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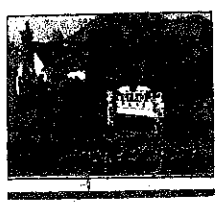
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Going for the Jugular



Novi High celebrates its 86-18 home victory over Northville with the Jug late last Friday night. See the full story in the sports section on page 17A.

Minor league baseball planned for Lyon Twp.

By James Mitchell
 STAFF WRITER

A minor league baseball team might throw its first pitch in 2005 now that the Frontier League has lined up investors to build a stadium along I-96 on property currently owned by Kensington Metropark.

A meeting to put the package together could happen this weekend.

Last month, minor league baseball commissioner Bill Lee told Lyon Township officials and local investors that, if a stadium is built, the Frontier League will bring a team to town. Community



interest and investor participation is preparing to make that field more than just a dream.
 "The ownership team is coming together with the intention of breaking ground in 2004 for the 2005 season," said Charile Robertson, Director of the South Lyon Area Chamber of Commerce. "I've always thought this would come together."
 While Robertson declined to cite the specific investors, she noted that South Lyon and Lyon Township government officials had been working with the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority for land acquisition in Lyon Township.

baseball stadium, north and south of I-96 along Kent Lake Road and currently belonging to Kensington Metropark.
 The proposed stadium would be a multi-use facility, which could be a venue for concerts, festivals and other events.
 The independent Frontier League expects to add four teams to its organization for the 2005 baseball season. The league, which played its first season in 1993, has seen total attendance grow from 60,000 fans in its debut season to this year's sale of more than one million tickets.

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Northern Equities receives V project go-ahead

■ Commission members give unanimous approval to plan

By Pam Fleming
 STAFF WRITER

Northern Equities Group of Farmington Hills received unanimous approval from members of the Novi Planning Commission to go forward with its Haggerty Corporate Office Center V project.

A public hearing took place on the project during the Oct. 15 Novi Planning Commission meeting. The property is located on Cabot Drive between Twelve Mile Road and Lewis Drive.

Northern Equities received preliminary site plan approval on the project and is proposing a two-story, brick, 61,426-square-foot office building. This is the fifth building proposed in the corporate campus plan.

The developer will remove 43 trees on the property and has agreed to replace 41. Northern Equities staff members have been working with city landscape architect Lance Shipman to try to abide by the city's new landscape ordinance.

"I feel I can work out all issues with the applicant, and that we can come to an agreement that will meet the new ordinance," Shipman said. "It's my belief that they'll be able to comply."

A traffic review by the city revealed only minor issues.

Wayne Hogan of Northville, a local advocate for physically challenged individuals, had concerns about the location of the women's bathroom in the office building. He also thought the privacy walls were too narrow in the bathrooms to properly navigate a wheelchair.

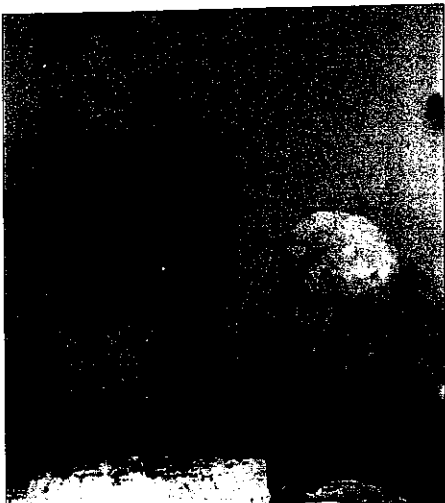
Hogan added that the handicapped spaces in the parking lot were only the required eight-foot width and asked the developer if staff could consider widening the spaces to nine feet.

Matthew Sosin from Northern Equities said the firm would make a concerted effort to accommodate Hogan's requests.

"For the most part, this is an easy plan to approve," said Commission member Lynne Paul. "I was concerned about lowering

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Charter House of Novi resident turns 100



Novi Charter House resident Helen Lebegue, right, gets some help cutting her hundredth birthday party cake from administrator Jeff Cohen during a celebration for her last Thursday afternoon.

■ She credits clean living for her longevity

By Pam Fleming
 STAFF WRITER

There's one thing that's abundantly clear about 100-year-old Helen "Nellie" Lebegue. She doesn't like ostentatious, and she doesn't mind saying so.

And, after all, age does have its privileges. She sends it right back when it appears on her breakfast tray at Charter House of Novi nursing home, where she's lived since July 1996.

