arc.

"It's a tough cover," Brighton coach Dan Christian said. "McAvoy had a season-high 29 points against South Lyon, 25 of which came in the second half."

Eric Messink
6'6" senior center Novi
Messink was an anchor of a team dominated by underclassmen. The senior captain was an all-around threat for the Wildcats, earning first team All-KVC. He finished second on the team in scoring average at 10 points per game, and led the team with 8 rebounds per game and total blocked shots. "Eric always maintained a great attitude. He filled his role on this team to the best of his ability and was a very unselfish player," said head coach Pat Schluter.

Second team

Thomas Knapp
6'11" junior center Northville
Knapp made his mark on the defensive end. The junior big-man clogged the paint, and made life difficult for opponents driving to the hoop. Knapp averaged nearly four blocks per game, while snatching 8.17 rebounds per game. He was no slouch with the ball in his hands either, tallying 7.43 points per game.

"Thomas was the center of our defense. He did an outstanding job of playing the middle, and causing problems down low," said Baldwin.

David Gross
5'9" junior guard Lakeland
In a way, Gross played two different seasons.

"When Leann was out, David was our leading scorer," Lakeland coach Bob Brugger said. "When Leann came back he became more of a ballhandler and passer. He had a real solid year."

With Gross and senior Justin Boscorino in the backcourt, it was often futile for opposing teams to press the Eagles.

Gross averaged 8.5 points per game. His season high — 15 — came in a win against South Lyon. Gross was a second-team all-conference selection.

Jamie Schram
6'6" junior center Novi
As the season progressed, Schram matured and developed into the Wildcats' most reliable scoring threat. From his low-post position the junior teamed with Messink to give Novi a quality front line. Schram was good on both ends of the court, racking up 11 points per game to lead the team and 7 rebounds per game. "He was by far one of the hardest workers on the team, and as the season progressed it showed. Toward the end of the year he really became our 'go-to' guy," said Schluter.

Pete Brown

6'4" senior forward Milford
More than anyone else, Brown was the player Milford needed on the court. When he got in foul trouble the Redskins were a different team, missing his scoring and his rebounding. Brown, a good perimeter shooter, worked his way back from injury to lead the Redskins in scoring at 9.6 points per game. He was second on the team with 5.1 rebounds per game. His high game was 17 points against Hartland. Brown was a second-team All-KVC pick.

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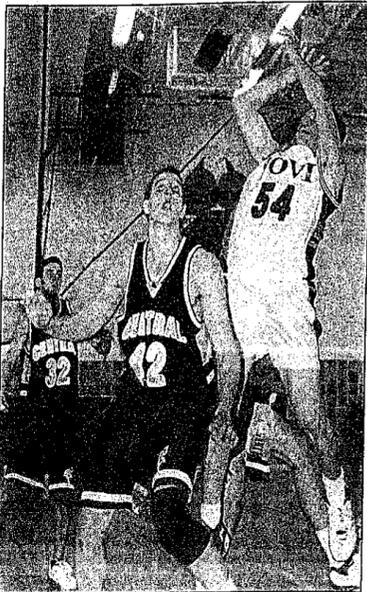
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Novi junior center Jamie Schram, seen here going up for a rebound Schram made second team All-Area.

All-KVC Basketball Team

First team			
Nick Love	senior	guard	Pinckney
Steve Clark	senior	forward	Pinckney
Chris Grimm	junior	center	Brighton
Charlie Christian	center	guard	Brighton
Leann McAvoy	junior	forward	Lakeland
Eric Messink	senior	center	Novi
Jamie Schram	junior	guard	South Lyon
David Hoy	senior	guard	Howell

Second team			
Aaron Ollila	senior	forward	Hartland
Jamie Schram	junior	center	Novi
Brandon Thompson	sophomore	guard	Pinckney
Pete Brown	senior	forward	Milford
Nick Tomasek	senior	forward	Brighton
David Gross	junior	center	Lakeland
P.J. Ingles	senior	center	South Lyon
Neil Carl	senior	guard	Howell

Honorable mention
—Lakeland: Justin Boscorino; Joe Parr; Ryan Barman; Milford: Jim Presley; Brighton: Kyle O'Brien; Milford: Mike Lester; Curt Longacre; Novi: Jim Cavan; Matt Erdmann; Pinckney: Dustin Crawford; Mike Wetshum; South Lyon: David Flynn; Mike Ghorush; Matt Friel; Howell: Jon Klein.

Gymnasts complete run

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highest score of the season (36.85). Then we had more problems on bars (36.4)."

Going into the last event Northville-Novl was trailing Adams by 5 with the WildStangs to complete on the beam followed by Adams going on the floor, which had been their highest scoring event all season. Tension filled the air in the WildStang stands, with perhaps a few unspoken doubts.

But the team was not deterred. They calmly went out and performed flawlessly on beam with no falls, while averaging

almost 9.5 per gymnast. After their victory was made official, many of the gymnasts were shedding tears of joy.

Senior Megan Samhat, one of the team's top performers said "this is the best way I can think of to end my senior season."

Senior co-captain Kelley Phelps had mixed emotions.

"I was really happy and excited for the team and thankful we won the championship in my last year, but I also was sad because I was not able to compete [knee injury] for the team as I had done the previous two years. Andrea Phelps also complimented

coach Crews for the way she handled the team and prepared them for States.

"Even though this was her first year as head coach, she did a great job with the girls. She is an amazing coach. She drilled the team hard on beam during the last week, and she seemed to know that we would need our best effort on that event."

Competing for Northville-Novl in Friday's team competition were Samhat, Braine, Jenn Sturgis, Monica Fink, Alison Gillette, Lindsey Carlson, Andrea Ledbetter and Sara Wilchewski.

Wildcats downed in State semifinals, 4-3

Novi bested by Sault St. Marie after four overtimes in the Division II State semifinals

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE
Sports Editor

If it weren't for an unlikely goal in the fourth overtime, Novi and Sault St. Marie could still be playing right now.

The upstart Wildcats playing in their first state semi-final game in their three-year history fell 4-3 to the Blue Devils on March 9 in the Division II state hockey playoffs.

The Soo jumped out to a 1-0 lead less than five minutes into the contest, but Novi fired back with a goal by Brian Jausi minutes later. A goal by Justin Collins on a pass from Brad Zarem near the end of the first period gave the 'Cats a 2-1 lead.

