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Gunman wounds two,

shoots self

By Phil Foley

Charges against a Novi man accused of shooting up his neigh-borhood and wounding two of his neighbors, including a 12-year-old boy, appear to hinge on his survival.

Novi Police Chief Doug Shaeffer said Melvin Clarence Buckmaster, 59, was unconscious and on life-support at the University of Michigan Medical nter where he was airlifted Sunday after being found near his

residence in Novi Meadows Mobile Home Park on the city's

west side.

The shootings came two weeks after a 23-year-old woman in an adjacent mobile home community. six short blocks away was accused of beating her 2-year-old stepdaughter to death. Shaeffer said the scene was

"chaotic" when his men arrived in the densely packed neighborhood.
"People where pointing in all dif-ferent directions," he said. "At one point we thought we still had an crive shooter

However. Novi police soon found Buckmaster lying in his yard at 26223 Carolina Avenue yard at 2022 Carbina would to bleeding from a gunshot would to his lower left chest that exited his upper right back. Witnesses told investigators they saw Buckmaster shoot himself. Novi

police, said Shaeffer, recovered what appeared to be a World War Il-era bolt-action rifle.

Shots fired in Meadows Pal

The first person injured, said Shaeffer, was a 12-year-old Smarter, was a 12-year-ord neighbor boy across the street. Witnesses told police that Buckmaster stepped onto his porch as the boy walked into his yard with his 14-year-old brother. As the younger boy bent over, shorts rang out.

shots rang out. Shaeffer said the12-year-old suffered superficial wounds to his lower arm from what appeared to be flying debris.

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About the sanie time, said
Shaeffer, John Durrant and his
wife stepped out of their residence two doors down. Chief
Shaeffer said Durrant fell on the
worth and his wife steeped hard porch and his wife stepped back residence as Buckmaster reportedly fired again.



Melvin C. Buckmaster

Durrant was wounded in the lower leg. Both he and the boy were treated and released at Providence Hospital. Buckmaster was also taken to Providence, but

to Ann Arbor, where he remained at press time in critical condition. In all, said Shaeffer, five shots, including the one that struck Buckmaster, appear to have been

Buckmaster, said Shaeffer has had a troubled past in Novi with II police contacts since 1998, the latest in April when he was charged with malicious destruction after being accused of slash-ing a neighbor's tires. Shaeffer said most of the police contacts were the result of neighborhood disputes that involved alcohol.

While neighbors told investigators that Buckmaster was about to be evicted from Novi Meadows, Shaeffer said his agency has not been able to confirm that

Who's running?

■ Meet the candidates at senior center forum Sept. 25

By Phil Foley STAFF WRITER

Novi voters will get their first opportunity to see all five people vying for seats on city council and the three mayoral candidates in the Nov. 4 election when the League of Woman Voters Oakland Area holds a forum at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 25 at Thursday, Sept. 25 at Meadowbrook Commons in the

Novi Senior Center.

The forum, being held with the support of the Novi News and the vi Senior Center, will be videotaped by the South West Oukland Cable Commission and aired sev-eral times on Brighthouse Networks' Channel 13, the city's

local access cable channel.

Meadowbrook Commons is located at 25075 Meadowbrook Road between Grand River Avenue and 10 Mile Road,

According to Gretchen Pugsley, the League's forum coordinator, all but two of the candidates confirmed they would attend the event by the Sept. 10 deadline. However, Pugsley, citing the League's non-partisan position, declined to reveal which two can didates failed to respond to the League by the forum's deadline.

For the seat being vacated by retiring Mayor Richard Clark, veteran city council members Michelle Bononi and Lou Csordas will be fooing satired. will be facing retired Ford execu-tive Janice Sheridan.

Two of the five people running for City Council will be disappointed Nov. 5.

pointed Nov. 5.
Siddharth "Mav" Sanghvi will
try to win a full term in his own
right after being appointed to
serve out the remainder of Craig DeRoche's term in January after DeRoche was elected to the state

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You go, girls!

A chorus line of fishnet stocking and garterbell-clad women dance in the opening number to the Novi Senior Center's production of Girls, Girls, Girls, last Thursday afternoon.

Autumn? Here's what that means locally

By Phil Foley

It's that time of year when you can't seem to turn around without bumping into a festival, but where else can you learn how to get a permit to put a deck on your house; get some free perenniels for the front yard; get rid of those noxious cans of lord-knows-what that have been lurking in the back of the garage; sign the kids up for a sports league; and have a bit of fun?

Fall for Novi, the city's annual celebration of all things municipal is on the schedule for Sept. 20 and Novi Neighborhood Services



Manager Cindy Uglow promises this year's event will be bigger

and better than ever. Last year more than 700 peo-ple stopped by the Novi Civic Center for Fall for Novi.

Fall for Novi is stated for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept 20 at the Novi Civic Center at 45175 10 Mile

Road between Novi and Taft

roads.
This year, said Uglow, lifelong resident and Lions Club member Tom Marcus is expected to help lure even more people to the civic center with the promise of his family's "world famous" Mafcus Burger. Uglow said the restaurants are gone now, but from the '50s through the '70s Marcus Burgers were a mainstay of cruis-

This year, said Uglow, all the sids offerings are being put in one area dubbed Kid City. She said there will be face painting, games, a puppet show, clowns and a moon walk. Adults at Kid City will be able to register their child's bicycle, have their car seat checked and complete a child identification kit.

Novi residents will also get a chance to build a bat house. City staff will be on hand with free materials and advice on to make a home for the nocturnal bug-eat-ing machines. With a threat of West Nile virus, many communities are promoting bat houses as an environmentally friendly way to combat the mosquito popula-

entatives from city includig the City Representatives from offices

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Youth at Risk: Chief Shaeffer tackles the issues

By PAM FLEMING

Novi Police Chief Douglas Shaeffer will present "Youth at Shaetter Will piecelle Touth at Risk," an opportunity for local resi-dents to talk about problems facing young people in the community at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 24 at the Novi Civic Center Council Chambers

Chambers.

Shaeffer's talk is being presented by the Novi Community That Cares Coalition, a community group formed to help children and teens stay on track in their lives, stay off drugs and avoid committing crimes.

The event is free and open to the

public and will last about an hour to 90 minutes.

Chief Shaeffer will discuss the w curfew statues for Novi, review what crimes are committed most by Novi youth and explain wha being done about youth crime in the

community.
"We will discuss some of the cur-"we will discuss some of the cur-rent issues concerning youth and contemporary cases the police department is dealing with, such as the recent untimely death of the 2-year-old girl at Old Dutch mobile home park." Shaeffer said.

A 12-year-old child was also shot this week at the adjoining Novi Meadows mobile home park. For more information on this community forum please call Beth Belter at (248) 347-0572

"Novi youth are great, but we must remember that even great peo-ple make bad decisions," Shaeffer According to Beth Belter, execu-

tive director of the Coalition, substance abuse has actually decreased

recently with young people in Novi.

"We have seen a decrease in alcohol and tobacco use," Belter said. "However, it has not decreased

enough that we should ever let down our guard with youth — especially our high school students who have easy transportation both within the nmunity and outside the commu-

nity."

There was even an incident recently where some young people used horse tranquilizers. Novi youth have also stolen chemicals to use in make a bomb. The event will also provide infor-

mation about what partnerships the Novi Police Department has formed with other organizations

young people in the Novi area.
"We're a proactive coalition working to make Novi a healthy

place to raise your children," Belter

The event will also include a disrine event will also include a dis-cussion about a spring break forum scheduled for Oct. 27 and other plans for parenting workshops for students from preschool through high school

Chief Shaeffer was one of the founders of the group that's been in existence for several years now.

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Walled Lake has gone to the dogs!

what everyone was asking as they came into Walled Lake Sept. 7 to attend the Second Annual Pet Awareness Day. Approximately 3,000 pet enthusiasts crowded on

information or the opportunity to adopt a pet. Some of the groups

Greyhound

Michigan Ferret Rescue
 Michigan Pug Rescue
 Dog Scouts of America

 Michigan Rabbit Rescue
 Poodle Club of Southeast Michigan
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were very happy to see so many interested people come out and participate in Pet Awareness Day; Mobey. This was certainly a famsaid Burns. "It was an excellent like the per a family was extended and the per a family seems with something fun for opportunity to offer information everyone, about pets and bring the commu-

nity together for such a good Many people entered their pets in the "Dress Like Your Pet

Contest" and the "Stupid Pet Trick Contest." Pet Smart offered demonstrations in basic training, fly ball and disk dog. Vendors to the Walled Lake Event Field (located on E. West Maple hetween Decker Road and Pontiac Trail) to show off their pet, adopt a pet or just enjoy the day's activities.

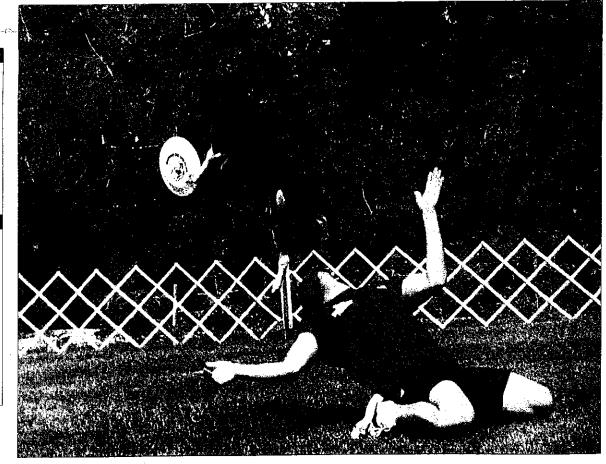
There were pets everywhere. There were big dogs, small dogs, rabbits, ferrets, cats and even a parrot. Fourteen animal rescue groups were on hand to offer information or the opportunity to



Pet Awareness Day is Walled Lake DDA Promotion Team event and was supported by Merial, manufacturer of Heartguard; Idexx Laboratories; and the Walled Lake Veterinary Hospital. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Morris Animal Foundation to help fund cancer research for an

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The Walled Lake Authority was created in ongoing improvement o Downtown Walled Lake. Downtown Walled Lake is in its third year of the Oakland County Main Street Program, a pioneering effort to revitalize Oakland County information please contact the Walled Lake DDA office at (248) 926-9004:





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Who's running?

House of Representatives.
Lynne Paul and Toni Nagy will be trying to step up from the city's Planning Commission. Rounding out the five vying for the three openings on city council will be former Novi police officer Bob Counted Michael Mever.

Candidates are expected to gather at the Novi Senior Center for orientation and sel-up at 6:30 part to review has been dearned and placards from the forum and campaign former Novi police officer Bob counterface and placards from the forum and campaign former wearing campaign buttons, pins,

Pugsley, who has been active in the League for 28 years, said the non-partisan group's goal is to non-partisan group's goal is to nelp voters make informed decisions about government.

Each candidate will be given

Each candidate will be given to an opening state ment and the beginning of the 90-minute event and, if time allows, one minute for a closing statement. In between, they will field questions from the audience that duplication. Pugsley said to pfoley@ht.homecomm.net. ensure neutrality, the League is

A night of death in Westland started wih a liquor store robbery in Novi last Thursday morning.

Leslie Gordon, both of Detroit, entered the Food and Wine

brother prisoner at gunpoint.

The West Bloomfield man told

Novi Police that Gordon initially asked about lottery tickets, but

then Schofield stepped behind the counter, pointed a 9mm

Novi Police Detective Dave Molloy said a couple later identi-fied as Michael Schoffeld and

bringing in a moderator from

Candidates are

event several times between nov and the election on Channel 13, the League will also offer a voters

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Schofteld took his own life wind the same gun after killing four other people in a botched robbery at Neil's Party Store on North Newburgh Road, according to Westland Police reports.

In Novi, however, they took the clerk to a storeroom and

zip ties. Detective Molloy said Scholfield took the man's wallet, containing \$230; a safe contain-

Crime spree starts in Novi, ends in death

Scholfield took the man's wallet, containing \$230; a safe containing about \$325; and several bottles of liquor. Molloy said the safe has yet to be recovered.

Molloy said the victim told without bail in the Wayne County Jail, facing assault and murder charges that could see



Defaced

Following the Westland rob-bery, said Molloy, the couple were spotted by Plymouth Police in a white Corvette headed north

on I-275. Police chased the car

eastbound I-696 and then south

on the Lodge Expressway to the Six Mile and Southfield area,

where he reportedly shot himself

Vandals spray-painted the Big Boy statue at the Farmington Hills restaurant at Eight Mile and Haggerty sometime before last Wednesday morning. The restaurant is patronized by many in the Northyllle and Novi communities.

Gunman wounds two, shoots self ontinued from front page counts of assault and one of arson. "We're pretty sure we've got the right guy," said Chief Shaeffer, ouckmaster's living room when police found him. He said that while gas cans were found in the home, it's not believed to be arson, though the cause of the first sure if he ever will. Is still under investigation. He said his investigators are looking at a similar incident in Redford in 1988 in which Buckmaster was charged with three

He said evidence gathered at the room the couple had booked

at the Novi Sheraton, as well as

the home they shared in Detroit,

indicated they had been planning

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POLICE REPORT

Kevin Heaney Sept. 11 that some-one shot a BB gun at her vehicles while they were parked outside her

A Novi woman told Officer

handgun at him and announced, "Gimme the money or I'm going to shoot you."

Less than 10 hours later may save yet with many was very shaken up, obvisously," said Molloy.

The Westland robits with a wide with the Novi robbery with lawyers at the Oakhand County Prosecutor's Office. A Novi woman told Officer Kevin Heaney that her car was bur-glarized at her home near Meadowbrook and 13 Mile Road. She said \$5 and her owners manual, which contained her registration and proof-of-insurance, were taken.

Long night

Officer Eric Lindblade stopped a 2001 Chevrolet SUV on castbound I-96 near Meadowbrook at 11:44 p.m. Sept. 10 after watching it run a

red light on Grand River to turn on to Novi Road. The driver, a 30-year-old Royal Oak man, said he'd had three or four beers at Local Color following a golf outing. He was charged with operating under the influence of liquor after he reported-ly failed field sobriety tests and registered a blood alcohol content of

Door damaged

A 35-year-old Novi woman told Officer Erick Tapia that she arrived at United Paint on Grand River Avenue at 6:46 a.m. Sept. 8 only to find the front door smashed. The would-be burglars didn't get in to the building, but damage was estimated at \$500.

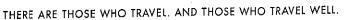


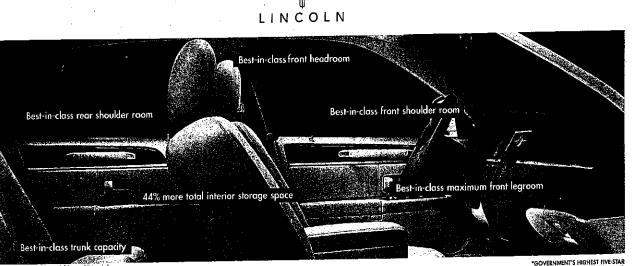


Bazaar on 10 Mile Road near the clerk to a storeroom and Novi Road at 10:28 a.m. Sept. 11 and took the owner's 53-year-old zip ties. Detective Molloy said



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Getting excited about this weekend's Fall For Novi weekend (and wearing their shirts) are Novi employees Malinda Karen Amolsch, Bonnie Shrader, Sheila Weber, Jack Lewis, Cindy Uglow and Craig Klaver

Autumn means it's time to Fall for Novi

Cable Commission are all slated

Along with informational • 1:30 pm Growing hooths several workshops have Healthy Trees - Ash Tree been planned through the day. Update

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Accident victim graduated from Novi

A Jane Doe who lay in a most recently living in Caro Pontiac hospital for a week was identified Sept. 9 follow-

before being identified after being stuck by a pickup truck to the Waterford Township has a Barker, who was hit in the

Novi connection.

Kelly Anne Barker, 35, graduated from Novi High School in 1985. Barker, who had been losses are the search of the search of

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The Novi Community School District, Walsh College and the

Michigan Antique & Collectible Festivals Midland Michigan Fairgrounds (US-10 at Eastman Ave.) Antique Show Sale Collectibles Market 27-28 Calos, Careis, Comice

HELD RAIN OR SHINE



Woman, 63, found dead in mobile home

Novi Police made a gruesome discovery about 5 p.m. Monday in the Highland Hills Community on the city's north

Myrna Lee Law, 63, was found dead in the bathroom of her mobile home. She had been dead for close to a month when she was found. Foul play is not

suspect.

According to Novi Police
Chief Doug Shaeffer, family
members had asked police to check on her three times, the last Aug. 6, since May. "Apparently she had no close relationships,"

noted Shaeffer. Police were called to Law's residence at 25672 Jackson Street after her mail carrier reported seeing numerous flies inside the residence and smelling a foul odor. The mail carrier had become concerned emptied Law's mailbox in quite

some time.

Although neighbors told investigators that Law was something of a recluse and that it was not unusual for her to not be seen for long periods of time, Shaeffer said he was surprised

County Medical Examiner's Office and an autopsey is likely to be scheduled simply because is was an unattended death.

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pfoley@ht.homecomm.net.

LeeAnn Mitchell thought she'd found the perfect apartment complex when she moved up from Texas in January to take over as circulation manager for over as circulation manager for the Livonia-based Observer & that no one noticed the smell. He said Law was "in an advanced Eccentric newspaper group.

That was before her apartment stage of decomposition" when she was found on her bathroom was burglarized Aug. 18. Since

floor.