"I push my light when they serve it to me," she said.

The staff at the nursing home had a birthday party for Lebegue (pronounced le beck) on Oct. 23. She actually hit the century mark Oct. 25.

Mayor Richard Clark attended the special party.

"I think this is wonderful. The seniors of our community are such a valuable resource if we'll just stop and take some time out of business

day to listen to them," Clark said.

Lebegue also received a congratulatory letter from Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

"It seems that we spend so much time in this country looking toward the future that we often forget to look back to thank the men and women who've written our history thus far," Granholm said.

Granholm's letter went on to say, "Satchel Paige — the baseball legend cum philosopher — once asked, 'How old would you be if you didn't know how old you are?' May these words guide you as you live every day to its fullest."

Lebegue, who admits, "My memory is so good," was handed a microphone during her party at Charter House of Novi. She told about her days as a young girl in Scotland.

"My father was a coal miner, and we didn't have a lot of money. My mother was a wonderful cook. She took care of us," she said.

"I never drove. None of us learned to drive," she recalled.

"But I became a naturalized American citizen in 1940," she said proudly.

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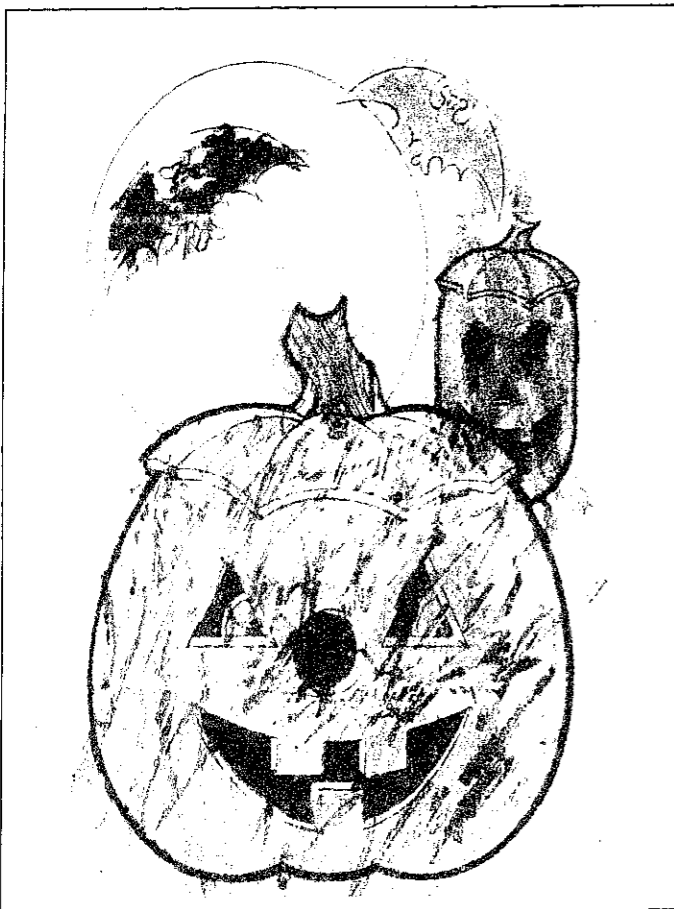
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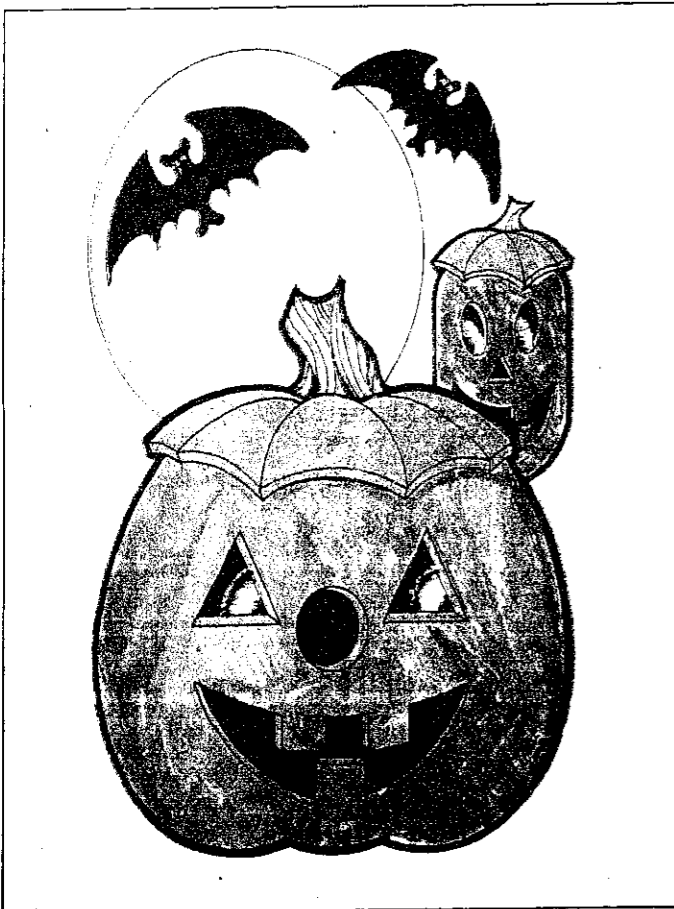
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Local residents make it a season for screaming