Novi's defense solidified in the second, shutting out the Soo, and giving the 'Cats a chance to increase their lead. And they did just that, taking a two-goal advantage after Kyle Major slipped one between the posts on a pass from defenseman Jered Genso. The battle continued to wage on the ice, with both teams going full tilt, trying to gain the upper hand. The Wildcats, who had shut out their previous two opponents, looked to be in the driver's seat with a 3-1 advantage going into the final period.

"We felt comfortable, but we were well aware that 15 minutes is a lot of hockey and that any could happen," said Novi coach Dan Phelps.

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Dan Phelps
Novi head coach.

Struggling to fight for control took a physical toll on the Cats, as Zarem, the senior leader, missed the third period and was later taken to the hospital for observation because of severe fatigue and dehydration stemming from the flu. Without their leading scorer, Novi buckled down and tried to hang on to the 3-1 lead they had worked so hard to build. All was quiet until midway through the third period when Sault St. Marie notched two goals in a 98-second span to tie the game at 3-3, and force sudden death overtime.

"No doubt we missed Brad in the overtimes. You can't replace him, but there were 19 other guys in that locker room that stepped up their game and played their guts out," Phelps said.

One overtime period wasn't enough to settle the contest. In fact, three overtimes weren't enough. But in the fourth stanza,

the game winning goal finally found its way into the net. Unfortunately it was the Soo who scored it.

At 4:18, a rebound that clanked off the post was tapped in, giving the Blue Devils the semi-final win in the longest game in state final four history.

"I was very happy with the caliber of hockey we played and no matter what anyone says, our goal-tending was outstanding," Phelps said. "Some of their goals were very fluky, but that's the way hockey is sometimes and you have to live with what happens and move on."

The loss ends the Wildcats' amazing season just one game short of the state finals and gives them a final record of 23-4-1. On their march to a state title, Novi put together a six-game winning streak down the stretch, earning the Kensington Valley Conference championship, and the regional championship in the process. For the year, the 'Cats outscored their opponents by a 2-1 margin (140-70), and saw six of their players earn individual recognition.

**Brad Zarem (90 g 43 a) --1st Team All-KVC
Adam Haberman (31g 14 a) --2nd Team All-KVC
Jered Genso (32 g 22 a, +22) --2nd Team All-KVC
Jeremy Goodman (2.19 g/g a)



Novi's Adam Haberman, right, scoots by an opposing defender in a game earlier in the year. Haberman, the Wildcats' leading goal scorer couldn't net one in the semifinal game.

Honorable Mention
Brian Markowicz (2.58 g/g a) --
Honorable Mention
Jared Ferras (4 g 5 a) --
Honorable Mention
** Named to the All-State and Michigan Coaches Association "Dream Team"
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22-point District loss to Henry Ford ends 'Cats' season at 12-9

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE
Sports Editor

When senior forward Eric Messink went down with an ankle injury early in the second quarter, the Wildcats still had a chance. But when they lost junior center Jamie Schram in the third, hopes for a 'Cat win were all but lost.

Novi's basketball season came to an unceremonious end in the second round of the district playoffs when they were beaten by Detroit Henry Ford 61-39 on March 7.

Until the injuries, Novi was hanging in with the small, but lightning quick Trojans.

"Erik went down in the second and came back, but he wasn't anywhere near 100 percent," said Novi coach

Pat Schluter.

The two teams went into the locker room at halftime in a close-fought battle, but in the third quarter Henry Ford took advantage of the numerous Wildcat miscues. When Schram went down with an injury of his own, the Trojans exploited the middle of the 'Cats' defense and succeeded out to a lead - never looking back.

"The third quarter really doomed us," Schluter said. "We didn't have much of a shot-blocking presence in the middle with Schram out and Messink hurt. We compounded that with way too many turnovers that lead to easy scores for them."

With the 22-point loss, the Wildcats' finish up the season with an overall record of 12-9, still much

better than many people predicted from this young, inexperienced squad.

"We finished a lot better than many people thought we would at the end of the year. But I think that is a testament to our three seniors - Eric Messink, Jim Cavan, and Jeremy Sprachler. They were great, unselfish leaders that always worked hard and gave everything they had to the team. Their leadership held this team together when things got tough, and we will certainly miss the attitude and heart they brought to this team," Schluter said.

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Wildcat Brandon Davis, right, tries to cover Henry Ford's James Goidly in playoff action last Wednesday night at Northville High School.

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Thursday, March 15, 2001

Piping plover habitat approved

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has approved an Environmental Assessment evaluating the impacts of a proposed Habitat Conservation Plan by Magie Carpet Association to provide conservation measures for the piping plover, a federally endangered shorebird that nests along the shores of the Great Lakes. The plan would conserve plover habitat along a half-mile stretch of Lake Michigan shoreline in Leelanau County. A Finding of No Significant Impact was signed on March 2, selecting the Proposed Alternative in the Environmental Assessment.

An HCP is an agreement between a landowner and the Service that allows a landowner to incidentally take a threatened or endangered species in the course of otherwise lawful activities when the landowner agrees to conservation measures that will mitigate and minimize the impact of the taking.

The approval of the assessment and the accompanying Habitat Conservation Plan will allow the service to issue an incidental Take Permit to Magie Carpet Association. Such permits allow permit holders to continue activities within the range of endangered species without fear of violation of Endangered Species Act provisions which prohibit "take" - killing, harming, harassing - of listed species. In return, permit holders must follow habitat conservation plans that ensure the welfare of the species through minimizing impacts and implementing mitigation measures to help affected species. The Service anticipates issuing the permit on approximately March 13 after a Habitat Conservation Plan by Magie Carpet Association to provide conservation measures for the piping plover, a federally endangered shorebird that nests along the shores of the Great Lakes. The plan would conserve plover habitat along a half-mile stretch of Lake Michigan shoreline in Leelanau County. A Finding of No Significant Impact was signed on March 2, selecting the Proposed Alternative in the Environmental Assessment.

"It is our goal to find ways to work with landowners who can help us contribute to the piping plover's recovery"

Craig Czarniecki, field supervisor

only 30 breeding pairs. The Northern Great Plains and Atlantic Coast populations are classified as threatened and include 1,388 and 1,372 pairs respectively. All piping plovers winter along the southeast and Gulf coasts and are classified as threatened in their wintering habitat.