He said there were no signs of then six more residences at The trownstones at the Vistas have forced entry; no signs of distur-bance inside the mobile home; been broken into, the latest Sept. 3

Novi Police obtained a warrant from the Oakland County and Law's purse was intact when she was found.

Shaeffer said the body was turned over to the Oakland

the Henderson has at least two addresses in Detroit.

Mitchell said she didn't know her plex's key making machine to apartment had been burgiarized make a duplicate muster key.

until she noticed her laptop computer missing from a third floor room dwellers. Mitchell said she

According to Mitchell all of the burglaries have occured along the north side of Joyce Lane and at least one of them was witnessed. She said one residents warning other residents of the burglaries. apartment door and call out, "Maintenance" before opening

on burglary charges units. According to Mitchell. one of the neighbors recognized the burglar as one of the people who had conducting the "annua

Police seek Detroiter

apartment inspections."
Mitchell said she's changed the locks on her apartment. Shaeffer said that none of the seven burglaries showed signs of forced entry and that in each incident a few small, high-end electronics, such as DVD players, cell phones and laptop con

puters were taken.
So far, said Shaeffer,
Henderson has only been charing Jaymar Henderson with one count of home invasion
"We haven't got him, but will get him," promised Novi Police Chief Doug Shaeffer. He said the Henderson hear the Henderson hear

believed to have used the com-

barely knew her neighbors. Now, however, "we're all good huddies," she said. Last Wednesday, Mitchell and several of her neighbors passed out

Phil Foley is a staff writer for the door with a key.

She said about two weeks before her home was burglar 108 or an income of the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700 ext.



Museum honored State Senator Nancy Cassis (R-37) presents Ron

Watson, executive director of the Motorsports Hall of Fame, with a state certificate recognizing the museum's 15-year history during Novi City Council's meeting Sent. 8. Watson, a former city council member, told council members that the Motorsports Hall of Fame has become a nationally-known cultural

Institute hopes to get kids involved in government

Most people would agree that it Gov. Jennifer Granholm is the is a good idea to get young people more engaged in the process of government. But how to you get a eenager interested in the intrica-

cies of Medicare funding?
You don't, But laws that could affect when and how they receive a driver's license might get their attention. Once engaged, the teens might find the working of the state government more rele-

That's the idea behind the nonprofit Civics Institute, which as been working relatively quietly for about three years on a project o improve middle school and high school course work regard-ing state and local government.

The initiative goes beyond les-

actively encourage youngsters to become more involved in the process, including drafting and supporting new legislation.
"It's clear the students aren't involved," said Craig Ruff, who works for Public Sector

Consultants, a public policy research firm in Lansing.

The goal of the project, he said, is for students to learn "how you practice good government, what

you have a legitimate right to expect and how you advocate" your position within the governmental process. The project is hoping for both a fund-raising and publicity boost Friday with the first Celebration

of Civic Engagement at the Double Tree Hotel in Novi.

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keynote speaker at the \$250-a-plate breakfast, which is hosted by an array of bi-partisan law-makers, educators and business and civic leaders.

Ruff was attracted to the project by its biggest booster and Civies Institute chair, Doug Hart, who is also a Republican state representative from Rockford, near Grand Rapids. Democracy depends on an informed citizenry, but Hart was

convinced that 'students lack the basic knowledge about how state government works and what it does," said Ruff. A former teacher, Hart enlisted the state's association of social studies teachers to create a cur-

riculum that brings state and local son plans. Organizers hope to government to the classroom.

To further involve students, Hart has recruited up to 30 state representatives to conduct workshops around the state in which students are encouraged to sug-

gest new legislation,
Tiffany Aurora, who is on
Hart's staff, says there have already been at least two legisla-

As a result of one, Granholm signed a resolution that declares October as Backpack Safety Awareness Month. The other will result in budget language that wil encourage the state to provide \$10,000 in phone cards for Michigan residents serving over-

seas in the military.



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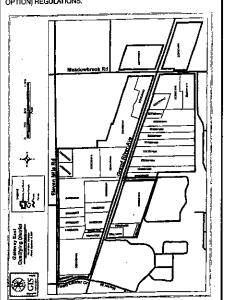
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Hillsdale also hosts the Center for Conaverage and agree to participate in on-cam-structive Alternatives (CCA) and the Institute for National Leadership, which have attracted speakers such as Clarence Thomas, Margaret Thatcher, Colin Powell,

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For more information, contact Jeff tion, free enterprise, limited government in- Lantis, Hillsdale College Director of tervention and the American heritage of in- Admissions, at (517) 607-2327, or e-mail admissions@hillsdale.edu.

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Katherine Niemczak is a sophomore with interests in business administration and English. She plans to pursue a career in editing or speech therapy following her graduation from Hillsdale. She belongs to the College Republicans and InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, and she participates in a Bible study group on campus. In the community, she volunteers for the Concerns for the Elderly project.

Katie resides in

Livonia.



is a senior with a major in international business and foreign language and a minor in Spanish. She belongs to the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority, serves on the Student Federation and the Student Activities Board and participates in a number of local volunteer projects, including Paint-the-Town and Habitat for Humanity.

She also serves as a tutor.

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New office building complex to feature corporate campus

By PAM FLEMING

Members of the Novi Planning Commission unanimously approved a preliminary site plan, storm water management plan, wetland and woodlands permits for an \$11 million to \$12 million by \$12 million to \$12 new office building, Meadowbrook Woods, in Novi

this month.

A public hearing took place
Sept. 3 at the Planning
Commission meeting at the
request of Gary Jonna, president
of Whitehall Real Estate Interests
of Farmington Hills. The property, which totals about 12 acres, is located at the east end of Bridge Street, south of I-96, east of Meadowbrook Road, north of Eleven Mile and west of the M-5 interchange in a light industrial

district of the city.

Jonna is proposing three buildings—a two-story, 50,878 square

Meadowbrook Woods Office Building



will be a multi-building project

location in Novi. The corporation that selects this location would have an opportunity to build a day care facility and

and business center. and business center.

The project will include 94,106 square feet of industrial office and warehouse space. Landry & Newman Architecture of Ministrian and Architecture of the space of the

by so many entities, creates an opportunity for this to be a destination point in the area," said Lise Newman, principal, Landry & Newman Architects

The architects decided to place the parking in the interior of the project to maintain the buildings' visibility from 1-96. The developer requested a parking setback along the northwest property line.

"We feel this is quite a unique location that will give us an opportunity to create a corporate campus tucked in the woods,"

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foot structure; a 27,084-square-foot building; and a 16,144-square-foot technical/research ient structure.

with freeway visibility and a cam pus with a corporate image to attract high-end users.
"It's a project designed to be a campus for a major corporation. It

that will allow them to have a variety of uses," Jonna said,
"We're optimistic that the project will commence in the spring of next year," he said, "We're try ing to attract a major corporation that's looking for a high-visibility

other amenities such as a cafeteria

"This site, the way it's bound

"We wanted to create an urban border with the development's parking situated in the middle of and protect the natural woodlands and wetlands in the area. The developer has already obtained a the site," she said. wetland permit for the project from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. About 5.5 acres out of the approximately 12acre site are comprised of wood-lands and wetlands.

Planning Commission members praised Jonna and Landry & Newman for their attention to detail on the project.
"He knows how Novi works,"
said David Ruyle, Commission
member, "I haven't seen a devel-

ther enhance the campus environ-ment with timeless character," she for that," he said. Commission member Lynne Paul also liked the placement of Jonna also plans to preserve the parking in the center of the

project.
"Since the buildings will be visible both from Eleven Mile and the highway, I commend the architectural team and the devel-

oper," she said.
"It looks like a beautiful development. I appreciate how well done the site is, and I wish you

success."
Tim Shroyer, Commission member, suggested that a path-way for employees in the area be constructed so that they can enjoy the landscaped parts of the com-



An \$11 million to \$12 million office complex in Novi recently received preliminary site plan approval by members of the Novi Planning Commission. The proposed structure would be located south of I-96, east of Meadowbrook, north

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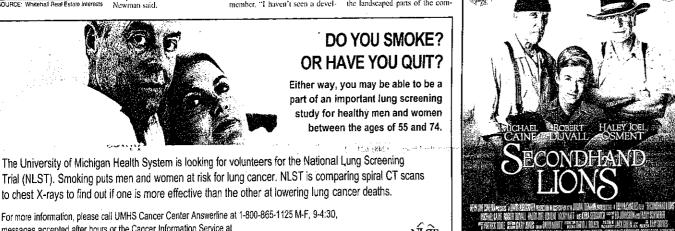
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LIBRARY LINES

Novi Public

The Novi Public Library is open Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. We are located at 45245 W. 10 Mile Road, just east of Taft Road. For more information, call (248) 349-0720.

Big kid story time

Kids ages 5-8 are invited to join us for stories, special activities, and a snack on Tuesday, September 23, from 4:30-5 p.m. No registration in necessary

Middle school book

Our book discussion group for teens in grades 7-9 meets for food, fun, and a lively discussion of "Skellig" by David Almond on Tuesday, September 30, from 4-4:45 p.m. No registration is neces-

Fall night sky

Mike Best, also known as "Carl Sagan with humor," translates the mysteries of astronomy into everyday English on Tuesday, September 30, at 7 p.m. Mr. Best the director and principal Vollbrecht Planetarium in Adler School. Please call the library to register for this free program, which is sponsored by the Friends of Novi Public Library.

E-mail for seniors

E-mail is a great way to stay in touch with friends and family, wherever they are! Come and learn the basics of sending and

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puter-related questions.

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Learn how to begin searching the Internet for information on your ancestors on Thursday, September 25, from 7-9 p.m. In addition to providing a general background on genealogy, the class covers key genealogy Web sites and effective search tech-niques for locating genealogy

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"Mastering the Mouse for Seniors." Please register in advance for all internet classes in person or by calling the library.

Friends helping out Story time notes

Recently the town of Pierce City, Missouri was struck by a massive tornado that destroyed Fall 1 Preschool Story Times start September 29. Brochures every business, some of the churches, many of the homes, some lives, and their library. They made an appeal to libraries to help restock their shelves when the listing the days and times of each Story Time session are available in the library. Beginning this fall, advance registration will not be new library building is ready. The Friends of the Novi Library have sent three boxes of books from their ongoing book sale collection, with best wishes in their rebuilding endeavors. For further information please call Norm or Practice makes perfect! Join us for an opportunity to practice any of the skills you've learned in our Evelyn Young 248-349-5583. Internet classes on Thursday, September 25, from 1-3 p.m.

Mystery, Romance, Adventure, The Friends of the Wixom Public Library Used Book Sale has it all! The sale will be held for three days only: Thursday, October 1 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday October 17 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday, October 18 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Hardbacks will cost \$1, paperbacks will cost 25¢, and trade paperbacks will cost 50¢, in addition to some specially-priced items. All day Saturday, books will be "5 bucks a bag." The sale will be located at the Wixom Public Library at 49015 Pontiac Trail in Wixom

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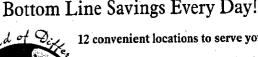
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Stewart said one of the most

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"It can all be done in a private

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By Pam Fleming

Are you a senior citizen with to my clients than my office," she questions about wills and estates, but you don't really want to pay a learn. Hoerle, who lives at questions about wills and estates, but you don't really want to pay a large fee for a consultation from an

attorney?

Well, Karen Stewart has an answer.

Stewart, a Novi attorney and counselor, is helping tocal senior citizens in Novi by providing free monthly legal advice.

Stewart started offering free state changing consultations in

estate planning consultations in January. The consultations are pro-vided from 2 to 4 p.m. the third Wednesday of every month at the Meadowbrook Commons Senior Center located at 25075 Meadowbrook on the west side of Meadowbrook Road between Ten Mile Road and Grand River

Tve had people sign up every She usually talks with two or important aspects of estate planning is managing funds for children left behind following a death in the

she said. "I see Meadowbrook Commons on the way to my

three seniors during her two-hour visit to the complex. "I just stumbled on to this idea,"

office."

She moved her office from the manner if you have an estate planned," she said.

Towne Center building in Southfield to Novi about a year ago. Her new office is located in a building by Local Color restaurant need a will and possibly a trust depending on the size of your estate, she noted. An estate plan also avoids proin the Main Street Novi project Business Center on Grand River bate court and minimizes estate

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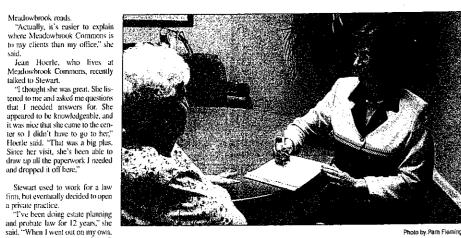


Photo by Pam Fleming

Novi attorney Karen Stewart talks to Jean Hoerle, a resident of Meadowbrook Commons in Novi, about wills and estate planning at Meadowbrook Commons Senior Center in Novi. Stewart offers free consultations to seniors in the area at the center from 2 to 4 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month

usually provides about a 30-minute free consultation at Meadowbrook

"I feel I'm providing a service to seniors. If they have a few legal questions, it's not going to cost them anything," she said. "And, a lot of seniors are very

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recommend updating these documents every five years," she said. outlines one's medical care wishes should a person become mentally incapacitated to do so.

Stewart said that this document, Stewart said that this document,

with a bachelor's degree in account-ing and business administration from Eastern Michigan University, She received her law degree from Wayne State University as well as a master's degree in business admin-istration, and completed both

degrees in four years.
"I worked in accounting for six years and was an auditor, which is very negative. Nobody likes to see itor," she said.

"With this line of work, I feel like I'm helping people, and I get to work with individuals and families. I get to see what their lives are like and what their goals are. I enjoy the personal aspect."

Senior citizens don't have to live

in Novi to use Stewart's free consulting service at Meadowbrook Commons. She feels she offers something unique to the Novi area. "What is more common is com

panies doing seminars on estate planning. But this is more personal. It's a private consultation," she said. Stewart has documents that potential clients fill out that tells tant documents in the event of their

"I try to help them communicate with their family members," she

For more information about cre ating a will or planning an estate, contact Stewart at (248) 735-0900.

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OBITUARIES

Robert A. Karch

Robert Karch of Novi died September 12, 2003. He was 72. Mr. Karch was born March 20, 1931 in Detroit to Andy Karch and Pauline Marshall. He had lived in Novi since

1962, had attended Wayne State University and been a switchman for Michigan Bell. Mr. Karch enjoyed traveling around the United States and was an avid fisherman. He also was a veteran of the Air Force, serving during the Korean War.

Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Dorothy (Wilkey) Karch; one son, Thomas (Ann) Karch of Alpena; and one daughter, Janet Karch of Plymouth.

He was preceded in death by

September 16 at Casterline Funeral Home, Northville with Pastor Gary Elfner of First Baptist

Church of Novi officiating. Interment will be at Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia.

Memorials may be made to the Providence Medical Center-Providence Park, attn: Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River, Novi, 48374.

Funeral Northville.

September 11, 2003. Survivors include three sib-lings, William, Margaret, and Barbara (Robert) Vivian; and

Jim F. Blenman

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James W. Wanless

James Wanless, 83, died September 6, 2003. Survivors include four children lim F. Blenman
Jim Blenman, 68, died September 11, 2003.

Jim Blenman, 68, died September 11, 2003. Michael

A mass was held September 13 at Hely Spirit Church, Brighton. He was preceded in death by is parents.

Barbara (Robert) vivian; and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral mass was held A funeral service was held A funeral service was held will be at Holy Sepulchre

Barbara (Robert) vivian; and Memorials may be made by the Alzheimer's Association in James's memory.

Arrangements were made by O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home,

SENIOR CALENDAR

ersday 9/18	advanced ticket needed
11 a.m Computer-Intro to Windows	12:30 p.m Pinochie
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30,a.m Travel Meeting	6:30 p.m
30 a.m Line Dance	
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	11 a.m In Home Care Alternative
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.m	12:30 p.m Bingo held in activities room
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a.mBody Recall	I p.m3 p.m
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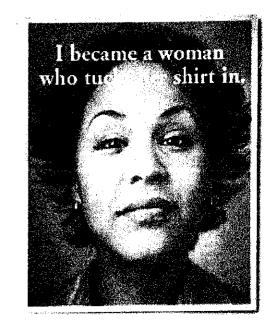
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BUSINESS

Shoppers can't wait for a look at Von Maur

Laurel Park opens Oct. 18: Briarwood on Sept. 20

By Stephanie Angelyn Casola

an hardly want to get their first peek of Von Maur - the department store set to fill the vacancy left when Jacobson's declared bankruptey last

"Lam waiting for it to open," said Andy Gulian of Livouia, "Hopefully it's going to bring in a lot of people. Marianne Khoury agreed. She worked at the Jacobson's store in Livonia for 15 years and is anxious to see how the space has been transformed, and to find our just what Von Maur will have to offer

Jan Watton, also of Livonia, joked she'll be camping out to catch the opening stated for October 18. We're all looking forward to it.

1872 in Davenport, Iowa, Now there are 18 locations in the Midwest and two new stores - the company's first in Michigan - are set to open in Briarwood Mall and Laurel Park Place this tall.

the new chain earlier can visit Von. Tound asking questions at the store's Main's Ann Arbor location at temporary management store front Brianwood Mall beginning in the mall and trying to sneak an Artinity Admi Artini foreantial and regularity and Barianwood Mail beginning in the mall and trying to sneak an saturday. Sept. 20. Hours will be 10 eyeful at the space while it is inder-

Von Manr is known for its upscale and brand-name merchandise, antiques, spacious store designs and apert customer service.