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

Eyeball lights blinking from tree branches, hands that reach from the earth grasping a severed head and a tall Grim Reaper menace visitors to the house near the end of Knightsford.

"Halloween is my night to howl," appropriately proclaims the tombstone in the yard of Pat Naszradi. This is the first year the Northville Township resident spooked up the house he purchased with his bride Cindy last year. The October tradition of cars slowing for an appreciative peek at his creations began in 1997 at his previous Livonia address.

With a scene set by mournful howls and creepy laughs, trick-or-treaters will be frightened upon approach to the couple's front foot. Strobe lights cast a queer light on the life-size scary characters stationed in imposing poses throughout the yard. Closer inspection of the spooky circumstances reveal a rabid dog chewing a foot, a Hillary mask

crunched beneath branches, and a strange creature peering from an inside bedroom.

The 34-year-old began placing, hanging and draping his yard decor soon after the start of the month. His collection of store-purchased and home-made items grows each year. Again this year, the couple will shop for ideas and discounted items the day after Oct. 31.

"He's obsessed," Cindy said, laughing. "He just really loves Halloween."

"He's talked about it as his favorite since he was little."

Childhood friends last Friday were among the more than 50 guests who attended another part of Naszradi's annual observance of the holiday — a traditional costume party. A teacher by profession, Cindy chose the twist of a school-girl outfit, while Pat departed from scary get-ups from previous years to become a surfer dude, complete with blond wig and full-length, homemade surfboard. Prize-winning guests came as Roy, with a white tiger on his

shoulder; Dr. Suess's Thing No. 1 and Thing No. 2, and the blond victim of Alfred Hitchcock's "The Birds" movie, crows attached mid-peck.

The night of the party and Halloween are the only occasions for the sound effects. And the strobe lights are only visible when you approach the address. Cindy said the neighbors have been good sports about her husband's unusual hobby.

"I think it's hilarious," she said. "I get a kick out of it."

"I'm just wondering what the neighbors will expect for Christmas."

Other streets to check for their spirit of Halloween are:

- Heartwood in Novi, near Beck and Ten Mile roads.
- High in Northville, near Dunlap.

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Novi resident Susan Brennan stands in her front lawn last week with her decorations. Brennan was noted by HomeTown Newspapers in its recent Halloween Home Decorating Contest.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Have fun, but make sure this Halloween's a safe one

On October 31, the cherished tradition of Halloween will come to life once again for all of the "trick or treaters" of Novi. In all of the holiday excitement, the night of Halloween can cause children and adults, to forget rules about safety. However, there really is no "trick" to making Halloween a real treat for the entire family. The major dangers are not from witches or spirits but rather from falls and pedestrian / car crashes.

In Novi, trick or treat hours are recommended between 6 and 8 p.m.

Most people think of Halloween as a time for fun and treats. However, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics and the National Safety Council, many Halloween-related injuries can be prevented if parents closely supervise school-aged children during trick-or-treat activities.

Here are a few Halloween Trick or treating tips:

Children should:

- Go only to well-lit houses and remain on porches rather than entering houses.
- Travel in small groups and be accompanied by an adult.
- Know their phone number and carry coins for emergency telephone calls.
- Have their names and addresses attached to their costumes.

- Bring treats home before eating them so parents can inspect them.
- Use costume knives and swords that are flexible, not rigid or sharp.