The Environmental Habitat Conservation Plan, Finding of No Significant Impact, and associated documents are available on the Service's Region 3 Website at: <http://midwest.fws.gov/NEPA>. Piping plover populations have declined significantly in the past decades, especially breeding

placers in the Great Lakes region. Breeding habitat has been replaced by shoreline development and recreational uses, causing numbers to decline.

The piping plover is named for its melodious call. It is a pale-colored shorebird, whose light, sand-colored plumage blends in with sandy beaches and shorelines. There are three populations of piping plovers in the United States; the most endangered is the Great Lakes population. The Service manages the 93-million-acre National Wildlife Refuge System which encompasses more than 530 national wildlife refuges, thousands of small wetlands and other special management areas. It also operates 66 national fish hatcheries, 64 fishery resource offices and 78 ecological services field stations. The Service enforces Federal wildlife laws, administers the Endangered Species Act, manages migratory bird populations, restores nationally significant fisheries, conserves and restores wildlife habitat such as wetlands, and helps foreign governments with their conservation efforts. It also oversees the Federal Aid program that distributes hundreds of millions of dollars in excise taxes on fishing and hunting equipment to state fish and wildlife agencies.

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What is the cause of your headache?

WHAT IS THE CAUSE OF YOUR HEADACHE?

Many people suffer from headaches. The problem is the way people treat them. Many people get medications to cover up or mask the headache. Does this really treat the underlying condition? What is causing the headache?

There are many triggers for a headache: sinus irritation, bright lights, intense odors, dental care or contact with irritants (tumors, seizures, alcohol, drugs, tension, stress, and past whiplash trauma to the neck.

The first step to getting rid of a headache is to figure out what is causing the headache.

Most people cannot figure out the cause of their headaches so they treat the symptoms and not the cause. This is what painkillers do. They mask the pain. This is a dead end cycle. You must find the cause of your headache. Most of the time the veins and the

arteries inside the brain, skull, and neck are involved. There are membranes that wrap around the brain and certain nerves in the head called cranial nerves. When they are pulled, stretched, compressed, irritated, inflamed or infected, headaches often result. The neck is composed of vertebrae. These neck bones are moveable which allows you to move your head. The vertebral artery goes through each of the vertebrae of the neck. This artery goes straight to the brain and feeds the brain fresh blood supply. If this artery is compressed, the blood flow is decreased to the brain. This decreases the amount of oxygen and glucose the brain needs to function. The result is dilation and constriction of the blood vessels in the head leading to a headache.

The vertebral arteries are most affected by the misalignment of the cervical vertebrae. The vertebrae of the neck should have a

natural C-curve (lordosis) from the side view. The C-curve of the neck is reversed causing decreased blood flow of the brain. The most common cause of reverse curvature in the neck vertebrae is whiplash to the neck. Researchers have often noted the relationship between the spine and many types of headaches. One study of 6,000 long term headache sufferers reveals that neck injury (whiplash, falls) was the important factor in the cause of the headache and should be suspected in every non-specific cause of a headache. A very thorough history should be taken in every headache case. As a chiropractic physician, I see whiplash patients daily. The treatment depends on what caused the headache. A headache arising

from visual problems can often be corrected by eyeglasses. An infection of the ear or even a reversed ear is relieved when the infection subsides. Most headaches are usually treated with painkillers. The pain may be covered up but the cause of the headache is not corrected.

A recent study, published in the *Journal of Orthopedic Medicine*, concluded that chiropractic treatment is the only proven effective treatment for chronic whiplash. Adding to the credibility of the study is the fact that two of the article's co-authors, English medical physicians Drs. Gargan and Bannister have been the two most widely published experts on the subject of chronic pain from whiplash injuries.

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Will the quick easy weight loss plan work?

The amount of media coverage focusing on losing weight and getting the body you always wanted quickly, and with no effort and no change in one's eating habits is overwhelming. I am constantly being questioned on the facts as people compare these fad diets. Eat all you want, but don't exercise, and lose weight while you sleep or ... Change your eating habits, exercise regularly and create a new long-term lifestyle. Which choice would you want to make? The first choice is tempting, isn't it? The ultimate question like with most "get results quick and easy" options is - does the "quick, easy, do nothing" plan really work and will it end up with the body I desire? Does it work? Let's define work. Let's define work. If you are looking for a plan to lose any kind of weight quickly for a short-term special event or for some temporary situation, then yes, maybe this plan will help you. Conversely, if you are looking for a plan to lose fat, feel healthy, feel better and create a situation where you do not have

to repeat the weight loss process on a regular basis, the "quick, easy, do nothing" plan is not the best choice. In other words, the "quick, easy, do nothing" plan is not a good, permanent, fat loss plan. Not because I say so since I own and operate a fitness company, but because the human body has a very real and set operating plan that is literally impossible to short-circuit.

Let me make my point with a quick example. One pound of bodyfat is measured as 3,500 calories; put another way, to lose 1 pound of bodyfat, it would cost you 3,500 calories. Reverse it and add 3,500 calories and you have added 1 pound of bodyfat.

Let's take a healthy 150-pound female. In this example, she needs about 2,000 calories per day to maintain her current body condition. Let's evaluate some of these wild weight loss claims we hear like, "I lost 5, 8, or 10 pounds in a week by doing nothing but taking this magic liquid." Realize that for this to take place (based on the body's formula of 3,500 calories = 1 pound of body

fat), and for this woman to lose about 10 pounds in a week, the poor thing would have to create a tremendous caloric deficit (burn more calories than you take in) of 35,000 calories in one week by eating a little less and moving a little more. Think about it. If I cut out two-three cookies a day, which is about 250-300 calories and move for about 30 minutes per day, which equates to about 250-300 calories, you are on your way to losing somewhere between 1-2 pounds per week. If you can add a little resistance training a couple days per week along with these changes, odds are that your weight loss will be from body fat.

So save your money and time and set up the right plan in line with how your body works and with these changes, odds are that your weight loss goals you have. Good luck.

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to feel like the bearer of continual depressing news, but few really good things come without a price. What works is eating sensibly and creating a 500-calorie deficit. You can create this by eating a little less and moving a little more. Think about it. If I cut out two-three cookies a day, which is about 250-300 calories and move for about 30 minutes per day, which equates to about 250-300 calories, you are on your way to losing somewhere between 1-2 pounds per week. If you can add a little resistance training a couple days per week along with these changes, odds are that your weight loss will be from body fat.