The lamity-owned department store wins comparisons to Nordstrom, another upscale department store at Somerset Collection

Jenny Musselman, manager, bas spent her retail career with Von-Maur aid came to Livonia from Minneapolis specifically to open the

Suburban opportunity

Musselman said Von Manr saw



The store will not have a restau

rant or hair salon. Musselman said. hut it will carry Godiya chocolate Designer names will line the tables and shelves at Von Mann

from Waterford crystal to clothes by Tommy Hilliger, Sigrid Olsen Calvin Klein and Liz Claiborne

Merchandise is expected to arrive as

Beyond the brand names, Von Maur's signature is customer serv-ice, according to Musselman. The

store offers perks like free gift wrapping, an interest-free credit card, free shipping and transfer of goods

to or from another location for co-

venience. Aisles are made extra

wide, so shoppers can easily to

move around.

If an item doesn't fit quite righ

customers can take it directly to Von

Maur's in-house alterations, Basic

free.
Nakfoor called these special serv

ices "almost unheard-of" in retail

drerations, like taking up a hem, are

early as this week

Workers at Von Maur put the finishing touches on the escalator shaft area.

The Ironia location will host a grand opening Saturday, Oct. 18. Shoppers around the community but those interested in checking out have been curious. They could be

going renovations. Al close to 150,000 square feet. the Livonia store's transformation is moving along. Reportedly, renova-tions will cost about \$10 million. Just a year since purchasing the space at Laurel Park, the store includes 44,000 square feet of porcelainate on the floor, new light

fixtures and an airy, open atmosphere.

Ed Nakfoor, a retail consultant oradicted the from Birmingham, predicted the key to Von Maur's success in Michigan will hinge on education he public as to what the store is, and

what the store is not.

Von Matar will sell apparel for men, women and children, as well as footwear, lingerie, fashion acces-sories, fine jewelry, and gift and seacomfortable shopping experience, one where shoppers can buy "updat-

There is a place for this type of not all about glitz. That can be intimidating. It's not the type of store a lot of folks have seen before. The closest Von Maur is in suburban

He commended the company for growing slowly in a new market. The challenge any retailer faces

Inviting, entertaining

and be part of the process from the start.
"We've had a lot of fun doing it too, she said.

just enjoy the music.

be among that group. She has bee

very professional organization," she said. Like her co-workers, she can't wait to see the store once it's set to

ment. Plenty of comfortable chairs will be placed around the store so shoppers can sit down and rest, or ates and seeking planists. Visit Laurel Park Place, Six Mile and Newburgh roads, to apply. For mon information, check the Web site a "It's been a great experience,"
Musselman said. She's had the
opportunity to hire - and hand-pick -

Stephanie Angelyn Casola is staff writer for the Observer reached at (734) 953-2054 or sca



The space itself will be filled with

more than merchandise. Shoppers will be treated to live piano music throughout the store, television in

the men's department and in the

children's department for entertain-

the staff who will open Von Maur

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Evecare office to relocate

Town & Country Eyecare in Novi will soon between Eight Mile and Nine

the southeast corner of Novi and Nine Mile roads The business plans to relocate in

Amy Crissman. The new office at 2.600 square feet will be about double the size of the current space.
"We'll have room for new technology, such as a digital retinal camera, as well as a larger area for

frame selection," Dr. Kirk said.
Dr. Kirk has been in business in Novi for nine years and made a lot of improvements to the landscap ng at the new site. Additional parking is also being installed.

He also speaks to Novi and

Northville second-graders about

Suzuki opens Wixom facility

Suzuki Motor Corp. has opened new research and development facility in North America — Suzuki Tech Center — in Wixom. The new facility is part of the

company's commitment to make the U.S. market a top priority and to keep closer tabs on American automotive tastes and preferences. The \$3.7 million, 1.5-acre facility will enable Suzuki to more closely follow U.S. power, design and interior and exterior feature

Timed to support Suzuki's aggressive plan to triple U.S. auto sales by 2007, the opening of the Suzuki Tech Center comes as the automaker launches nine new vehicles in the next five years.

The first two models, the six-cylinder Verona midsize sedan and Forenza premium compact sedan, hit Suzuki showrooms this fall as

2004 models.

The 19,000-square-foot facility will serve as the firm's North American center for certification consumer research, product development and other technical work. It is patterned after similar successful research and development facilities in Japan, Asia and Europe.

Novi Country Inn & Suites honored

The Country Inn & Suites b Carlson in Novi recently receive the 2002 Regional Sales & Marketing Award from the hotel's

corporate headquarters. Country Inn & Suites by Carlson presents this annual award to the hotel whose sales and marketing programs, including its marketing plan, direct sales effort and corpo rate identity compliance are the most outstanding in its region.

For the 11th year in a row, Country Inns & Suites has earned a

98 percent guest return rate, one of the highest in the industry.

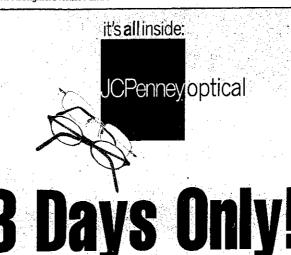
their loyalty, Country Inns & Suites ininlemented an in-house library program at its North American hotels called Book It and Return which lends free books to guests based on the assurance they will return the book on their next visit. For every book returned to one of their hotels, the company makes

a \$5 donation to ProLiteracy Compiled by Pam Fleming



Patriot's Day freebie

Mike McShane, an employee at Zax Auto Wash in Wixom, provides a free wash to a customer on Sept. 11. Zax Auto Wash, located on the north side of Grand River just east of Wixom Road, gave away free washes on Sept. 11 in honor of the people who died in the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. The business gave away 460 free washes that day, which cost \$6 each, according to Matt Hoy, manager. Hoy said he and Zach Yaksich, owner of the auto wash, didn't decide to offer the free washes until about 11 a.m. that day. This was the first year they offered the freebies. The business donated \$3,500 to the New York Firefighters Relief Fund in 2001.



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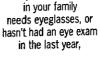
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CLASS NOTES

Finding the time to make improvements | ISD tries to fill vacancies

has begun a process of looking at its current curriculum and has attemptbeen given as the state of Michigan's cumculum. This is just the first step of long "Reframing for the future" process which the Novi Community School District has

that to align the curriculum has been his staff's first priority. Fourth grade teachers in the school have tried to do that by meeting together with the state standards and benchmarks in hand and have been lookany gaps might be. They're also looking forward to an opportunity, perhaps as early as October, to sit down with other fourth grade teach-

to LePlae, is forcing fourth grade teachers, not only at Orchard Hills, but across all the other Novi elementary schools as well, to focus on consistency. They feel that they would do a better job if they worked on what they are teaching. They're then planning to go the next step and have some discussions between grade levels, at the building level being taught that need not be cov-The main emphasis so far has

been in the area of language arts. Teachers have begun there and will after. They anticipate that one of the atter. They enlicipate that one of the academic goals, which has been to improve students writing, will con-tinue to be a specific area within language arts that they will be working hard on in terms of gather-ing data on student performance with their writing as well as things that their coiner to use for stratethrough our MEAP test results that

NCUA

successful. "The gap is not that great," he said. "If you took, for example, 100 students that take the MEAP test from Orchard Hills and lets say that 90 of them are successful, meaning that they have hit the two top notches, you have 10 students to work with and you're try-

OH teachers meet on regular basis in small groups to discuss how best to assess their

ing to bring them up."

LePlae likened teachers to dentists. He posed the question: Can you guarantee that by seeing this dentist you're children will have no cavities if at home they're allowed to drink as much pop as they want or cat as much candy as they want?
"We're very fortunate in Novi,"
he explained. "Our parents prepare

their children well for school, but but they don't take into account, i SPECIAL PREMIERE ENGAGEMENT - 1 WEEK ONLY

without taking teachers away from the children too much."

According to LePlae, the -part
about Annual Yearly Progress is dif-

lems in getting that information out to them and to the public. Teachers

do know, however, that students will need to work more on taking a position and defending that position

regarding whatever suggested topic

the state puts at them.
"We see a correlation between
our MEAP results, our NCA aca-

demic goal of improving students writing and also reframing our lan-guage arts curriculum," LePlae said, "That's where Orchard Hills

has aimed its direction at this point.

I don't think it's going to be that dif-ficult. I think it's difficult only because we need to find time, with-

out pulling teachers away from stu-

dents to meet and make sure that

they have the time they need to work with the students. The prob-

lem is how to structure the time we

need to meet to go over and to make sure that, as we have taken a differ-ent view of it, how are we going to

make the necessary improvements



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students' progress and implement the school district's reframing process. Shown are Nancy Schuyten, Janis Burkhardt, Karen Eby, Rebecca Purcell, and Marianne King. continues to have technical prob-lems in actions that information out.

Successful, "The gap is not that such as home environment. They

it's the 10 percent, more or less, of

that into the equation. That's not to make an excuse for us to not ity to work with the children, which we they don't take that home environ ment into the equation or into the discussion as much as they should."

The Board allotted 20 minutes per candidate to answer a series of have been taught the most recen effective strategies, like how to teach reading with guided reading groups, that are now being intro-ducing to veteran teachers. Record were allowed three minutes to share additional information about themselves regarding their interest and qualifications. To be fair to all keeping, or data driven instruction is another key element. Throughout candidates, they were interviewed individually, waiting in a separate room until their interview time.
Following the two evenings of interviews, the local board designates will now rank the entire list able to meet reframing expecta

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The 21 candidates scheduled to be interviewed by OCSBA at open

Two Novi men are among the 21 candidates vying for a pair of vacant positions on the Oakland Schools Board of Education. At a meetings (1-11 on September 15 special meeting Sept. 12, open to the public, the Oakland Schools Board of Education opened letter 1 Mario Fundarski, Novi of interest and recorded the names 2 Daniel H. Austin, Pleasant Ridge

of Oakland County candidates interested in filling the vacancies left after the resignations of Helen Prutow and Tony Rothschild. 3 Kenneth J. Quisenberry, Ortonville 4 Halen F. Bearner, Clawso "The Oakland Schools Board is pleased to be working with the Oakland County School Boards

& Dr. Dacia Van Antwerp, Royal Oak Bloomfield Hills 9 Pamela K. Blodgett, Holly

11 Gina Bausano, Leonard 12 Ezra Roberg, Oak Park 13 Richard Granke, Royal Cal 14 George Ehlert, South Lyon 15 Pan Godchaux, Birmingham 16 James Stainsby, Madison

18 Roger Winkelman, Bloomfield 19 Mel Lerov Vaara, Clarksto 21 John Lauve, Holly

Oakland Schools Board of Education today. The Oakland Schools Board will use these rankings to determine the final list of candidates to interview on September 22 (7 p.m., Oakland Schools, public meeting). The Oakland Schools Board will announce the two new board members at their regularly sched-uled necting on September 23 at 7



Association, board designates, the

Michigan Association of Schoo

Boards (MASB) and the State Board of Education to fill these vacancies," said Carol Borich,

The 21 candidates scheduled to

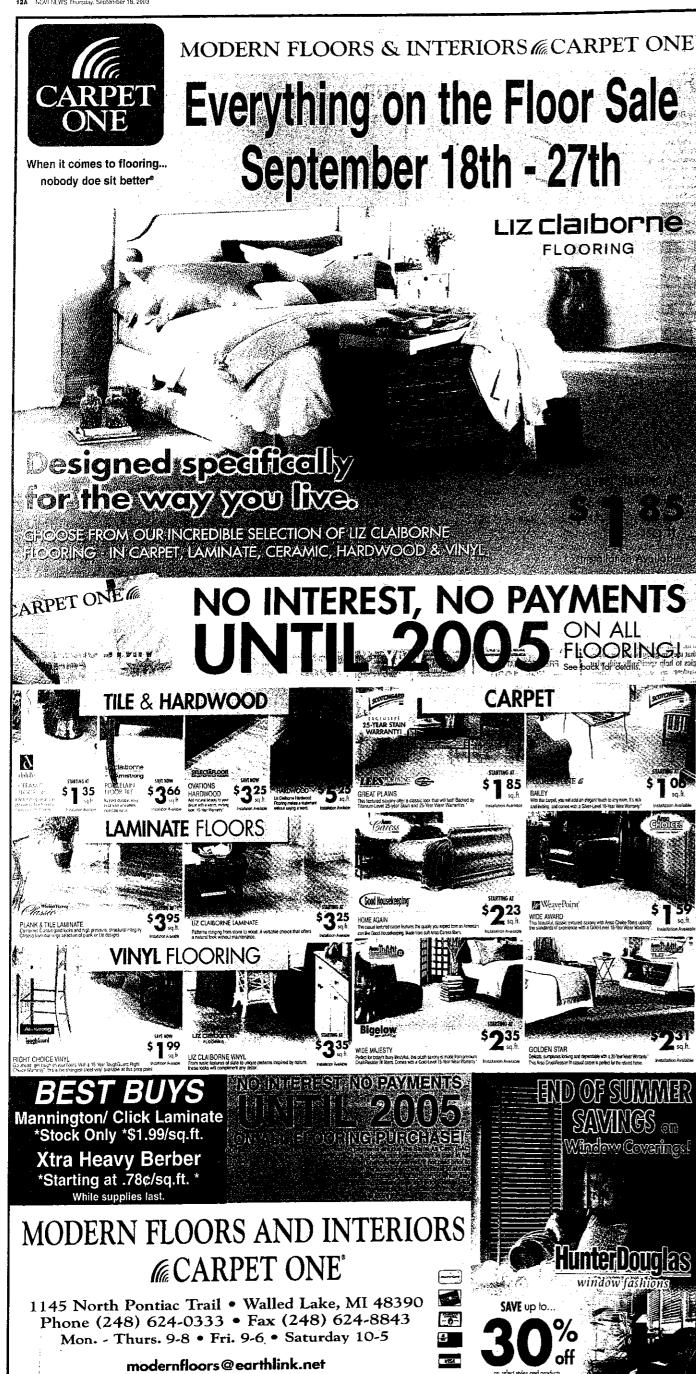
be interviewed by OCSBA at open meetings (1-11 on September 15 and 12-21 on September 16) are:

Members of the Oakland Schools Board of Education per-sonally called each of the candi-

dates following the meeting. Candidates were thanked for their

nterest and informed of their inter







Challenge will be time for reframing continued from page 13

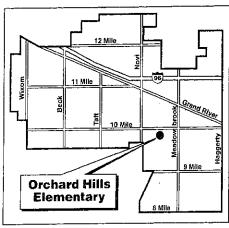
"What does this information mean to us?" LePlac asked, "What do I do with it? Do I just give them t lest and say 90 percent of them fid well and we're moving on, or do say. I see that 10 students of the 100 really need to work more on this particular writing skill or read-ing skill? I think that's what is real-by changing for the veteran teachers, their retraining in terms t nstruction that they've already been successful with, Just that new look at those children that are not getting it is a hig part that is new." He went on to say that he has a very dedicated staff of professionals and consequently, given time and information, they will reframe in terms identitying any child who is larging behind. LePlae also lagging behind. LePlae asso-expressed that same confidence in the rest of the Novi Community

"Whenever you visit any school in Newi Schools today, the environ-ment is very conductive to describe our learning environment that we have safe schools, that we have well organized schools, that we have qualified people, that we have mateials and that we have outstanding facilities for children to come to learn at." LePlac said. "What we are looking at is specifically the interac-tion between the teacher and the tudent. In other words, first identifying those students who are not understanding what we want them to learn and second, to come up with strategies by putting our beads together, that we find successful. At this point I think the results that we have had indicate that we've been

successful, it's just a question of taking it to the next level."

LePlac said that, though be understands where the state and federal government are coming one to want he improve education he does not understand where the government feels that this is going o fix education so that there are far less students left behind. He used the Detroit Public School system as of students in that one or two cate-gory, which is being successful an example.

"Detroit may be labeled with several schools failing," he said. "Or you take a really good school in Oakland. County and that might come up failing because they didn't make the 10 percent increase each year. It's going to be difficult for those good schools to get a failing grade when they have 90 percent of their students performing very suc-cessfully. On the other hand, I think the government would not have a difficult time Identifying, just from observation, which schools are failing maybe in some of our urban areas that don't need less money as a consequence. They need more money, they need more teachers are always interested in knowing



how the kids are doing, which is where the MEAP test comes in. It is not just a fourth grade measure, it certified, they need more classes that are smaller, they need more facilities renovated. How does a child feel, who goes into a school where the facility is run down? He's labeled as a part of a failing school really is a measure on everything a child has done since kindergarten all the way through and that's why writing is introduced in kinderand his parents might not care as much as some other parents. I don't understand where the government feels that this is going to fix educagarten. There are kindergartners who are expected to do some writing right at the start.
"The MEAP is a challenge that we accept," LePlae said. "We tion so that we have far less students. Jeff behind."

"The thing that we get frustrated

about in the building level is, when they change that cut score," LePlae said, "If we have a high percentage

gory, which is being successful we're trying to get 100 percent of our students to that point, they seem

to raise the cut scores some times

on us if they feel that too many stu-

dents are doing well. It's hard to hit a moving target sometimes." LePlae said that when you

reframe something, you're really stopping what you're doing and tak-ing a different view of things and

teachers who have been very suc-

cessful understand the need to do

that already. They look through what they did last year and assess what was successful, or what wasn't

successful so they can try something

different. That's been going on it

LePlac also said that there has understand how that can be one factor, but we emphasize that it's just one factor in a child's life. Maybe been talk about changing the MEAP test so that it has less multithey were sick, maybe they weren't feeling well that day, that could be the reason why they didn't be as successful and we have to know all ple choice questions and more read-ing the passage and then answering questions about the story type questions. At this point, however, there has to be a test that is scoreable and the factors." not as expensive because of limited funds to do the scoring. One thing is for certain, questions on the MEAP Rome: Kluei is a staff writer for

the Novi News. He can be reached for certain, questions on the MIAP will definitely change. There will be more questions involved on applying skills, rather than just simply asking students to do basic skills. The math test changed just a couple of years ago, and the reading test has changed somewhat too.