When walking in neighborhoods, they should:

- Use flashlights, stay on sidewalks, and avoid crossing yards.
- Cross streets at the corner, use crosswalks (where they exist), and do not cross between parked cars.
- Stop at all corners and stay together in a group before crossing.
- Wear clothing that is bright, reflective, and flame retardant.
- Consider using face paint instead of masks. (Masks can obstruct a child's vision.)
- Avoid wearing hats that will slide over their eyes.
- Avoid wearing long, baggy, or loose costumes or oversized shoes (to prevent tripping).
- Be reminded to look left, right, and left again before crossing the street.

Parents and adults should:

- Supervise the outing for children under age 12.

- Establish a curfew (a return time) for older children.
- Prepare homes for trick-or-treaters by clearing porches, lawns, and sidewalks and by placing jack-o-lanterns away from doorways and landings.
- Avoid giving choking hazards such as gum, peanuts, hard candies, or small toys as treats to young children.
- Inspect all candy for safety before children eat it.

other flammable objects, and do not leave lighted pumpkins unattended.

Halloween poses special risks to young pedestrians. For example, most of the time children spend outdoors is typically during daylight hours. However, Halloween activities often occur after dark. Also, children engaged in "trick or treat" activities frequently cross streets at mid-block rather than at corners or crosswalks, putting them at risk for pedestrian injury.

Many parents overestimate children's street-crossing skills. The pedestrian skills of children are limited by several factors related to their physical size and developmental stage. For instance, young children may lack the physical ability to cross a street quickly, and their small size limits their visibility to drivers.

Children are likely to choose the shortest rather than the safest route across streets, often darting out between parked cars. In addition, young children do not evaluate potential traffic threats effectively, cannot anticipate driver behavior, and process sensory information more slowly than adults.

So, before you allow your goblins and ghosts to go "trick or treating" this year, please help explain the basic Halloween safety rules.

Parents and adults should ensure the safety of pedestrian trick-or-treaters:

- Make sure children under age 10 are supervised as they cross the street.
- Drive slowly.
- Watch for children in the street and on medians.
- Exit driveways and alleyways carefully.
- Have children get out of cars on the curbside, not on the traffic side.

And a few tips about pumpkins:

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- Have children draw a face on the outside of the pumpkin, and then parents should do the cutting.
- Place lighted pumpkins away from curtains and

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Smart money's on CTE

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

The financial planners at Northville's CTE Pension Advisors emphasize the catchphrase "surety of income" when describing their investment option to potential customers.

about private real estate investment trusts, known in the industry as "REITs".

For 14 years, CTE primarily served institutional pension-fund clients interested in putting money in real estate programs, said CTE president and Northville resident Brian Barriger. He and CTE executive vice president Robert Lorente of Novi had been based in Southfield and Dearborn, respectively. When they opened their local storefront three years ago, they continued to focus their efforts on those clients.

It was earlier this year, when Darrell Rau of Washington Township joined the team as vice president of development markets, they began offering the opportunity to individuals with modest sums. The same way they screen property management firms to guide investing for their big fish, the CTE team now offers private real estate investment trusts opportunities for people looking to get started with as little as \$2,000.

It's a very conservative, very balanced asset to include in a portfolio," Barriger said. People are always seeking a return on their investment, the planners concurred, yet are adverse to the volatility of stocks.

These aren't here to make you rich," Barriger said. It is a preservation of capital, Rau added. Part of the planners' pitch is that baby boomers need to establish for themselves a steady income, given the shaky outlook for the system of social security.

One of the most attractive features of the trusts is their dividend payments, monthly or quarterly, depending on the program manager. Dividend payments average 7 to 8 percent on the principal, Barriger said. By opting to reinvest, the dividend is compounded as high as 9 percent, he said.

A client's direction to receive the periodic payment or defer it can be revised with a phone call, Lorente said.

Since real REIT shares are \$10, an example of how it works is \$10,000 purchases 100 shares. A trust paying 8 percent would result in an annual return of \$800. Typically at the end of a program, investors realize a gain on the growth in the value of the property as well, Barriger said.

The company president said he often fields questions about what additional charges investors will incur. There are not any, he said. CTE makes its money in advisory fees or commissions paid by the program managers, Barriger said.

The trusts are actually a company that owns and manages real estate properties, names such as Wells or Island. The management of the REIT company uses pooled investing to buy and manage an array of properties. Collectively, all shareholders indirectly own small pieces of each of the properties that the REIT owns and operates.

CTE steers clients to a limited number of managers, companies they have watched perform consistently and effectively for 10 or more years, Barriger said.

None of the managers we represent have ever missed a dividend payment," Lorente said.