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Health Briefs

Botsford's Center for Health Improvement introduced a new series of alternative medicine classes and lectures which began in March. Remaining classes in Reiki, reflexology and herbal medicine, among other topics, are held weekdays, 7-9 p.m. through the month of June.

Botsford's newest series of classes will introduce participants to natural methods to relieve pain, anxiety and tension, increase energy, and manage thoughts and emotions. The lectures and workshops offer a

practical guide to the benefits of various alternative approaches to healing.

"Botsford General Hospital offers alternative medicine classes in an effort to educate the community on integrative medicine," explained Caroline Smith, health programs coordinator for Botsford's Center for Health Improvement. "Natural or alternative therapies have the potential to greatly enhance a conventional approach to health and wellness."

Classes are held 7-9 p.m. at

Botsford's Center for Health Improvement, located at 38750 Grand River in Novi on the following dates:

- Therapeutic Touch: Consciously Directing Human Energy Tuesday, April 17
- Stop Those Anxious Thoughts Monday, April 30.
- Menopause Naturally Wednesday, May 9.
- Healing with Herbs: From

Allium to Zingiber Wednesday, May 16.

- Homeopathic First Aid: Safety Without Side Effects Wednesday, June 27

To register or for more information, call the Center for Health Improvement at (248) 477-6100. The cost of each class is \$45 per person. Participants must register at least one week before the class date.

paper trail

story by Chris C. Davis photos by John Heider

Northville Record and Novi News: an inside look at the publications

On a semi-regular basis, I have the opportunity to bring community organizations through the offices of the *Novi News* and *Northville Record* to let folks see just how a newspaper is run.

For me, there's not much mystery to the process any more, especially since I've been in journalism for the last seven years — some of it in this profession.

And yet I can't help but feel myself recharged and invigorated every time someone asks me a question about some element to the job. It gets me to thinking about what I do and how blindness to my own little world impacts the way I see and think about things.

Usually, the groups that come through are Cub Scout or Girl Scout groups, but I've had students and even a couple of church organizations walk up the steep staircase to the office's second floor and watch as the insanity that is the newspaper world reveals its weird self to those who've made the trip. Now, in case you haven't had the chance to pay a visit but never seem to have the time, here's a quick, sanitized look at the work week, as viewed through the eyes of your truly.

MONDAY

I make my way up the staircase and fire up my trusty PowerMac G3. It's difficult being a Mac user in a PC world, but somehow, we make it happen.

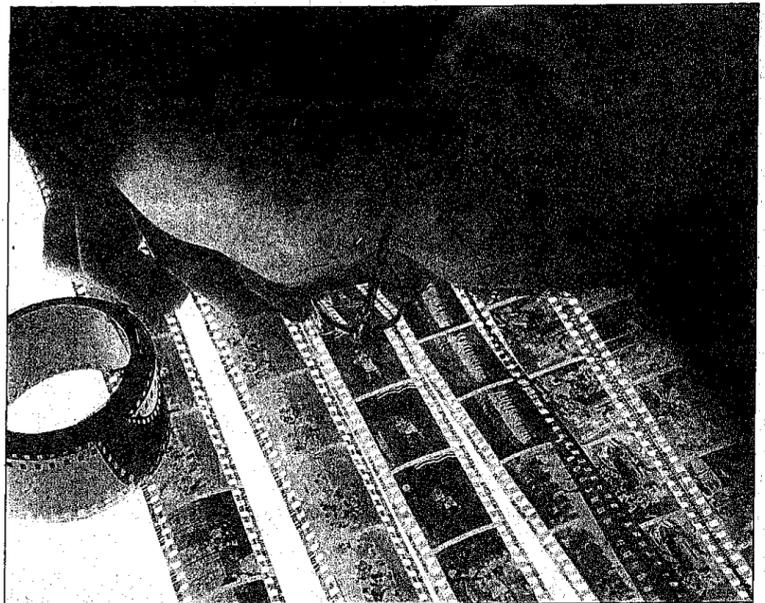
Colby Cavallero is already in the office. He's the early riser of the bunch. At present, he's alternating flipping through his notebook and hammering out copy into his own computer. Within a couple of hours, he'll likely be answering the shrill ring of the telephone, as calls from Novi and Northville coaches flood his desk. The coaches and Colby will be swapping information on the games Colby wasn't able to get to in the flesh.

I pour myself my mandatory cup of coffee in my CMU Alumn mug — the same one I've used for five years. My Mac is still firing up, so I head over to my phone. No messages this morning, according to the tiny electronic voice that lets me know.

Taking a swig from the mug, I pull up a list of the stories that are ready to edit. This particular day, there aren't that many, mostly because the two Northville reporters got a jump on things late last week.

TUESDAY

If ever there's a day when the humor of the newsroom takes a vacation (albeit a temporary one), it's a Tuesday. The second day of the work week for most of the



Staff photographer John Heider looks through hundreds of negatives on an illuminated stand before making his selections to be scanned into the newspaper's computer system.



The staff of the Novi News meets for its once-a-week session. From left are reporters Randal Yakey and Stephanie Fordyce, editor Kelli Cooley and photographer John Heider.

For my lead story, it's an update on the court proceedings for an armed robbery that happened in Northville Township two weeks earlier. Remembering the basics in newspaper design (use rectangles, use lots of artwork, use strong headlines, and a host of other principles learned over time), I begin the process of laying out the front page.

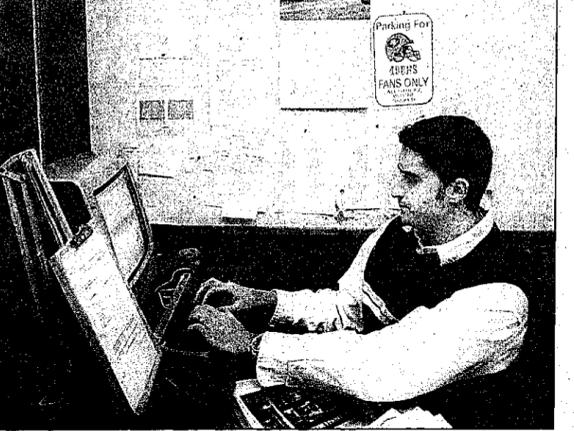
About 6 p.m., after most of the staff has left for the night, the familiar pangs of hunger start permeating the office.

"You hungry, Kelli?" I ask over the partition wall. Strains of "Louie Louie" pump out of my computer's CD drive speaker.

"Yep — pepperoni and mushroom!"

"Sounds good to me. I'll order it up."