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onth. The Novi News staff will select the winner and a feature story and photograph will appear in the Novi News on the second Thursday of the following month. Those not selected as the Outstanding Teac

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fourth grade classrooms and I know some of the other teachers do it too," she said. "The two grades get together and the fourth graders help the second graders learn some skills, It's kids and the older kids and it's once a week, maybe two or three times a month depending on the

MacArthur explained that the second graders learn from the older kids and the older kids feel special that they can teach the younger ones something. "They kind of feel like they're the teachers," she said. "I know it benefits the kids on both ends

Students at Orchard Hills participate in the school's buddy program. Pictured from left to right are Stephanie Mustonen, Erica Borst, Rachel Russ, Eileen Gorman, Evan Wahrman and Eduardo DeOliveira

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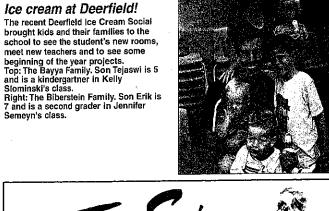
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MacArthur believes the program is very worthwhile. This is her second year at Orchard Hills.
"Last year I did it with one of the you're more apt to understand and to listen to them. I know that other schools in Novi do it too.

enjoyable," she added. "The kids really love it, they always look forward to it every week and they miss it when they don't get chance to do it. It's a chance fo

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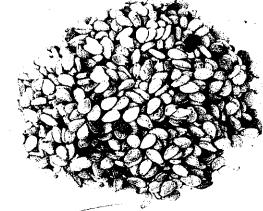
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Fanfare thanks

The weather was perfect, the stands were full, and the music was fantastic. Novi Fanfare was a great success. Eleven high school bands from across the state competed and brought great energy and sound to the Novi High School Stadium last Saturday. Congratualtions to our winners,

(Flight III), Flushing (Flight II) and Plymouth Canton (Flight I). Our congratulations also go to Garden City High School Langham Spirit Award.
This event takes the energies of m

This event takes the energies of many people. Thanks go to the Novi High Band Boosters who devoted their day to bringing this event off. Particular thank yous to the committe chairs who organized the concessions, parking, moving the equipment and bands around our campus, sold tickets, programs, raffle tickets, and so many other

Gail and Greg Lis, Sue and Larry Crepeau, Grace Wilfong, Pat Orlando, Dana Rowe, Mike Laskowksi, Jean Cartwright, Karen and Bruce Anderson, Greg Goodearl kept the wheels of competi tive marching band running very smoothly.

Thanks also go to Chris Janik, the voice of the Novi Band for announcing the entire competition and to Geri and Leon Doolin for the use of their motor home for a tabu-We would also like to thank the numer-ous students of Novi High who volunteered

their services to make the event a success for their student peers. Your help is deeply appreciated.
We would also like to thank John

New Young also like to thank John Lawrence, principal of Novi High, and Kathy and Keith Langham for presenting our awards. Also the staff and administra-tion of Novi High for supporting this event. Of course, where would FANFARE be

out the efforts of Mark Hourigan and Matt Ownby, directors of the Novi High School Instrumental Music Program, and the Novi High School Wildcat Marching Band. You make it all look so easy, but we know the hours of effort and all of the emo-tions that go into making competitive marching band work. Thank you for every-

Novi Fanfare 2003 Chaircouple

Family fun at Fuerst

On Sunday the Historical Commission & the Parks & Recreation Department held a wonderful event at the Fuerst Farm. Both the Historical Commission & the Parks &

The cooperation of our three local school districts and Novi's pre-school and daycare facilities certainly helped in getting the word out to the families of Novi. We hope Recreation Team are to be commended on a job well done. Many families came to play games, enjoy a walk around the barn and old town hall, or listen to music. The kettle for their assistance.

And finally, thank you to the Novi News corn was delicious and popped in the large kettle for the children to observe how the tastec treat was made in past years. The for recognizing the value of an event that "Farm Lady" Mrs Margaret Schmidt not only is for the families of our commubrought her animals for the children to pet. The hay ride for the children was very fun is always. Families walked around slowly

not only is for the families of our commu-nity, but one that celebrates the heritage of Novi. Many people commented on seeing the paper's coverage and that it encouraged If you missed this event, we hope to see

work with them again and we thank them

you next year. In the meantime, you can watch channel 13 for cable coverage of the offer events for all age groups to enjoy. The sense of community this provides is so important. People are so busy in their afternoon's everyday lives, that often activities make it

September!

versation. When provided an event like the

Fuerst Family Picnic everyone just steps

back and relaxes. Continuing to offer events for people of all ages to enjoy defi-

nitely gets my support!

Many thanks to Kathleen Mutch & David

Candidate for City Council

the Parks & Recreation Team.

Fuerst Farm fun for

Bikes were piled under the apple trees

The cider flowed, ice cream marked the

air. Straw bales and wagon rides, sack

races and doughnut eating competition.
What a grand day it was!
The Novi Historical Commission would

like to thank the hundreds of people who

Fownship Hall and those that assisted in

making it a wonderful day for everyone to

Forestry department; Officer Woodley of the Novi P.D.; and Brenda Evans and the

joined the Novi Historical Society an

This year the Friends

see added to this event.

everyone

Kathy Mutch, chair on behalf of the Novi Historical Commission

Who are we keeping out?

The last council meeting was a joke. Not only because it lasted until nearly 3 a.m., which is preposterous to say the least, but ing audience participation one spirited senior citizen had the courage to ask when she, and others, would have access to their city hall via handicapped parking spots.

The answer given her was this: "We having a sidewalk built in the

very near future."

Residents and Taxpayers of Novi, why would city hall spend one dime of our build a sidewalk for handi capped/senior citizens when there are per-fectly good, functional handicapped parksniles on happy faces and apples were everywhere. The aroma of popeorn and the sound of children's laughter filled the

ing spots on the north side of City Hall?
Residents and Taxpayers of Novi, why
would handicapped spots be shifted to the
east side of City Hall, a sidewalk built that s not much closer to the building than the parking lot now being used on the south side of City Hall?

The answer to these questions is, because Novi City Officials have decided that ter-

participated in the annual Fuerst Farm Family Day on September 14th at the Fuerst Farm, the community groups that participated in creating displays in the rorists may attack the building.

I have spent the majority of my life in police work. I can tell you this. The only thing the flowerpots are doing is keeping the good guys (handicapped/senior citithe good guys (handicapped/senior citi-zens) from parking in their parking spots to visit their city hall. They are not, will not, On behalf of the many people who keep the bad guys away.

I will continue to watch and continue to

expressed their appreciation for the event, we forward a special thank you to Erwin's Orchard of South Lyon; to Roy Prentice speak out on behalf of our senior citizens and our handicapped population. They have from the MSU Tollgate Education Center and his horses - Tim and Tom: to Margaret Schmidt - the Farm Lady; to Lois Bettesworth and her fellow musicians; to Tracie Ringle, Matt Wiktorowski and Jack Lewis of Novi's Park, Recreation and rights that are not being respected.

Friends of the Library for making the day so special. We hope all of you will be back. There is pay-to-play Your participation makes this annual event the success that it is.

Preservation Novi in displays on Novi his-tory. Community groups that would like to participate in next year's events are urged to contact us as we plan for 2004. Although The article in last week's Novi News titled, Novi School district not charging parents for extracurricular activities, is not completely true. If your child attends Nov lines were long, people were patient; but we would like to add more activities next Meadows and wants to participate in choir club it'll cost you \$100. Hopefully, Jim Koster, Novi's assistant superintendent of business and finance, will get all the facts Please let us know what you would like to before he's quoted in the paper again.

According to Dr. Falls, Novi Meadows principal, the \$100 fee is for a poto shirt and bus transportation to several places, including Cedar Pointe, where the kids will be singing. It's interesting that all the Novi sports teams receive uniforms and bus transportation at no extra cost.

Share your opinions: We welcome your letters to the editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask that your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content.

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OTHER OPINIONS

It won't be easy fixing this mess

ing sound" of American jobs exported abroad. Set up tariff and trade barriers against foreign manufactured goods. Argue that all American manufacturing needs is a breathing spell while and India catch up with our own domestic wages, thereby setting

up a level playing field.

All this has a certain naïve, nationalistic appeal. And there is some economic rationale behind it. Look, for example, at what has happened in just a few years to wages in Mexico and Korea, formerly ultra low-wage competi-tors. The jobs that once moved

and India, where wages are even lower, And soon-er or later even the big global companies are going to run out of places, where wages are lower than anywhere else, at which point they might discover the merit of moving manufacturing back Sounds good? Maybe But consider the couses

quences: Likely zero growth for the world economy, increased costs of goods for the American consumer, certainly a trade war and legal attacks from the World Trade Organization, outrage from "economically literate" elites and big companies. Non't ever happen, I'd guess.

much as 75 percent of the job loss in manufactur- design a highly automated manufacturing plan

GUEST

We just recognized the second anniversary

the heroes of that fateful day and all the innocent lives that were lost. For me, that day is

seared into my memory in two different forms. On the one hand I, as most, was shocked,

angered and full of sadness. And yet, watching people

And yet, watching people respond filled me with great

pride and hope.

As we prepared a relief column to head to New York on the night of the 9-11, a news

reporter asked me how people in Michigan could help. Given the direcircumstances in New

World Trade Center area, I sug-

the directroumstances in New York, with the power out in the Michael Bouchard

short answer came a huge public response. Within an hour we had a line of cars from the

front door of our main building winding its way out to Telegraph Road. They came, and

came and came, People from all walks of life

and of all colors. People filled with the desire

them all, they were, Americans. Some came

the politicians realized just how much pain and agony is being caused by the evaporation of American manufacturing. And I said I'd suggests some remedies for this serious economic disease.

One cure is simple: Protectionism, plain and simple. Undo NAFTA and muffle the "giant sucking sound" of American jobs the politicians realized just how much pain and productivity and only 25 percent because jobs are

keeps going up because steadily rising productivity enables fewer workers to produce more

The analogy here, of course, like 40 percent of U.S. jobs were on the farm, less than 15 agricultural sector produces far, far more farm products than it did in 1900, again because of enormous productivity increas-

So the policy consequence of

relax. All this is inevitable. People who used to work in manufacturing jobs will find something else to do (at, quite possibly, much lower wages and benefits). And U.S. consumers will continue to enjoy a vast range of high quality, cheap goods as a result." No wonder economics is called "the dismal science."

Another approach is suggested by what hap-pened right here in Michigan when then Lansing Mayor David Hollister (now state economic czar for the Granholm Administration) cut a deal with eral Motors and the UAW to build the new Grand River auto plant in Lansing. The idea was Another possibility is to face the fact that as to negotiate relaxed work rules with the union,

We remember: Looking back at 9-11

of one of the most tragic events in American history. We all marked that day in our own way, and chose the form of our individual reflection. In the forefront of our minds were

mere thought came another

angel. A man called and said

he heard what was going on and he would donate a tractor-

trailer and if needed, a driver.

And boy how it was needed.

By midnight when our convoy pulled out to head to New York, it was carrying 80,000 pounds of batteries, flashlights

and hottled water with its mud

Hills, Royal Oak and Lake

Angelus joined the deputies from our office. They headed to New York not knowing

how they would be used, wha

It worked. According to David Cole, president of the Center for Automotive Research, the Grand keeps the plant running at high capacity with low labor and capital costs per unit of output. And GM plans to take the next step at the plant now being built in Delta Township, near Lansing, where three different platforms can generate a multitude

of models. Such manufacturing facilities that are

lean, economical and agile. They may not employ

as many workers as the old assembly lines used to, but they get terrific productivity that justifies paying big salaries for the workers that are left.

The catch phrase here is "flexible manufacturing,", which means a system that can respond quickly to changes in consumer demand and even make automobiles in response to orders from individual customers. The folks who make Levi jeans, for example, take individually sized and customized orders from people over the Internet and custom-manufacture jeans to fit even the odd-

est shapes.

COLUMNS

This is not easy. It takes a highly trained work force, great flexibility in work rules, good rela-tions between labor and management. But it might just be one route to a good future for ou ed-down but prosperous manufacturing base in Michigan.

This column is based on conversations Phil Power has had with experts George Kuper, CEO of the Cauncil of Great Lakes Industries, David Cole, and Paul Dimond, a partner at the Miller, Canfield law firm. Power is the Chairman of the Board of the company that owns this newspaper. He would be pleased to get your reactions to this

and building collapses still very much in the picture. As the buildings were shifting and tilting, engineers were monitoring them. It it was thought a collapse was imminent, an alarm would sound and people would run from

ground zero, not knowing if they were running toward or away from danger. When the all clear would sound, they headed back with the same intensity, without hexitation. Now as I look back on my time at ground

zero and here in Michigan I remember how

people pulled together. All of the things that sometimes divide our country were irrelevant.

We were all Americans. We were a family that

had been savaged. We were one. That is an incredibly powerful thing. We also saw a complete reordering of priorities. The trials, tribulations and focus of the everyday busy life

gave way to single-minded focused concern for family, friends and fellow citizens. As we

move forward on a professional level, we will continue to prepare and work to make America

safer and more secure. However on a person-

al level, let us all remember the needs and pri

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The same two emotions cascaded over you-

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in person. It was 100 times worse.

I had been called to jury duty for a case involving a drunk driving charge. The gravity of oundings set in as heard the wailing of a mothe escorted out of the courtroon after she was arraigned for allegedly murdering her 2-yearttention on me - juror number actually have always

nerson than I had as a juror.

a jury if called, but thought my history of being on the Novi



gested people could bring
water, flashlights and batteries and we would
take them to ground zero. To that quick and

nd of all colors. People filled with the desire id need to help others. One word described like a baseball bat in the face.

with two gallons of water, and you could tell anger and sadness on one hand and the other

City Council and now being a state representative would disqualify me in the minds of one who seemed to really question and cross

nesses, experts and even the box knowing the verdict before it was read. vas fascinating to me. Every last detail was explained and documented from one perspective and then the other thoroughly impressed with the tenacity and focus of the

defense attorney. I was equal

and the lawyers called wit-

When the jury was sent to deliberate, the huge sense of responsibility seemed to grow did every prospective juror and to my surprise decided to keep me around.

even more. Each juror took turns explaining the facts as they believed them to be after hearing both sides. It turned out that we all had keep me around.

The trial lasted two days

The trial lasted two days It was a very difficult walk back to the

defendant to stand. It wasn't as smooth as you see on TV (I am a Matlock addict), but it man. He didn't seem to be a bad person, just a young man who had too much to drink before driving home earlier this year. It was truly an honor to serve the public in this capacity. It was a good reminder that it isn't just the elected officials that run our gov-

ernment-ordinary people step up every day to keep this great nation of freedom going. Craig DeRoche

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Remembers" POW/MIA

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The Michigan Association of Recreation Vehicles and Campgrounds (MARVAC) is sponsoring the 14th Annual Fall Detroit Camper & RV Show, Oct. 1-5, at the Novi Expo Center New, year 2004 recreation vehicles will be on display, including folding campers, motor homes, travel trailers, truck campers, park, models and fifth-wheel travel trailers. Display models range in price from \$4,000 to more than \$300,000. Year 2003 models

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self in the culture and surroundings he is depicting.
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The 14th Annual Fall Detroit Camper & RV Show will be held at the Novi Expo Center and is open weekdays 2-9 p.m./ Saturday. 12-9 p.m. and Sunday 12-6 p.m. The cost for adult admission 12-9 p.m. and sunday 12-6 p.m. the cost for adum admission; (age 13 and up) is \$8; children age 12 and under are admitted free! Seniors admitted for just \$5 on Wednesday, Oct. 12 and Thursday, Oct. 2 (no coupon necessary). Consumers can call (517) 349-8881 or visit marvac.org for

additional information on the RV show.

Source: Michigan Association of Recreation Vehicles and Comparounds

The Art of Healing: Journey Through

DATE: Sunday, Sept. 21 TIME: noon-1:30 p.m. reception LOCATION: Providence Hospital's Assarian Cancer Center 47601 Grand River Avenue, Novi DETAILS: Providence Center

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TIME: 5 p.m.-7 p.m. LOCATION: Emagine Theaters, 44425 W. 12 Mile Rd., Novi DETAILS: cash bar, hors d'oeu-

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PHONE: Novi Chamber of

Commerce, (248) 349-3743.

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DATE: Thursday, Sept. 25
TIME: 7-8:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Meadowbrook fommons Senior Center, 25075

DETAILS: The League of Women Voters Oakland Area will

Council and three candidates for

vi mayor. The election is esday, Nov. 4.