Storage facility features interior drivethrough

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

When most of us think about storage units, the image is of a small garage-like area off a black asphalt driveway that's hot in the summer and cold in the winter.

But U.S. Storage Depot, a new facility that opened late last month in Warsaw, destroys old ideas about self-storage.

The Warsaw facility, located at 50586 W. Pontiac Trail on the north side of the street west of Wyom Road, offers 91,000 square feet of residential, business, commercial and record storage.

Innovators of combination-use self-storage, U.S. Storage Depot has been in the business since 1982, providing professional office space, retail office space, specialty contractor units and climate-controlled storage units.

Staff members are experts at converting big box retail storage, making unoccupied warehouses profitable.

"We want to make life easier on businessmen and commercial retailers who run a lot of errands and simultaneously help out the people who only need a few square feet of storage space at a reasonable price," said Ronald Hagen, CEO of U.S. Storage Depot.

Hagen developed the name and concept of the business as well as its innovative and unique aspects. The Warsaw facility partnered with the nearby Warsaw design/build firm Schmeckel, Inc.

The three-story building has specialty units to fit the needs of contractors in the area on the ground floor. The second and third levels provide different sized units for the various needs of consumers.

Construction started about a year ago, and the site has also been professionally landscaped. The building is the first of its type that combines private self-storage with light retail and professional office space.

The rear portion of the building will contain an industrial park.

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Photo by John Hoeller

U.S. Storage Depot's Manager Amy Rice opens up one of their 10'x30' indoor storage rooms this past Monday morning. The new indoor, climate-controlled facility with office space recently opened at 50586 W. Wyom Rd.

Business expanding in state

Other new U.S. Storage Depots recently opened in Flint, and additional locations will open soon in Saline and Clinton Township. The company also has facilities in Rochester Hills, Novi and Canton Township and plans to develop more sites in the Metro Detroit area and Grand Rapids.

Computer system in control

A state-of-the-art computer system controls the facility. It's incorporated with individual security units that offer 24-hour surveillance cameras, motion detectors and alarm systems.

Facility attracts interest

"We've heard from our new customers that they consider it a state-

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Local dancers perform at Opera House

Several local dancers who train at the Sports Club of Novi are performing with the Novi Ballet at the Detroit Opera House this week. Dancers were trained at the club by Sergey Rayevskiy, head ballet instructor, who was formerly with the Novi Ballet and has been teaching at the club for the past two years.

Rayevskiy is the stage production manager for the Novi Ballet production "La Bayadere." The ballet program at the club is known as The Novi Civic Ballet Academy.

Remaining performances of the Novi Ballet at the Detroit Opera House, 1520 Broadway, are at 7:30 p.m. tonight; 8 p.m. Friday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Ticket prices range from \$25 to \$90. For more information, call (313) 237-SING or visit www.michiganopera.org. Tickets are available at the door.

Taubman, Simon end litigation

Taubman Centers and Simon Property Group mutually agreed this month to end litigation surrounding Simon's attempted hostile takeover of Taubman.

Taubman Centers, who owns Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi, is headquartered in Bloomfield Hills and has developed and/or manages more than 30 malls across the U.S.

Taubman filed the statement ending the litigation with the Securities and Exchange Commission Oct. 15. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit in Cincinnati entered an order dismissing the appeal by Taubman, restoring the voting rights of Simon's shareholders.

O'Toole's opens on Novi Road

O'Toole's, a new restaurant and bar with an Irish theme at 24555 Novi Road just north of Ten Mile Road, celebrated its grand opening Oct. 23. The location was formerly J.W.'s.

The restaurant offers a full menu and is open from 11 a.m. until midnight Monday through Friday and noon to midnight Saturdays and Sundays. The bar is open until 2 a.m. seven days a week.

Quiznos fills fast-food void in City of Northville

Chain's area director moves office to Novi

There's one thing lacking in downtown Northville, it's fast-food restaurants for busy workers and shoppers on the go. But the new Quiznos Sub Shop that just opened at 223 Main Street just south of Main Street is helping to fill the void.

The chain's area director, Ardag Tachian, also just moved his office from Livonia to Novi last week, setting up shop at the new location Monday. The new Quiznos Michigan office is now at 4330 W. Ten Mile Road, just west of Novi Road.

Tachian said he needed a larger office and is currently building a home in Novi and will become a new resident in November.