By 7 p.m., the front page, the jump pages and the editorial pages of the newspaper are just about complete, allowing Kelli and I to proceed with the layout of the inside pages. These pages are both easier and more difficult to design. In that the advertisement space allocation takes up a greater amount of space and thus limits our workload, but also creates



Northville Record and Novi News sports editor Colby Cavallero works on a story for his sports section. Cavallero covers both high school and recreational sports for Novi and Northville.

some news holes that are tricky to work around.

By 9:30 p.m., after having been at the office for 13 hours, I'm just pecking away at the keys.

"Have a good night," she replies.

I walk down the staircase and out into the quiet downtown Northville night.

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An inside look at the making of the Novi News



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WEDNESDAY

It's Hump Day for the rest of the Western World, but in the newsroom, it's a day to put last week's edition of the newspaper to bed...and get rolling on the next week's edition.

Early in the morning, Kelli Cooley and I drag ourselves back into our office and begin the task of finishing up the previous night's work. Some days we're lucky, and we weren't in the office when Letterman was on the night before. Such was the case for me, but not necessarily for Kelli.

"Mornin', Kelli," I say, sipping at my cup of joe. "Mornin'," she responds, the weight of a hard day's night still resonating through her voice. It becomes painfully obvious to me that she had been agonizing for quite some time over where to put Story A in relation to Photo B in relation to...

"Tomorrow at four? Lemme check...yep. We can do that." She hangs up and straws another carry-out, a antepast already stuffed to the gills with chicken scratch notes and reminders.

means the world has blown up. And that's why I think editors inundate reporters with story ideas or news items that have come across our desks.

Lon Hulthan turns to me at around 4:45 as we're ralling through the lists. "You want this for next week?" he asks, I nod, knowing that at that very moment, Lon is thinking what I once thought—how the heck am I ever gonna get this stuff done? Is he out of his mind?

"Sure I am. I'm an editor." Stephanie Fortdyce is the first one I see this day. The familiar black phone handset is wedged between her jaw and her neck. She's on the phone with a source, lining up an interview for the Novi News.

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"I'm not ready to inquire what Steph is preparing, when I'm interrupted by a classic newsroom declaration. "Got a big one coming from the city this week," he blows a voice from across the room. It belongs to News reporter Randall Yaker, who is working from a new because his desk is beneath three feet of old newspapers, notepads and an array of red tea bottles. The phone is replaced in the cradle and I hear the clicky click of computer keys enter in some natter of (apparently) hot information.

Before all that begins I mosey my way out to the newsroom. Much of the staff is in house, although Lon is out meeting with someone on the beat.

"How's that school board meeting story coming, Jen?" I ask. She sets down the schedule, folds it over into his brown jacket, loads up a few rolls of film, then dashes out the door again.

This is Thursday. The day when the grunt work is done, when reporters report, photographers photograph and I immerse myself in my work, which—today, at least—involves the management of the paper. I'll probably get a few phone calls from readers about stories they read in the edition that I'd slaved over only 36 hours earlier. Some will be happy, others will be upset, but, regardless, they'll be responding.

In the news business, that's the bottom line—knowing people are interested and involved with their paper.

With one full day to digest the newspaper, the phone calls trickle in overnight. My voicemail box—along with those of the other staffers have messages waiting to be answered.

Looking at my calendar for the day, I see that I'm going to be editing the front page for the following week's edition, writing up an employee review, editing stories (facing that for an editor) holding a meeting with our community advisory board, having a business lunch with a local official, calling the attorney general's office for some help on a story, writing a column and cleaning the junk on my desk.

decended. A farm supply company from Nebraska apparently thinks we'll have an interest in a new fertilizer that's making waves in the central U.S.

So goes the day. Phone calls. Interviews. Photos. Writing. Thinking. Time whips by, and before I know it, the clock reads 5:15 p.m. I arch back in my chair, rub my eyes and stretch. It's been a tough week. Most of the newsroom staff has cleared out and is gone for the weekend.

I throw on my coat, shut off the lights and take a deep breath, glad the weekend has arrived, but find myself embracing the knowledge that in the world of newspapers, it's never the same week twice.

As I make my way to my car, I come to one startling realization—I can never get bored in this job.

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AGORD: When: Every Monday from 9 a.m. to noon and 6:30-8:30 p.m.; the first two Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon; and the last two Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Phone: (248) 349-8533

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: Where: Faith Community United Presbyterian Church, 44400 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375. When: General meeting: Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.; Couples meeting: Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.; Women's meeting: Sunday at 4 p.m. Contact: Stanley Phone: (734) 522-8971

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS: Phone: (248) 626-9877

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN - NORTHVILLE/NOVI BRANCH: What: Develops programs to enable college graduates to continue their own intellectual growth. Contact: Barbara Wilson (248) 348-3999

AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION - NOVI OAKS CHARTER CHAPTER: What: Bring together businesswomen of diverse occupations and provide opportunities for them to help themselves and others grow professionally. Where: Wyndham Garden Hotel, 42100 Crescent Blvd., Novi. When: Every third Monday of the month. Contact: Bettie Johnson Phone: (248) 569-6559

AMERICAN LEGION NORTHVILLE - POST 147: What: Service group open to all eligible veterans of all wars and conflicts as prescribed by the U.S. Congress. Auxiliary is open to all female members of eligible veterans' families. Where: Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Dr., Novi. When: Every second Tuesday for business and every fourth Tuesday for social event at 6 p.m. Contact: (248) 344-8232; Auxiliary: (734) 581-5125

AMVETS: What: Provide services and assist with obtaining benefits for veterans and their families of military service during and after World War II through present. Where: Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Dr., Novi. When: First Wednesday of each month at 5 p.m. Phone: (248) 348-2835

BUSINESS NETWORK INTERNATIONAL: Greater Novi Chapter. Where: Novi Hill, 2111 Haggerty Road, Novi. When: Every Wednesday from 7-8:30 a.m. Contact: BNI regional office. Phone: (810) 323-3500

CALLING CART: Contact: Laurie Marrs Phone: (248) 349-7640

CIVIC CONCERN: Contact: Marlene Zuck Phone: (248) 344-1033

CIVIL AIR PATROL-NORTHVILLE: Phone: (734) 591-0300

CIVIL AIR PATROL-SIXTH GATE COMPOSITE SQUADRON 16X: Phone: (248) 349-3507

COMMUNITY CLOTHES CLUB: What: Assists with emergency needs and helps low-income families with clothes and baby items. Phone: (248) 349-9075