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By Brian Renner

Coming to theaters this weekend is the romantic comedy "Anything Else" starring Jason Biggs (of "American Pie" fame) as Jerry Falk, an aspiring writer in New York, who falls in love at first sight with a young woman named Amanda (Christina Ricci). Jerry has heard the phrase that life is like "anything else," but he soon finds that life with the unpredictable Amanda isn't like anything else at all. "Anything Else" is a DreamWorks Pictures release and rated R for a scene of

Set in the supernatural world of vampites and werewolves, "Underworld" is the story of a romance between a female vampire warrior, Selene (Kate Beckinsale), who is famous for her strength and werewolf-hunting provess, and a peace-loving human. Michael (Scott Speedman), who wants to end the war, "Underworld" is a

drug use and some sexual refer-

"Secondhand Lions," is the story of a timid teenager, Walter (Haley Joel Osment), who is forced by mother (Kyra Sedgwick) to spend the summer with his eccentric great-uncles (Michael Caine and Robert Duvall) on their farm. Through flashbacks, Walter learns

and action violence.
Sharon Stone and Dennis Quaid
star in thriller "Culd Creek
Manor" about a couple from the
big city who relocates to a quiet
country home with their daughter
only to find that the previous resident wants his house back. "Cold
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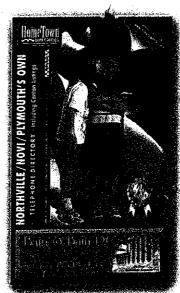
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It doesn't have to be pretty

Novi has great first half to keep them afloat over Eagles

Well, even the ugly wins count as

The Novi Wildcats football team started things off on the right foot September 12 when they hosted and beat Kensington Valley Conference foe Lakeland with a 41-26 final tally. Fortunately, Novi had things well in hand before they started to stumble with a run of

started to sufficient with the troubles that began to plague them.
"A win is a win." Novi coach Tab Kellepourey said, "We'll take it."
And take it they have been. This year marked the 20th season Novi has topped Lakeland, with the last

Eagles' victory coming in 1984.
"We definitely didn't want to lose to them," said Trevor Hoover, a senior wideout. "We had things rolling in the first half, but things got a little ugly after that." In the first half, it was pretty

much all green-and-white as they came out with a trick up their sleeve and an attempted onside kick, which Lakeland recovered. It didn't matter though, as senior linebacker Josh Buck ate up a fumble on Lakeland's second play of the game. That ended in a stalled drive and a 35-yard field goal off the strong right foot of Mark Angelocci - who has been absolutely on target for the 'Cats thus far this season.

On the following drive, the Engles tied up the game 3-3 after a case of broken coverage found the Lakeland squad completing a 32yard pass. Fifteen extra yards were yard pass, Price extended a face-mask penalty before their drive came to a hilt at the 10-yard line. On third-and-eight, senior Mark Kaminski chewed through the Lakeland front and sniffed out junior quarterback Kevin Ward for the sack.

Kevin Ward for the sack.
"Our defense was strong tonight," Novi defensive back Adam Brandau said, "In the first half, we did everything we had to

do to keep them from the endzone The offense wasn't looking bad either. On the following drive, sen-ior quarterback Mike Hart darted around the left side of the line and scampered 20 yards before J.W. Woods tacked on seven more, With woods tacked on seven more. With the defense bringing an extra man into the box, the Wildeats went to the air as Hart found Hoover scor-ing on a 44-yard strike for a 9-3 lead.

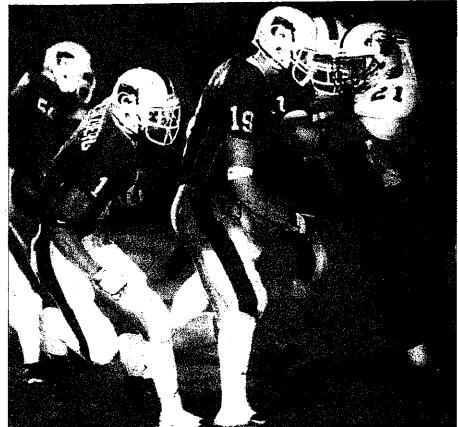


Photo by John Heide

Novi's Kerry Kreuzberg busts up field in last Friday's game against Lakeland. Ahead of him blocking are Chris Scott (#19) and Ryan Pritchard (#57).

"We call that play the 79 Promised Land," said Hoover as he and Hart talked on the sidelines towards the end of the contest.

After the Novi defense held strong once again and a bad snap on the punt found the Lakeland squad handing the ball over on the 3-yard line. Buck took the ball to the middle of the line and found it being stripped loose by an Eagle defend-er and Lakeland recovering it. Three plays later, Buck returned the

favor, jarring the ball out of Lakeland running back Justin
Hays' hands will Kevin Cislo
recovering it.

Two plays later, Hart snuck
through the middle of the line for a

againgth he made of the interface and a one-yard score. He traveled over the top of center Ryan Pritchard, who opened a gaping hole in the Lakeland defensive front. With that score,

Novi's lead increased to 17-3.

"Ryan has been playing some

ve football," Kellepourcy said. "There's a center who corrected everything that we wanted him to after the problems we had at Howell. He's a valuable asset to this

With 10 minutes left in the half, Lakeland took the kickoff and marched down the field with a 10-play drive that found Gap Ferguson nailing a 21-yard field goal to pull his squad to a 17-6 deficit before the 'Cats took the ball

back and went 10 plays of their own for Angelecci to tack on a 22-yard boot to put Novi up 20-6 with 1:28 left on the clock. Eight sechigh left on the clock. Eight sec-onds later, Hays found the ball bouncing out of his hands once again, and Novi's Kaminski track-ing it down for the recovery. This time, Novi made the best of

the opportunity, scoring on a quick pass to Jarrell Woods, who took the

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Wildcats conquer The Hill in Wixom

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

Speedy harriers make for good weeks in the Kensington Valley Conference cross country circuit and beyond.

The Novi Wildcats girls cross country team was back in action last week and sparkled all the way as they ran to victory over Kensington Valley Conference foe Lakeland 24-33. Just days later, the squad ended up outright winning the challenging Walled Lake Western Invitational with a team total of 37 points in the jun-ior/senior race and 51 points in the freshman/sophomore race. In both events, Northville finished a

The WLW Invitational is run at Willis Park in Wixom, and has been correctly termed "The Hill" by many of the runners who have tackled it over the years. The two hills that roll through the landscape make up a major portion of the cross country course, and the second of the two is a monster for

runners to take on and conquer.

It didn't seem to be too much trouble for the Wildcats though, which is partially due to their practices and home meets being held on the rolling course at Cass Benton, Patti Ramos once again led the pack for Novi, finishing the challenging run in 21:34, which was good for a third place

finish overall Not far behind was Laine Williams, who took fifth place with a final tally of 22:08, while Laura Brunner recorded a 22:43 for eighth place. Rounding out the top 10 from Novi was Lauren Kava, who notched a 23:03 for

ninth place.
Michelle Buelow ran to 12th place with a 23:14 while Katie Koss ran a 23:36 for 13th. Julie Johnston was the only other 'Ca in the top 20, which was impres-sive considering 11 schools participated in the event, and she fin-ished in 23:59 for 17th place.

the freshman/sophomore the Wildeats once again found themselves slipping away with the low points for the win. This time, Sam White led the Wildcats as she took fourth over-all at 22:16. Meghan Bannatz was right on her tail, notching an eighth-place finish in 22:54 while Erin Haynes collected a 12th-place finish in 23:39 and Andrea Kramer was 13th with 23:31.

Kramer was 13th with 23:31. In 14th place was Shannon Wagner, who completed her run in 23:38, while Allie Sisson notched 24:07 for 16th place. Danielle Styles was in 17th when she finished in 24:22, while Leah Rice rounded out the top 20 with a time of 24:38 for her 18th place finish.

The Wildcats will host South Lyon in a Kensington Valley Conference showdown Tuesday, Sept. 23 at 4:30 p.m. for their next meet. The Wildcats are 2-0

Novi 24, Lakeland 33

In their second KVC dual meet of the season, the Novi Wildcats lit their internal fires and took to the course with intense determination as they paced themselves to their second conference victo-

ry of the year. Williams slid into the Wildcat lead as she ran to an overall sec-ond place finish with a time of 21:22, while Ramos crossed the Ine just one-second behind her for third. Notching a fourth-place finish was Brunner, who completed the run in 21:43, while White took seventh in 22:30 and Andrea Kramer took eighth in

Lauren Perlin notched a good run for the day, finishing in ninth with a 22:46, while Johnston rounded out the top 10 with a rounded out the top 10 with a 22:59, which was good for 10th.



no by John Helder

Novi's Jessica Gasiorek gets her shot blocked by a Walled Lake Central player during last Tuesday's game at the home of the Vikings.

The wins just roll in

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

No one would ever com-plain about the streak this

team is on. The Novi Wildcats baskethe Novi widecats basket-ball team, under the coaching guidance of Bill Kelp, lost their first game of the year and have been on fire ever since. Their latest victories came from the Walled Lake area, as the Cats pounced Central 38-23 and then edged

Western 52-49 in overtime.
"Someone was looking out for us that night. Kelp said of the Western victory. were down nine points in the third quarter and ended up coming back to win it in overtime."

fact, the Wildcats allowed 29 points in the first half, which is more than they allowed in either of their last

two contests prior to this one.
"They were getting through our man defense and making a lot of moves to the basket," Kelp said. "We went into a one-two-two zone for the first time all year and that was the difference.

The Novi cage squad forced the Warriors to move the ball more on the perime-ter of the defense instead of darting inside for a quick

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add one more

Well, you just gotta love some good soccer, don't you? The Novi Wildcats soc-

cer team, coached by O'Leary, quite capable of turning in quite the per-formance for the fans to cheer



for Eggleston

when they take on a tough and recently undefeated South Lyon Lions team September 22 at 7 p.m. at

The Wildcats have plenty of young enthusiasm on the team, and are finding their goals hitting the back of the net with a slew of origins. Matt Simpson, a junior, has been playing some of the best soccer of his career as of late, finding himself scoring in just about every contest the 'Cats have played. On the other side of the coin is Simpson's brother. Brad, who has been instrumental in the defensive pressure he and his fellow defenders have been applying to

defenders have been applying to their opponents.

A.W. Stanek has been bringing some intense soccer in the latest games as well, and support is always coming from the heads-up play of Marc Checcobelli.

One of the key positions in every soccer game though is in goal. A.J. Glubzinski has taken quite a few shots out of the

goal, A.J. Glubzinski has taken quite a few shots out of the game with some tough saves. For instance, just in the final 12 minutes of the game against: South Lyon earlier this year, Glubzinski made five saves to seal the win and preserve the

Now, the Lions are definitely not going to be a bunch of pushovers. They have already taken one loss to Novi this year

taken one loss to Novi this year and will be looking to turn that result around when they come and visit the Wildcats.

They managed to earn a victory over Novi last season, which was a sure sign of the growth the team has had over the years, and they will no doubt want to earn a hear a threat improving prove they are always improving and always learning from their mistakes by getting a win against Novi on their own field.

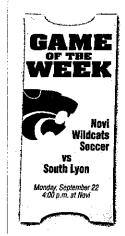
The difference in the game is going to be right between the posts. Though the Wildcat offense is going to be carning offense is going to be earning the points that go up on the board. I feel it is going to be the goatle play that will decide the game. If the Lions allow the ball into the net like they did in their last game against O'Leary and his 'Cats, then they are going to lose. But, the same goes for Novi, They have to continue their strong play in front of the net if they hope to come away with this one.

There is no doubt in my mind that these Wildcats are going to be looking to earn a victory and help me prove there is definitely no curses on this column when

no curses on this column when they take to the field September 22. They aren't going to want to prove me wrong by losing this one, and that's why I picked them as the Game of the Week.

My prediction is that Novi pulls a win out of this tough defensive struggle, and does so last few minutes of the game when they score two quick goals to seal the deal.

Novi 4, South Lyon 2



Playing their best should pay off in long run

Life has been good for the Nov.

year.
Not only have they played some of the best tennis of their careers, the 'Cats have also found themselves playing some of the best competition in the state - and competing with them step for step.

The most recent example of this was the Grosse Pointe South Girls September Invitational held Saturday, The Wildeats took seeond place with 19 points, narrow ly missing first, which was held by the host school with 20.

"They are a top-three ranked team in the state right now," Novi team in the scale right days, 1983, 1985, was why we were able to take sec-ond place."

The first doubles team of

Colene Brockman and Emily Holt had a good showing, winning their third tournament flight champiouship of the year as they topped the familiar foes of Farmington Hills Mercy 6-1, 6-3, Lauren Thomas and Becky Thomson, both juniors, took home a flight championship as well, beating a duo from Troy Athens 6-0, 6-0 in

fourth doubles, At fourth singles, Diana Tieu, a ophomore, managed to earn flight title as well, beating a girl from Grosse Pointe South, 6-1, 6-

"All of the flight champion played some of the best tennis of their eareers," Hanson said, "I was very impressed with the way all of them played."

them played."
Facing some of the most consistent and stiffest competition around was the duo of Laura Vaughn and Ayano Nakamura at econd doubles. The team had to fight through two three-set matches before taking second place behind a strong Grosse Pointe South team 7-6 (4), 6-2.

By Sam Eggleston

Any time a member of your

team takes a place in the top 10 in a tournament, it's an accomplishment. Any time a team takes first

in a tournament, it's worthy of

applause.
Well, for the Novi Wildcats

Invitational on "The Hill" is an

in the freshman/sophomore race

If that weren't enough, Novi finished third, fifth, sixth and ninth in the overall race as junior

Mark Moore paced his squad with a 16:46. Eric Joseph, who could easily become one of the premier runners in Michigan by the end of

the year, completed the course in of

with 95 points.

accomplish-



Novi's #1 ranked tennis player Ashley Glover sizes up a shot in her late August match against Northville's Erica Dobson

seering Heights Stevenson 6-2, 60 for the position while fellow
Wildcat Lauren Carosio took sixth
in her flight falling to Grosse
Pointe South's player 6-0, 6-1,
"We had a very good fournament and were just one point away
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Thursday at the same time. Both
the match against South Lyon and
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Valley Conference dual meets.

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At third doubles. Amanda, ment and were first one point away. from tying it and two points away from a win" Hanson said, "That

place, while Spencer Ornes ran a

Hill" is the one that is known for

numbers with their run, proving

they are ready to bounce back from their loss to the Howell

Back to winning ways

Novi boy harriers learn a lesson from Howell loss, come

back with a vengeance at Walled Lake Western Invitational

against their foes from Flint
Fowers Catholic to take third, 6-2,
1 5-7, 7-6 (3). Taking fourth in her
light was senior Askley Glover,
who fell to Marywille's first singles player 6-1, 6-1 in her final match.
Anna Switzer took fifth in her
respective flight, beating out
Sterling Heights Stevenson 6-2, 6-1
0 for, the position while fellow
Wildcat Lauren Cansio took sixth
in her flight falling to Grosse while Thomas and Thomson beat

Heather Marshall and Kori Wanlass 6-2, 6-0 to cap the scor-In exhibition play, Tiffany Lin

topped Katic Cross and Faith Williams 6-0, 6-3, before playing the sixth doubles flight as well and beating Sara Grahm and Charice

Fox. 8-1. At sixth singles. Devarakonda topped Hilary Smith 6-1, 6-1 while the only loss of the day came at fifth singles as Megan Hsu, a senior, fell to Dinah

Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at seg-

Underclassmen Scores

GIRLS JV BASKETBALL

rally. Abby Greulich played a remendous game, leading Novi JV with 12 points. cight points. Two days earlier, Novi JV



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Overall: 2-3

The Novi Junior Varsity girls' basketball team continues to take good shots that simply do not go through the hoop. The Wildeats lost a heartbreaker to Walled Lake Western, 31-30, last Thursday in non-league action. Novi JV's tough-luck shooting led to a 25-15 deficit midway igh the third quarter, but the Wildcats rallied to keep it close. Intense, full-court pressure, particularly by Katie and Kellie Walker, led

edged Walled Lake Central, 24-18, in a tough, defensive battle. The Wildcats' defense was led by Lisa Harden, who seven points. Novi JV lost a non-league game to Salem High School, 27-16, on Saturday Sept. 6, Kara Yadach led the Wildcats with



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Losses just a natural part of season

Sometimes, it takes a loss to get a team back on track.
The Novi Wildcats soccer

team, coached by O'Leary, took one such loss when they faced the Brighton Bulldogs and suffered a 1-0 edging from their rivals. But, two days later, the 'Cats were back on track and beating a very tough and previously unbeaten South Lyon squad, 3-

"We got all three goals in the first half, subbed liberally in the second half and came away with a convincing win," O'Leary said of the South Lyon game.

The first goal was simply beautiful, The Wildcats didn't worry about who had the ball or what they were doing with it, and instead put together a string of six passes before Jon Sierra rolled a sweet pass between two defenders to Matt Nickels, who blasted the ball into the top cor-

away.
"It was probably our most impressive goal of the season," O'Leary said. Just 10 minutes after their

first tally of the night, the Wildcats struck again. Chris Fox charged up the field and took a 50-50 ball from a Lions player before passing it to Colin Goldsmith. The Wildcat took the pass, brought it towards the goal and then floated a shot over the goalie's head to give Novi a

With just 10 minutes left in the first half, the 'Cats pounced again. Jeremy Brodsky hustled on to a through ball which he and the South Lyon goalie reached at the same time. The resulting scrum found the ball spinning into the air, bouncing off the cross bar and landing right near Marc Checcobelli, who fired the ball home for the score to put his squad up 3-0 and to cap the goals for the game.

game.
The Wildcats played tough

Novi's Matt Nickels, right, tries to get a shot past the sprawling Canton High net minder during a game the Wildcats' hosted in late August.

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squad had a huge boost from the bench play of Colin Cody and "STYLISH SEXY AND SPECTACULAR!

"They both did an excellent job when they subbed into the game," he said. The Novi soccer team will

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It definitely wasn't the game tough saves in the final 12 min-ates of the contest.