Stacie Lange, vice president for public relations for Quiznos, said the chain is enjoying much success. "We're at about 2,500 shops today, and we're opening a new store about every 16 hours. We're the fastest growing sandwich chain in the U.S.," Lange said. "We're always looking for great locations to open stores. We looked at the demographics of Northville and the need for a quality sub shop here. We found there was a good match in providing a Quiznos to that area," she added. "We feel we're a nice match for Northville," Tachian agreed. "We know the residents there are looking for a quality sandwich product."

Our growth is happening all over the country. It's not one specific area," Lange noted. "But Detroit is one of our largest markets."

Tachian said there are 55 Quiznos Sub Shops in the Metro Detroit area and about 70 statewide. "We're on track to open a store a week in the state of Michigan," he said. "We are projecting possibly opening 250 to 300 restaurants in Michigan."

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Thriller "28 Days Later" tells the story of a virus that locks those infected into a permanent state of killing rage, is accidentally released from a British research facility...

Based on the best-selling novel by Susanna Moore, "In the Cut" stars Meg Ryan as a New York writing professor who becomes involved with a police detective (Mark Ruffalo) investigating a murder in her neighborhood...

"Radio" is the decade-long story of the relationship between a prominent high school football coach (Ed Harris) in a small South Carolina town and the illiterate, mentally-challenged man nicknamed Radio (Cuba Gooding Jr.)...

"It Runs in the Family" follows three generations of a highly successful New York family, The Grombines, who each in their own way, live separate lives but find a couple moments in time to come together through laughter and tears...

Angelina Jolie stars as Sarah Jordan, a sheltered American socialite living in London in "Beyond Borders." After meeting Nick Callahan (Clive Owen), a renegade doctor, and learning of his commitment to humanitarian efforts in war-torn nations, she is deeply moved...

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989 Studios does it again with 'Gamebreaker 2004'

By Sam Eggleston ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

In football, it can be anyone's game on any given Saturday. That's why "Gamebreaker 2004" sets you up to knock them down as you step into your favorite stadium and look to pound out some impressive plays.

The newest college-football release by 989 Studios also comes with a new feature that allows gamers to go online (with the appropriate equipment on the PlayStation 2 console) and challenge other football fanatics to some intense football action.

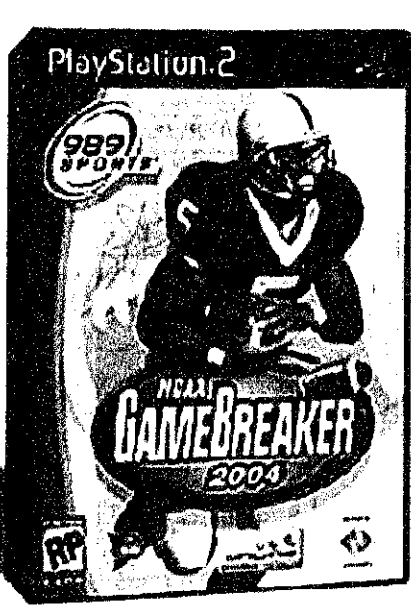
This is a very good thing, because all of us who have played these games over the years know that once you get good enough to start pounding on your computer's artificially intelligent teams, you're going to start blowing them out.

One of the benefits in having a company like 989 Sports in the market is that they always strive for a major improvement or a major advancement in their games from year to year.

Overall, I have to say "Gamebreaker 2004" is a must-have for the college football fan. Even old NMU die-hards like myself can bring out glory years if they work at it — and believe me, I worked at it.

With two college football games out on the market, "Gamebreaker 2004" is not only as smooth as their competitor, but about \$10 cheaper, too. For a budget-minded gamer like myself, that's a beautiful thing.

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year to year. For 2004, that advancement is definitely the added ability to play online against real, football-minded opponents. They've also included some better sounds, a much better introduction and a freerider feel to the overall set-up, which makes it that much easier for younger players to use.