COMMUNITY UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS CHURCH: Sunday 10:30 am at BECC (off Scranston) 125 S. Church Street, Brighton. Phone: (810) 225-2882

CHURCH DIRECTORY: For information regarding rates for church billings call The Northville Record (248)349-1700

COUNTY GARDEN CLUB: Phone: (248) 349-8111

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KIWANIS EARLY BIRDS: Phone: (248) 347-3470

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Phone: (734) 453-9833

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NORTHVILLE: What: Promotes responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government and action on selected governmental issues. Phone: (248) 380-8474

LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE - LODGE NO. 1159: Phone: (248) 344-0020

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE - NORTHWEST DETACHMENT NO. 162: What: A service-oriented organization dedicated to the purpose of uniting all U.S. Marines, both assigned and on active duty. They also assist and help all active veterans and their families. Where: Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Dr., Novi. When: Second Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. Phone: (734) 421-8258

MASONIC TEMPLE ASSOCIATION: Greater Novi Chapter. Phone: (248) 476-0320

NORTHVILLE ACTION COUNCIL: Phone: (248) 349-1237

NORTHVILLE ANNUAL AID: Phone: (810) 323-3500

NORTHVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION: Phone: (248) 349-1714

NORTHVILLE RAINBOWS NO. 29: Phone: (248) 349-1714

NORTHVILLE ROTARY CLUB: Phone: (248) 344-8440

NORTHVILLE SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER: Contact: Sue Kairuth Phone: (248) 349-4140

NORTHVILLE WOMAN'S CLUB: Contact: Virginia Martin Phone: (248) 349-3064

NORTHVILLE YOUTH ASSISTANCE: Contact: Mary Ellen King Phone: (248) 344-1618

NOVAMATEUR RADIO CLUB: What: Serves the public through amateur radio service. It offers help during all emergencies and disasters. The club also provides parade control in Northville on July and works with R.A.C.E.S. and the tornado alert system. Where: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile, Novi. When: First Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. Phone: (248) 349-4054

NOVI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: What: The chamber of commerce is an organization which coordinates the talents and resources of business and professional men and women. Where: Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Drive, Suite 100, Novi. When: Membership meeting: third Tuesday of every month at noon and board of directors meets at 6 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday. Phone: (248) 348-3743

NOVIGLASS CLUB: Contact: Kathy Match Phone: (248) 344-9833

NOVI HISTORICAL SOCIETY: What: Gives residents of the community a knowledge of their common heritage; fosters the collection and preservation of records and objects and loans historical material to other historical societies or educational institutions have a curator. It is also the purpose of the society to establish a historical museum in the city. Contact: Kathy Match Phone: (248) 349-6774

NOVI JAYCEES: What: Group of men and women ages 21-30 working on community projects, leadership and civic and management skills. The Jaycees sponsor fund raising projects for muscular dystrophy, St. Jude, March of Dimes and local charities affiliated with the Jaycees. Where: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile, Novi. When: First Thursday of every month at 8 p.m. Phone: (248) 348-6684

NOVI LIONS CLUB AND LIONESSES CLUB: What: The Lions' objectives are to help the blind, sight-impaired and blind physically and mentally challenged children, to help find cures for preventable blindness. Lionesses work with the Lions Club but also host our own projects and programs. Where: Kim's Garden Restaurant, 26150 Novi Road, Novi. When: Lions: every second and fourth Wednesday; Lionesses: every third Tuesday. Social hour is at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. Phone: Lions: (248) 948-0631; Lionesses: (248) 348-9068

NOVI MINISTERS ASSOCIATION: Phone: (248) 349-8847

NOVI NEWCOMERS AND NEIGHBORS: What: To help newcomers to the area. as well as, current residents who would like to become more familiar with the community on a social and civic level. Newcomers hold fund raisers to aid the Novi community. When: Once a month, September through May. Social interest groups meet once or twice a month. Phone: (248) 347-3537

NOVI BEEKAVES LODGE 482: What: A fraternal organization; the women's division of the Independent Order of Oddfellows. When: Second and fourth Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. Phone: (248) 349-2835

NOVI ROTARY CLUB: What: A service-oriented club composed of business and professional people within the community. The Rotarians hold a variety of fund raising events every year. Where: Novi United Methodist Church, 41671 W. Ten Mile, Novi. When: Every Thursday at noon. Phone: (248) 380-4500

NOVI YOUTH ASSISTANCE: What: Prevention program that relies on local citizens who volunteer their time and skills toward the goal of preventing juvenile delinquency. They are aided by a professional staff person in implementing programs such as Summer Teen Center, parenting classes, and Substance Abuse Prevention. Where: Novi Community Education Office, 25345 Tall Road, Novi. When: Consultants meet every fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m. Phone: (248) 347-0410

ORDER OF ALAHAMBA: Phone: (248) 349-2003

PRESERVATION NOVI: What: Non-profit corporation whose stated goal is to promote and encourage preservation of historic buildings in Novi, for example, restoration of the Fluert Farm property. Where: Annual meeting is in the second quarter and open to all interested residents. Contact: Kathy Match Phone: (248) 349-6774

SWOCC: What: Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission serves Novi residents with various access television. Residents interested in registering for the TV or radio workshops can get for more information. Contact: Karen Collins Phone: (248) 473-7266

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN CLUB: Phone: (248) 348-9077

VETERANS ALLIANCE OF NOVI: What: VAV is a coalition of the following veterans groups: Post 19, The American Legion, Perry Kenne Post 76, AMVETS: Northwest Detachment 162, Marine Corps League and Post 265, Veterans of Foreign Wars. Where: Novi Civic Center, 43700 Expo Center Drive, Suite 100, Novi. When: First and third Tuesday every month at 7:30 p.m. Phone: (248) 349-2835

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS - NOV POST 2165: What: Service oriented organization dedicated to helping military veterans, their families and the community. Membership is open to all honorably discharged veterans of active foreign duty during a wartime as prescribed by the U.S. Congress. Where: Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Drive, Suite 100, Novi. When: First and third Tuesday every month at 7:30 p.m. Phone: (248) 349-2835

VFW POST NO. 4912: Phone: (248) 348-1490

WOMEN'S NATIONAL FARM AND GARDEN ASSOCIATION: Phone: (248) 349-7566

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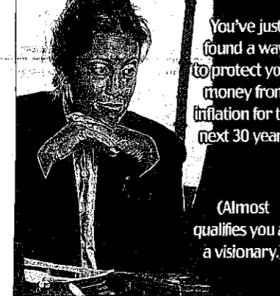
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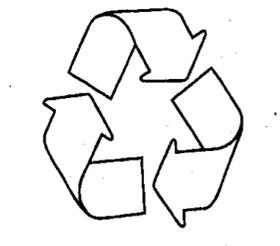
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Weddings

Kristin Lorraine Bricker and Kevin Michael Kolb were married May 6, 2000, at Cima Lutheran Church in Berkley. Pastor David Stullmeier officiated. Her parents, Jerry and Linda Bricker of Northville, gave the bride in marriage.