The definitely wasn't the game the 'Cats were hoping to have against their KVC rivals – but against their KVC rivals - but
O'Leary also noted the Novi

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It was a lead that Novi should-"In the second half, we played

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with soccer goals coming few and far between, it is a safe bet that the team that scores in the waning minutes of the second half has a chance of winning the game — and that's exactly what Righton did. With 2.30 left on a cace in the world. It could have game – and that's exactly what Brighton did. With 2:30 left on eace in the world. It could have

the clock, the Bulldogs notched a goal to take a 1-0 lead.

It was a lead that Novi should"It was an even game that "It was an even game that place – let alone for the win.
"We played pretty well in the first half and had five shots on goal to their one." O'Leary said.
"In the second half we release the play when they had to and that was the difference in the game."

Sam Eggleston is the sports writer for the Northville Record oau and did not string together any passes."

The Bulldogs held an 8-2 reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. shooting advantage in the second half and their opportunities seggleston@ht.homecomm.net.

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Amol Huprikar, who is also a juntor on the Wildeats cross country team, tallied a 17206 for sixth place, while Spencer Orders and a jaw-dropping 2:08. just 16:58, which was good for Conference last week. Their five- the Treshman/sophomore race,

Running "The Hill" at Walled Lake Western is never an easy task. The course, which is the Western hold the key to good clear, no one could dispute it after

runners in the Western Lakes the winner of the junior/senior Activities Association where the event came in at 16:25 and wear-

on such rolling terrain. In fact, the home-course advantage was so match-up at Cass Benton.

team will be back in action Saturday when they run the Shamrock Invitational at Cass Benton Park, Scheduled start time length of a traditional cross cointry course for high school, is a path that takes runners up and down two rather large hills. Out of the dot of land masses, "The hill" is the me that is known for the document of the docum

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Golf now in second in KVC

By Sam Eggleston

The Novi Wildcats golf team, coached by Brad Huss, will proba-bly be the first to say that anything can happen in the game of golf. Last season, they basically came out of no where to win the state

This year, the 'Cats were picked to finish behind Milford in the final Kensington Valley Conference standings - but instead find them-selves tied with the Mavericks, Not for first, mind you, but for second

behind Brighton.

Novi had to take on and beat Lakeland 143-158 and top Howell 153-156 in order to get to where they are – and Milford had to make a few mistakes along the way. "This win (over Lakeland) puts

us in second place in the KVC with Milford," Huss said, "We are 2-0 and Milford is 0-2. They lost to Lakeland and Brighton last week." The Novi linksters hosted the Eagles of Lakeland in a Kensington Valley Conference dual meet and managed to earn the tough win as Brandon Cigna led the pack with a 34 on his home course, the Links of

Novi.
Right hehind Cigna was an impressive day from Mike Martinez, as he recorded a 35 for s efforts, while Brett Jaussi shot a 36 and R.J. Makoski recorded a 38. The Wildcats were slated to visit the first-place Brighton Bulldogs Tuesday (after the Novi News went to print) and Huss was looking for-

ward to the intense match-up. This should be a good match and, hopefully, we will pull one out over there," he said. The 'Cats are scheduled to play the road this season. "It was a great win on a very tough course," Huss said of Faulkwood Shores, which is South Lyon today at 3:30 p.m. at the Links of Novi before visiting ranked as the third toughest course Harland September 23 at 3:30 p.m. Novi also has Milford at 3:30 p.m.

All games are Kensington Valley

Pretty: Wildcats now 3-0

ball towards the middle of the field with 39 seconds on the clock before breaking a double-tackle and juking a defensive back to jaunt 34 yards for the score to put Novi up 27-6. "We had a great first half." Hart

"We had a great first half," Hart said. Things were just going the way we wanted them to and we were pretty much doing whatever we wanted. Then, we relaxed and thought we could put it in cruise

coming out strong, scoring on a slant bass from Hart to Hoover for a 15-yard touchdown pass with Angelocei nailing the point after for a 34-6 lead. But, an injury to Kaminski, a senior offensive line man and defensive tackle, found the Novi squad suddenly unravel-

ing. With 1:16 left on the clock in the third quarter. Lakeland scored their first touchdown of the game as Ward found Derek Jewell wide open with some broken coverage

scoring and end the game 41-26.
Three plays and a punt led to a final Lakeland drive, which found Novi's Brendan Buff tracking

second half, "We're going to have to play better than that if we wan



Novi golfer Eric Aytes tees off at Tanglewood golf course in a match against Northville in late August.

Novi 153, Howell 156 Going to Howell is never fun -

especially when you're trying to beat them in the game of golf on The Novi Wildcats didn't

seemed fazed though, and took to playing some of their best golf on

in Michigan, "Howell has only lost at home twice in the past five

Mark Eberline led his crew to vic-tory with a 36 while Eric Aytes shot a 39 along with both Martinez and

"We didn't count Brandon's torious," Huss said. Getting the victory was a big relief for the Wildeats as well as

their coach.
"This was a big win for us and one that I was nervous about," Hus-

for the Northville Record and the Novi News. He can be reached at 1248) 349-1700, est. 104 or at sex

Rolling in: Cagers get two more

score before tying the game up at 42-42 to end regulation play. In overtime, it was all Novi as they held their opponents to just seven points and score 10 of their own for the victory. Leading the scoring for the 'Cats was Alison Greulich and

Hope Morris, who drained 12 points each. Julie Longo added 10 points in the victory while Rachele Folino and Jessica Haggerty added seven each.
The Wildcats are off until a

week from today when they star the conference schedule and

Novi 38, WLC 23

In a game that found the Wildeats being forced to uproot their scheduled home game and take it on the road thanks to a power outage at the school, the cage squad managed to put going to get better and better."

"Rachele Folino dominated that game. I expect, as we go along, that she's just going to get better and

Novi Basketball Coach

better."

looked to an intense shooter to control the tempo of the floor. "Rachele Folino dominated that game," Kelp said of the sophomore forward. "I expect. And there isn't much better a player is going to get than 20 points and 12 rebounds. Folino notched the double-double against the press defense of the Central Vikings. "We handled it fairly well,"

Kelp said. "Hopefully, our offense is going to be able to improve and score more points as the season continues. The next highest scorer for Novi was Greulich, who scored seven in the winning effort. Kelp was happy with the defensive pressure his team

brought to the hardwood though.

"We shut them down," he said.

"Any time you can keep you opponent's score in the 20s, you're doing something right."

writer for the Northville Record and the Novi News, He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at 104 or seggleston@ht.homecomm.net.

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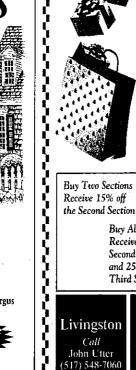


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before he finished the pass off with a 31-yard score. The point-after by Ferguson pulled Lakeland into a defense, they marched 56 yards in

control. We're just lucky we scored often in the first half."

The second half found Novi

tighter contest, 34-13. Two plays later, with Cislo in at backup quar-terback, a bad pitch found Lakeland's Andrew Newman Lakerand's Andrew Newman recovering the fumble – which led to a score just two and a half minutes later as the Ward/Jewell combination hooked up again on a 36-yard score to cut the Novi lead to 34.10

34-19.
"From there, we just tried to hold on," Hoover said. A 44-yard touchdown from Hart to Hoover was millified on a block-ing-in-the-back penalty, which led to a missed field goal by Angelocci. Lakeland's James

Worden got his finger on the ball as it started towards the uprights. Six minutes later, Novi found their offense once again and the sidelines erupted as Josh Woods broke two tackles and bolted 52 yards for the final Novi score to put

on the clock.

The Eagles were determined

defense, they marched 56 yards in seven plays before Hays darted in

down Ward for a sack before injuries to two Lakeland starters found their drive eventually stalling and the time running out. "We came out and thought we had it won," Brandau said of the

The 'Cals (3-0, 2-0 KVC) are scheduled to play rivals Brighton (2-1, 2-0 KVC) tomorow at 7 p.m. at Brighton High School.

"It's going to be a big game for us," Kellepourey said, "We have to go in there expecting the toughest football we've seen yet. They have a lot of fans, and it's intimidating at yards for the final novi scale of particles and the point after with 4:02 left though, and just play our best foot-



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"It makes my house a little more unique. I can tell people, 'Go to the mailbox with flowers on it.' "



Bob Grossman leans on his 13-year old oversized, flower painted mailbox at the end of his driveway

Some people trade traditional mailboxes for mailbarns, mailtractors and mailmacaws

By Aimee Heckel

Bob Grossman's mailbox is not just a box.

It's a palette for artistic swirls of yellow, pink and blue flowers.

It's also a reminder of Grossman's artist friend, who painted the black metal "garden."

Like many residents in Boulder County, Colo., Grossman chose to decorate his mailbox to complement his quarters — a light brick

house wrapped in long fingers of vines and brilliant roses.
"It makes my house a little more unique." Grossman says. "I can tell people, "Go to the mailbox with flowers on it."
Down the street, the mailbox at Alphabet Soup Preschool in Boulder also is painted, but with tiny child handprints. The mailbox

was an art project for students in 1999, teacher Michelle Grice says.

"We wanted the children to put literally and figuratively their handprint on the school, just as they leave an imprint in our lives," Grice says.

At some homes, the eye-catching mailboxes often look like barns

"Many are on wagon wheels or on yet-to-be-identified farm equipment — something metal," says Lissa McPherson, a mail car-rier in Erie, Colo., with a laugh.

One patriotic box in Erie is smothered in red, white and blue.

Down the street, a red macaw mailbox perches in front of Darrell Stapleton's house, frozen in time ruffling its blue and yellow wings and tail. and tail.

Stapleton, who also goes by "The Bird Man," says the mailbox represents his passion for birds. Up until he sold them three years ago. Stapleton housed 400 birds in a barn behind his house. One Christmas, his daughter and soon-in-law made the bird box in honor of his 40 macaws. Now, with all of his feathered friends gone, the

mailbox roosts in their memory. Near the Erie Municipal Airport, several mailboxes look like airplanes or beam with bright, painted birds. Another mailbox balances on a 50-foot pole — awaiting "air mail" that never arrives.

By Cristina Rouvalis

PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE
Sue Marshall Roberts remembers the headaches of her old white kitchen floor.

the constant mopping of kids' footprints,

the dog's paw prints and practically every

single crumb of food.

"I liked it when it was clean, but it was impossible to keep clean." Roberts said of the tile floor in her old house in Dallas.

But she and her husband wanted some

thing earthy for the Sewickley, Pa., home they bought in 1999 and are renovating

The new floor is gray dolomite lime-stone quarried from Ramallah, Israel. And it would be hard to find a more natural

substance to catch your spaghetti sauce drippings or cracker crumbs. Subtle crevices line the natural stone tiles, a

only in nature.

Roberts finds all this imperfection just

perfect, thank you.
"We wanted it to be natural and durable

and not perfect," she said. "And it's easy

The distinctive floor, which costs \$24 a





Photos by Joshua Lawton / Scripps He TOP: Jon Telleen's mailbox on the west side of Boulder has been featured on postcards and in magazines

BOTTOM: Tonya Cozad and her daughter Katelynn, 8, pose

"Bringing a piece of nature's handi-

work into my home is exciting and invigorates me every day." Lea said.

Some customers want the look of stone without the expense or imperfections. They're increasingly opting for

glazed porcelain or ceramic tiles that have the markings of stone. "With natural stone, you don't always know what you will get," said Ellen

Wyzykowski, an employee at Accent or

"Nature isn't as obsessed with matching as we are," adds co-worker Bobbie

Persichetti. "People want marble, bu

they want every piece to match.

Porcelain tiles are becoming m

more natural looking and durable, s

said. Unlike ceramic tiles, the color rui

all the way through porcelain tiles and the cracks are that it is the cracks are the cracks are the cracks are the cracks are the cracks and the cracks are the cracks are

People who want family-friendly floors also are oping for vinyl and lam-inate flooring that looks like stone, com-

popular than ceramic because th

Tile in Bloomfield, Pa

friendly," she said.

Kitchen floors are in the midst of a stone revolution

hand-painted gray backsplash tiles and

spired plain-vanilla fixture of home deco-

rating — is going natural and vibrant.

From cork to procelain and vinyl tiles that look like stone, the natural look is in. Some customers are willing to pay more for the real thing — limestones, granites, terra cottas and other stones, while others

are springing for French reclaimed terra cotta, an antique stone that's dug out of stables and chateaus in France. Other not so well known stones are sur-

facing in kitchens, too. After choosing beautifully curved, custom-made maple cabinets for the renovation of their kitchen

in their Mount Lebanon, Pa., house, Lea

and Temp Smith weren't sure what to put

on the floor. Lea dreaded looking at the dizzying assortment of ceramic tile sam-

"I'm decorating-decision challenged,"

she said.

Then their kitchen designer, Jeff Dixon.

made the choice simple by showing them golden onyx, a natural gold stone with dramatic veining and a translucent quality

that lets you look into the stone. The stone

square foot, is the ideal backdrup for the maple cabinets with grayish blue trim, the maple cabinets with grayish blue trim, the

Selling the sizzle

With upgrades and options builders have a ready market for their models

By Richard Paoli

SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE

Call it the ultimate home-buying experience. You walk in the front door, and it's all yours and almost deci-

The upgraded bathroom taps, soft Berber wall-to-wall The opgated bandon harble kitchen counters and glisten-ing high-end appliances — all yours without most of the new home-buying stress brought on by mind-numbing decisions in which money always beats down your good

Buying a model home is like a true turn-key purchas

Model homes, usually marked by fluttering flags and Model homes, usually marked by fluttering jugg and sales office signs, are the builders' showcass. It's a chance for them to influence buyers by bringing togeth-er the skills of marketing, architecture, interior decora-tion and landscaping. The color scheme, flooring, count-er surfaces and furnishings are designed to show the Concentrate its but.

floor plan at its best. Apparently, they do it well enough because prospective buyers often fall in love with the model.
And, of course, there

are also a few who hate you're spending \$500,000 Model homes are to \$600,000

ect, but many buyer on a model, the model homes are put up for sale, there's it has to be usually a line of appli an effective cants. Even home builders' sales execu-

tool." Rick Rosenbaum

tives get in that line.
"I bought a model Douglas, vice president of sales and marketing for Ponderosa Homes in the San Francisco area. "When you buy the model — and you pay more for one — you're getting a home decorated and landscaped by profession-

"If we only built model homes," said Brenda • Christopherson, co-founder of Christopherson Homes, another Bay Area firm, "we'd have no problem selling them. Models are the builders' crown jewels. And peo-ple in our industry realize that when we plan out the model."

A model home is a creation by committee.

First, marketers run the numbers and come up with the profile of prospective buyers — often down to a hypothetical family including professions and the num-

ber and gender of the children.

"When you're spending \$500,000 to \$600,000 on a model, it has to be a effective tool," said Rick Rosenbaum, director of marketing at Delco Builders and Developers, a Northern California firm.

As the definition of the prospective buyer profile emerges, architects, designers and landscape profession-

as join the committee and get into details.
Unless the floor plans and project are designed for a very narrow market or unless there are few floor plans, the models often come in three basic shapes: One story for empty nesters or a family with one or no children; a als join the committee and get into details. larger, two-story with the master bedroom downstairs and smaller bedrooms on the upper floor for a couple with older children; and, usually the biggest of the plans, a two-story with a master bedroom upstairs and one or more smaller bedrooms that can be turned into a media

more smaller bedrooms that can be turned into a media room, den or library.

The basic construction of the models is no different from other homes in the project, builders said. It's the landscaping and interiors that set the models apart.

"We plant mature trees around our models," said Christopherson. "It costs more, but it gives a true sense of what the community will look like" when the younger trees mature.

Model home prices can easily be 20 to 30 percent higher than the base price. There's no fixed percentage because the costs of the upgrades vary from model to model and builder to builder.

Buying model home has its own rules

By Richard Paoli

Don't just let the color scheme or marble kitchen counters sway your decision to buy a model home. While there may be a little wiggle room in negoti-ating the price, builders usually want the buyer to cover part of the cost of the landscaping, appliances

and ungraded interior decor and construction "The best thing you can do to judge the home is look very carefully at the functionality of the floor plan. Ask yourself how the room arrangement will be a look of Warmington Homes in the vork," said Fran Leach of Warmington Homes in the

Other tips include:

Ask the builder to replace or repair any worn carpeting or surfaces.

■ Find out if the appliances and furnishings are

part of the sale.

Window coverings in models are often just decorative. Check to see if they actually work. If they don't, find out if the builder will remove or replace

model home is to check the resale prices of similar homes that were built earlier in the project. This

range, however, will not reflect the add-ons for land-scaping, decoration or furnishings.

Ask if or how the purchase agreement for the model home varies from other new homes sold in the

■ Consider using a professional building inspecto to check the model before buying.

FOOD

FOR YOUR BOOKSHELF

Louisiana gets an in-depth read of cuisine

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New cookbooks are available in a wide variety of topics. Look for them in bookstores, and check with your local library.

"Fine Dining Louisiana Style" by John M. Bailey, (Toof M. Bailey, (100) Cookbook Division, StarrTool, Memphis, \$29.95) commemorates the 200th anniversary of the Louisiana Purchase (1803-2003), "Louisiana Style" includes more

than 120 restaurants from discities and towns in

Louisiana — from Shreveport to New Orleans and from Monose to Lake Charles, it offers more than 370 recipes from chefs across the state. Famous chefs, including Emeril Lagasse and Paul Prudhomme, are among them. Details about the restaurants—address and phone number chel's name and a short history of each major section of the state - - make the book so helpful you'll want to take it along on a trip to

oursiana. New Orleans starts the book and mixed in with the famous restaurants are little-known "jewels" with good food. The recipe treasury has 11 recipes for bread pudding from different restaurants. Crabmeat, crawtish and cuttish are included. So are popular treats, such as beignets

If you can't find the book at a local book-store, call 800-722-4772 for mail order.