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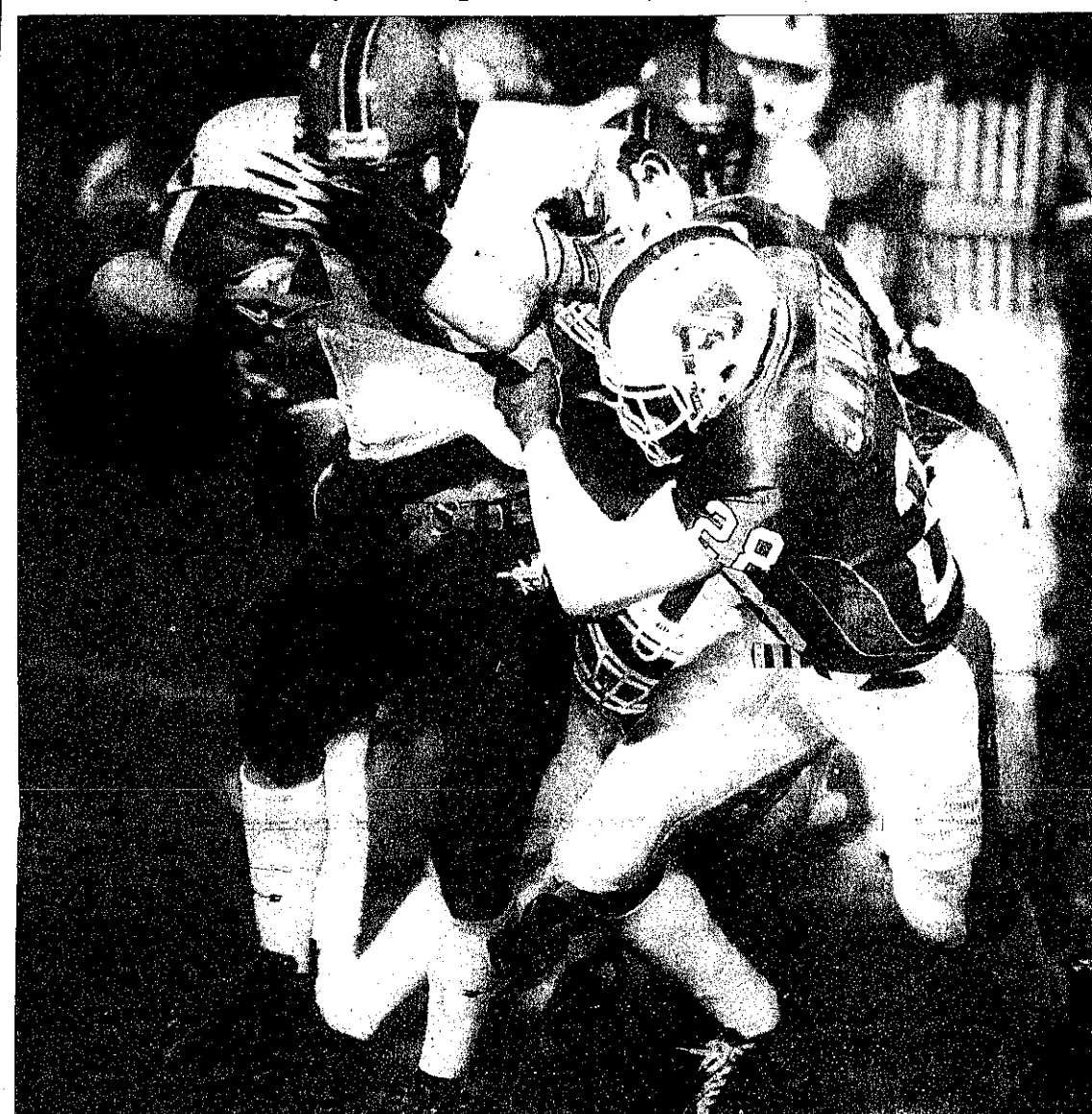
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SPORTS A17 Tricks and treats for 'Cats

Bring on the Eagles!

Novi makes short work of Northville, looks to first-round playoff against Taylor John F. Kennedy



Mustang Mac Stilec, left, is met by a host of Wildcats including J.W. Woods, right, and Mark Kaminski, Joel Dragon, and Trent Sisson early on in last Friday night's Northville-Novu football game.

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

In the end, it was all about the win. Sure, it was great to have the Baseline Jug back in Novi for the year and it was great to top their biggest rivals — but to the Novi Wildcats, the most important thing was the victory. Novi secured a 9-0 regular season run with an impressive 35-16 win over a very determined Northville Mustangs football team October 24. The win marked Novi's third-straight win over Northville as well as a 17-1 lead in the all-time series.