Bricker-Kolb

The bride is a graduate of Southfield Lathrup Senior High School. She graduated with honors from Alma College in 1995, with a bachelor of arts degree in international business, and from Michigan State University in 1999, with a master of business administration. She is currently employed as a business development manager at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law in 1998, and an MBA by the U-D Graduate Business School in 1999. She is an attorney with Angelo DiIorio & Associates in Westland and a member of the Michigan Bar Association.

Attending as maid of honor was Bethanne L. MacLean. Serving as bridesmaids were Rebecca Sander, Kathy Tractack, Leslie Daugherty, Karri Reyes, and Jennifer Wood.

The groom is the son of Kenneth Kolb of Taylor and the late Marilyn Kolb of Allen Park. He is a graduate of St. Francis Cabrini High School. Kevin earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from Wayne State University and his MBA from the University of Detroit Mercy Graduate Business School. He is currently employed in planning and logistics manager at Fluor Corp. The bride's best man, Ren Kolb served as best man. Groomsmen were Scott Bricker, Buddy Shearhouse, Bruce Bajaj, Clank Garcia, and Tony Villara. The couple went to Greece for their honeymoon.



MacLean-Mardossian

Dr. Steven Noel Cox and Thomas James Christian were married April 1, 2000, at the Church of Christ in Plymouth. The Rev. Jeff Anderson, a friend of the couple, officiated the ceremony. Following the ceremony, a reception was held at Meadowbrook Country Club in Northville.

The bride is the daughter of Diane and Richard Cox of Novi. She is a graduate of Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., with a bachelor's degree in biology and a recent graduate of Wayne State University School of Medicine. She is currently a pediatric resident at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago, Ill.

NOVI PUBLIC LIBRARY MOVIES

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Movie uncovers seedy world of drug trafficking

While living in London in the late 1980s, producer Laura Bickford happened on a Channel 4 miniseries entitled "Traffic," which tracked a drug route from Pakistan through Europe to Great Britain.

Bickford recalled, "The story stayed with me. When I moved back to the United States, I began to notice that, several times a week, newspapers were reporting on drug trafficking. There were social issue stories, stories about law enforcement and stories about prisons and drugs. I was astonished that you could read all about the price of drugs going up or down and who controlled the cartels. It seemed that, although an illegal enterprise, the entire business of it was common knowledge. I kept thinking of 'Traffic' and the impression it had made on me, and I started to clip articles on anything to do with illegal drugs and the drug trade. Finally, I tracked down the agents for the miniseries and optioned the remake rights for an American feature film version."

"Once I had optioned the miniseries, I went to Steven Soderbergh with my research and we talked about his directing the movie. I thought he would be the perfect director for the project because he's been interested in telling intertwining stories, stories with different time frames. The miniseries had three overlapping stories which affected how you understood the whole issue. I thought such a structure would suit Steven."

Soderbergh allowed, "This was a subject that I'd been interested in for awhile, but I wasn't sure what form it should take. I never wanted to make a movie about addicts, and when Laura came to me about 'Traffic,' which I had seen some years before, I thought it had a shape that I could work with."

"Drugs are one of the key social issues in our culture today. Everyone knows someone who has been touched by it, whether it's a friend or a family member. I feel like it's in the air right now and people are talking about it a lot."

"What we had liked about 'Traffic' was the intersecting stories," added Bickford. "There was no individual bad guy; the bad guy was the system. What we wanted to take from the miniseries was the intersecting storylines of different people caught up in this web and to do it in the policier genre."

The next step in the process was to find a screenwriter. Both Bickford and Soderbergh had read an unrelated script that they liked, written by Stephen Gaghan. When they contacted Gaghan, they discovered, to their surprise, that the screenwriter had already committed to write a script about drug trafficking for producers Edward Zwick and Marshall Herskovitz.

Herskovitz remembered, "The genesis of this script defines the word 'serendipity.' For a long time, Ed had wanted to do a film about the drug wars: The hypocrisy, the difficulty, the craziness. He'd been working with Steve Gaghan on a story which had several different focuses on the drug wars."

Zwick elaborated, "Several years ago, I read an article about a conflict in which three competing law enforcement agencies ended up in a running gun battle — an extraordinary moment of absurdity. Then, I read an article about a conflict in which three competing law enforcement agencies ended up in a running gun battle — an extraordinary moment of absurdity. Then, I read a book by a former professor who had lived in the pristine and removed academic world and who was appointed by the President to high office. In this book, he talks about going into government as if through the looking glass and describing what it is like from the inside: its contradictions, its challenges, and its absurdities. There was something about these two stories that intrigued me, and I began to work with Steve Gaghan to develop a screenplay."

Gaghan recalled, "I went all over the country to research the story. In Washington, D.C., meeting with the policymakers — the Deputy

Secretary of Defense, the office of National Drug Control Policy, the head of the Association of Police Chiefs, the DEA, members of think tanks from the right and the left, journalists at *The Washington Post* and *The New York Times* — and I met many smart, committed people with passionate opinions, people who have essentially dedicated their lives to keeping children off drugs. These were people with multiple graduate degrees who were working in public service for their country, for the American people."

"I had notebook after notebook of incredible quotes, and what I came away with first and foremost was a sense of despair. Speaking candidly, nobody believed the current policies were working — nobody. The information out across the political spectrum which was interesting. It fascinated me that there wasn't an easy answer to the problem."

The upshot was that rather than have two competing projects, Zwick and Herskovitz partnered with Bickford to produce *Traffic*, with Soderbergh directing from a screenplay by Gaghan.