■ "The Complete Vegetarian Handbook: Recipes & Techniques for Preparing Delicious Healthlui Guisine" Healthlui Cuisine" (Cironicle Books LLC, S19.95) is by Kathy Farrell-Kingsley, a former food editor for Vegetarian Times maga-



through a software

program she pur-chased that provides a

million

(O n e Million Recipes for Windows,

1997 item from NutriData Software). If she can't find it

foods at restaurants.

there, she checks a couple of reliable Web sites such as

www.copykat.com, which fea-tures lots of recipes for favorite

She also likes www.foodtv.com, which

seems to be popular among foodies. It's ranked second in the Top 20 Food & Cooking Web sites, according to Supermarket News, a trade publication, (Vo. 1 is www.Kraft.com, which provides

lots of simple recipes featuring Kraft food products.)

Click an random recipes at Foodty.com and you'll find the ingredients for Watermelon Granita. Click again and you'll find Emeril Lagasse's recipe for Andouille Stuffed Jalapenos.

Want to know what other cooks think about recipes? Go to

www.allrecipes.com, where cooks try the recipes and rate

They also rank them at www.epicurious.com , which fea-They also train (tern at weapter from sector), which are trues recipes from fine cooking magazines such as Gourmet and Bon Appetit.

Want to plan for a whole week's worth of meals? Try www.menumailer.net. It costs about \$10 for a three-month subscription or \$30 for a year. For cooks on the go, cookbook

author and certified mutritional consultant Leanne Ely offers a weekly E-mail service that includes a week's worth of dinners complete with a shopping list divided in categories for ease in

include www.lewishfood-list.com, www.Koshercooking.com

and www.Jewish-food.org. She typically prints them out and

keeps them in a notebook for future use.

Memphian Helen Pearce likes to look at recipe Web sites.

although she doesn't cook much anymore. She's a simple

cook and liked recipes with five or fewer ingredients, "I don't

maneuvering the grocery aisles.

Joanne Cohen of Memphis relies on several Web sites to help her find kosher dishes for her family or for Jewish holidays. Mostly, she looks for vegetable dishes. Her favorites up a bit and to

tend that I know how to make a curry,

The paperback begins with sections on essential kitchen equipment stocking the vegetarian pantry, storing foods, planning meatless menus, a vegetarian dictionary and cooking basics.

Vegetables, fruits, pasta and grains, soy foods, legumes and sprouts, mits and seeds and baked goods are among chapter topics. She explains the best healthy cooking methods and offers 75 recipes.

Housekeeping Great Baking: 600 Recipes for Cakes, Cookies, Susan Westmoreland, to food editor of Good with beautiful color pho



tos illustrating these recipes. The classic recipes have been triple-tested in the Good Housekeeping kitchen.



Slow cooking smokers have loyal tollowing

While not as common as the classic American barbeeue grill, smokers have a loyal following of food lovers who savor the unique flavors of juicy, slow smoked meats. What's behind this nereasingly regular style of barbecue?

Darnell Pope, a salesman at Barbecues Galore in Los Angeles, offers an introduction to the ■ Charcoak Most modern barbecues run on

propane gas, but smokers burn good old-fashioned charcoal. According to Pope, this makes the smoker environmentally safe as well as a

great way to create delicious juicy meals.

Low heat. Compared to regular grills, smokers operate at a relatively low heat, cooking the food at between 180 and 200 degrees.

■ Savory meats. Smoking enthusiasts u ly cook ribs, roasts, turkey or fish. Smoking fish is relatively quick; you can be done in about twelve minutes, and Pope believes there's no better way to bring out the taste of good fish.

■ Added Bayor, Smokers can also add flavo to meats by letting you add different types of wood chips, from apple or cherry wood to hick-ory, mesquite or oak. In the end, you'll be serving meats that taste very different from thos

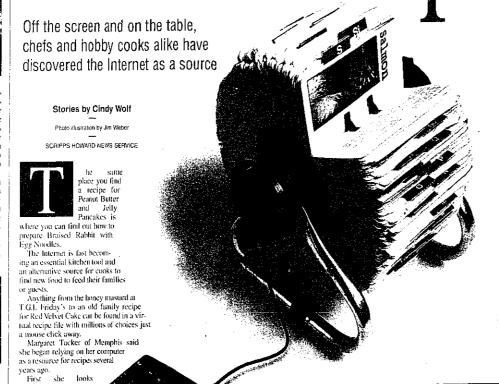
To learn more

■ Smoke Grill Center: www.smokergrills.com

Onlinerecipes

"It's fun to track them down and try to find them, especially the hard ones."

Margaret Tucker, COOKING HOBBYIST FROM MEMPHIS, TENN.



Online Recipes

ROASTED GARLIC MASHED POTATOES 1 bulb garlic 5 or 6 red polatoes 1 white onion, sliced 1 tablespoon olive oil 3 tablespoons melted butter, plus 2 tablespoons butter 1/4 cup sour cream

Cut off top of garlie bulb and roast in pre-heated 350-degree oven in a ceramic dish for approximately 30 minutes. Place red potatoes in a pot of water and potatoes from pile, cut into quarters, place on a cookie sheet. With a fork, smash until flat, brush them with a little of melted butter,

cook in warm oven until crispy and golden brown. Set aside to top finished potatoes.

She likes
Web sites that translucent. Mix roasted garlic, boiled potasell gift baskets, tins and other food toes, 2 tablespoons butter, and sour cream with mixer with a paddle attachment until goodies she can ship to thoroughly blended.

family and friends with Scoop potato mixture into ceramic dish. nary a dirty pot in her kitchen.

Drizzle with remaining melted butter, place
Her favorites include www.gulin oven until top is browned. Push browned lahgourmet.com, which features potatoes into top of potatoes and serve food products and recipes from the Gullah culture of African

food products and recipes from the Guitan culture of African immigrants who lived around the coastal Carolinas and Georgia. She also likes www.mscheesestraws.com, which features products from the Mississippi Cheese Straw Factory.

Some chefs said they used the linternet — but not to find a package (7 to 8 oz.) bow the pasta, unconked.

restaurants around the country to see what they're serving on 1 package (8 oz.) Oscar Mayer hard salami "If I see something that sounds interesting. I can change it up a bit and tailor it to the South," said chef Erling Jensen, the Restaurant, in parameter to the South, said chef Erling Jensen; The Restaurant, in the Restaur

1 bottle (8 oz.) Kraft creamy Italian dress-Tucker enjoys using the Internet to help find recipes others ing

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"It's fun to track them down and try to find them, especially the hard ones," said Tucker. "It saves a lot of time when you
can just type in the name and search, instead of thumbing

Refrigerate 1 hour or until ready to serve.

Tap into the Web for new recipes or the tried-and-true

There was a time when a cook had to spend hours riffling through cookbooks, searching for a nold recipe or hunting for a new one to try.

Now, just about any recipe can be found in seconds using the Internet and some user-friendly cooking Web sites. Most of the top sites allow users to rate the recipes. They also include organization time.

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Here are some of the favorites we've found.

■ http://sat.spiculoss.com

The home page is cluitered with ads and promotions, but there's a link search engine on the left that will take you to some of the best recines found in

el recipe box.

• www.foodiv.com

Www.loofts.com

Features recipes from your favorite chefs and
Besides recipes wind the costs shows on the Food Network.

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HEALTH & FITNESS

Don't let the bedbugs bite - no really!

By Jill Bureum MINNEAPOLIS-ST PAUL STAR THIBUNE

Bedbugs are back.

The bugs were once made so rare by pesticides that they're more often thought of as a goodnight endearment as in "don't let the bedbugs bite" than as an actual pest. But they're now a real and increas-

ing problem across the nation.
"During the '70s, '80s and '90s, bedbugs were not an issue," said Jay Bruesch, technical director for Plunkett's Pest Control in Fridley. Minn, "All of a sudden, they're every

Orkin's Minneapolis-St. Paul offices report that bedbug calls are up (25 to 30 percent over the past year, Company officials say similar increas-es have been reported nationally and they expect the trend to continue.

Insect experts say bedbug popula-tions are surging for several reasons. Me e people are traveling and bringing them into hotels and their homes in luggage. And the longer-acting pes-ticides that nearly cradicated bedbugs have fallen out of use.

Hotels and apartment buildings seem to bear the brunt of the bedbug problem, according to pest-control The six-legged, ladybug-size eres

ture doesn't fly, so it has to hitch rides to go places. Luggage or household items of people on the move are per In addition, the nocturnal bedbu likes to stay close to its preferred prey

sleeping humans. Here again, th smaller size of most hotel rooms and apartments works to the bug's advan-tage. Once it arrives at its new destina-tion, people and beds are usually within crawling distance "What we've noticed more than anything is that this is a problem in

major metro areas, places where there's a lot of business travelers and people coming in and out," said Orkin's national pest-control technical manager, entomologist Frank Meek. Not surprisingly, the hotel industry

disputes that it has a bedbug problem.

The good news is that while bedbugs bite and suck blood like mosquitoes, often leaving an itchy well, they ren't known to spread disease to per

There's another piece of good news; h's not your fault. Many people believe bedbugs are a sign of poor hygiene, but that's not the case, "Anybody can get bedbugs," said

Ex-smoker aims to banish tobacco

By Kristi L. Nelson

Brenda Bell Caffee couldn't believe the 1998 report that said blacks were less fikely than people of any other race to maintain tobacco-free homes. "I was personally affronted," said

Caffee, who at that time headed California's African-American Tobacco Education Network, "I thought the report was flawed." When she set out to disprove the

study, she found it was "100 percent correct."

So Caffee started cooking up something to make a change. On Mother's

Day in 1999, she kicked off "Not in Mama's Kitchen." a program designed to educate black women on the dangers of secondhaud tobacco smoke and empower them to prohibit smoking in their homes and cars.

The program is named for the fact that decisions in black households SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE.

often come from the kitchen where "Mana" is omnipresent.

Women head more than half of the source. Kung fu is the very old-school to protect their families from environ- mind as well.

90 percent of black smokers smoke menthal cigarettes, she said, and menthal mokers typically breathe the smoke in deeper and hold it longer.

"Pick up any African-American distribution of the says it's all about tapping into one's." "Pick up any African-American lagazine — Jet. Ebony, Essence."

Now living in Mississippi, Caffee heads her own consulting firm and travels around the country, working to

To learn more

advertised more to my people than to Classes differ depending on where you go, but most often students begin by working through a stretching and warm-up routing

> Researchers report this type of an benefit people with asthma, arthritis and high blood pressure. Similar to yoga, kung further tail ohi are low-impact, with and the gentler tai chi are low-impact. movements stressing fluidity and grace and decreasing strain on the joints.

The state of the s

Kung fu master Kevin Miller teaches his class about breathing at the Bei Shaolin Kung Fu Institute.

Victor Villavicencio says kung fu also increases endurance and fortitude. The exer-cises focus on stretching all the major muscle groups and increasing blood flow throughout the body, improving reaction time." The disciplines can help a body get

stronger in that the exercises or poses are

"(Kung fu) works a host of muscles you didn't even know you had." Villavicencio

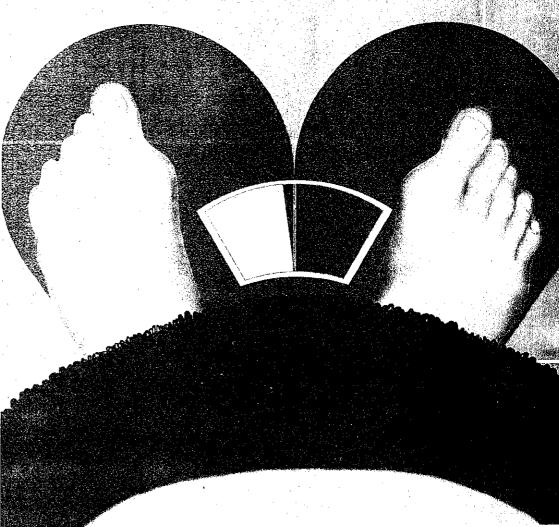
says.

After a yoga-like stretching session, stu-

by what an opponent leaves available to The Shaolin form of kung fu Miller has

dents go through varied punches, kicks and blocks focusing on an invisible object. If done correctly, this can be exhausting.

"After you've been doing it for a long time, that are used predominantly for competition.



Take that weight off your heart

If you have several pounds to lose, the issue of greatest concern should be how those pounds are weighing on your heart

By Jennifer Jones

orget that clothes don't fit well or that you just aren't happy with the image reflected in the mirror. If you have several pounds to lose, the issue of greatest concern should be how those pounds are weighing on your heart.

weighing on your heart.

Obesity appears to act as the starting block for metabolic syndrome, a constellation of risk factors including obesity (particularly abdominal obesity), insulin resistance of the production of the starting of the ance (diabetes mellitus), hypertension and

dyslipidemia (an abnormal fat profile of lipids in the blood).

When these four factors are presented together, a person has a very high risk of rations and at difficulties, specifically stroke and heart attack. Each factor feeds off the other, resulting in a destructive cycle that is incredibly difficult to free one-

"Obesity is a strain on the heart func- and blood sugar get better when weight is

tion. The heart has to work harder than usual or more than usual to pump more blood to a person who is larger size and this puts a stress on the heart and it causes the heart to become enlarged," said Dr. John Ware, a cardiologist at Cardiology Associates of Anderson, S.C.

"The heart wall thickens because it's a muscle. Anytime work a muscle harder than usual it will get thicker, as with a bicep. This is good in your arm but not your heart, because the heart is hollow and this allows less blood to pump each time the heart beats or strokes. It has to work harder to pump harder to pump blood to a

Obesity is associated with lack of exer-cise and activity, which is a risk for heart disease, said cardiac rehab dictitian Crystal Robinson of Anderson.

"Just carrying all that extra weight around is putting a lot of stress on the heart," Robinson said, "The hypertension

lost. Not a huge amount, but just a little can help. But the more weight lost, the better."

Oddly, where the excess weight is distributed on the body seems to make a difference, according to Michael Gibson, a registered nurse and director of the LifeChoice program in Anderson.

"There have been a lot of studies that have shown that people, especially men, with visceral fat (fat around their midsec-tion) have an increased risk of heart dis-Think of this particular body shape

resembling more of an apple (fat around the middle) than a pear (fat mainly on the buttocks and thighs).

"Diabetes is a factor in heart disease because it wreaks have on the heart and kidneys, lower extremities and the circula-tion system," Gibson said, "High blood

pressure and diabetes by themselves risk

actors for heart disease.

"If exercise was a pill, it would sell for about \$20 per pill because it just does so

supervision, Ware said. Start out slowly with something light, such as walking, and avoid taking weight loss supplements while exercising.

"The treatment of heart disease is trying to reduce all the risk factors. You can decrease your chances of having a heart attack by reversing obesity." Ware said. "By losing weight you can lower blood sugar, diabetes, blood pressure and choles-terol and it doesn't cost anything. "How do you reduce your weight? It's

strain on the joints which leads to inactivi-ty. Not being able to ride the bike and walk creates a sedentary lifestyle, which puts

you at risk for heart disease. The heart is a

muscle and the old adage that says 'use it

or lose it," it really holds true."

Anyone having a number of risk factors

needs to be sure to exercise under medical

dictary restriction and exercise. It's easy to say but hard to do, but I have seen people do it. You have to love life."

stiffness and tired muscles," Villavicencio

to class, you're just asking yourself, 'I wonder

what we're going to learn today."

Enthusiasts say they don't become bored with the discipline, since there's always

something new to learn.
"[1] be doing this until I die," said Miller,

After working through the yoga stretches and the kicks, punches and blocks, spanning

takes place among the more advanced stu

you balance and quick foot movement," says Villavicencio, showing a fast-as-lighting

application of a practice maneuver that looks

those actually used in a confrontation.

Villavicencio says, while gliding fluidly

through another move

36. "It's who I am. It's a lifestyle."

says. "You get to a point that when you o

Shaolin-style kung fu helps to shape up, maintain and protect body

women head note than hart of black households, and Caffee wants to help them realize they have the power shape. It offers positive benefits for body and Kung fu sifu (master) Kevin Miller, owner

their own homes and cars.

In addition, she said, some research shows the dangerous ingrodients in cigarettes stay longer in black smoke. clearettes stay longer in black showed ears' cells than in whites'. Also, up to a little American spirituality with the discipline's innate chan (Zen). He speaks of what

> "It can help with simple things," he says, "like better joint movement."

that's essentially a beginning yoga clas-Researchers report this type of stretching

■ Not In Mama's Kitchen:

REGIONAL MARKETPLACE

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Prepare a pre-disaster plan

When you think of planning for a disaster, one of the first things that come to mind is stocking up on food and water, but that's only one part of planning for a disaster, according to the American Red Cross, Families should regularly communicate with each other about what to do in the event of an emergency. Here are some additional issues to consider when drawing up your plan.

Sock away some emergency eash. Experts suggest stashing away enough eash—\$200 to \$300— to provide for your family for three days. But don't go overboard. By withdrawing large sums of cash you put yourself at risk for mugging and home invasion.