"We played a very good football team and both teams played very hard," Novi coach Tab Kelleporey said after the game. "They are much better than a 2-7 record. We expected a tough game from them, and they gave one to us." The two biggest breaks in the Northville defense came on the second and third touchdowns of the night for the Wildcats. On the first, which made the score 14-0, senior wide receiver

Kerry Kreutzberg caught a 21-yard strike from Mike Hart with 9:16 left on the clock in the second quarter. Kreutzberg had nothing to fear but dropping the lead-on pass as he turned and caught it in the endzone without a soul around except fellow receiver Trevor Hoover. The second landed in Hoover's hands, this one on a 33-yard pass that found him catching the ball in stride without a single defender marking him. "I really think it was because of individuals that were trying to make the play but found themselves out of position instead," Alexander said. "The kids, especially the seniors, really wanted this one. Hopefully, next year we can win the jug and bring it back to Northville."

Novi continued to march on their cross-town rivals — even without one of their top players. After Hart took the ball on a ground gain, he found himself being slammed to the ground on a low, hard hit from Brendan Buckley. The hit found the senior quarterback exiting the game with a hip injury and not returning except for one play from the 13-yard line as he hit senior Mark Angelecci for a score and a 28-0 lead after Angelecci hit his own point except fellow receiver Trevor Hoover. The second landed in Hoover's hands, this one on a 33-yard pass that found him catching the ball in stride without a single defender marking him.

With a third and two situation, the ball went into the hands of Mac Stilec, who hauled it four yards for the first. The following play was key for the Mustangs, as Sorenson backed up in the pocket and fired a rocket down the field, only to have it fall to the grass and incomplete. Moments later, a yellow flag also hit the ground for a pass interference call that moved the pigskin over 20 yards down the field. A mix of passes and runs put the Mustangs on the Novi 11-yard line before Sorenson found Brown in the endzone for an 11-yard touchdown pass with 2:13 left on the clock to cut the Novi lead to 35-8 following a Sorenson keeper on the middle. After a deep kick-off by Brown led to a three and out by the Wildcats, Northville went to work once again. This time, it was future starter Charlie busmas making the plays as he completed a five-yard pass to Chris Berry before handing off

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Tricks and treats for 'Cats

Before I get into any of that guessing scores or ranting and raving that I have been known to do in this column, I have an apology I have to make. In my ever eagerness to get the paper out the door and move onto the next thing on my list, I made an error with a quote I attributed to the wrong Novi football player. Last week, in the Pinkney football story, there was a quote about the Pirates scoring on Novi's fourth-straight defense that was attributed to Kerry Kreutzberg — a player who did not speak those words. Mistakes happen, and unfortunately there is no way I can tell exactly who it was who gave me that comment due to a filing error on my part. I have apologized to Kreutzberg in person, and now I just want everyone else to know that I made a mistake and I am sorry for it. Accidents happen, and this is one of those unfortunate incidents.

Kreutzberg is the first player to give credit to his opponents, and every comment he gave me about Pinkney was a credit to them. The way they played, how hard they competed and so on and so forth. Those positive comments are the same kind that he will no doubt give me if I ask him questions after the Novi playoff game against Taylor Kennedy tomorrow at 7:30 p.m.

The Eagles are first-time contenders in the post-season after compiling an 8-1 record in the Mega Gold conference. I'm the first person to say that the Mega Gold is hardly a football powerhouse, but you can't look past the numbers this team has put up. They come in with a slew of weapons at their disposal — with two that really stick out. Quarterback Adam Reilly has put over 800 yards in seven games that I was able to find stats for, including 12 touchdowns and four interceptions. He's not "all arms" either, as he is capable of ruining the option and has scored seven times on the rush and has had games up to 84 yards of total rushing on the ground.

Even with all of that talent in the passing game, that's not the Eagles' bread and butter. Instead, a stud runningback by the name of Robert Sanders gets that honor. This guy can apparently do it all. He runs, catches, plays defense and special teams and even throws the ball now he again on a trick play where he looks for the quarterback streaking down the field — and he's scored on that play too, with a 30-yard touchdown throw to Reilly this year. Sanders has pulled down over 325 yards in receiving out of the

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GAME OF THE WEEK Novi Wildcats Football vs Taylor Kennedy Friday, October 31 7:00 p.m. at Novi

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Mark Moore Junior Cross Country As though Moore needed any extra incentive, the junior barrier was well aware that he and his fellow 'Cats would have to run at the best of their abilities to earn a trip to the state final. Well, they did just that, and Moore led the way as he took fifth-place overall behind such notable runners as Seth Thibodeau of Milford, Neil Naughton of Walled Lake Western and Tim Dalton of Northville. The Wildcats are taking their sixth-straight trip to the finals, and each and every one of them will be looking to give it their best shot with some personal-best times. Check for complete finals coverage next week!



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