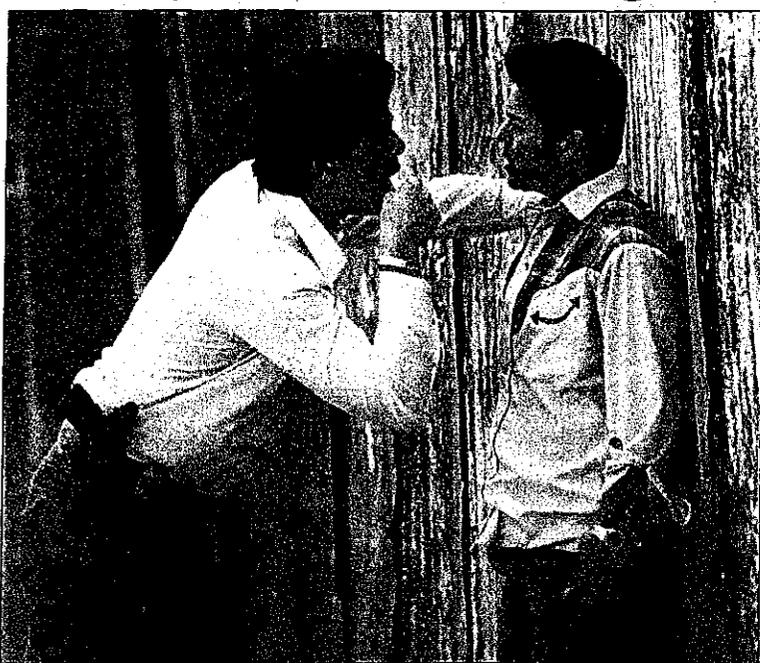
Bickford said, "One of the major decisions we had to make was whether we'd do America and Colombia or America and Mexico. We decided to do Mexico because we wanted something fresh, and we felt we'd all seen movies about Colombian drug lords. Also, Mexico's rise in the drug trade has only happened in the last 10 years. It used to be that they were just the transporters but after the United States clamped down on Escobar and the cartels in Colombia were dispersed, the Mexican cartels gained more power. Now, rather than just being paid a fee to transport drugs, they take a piece of the action. There's a lot more money at stake, and it has begun to affect every aspect of Mexican society: their judicial system, their police force and the entire fabric of the country."

"There were so many different stories that could go into the American version that picking which ones to do was really tough. The hardest part was to streamline it. We sifted through all the stories and decided which issues were most important. During the years, I had been doing research for the story. I had probably cut out 300 articles from different sources. I had also met Tim Golden, who had won a Pulitzer Prize for his reporting on drug trafficking and knew many of the people on either side of the border who were involved in the war on drugs. We hired Tim to be the film's story consultant."

Soderbergh commented, "The development of the script was very gradual and complicated because the three stories are very dense. There is a new headline every day about the drug war, and you'd find yourself wanting to pull in some of those new elements. We were constantly updating and revising. I remember while being in production on 'The Limey,' I was having phone discussions with Steve Gaghan about what elements we wanted to include. In borrowing the structure from the British miniseries, we had to completely create one of the stories, because one of theirs didn't work when transplanted to the United States."

Zwick added, "It was one of those amazing circumstances when you find yourself trumped by the headlines. You think you invented something and then you'd find something even far more outrageous happening in life. I think what we finally ended up with is a kind of mosaic. Looking at any one piece, however compelling, doesn't really give you the resonance that the whole has. In this case, it's a topic that's riddled with contradictions. I'm as interested in the contradictions as I am in the polemics of it. I think you really needed to have different strands vibrating off each other in order to get the whole portrait."

Bickford recalled that "at a certain point, Steven Soderbergh, Steve Gaghan, Tim Golden and I made a research trip to San Diego and Mexico where we met many of the real people involved in the war on



Benicio Del Toro (left) and Jacob Vargas (right) star as Mexican policemen who get caught in a web of corruption in "Traffic."



Dennis Quaid and Catherine Zeta-Jones star in "Traffic."

We were given a lot of very good information and detail from them which was later reflected in the script."

"We spent a lot of time talking about the Mexico section of the story," explained Soderbergh. "I remember sitting in my living room with Steve Gaghan and a set of colored index cards, mapping out scene by scene the structure for the entire film. While I went off to shoot 'Erin Brockovich,' he wrote the first draft of the screenplay."

Recalling the experience of working with Soderbergh, Gaghan said, "Steven really does help you find your best work. Before I started on the first draft, we talked through all aspects of the film and worked on

all the story lines together. From the very beginning, he had such an incredible sense of the shape of the film. He saw all the pieces in his head, how they fit together. He understood exactly the people I had invented. Steven has the subtlest insights into human nature and knows how to get the best out of people."

The character of Javier Rodriguez (portrayed in *Traffic* by Benicio Del Toro) came out of discussions I had with Steven. Every day in the newspaper, there were fascinating stories about border politics. I was reading a lot about the effect of American drug policy on Mexico, and Tim Golden suggested that we show what the day-

The director added that, to him, the most important thing is "I don't want the audience to feel like they're being educated. I want people to come out and go, 'That was some ride!' My experience of 'Erin Brockovich' taught me a lot about finding an entertaining way to present an underlying serious theme. There is a balance to be had where people are being entertained on the one hand, but underneath there is something happening that they don't think about until later. You never know what each person will take out of it. I hope 'Traffic' works on a dramatic thriller level. I want those people who just want to see a roller-coaster ride of a story to be happy."

"The war on drugs takes place in many different countries at many different levels with varying degrees of success or lack of success," declared Herskovitz. "Traffic" tries to give a sense of the craziness of all of that, as well as the human drama, and in odd moments, the comedy of it, because there are those perverse juxtapositions in the war on drugs. The movie tries to be very honest as well as entertaining about how difficult it is to pursue a war on drugs when millions and millions of people in this country are using drugs. We're talking about every aspect of society: middle-class, wealthy, men, women, children, professionals. There is an enormous demand for drugs in this society, and until we deal with that demand and why it exists and the psychological issues and issues of rehabilitation, we are never going to make a dent in this war."

Soderbergh concluded, "The idea is to suggest the larger picture by focusing in great detail on a small aspect of that picture. If we've done our jobs right on 'Traffic,' everybody will be pissed off. The dehumanization people will think that we were not proposing their point of view; the hard-core, lock 'em-up-and-throw-away-the-key people will think we're being too soft. It would be great if everybody comes away thinking that we took the other side's approach. We're trying to be as dispassionate as we can, just show you a snapshot and say, 'This is what's happening now.'"

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