Get your paperwork in order Insurance companies recommend making a list of all of your posses-sions in case you suffer a personal disaster like a fire. Keep a copy of the list at work or give a copy to a family member. In fact, keep two copies of all your important docu-ments and financial papers, but be sure the paperwork you keep at home is in order and is in a secure and accessible place (not loose in a box underneath the stairs). Inform immediate family members where the documents are stored. If you have to evacuate your home, place your will, insurance policies, proof of residence (deed or lease), pass ports, Social Security cards, birth and marriage certificates, immu-nization records, bank account numbers and phone numbers and credit card information and family records in a waterproof, portable container. Place the container in the trunk of

Map out a family plan. Meet with your family to discuss what to do in the event of an emergency. Pick two places to meet; ourside your home in case of a sudden emergency like a fire, and outside your neighborhood in case you can't return home, for example, a family member or friend's house. Everyone must know the name, phone number and address of the location. Also, consider designating someone out of state to be a contact person for the family, and provide your family members with their phone number. In the event of a disaster, instruct family members to call the our of state contact and tell them where

shelters) and discuss what Schools, daycare providers, work-places, apartment buildings and neighborhoods should all have site-

specific emergency plans.

Ask about them. Because your family members will likely be in different places when a disaster strikes. talk about how you'll deal with var-ious scenarios. For example, what to do if you're in a moving car or in a high-rise building when disaster strikes. For tips on how to deal with these situations, log on to U.S. Department of Homeland Security's www.ready.gov Web site and elick the "Make a Plan" icon.

Stock up on provisions. Red Cross recommends maki disaster supplies kit made up of bot fled water (one gallon of per person and pet per day) and non-perishable high energy foods that require no cooking or refrigeration, peanuts and beef jerky, for example, Include clothing and bedding, emergency supplies like a first aid kit, any medications your family takes, and other items such as tollet paper, soap and plastic garbage bags with ties and personal hygiene items. Also include unscented regular household bleach. In an emergency you can purify water by adding16 drops of bleach per gallon of water. If you have an infant, include diapers, bottles and formula. And pack items such as a flash light, battery- operated radio and extra batteries, and a small fire extinguisher. If you have a pet, don't forget to pack some canned food. Put your supplies in a backpack or duffel bag or plastic bin so you can easily carry them should you have to evacuate. For a complete list of items, log onto ready.gov and click on "supply checklist."

For additional tips for how to pre pare for a disaster, visit www.redcool in an emergency situation is vital. If a parent remains calm, chil-dren and pets will likely follow suit.

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The Whittaker family (left to right) - Jamie, little Abbey and Matt Martin; Carrie and Ryan Thomason with baby Alexis; and Sherry and Gary Whittaker - and Molly the Irish setter are waiting to make your visit to Three Cedars Farm a pleasant and fun-filled autumn adventure.

It's a family affair at Three Cedars Farm

By Jim Farkas

The Whittaker Family is busy making final preparations for their second year, the official beginning second year, the official beginning of the autumn season, opening Saturday, September 20 through October 31. They own a 51-acre famin with a big pumpkin patch and a two-story red "fur bam" less than 15 minutes from Northville.

Gary Whittaker, who is a vice package of an industrial package.

president of an industrial packaging company, is the first to admit he is not much of a farmer but thought pumpkins would be an easy crop to grow and one that everyone could benefit from.

everyone could benefit from.
"When I was a kid, we would get one pumpkin for carving," Whittaker said. "Today, families

are buying one for each child to carve, a few for porch decorations and morn gets a couple for pump-

kin pies."
But it doesn't stop there - every front porch needs some corn stalks and a bail of straw and let's not forget a variety of colorful mums to add a special warmth to the entry way.

"Last year was our first autumn

season open for business," Whittaker said, "With little to no advertising, except for a few strategically placed road signs and ward-of-mouth, we were over-whelmed from the end of September through October." This season the Whittaker's

This season the Whittaker's have a few new surprises in store for visitors with a second opening from the first Friday following Thanksgiving up to Christmas Eve with Santa there to listen to children's requests. There will be special holiday decorations and hotos with Santa available.

If you take Six Mile Road west

Three Cedars Farm is less than 15 tes from Beck Road.

At the corner of Napier Road (stop sign) you'll notice an old, long-since-boarded-up structure surrounded by headstones in amongst the trees. If it's getting dark and it's close to Halloween, beware the Headless Horseman!

Continue through the sleepy lit-tle town of Salem which appears as though it hasn't changed since it was established in 1873. Then watch for the beautiful colonial farmhouse on the right side of the road, framed by a white picket fence and the sign in front officialstating Three Cedars Farm.

Your eye will follow the white fence and long inviting driveway as it leads back to the impressive, two-story red barn at the rear of the home. There's an authentic old English telephone booth (that really works) and an antique gasoline pump like those that disap-peared from gas stations in the mid 1900s. Inside the converted milk barn, look for the replica barbershop in memory of Sherry Whittaker's grandfather who was a barber. There's also a comfort-able sofa, chairs, TV and an authentic jukebox loaded with you guessed it, 1950's oldies but goodies. The first song is "Sherry" by the Four Seasons. Whittaker refers to this building as the

"hang-out place." our jeans or shorts and a of the day is a trip to the pumpkin patch by tractor-drawn hay wagon. You'll meet Hillbilly Joe (Joe Hoskins of South Lyons) who will carefully and skillfully guide you on your roundtrip hayride to the pumpkin patch where you can select any size, shape or number of freshly grown

While you're waiting for the hay wagon, you can relax inside the country general store which is r of the big, red barn You'll be conscious of the low Verran, whose name still appears ceiling, the heavy structural posts on the front of the barn and who

plank flooring. You'll see apothe-cary jars, fruit jars and baskets filled with old fashioned candies and other treats as well as autumn decorations in a wide assortment to select from.

Don't overlook the second floor of the big, red barn. You're in for a surprise when you see what the Whittakers have done with the loft

area. As you ascend the staircase, you'll see the high-vaulted, rough-sawn beam ceiling. You step out on to what looks like (and is) a large dance floor. Off to the front is a stage for entertainers, and to the back is ample space for dimer tables as well as an additional loft tables as well as an additional loft area for table seating above. There are coach lumps and decerative lights around the rustic room, these a very warm and festive ambiance conducive to good times and fond memories. The Whittakers have hosted some of the local church groups' square dances as well as other functions in the bia gold burn.

in the big, red barn.
"Our oldest daughter, Jamie, had her wedding reception in the newly-renovated house," said Whittaker, "The barn was com-pleted in time for our second daughter, Carrie's, wedding reception, and our son, Travis, plans on having his wedding and reception there, too."

Today, although Gary and

Sherry's children are on their own, they live close by and visit on a regular basis. Jamie Martin has her own Jazzereize franchise in South Lyon and is married to Matt Martin. They have a 1-year-old daughter, Abbie. Carrie Thomason has her own

business called Carrie's Cleaning, also in South Lyon. She is married to Ryan Thomason and they have a 4-month-old daughter, Alexis. Son Travis Whittaker runs Three Cedars Farm Landscaping

and is finishing up college. His wedding is planned for spring

Three Cedars Farm was a dairy producing farm until 1965. Whittaker purchased the farm in 1996 from his best friend, Fred

DETAILS

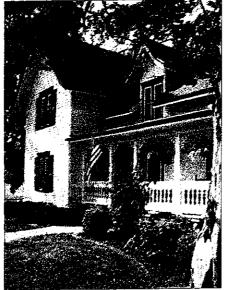
Three Cedars Farm 7897 Six Mile Road Salem Township (Northville) Open 7 days from: Sept. 20-Oct. 31, 10 a.m. until dark or by special arrangements for evening hayrides/events. Open again Friday, Nov. 28-Dec.24 for visits with Santa and special Christmas events. (248) 437-2453

has since passed away. Whittaker initially purchased it as investment property but soon, he, his wife and family fell in love with the charm, character and potential it held. Being a little worn, tattered and rough around the edges, the repairs began. Being careful to maintain the farm's original integrity, a new roof was added to the farmhouse and barn, and this year they received a fresh coat of paint, just to name some of the restoration that has taken place

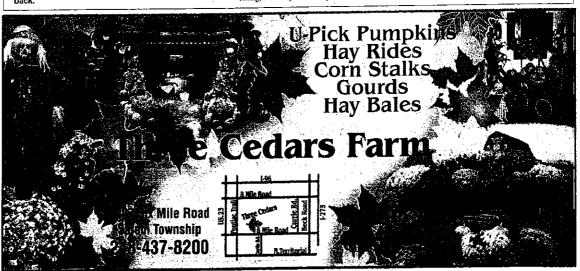
event, take the kids and the camera any day before October 31 for a memorable experience in the country, on a farm, exploring the big, red barn, picking your own pumpkin and enjoying autumn in all its splendor.

all its splendor.

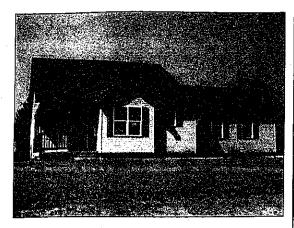
Plan an evening hayride for family or friends. Suggest a field trip for your children's class at school, and be sure to return during the special Christmas even after Thanksgiving until Christmas eve for a visit with Lord Lord for Corn's Sherry the Santa. Look for Gary, Sherry, the family and Hillbilly Joe to welcome you and to make your visit a fun-filled day you'll remember long into the winter months. If you should venture out on Halloween Night, look for Linus with his blanket, sucking his thumb, sitting in the middle of the pumpkin paich still waiting for the Great Pumpkin to arrive. He just may be there!



The enchanting 18th century colonial farmhouse that greets you as you enter the drive to Three Cedars number of fun surprises for kids and adults in the



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A well-kept secret

Glen-Mary Meadows offers something for almost everyone

By Veronica Straus

Glen-Mary Meadows is the solution for those looking for their first home, retirees, and the newly married. These entry-level homes are headed in the countryside located in the countryside of Fowlerville, North off of Fowlerville. North off Fowlerville Road and 1.5 miles east on Lovejoy, the home buyers are in the center of rolling farming communities and enjoy all the perks of country living, nature, wildlife, wetlands, trees and solitude, yet are just minutes from I-96 and all the con-necting expressways. The second subdivision on Lovejoy off Fowlerville Road, residents of Glen-Mary Meadows are never far from downtown historic Fowlerville provid-ing shopping, restaurants, and community business-

Paved roads, under-ground utilities and a second garage permitted make this open-space community of 40 acres with 42 home sights of with 42 home sights of 34 acre each, a prime location. The minimum square footage requirements: a ranch of 1.100 sq. ft.; 1.5 story of 1.400 sq. ft.; and a 2 story of 1.500 sq. ft. all work together and allow Glen-Mary Meadows to decome a development of affordable homes and one of desirable standards. One of the many mod-

One of the many models at 11681 Glen Mary Drive is a charming ranch of 1,217 sq. ft and priced at \$169,900. It sits on a rise and welcomes with a wrap around porch and setbacks that make for an interesting curb appeal. Vinyl siding and charm-ing mullioned windows make for low mainte-

The front entry opens to an open floor plan of well-designed space. A well-designed space. At large living room with windows on the side look out on the porch and allow the outside light to flood the area. A half wall with a shelf leads to the basement stairs and pro-

vides an architectural break in the wall space. Adjacent to the living room is the dining room which has double mullioned windows on two lioned windows on two sides to add to the light from the living room. The charm of the windows flows into the open kitchen with its laminate floors, oak cupboards and open soffits for display-tion plants or treasured. ing plants or treasured collectables. A window between the cabinetry looks down on a double stainless steel sink with Delta fixtures. An Island counter provides addi-tional food preparation or



Shown here are views of the exterior of Glen-Mary Meadows (left) and a view of the

serving area and has stor-age cupboards under-neath. A shelved pantry, laundry room and door to the two-car side entry garage are conveniently located off the kitchen area for convenience and

easy maintenance.

Through the living room a large open hall leads to the full bath with a vanity wall mirror and a shower/tub combination. The master suite features a large walk-in closet and a master bathroom with a vanity, laminate counter tops and a shower/tub

tops and a shower/tub enclosure. An added feature of the master suite is a patio door that opens the room and leads to the large nat-

ural area beyond.
Two additional bedrooms share the main bathroom and have ample

Closet space.

Throughout the home, there is an awareness of light from the open floor plan to the large windows. placed to allow the great-est amount of light to per-meate. A full basement

allows for additional space. Glen-Mary Meadows

is an ideal community for those families who wish to grow or those who want to downsize. Fowlerville High School and middle school are just down the road. The houses are priced from \$162,900 to \$172,900 with the existing builders. Triple Construction. Sanzica Builders, and Oakleaf Construction who specializes in custom trim jobs, or the home buyer can bring their own builder. "Upgrades are available, such as wood floors, cusand middle school are just such as wood floors, cus-tom kitchens and a great room with gas fireplace,"

says Bonnie Lane, sales representative from Michigan Group. "This development provides homes for the American Dream." Glen-Mary Drcam." Glen-Mary Meadows is also modular

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Protect your tomatoes from herbicide damage

Q: What happened to my tomato plants? The leaves are way narrower than they should be. The leaves have a half-twist to them and are thickened like they are made out of cheap plastic. The veins in the leaves are light-colored and prominent. The stems have places on them that look like lots of tiny warfs grouped together. The

tiny wards grouped together. The plants have tomatoes on them. Is this insect or disease related and can I eat the tomatoes?

A: This time, the insects and dis-

Home Grown

eases aren't in the usual group of suspects. What you are seeing is her-blicide damage. This is herblicide, as in 2,4 D broad-leaf weed killer. Tomatoes are fragile little beasts that have their constituwiller. Tomatoes are fragile little beasts that have their constitutions thrown into a tizzy by multiple happenings. Somewhere, the
plant has come into contact with 2.4 D. Pick one of these listed:
You could have over-spayed the edge of the lawn and the veggie
garden when doing the lawn. Water contaminated with 2.4 D
could have run into the garden during a rainstorm. It could be that
you dosed the lawn on a warm day and the herbicide volatilized
and floated in. You could have dumped grass clippings on the garden with a residue of 2.4 D on the grass. Or your neighbor could
have sprayed. Or you used gloves or garden tools with a 2.4 D
residue on them. It could have been the fertilizer and the herbicide
got stored next to each other and the herbicide contaminated your
fertilizer accidentally. But usually, you never do quite figure it
out. But the next question is, are the tomatoes safe to eat? Nobody
is going to be able to give you a definitive answer. Before you eat
one, consider that there was enough herbicide to turn the plant
into a major freak show. If deliberately consuming posticide
residue is in your value system, get the salt. If not, there are plenty of farm markets selling piles of beautiful tomatoes right now.

Q: I was mowing the lawn yesterday and ran over bees in the
lawn. I got stung. How do I get rid of them and is there a problem
with killing bees because they are valuable?

A: You're not killing bees; you are killing wasps. They have lit-

lawn. I got stung. How do I get rid of them and is there a problem with killing bees because they are valuable?

A: You're not killing bees; you are killing wasps. They have little value when you swell up like a bach half and prevent you from using the area. Otherwise, they are good guys. Yellow Jackets are wasps. Bees don't live in the ground. Some wasps do. Getting rid of them is not a big deal. Your weapon is Sevin Garden Dust. You want one that says "five percent Sevin Garden Dust." Buy a big can or bag and prepare for tonight's Commando mission. Ground wasps are very sensitive to vibrations, so you need to be very quiet. Wasps also have poor vision if it is semidark. They are also sluggish during cold nights. When it is dark enough that you can just barely see where you are going, the wasps can't see anything. Tippy-toe out to where they are. They are all home watching television. With the steath of a Ninja, sprinkle the Sevin dust over the areas with exit holes. Be generous. Then toss a shovel of moist soil over the holes and get out of there fast. Next day, go back and look for new holes in the soil that you dumped. If it's clean, they are croaked. If there are new holes, hit them again that night. Here is the "never" list: never use a flashlight because they can follow the beam back to you. Never do this in the daytime because somehody is flying around and will sting you. Never stomp around or seram and yell. Run silent; slay healthy.

—Gretchen Voyle, MSU Extension-Livingston County horticulture

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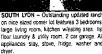
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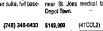




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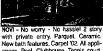


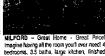
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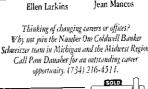
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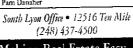


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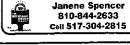
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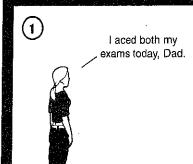
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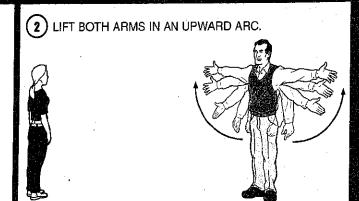
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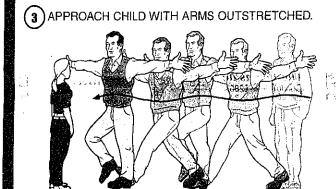
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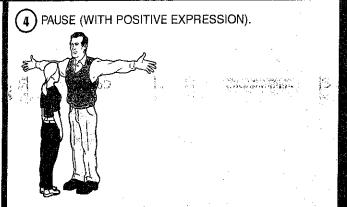
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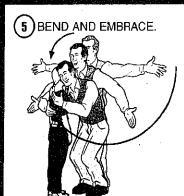


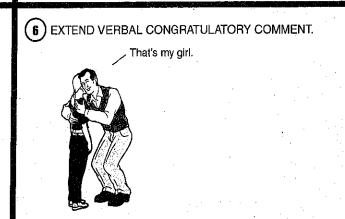












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