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Townhouse-style homes will be built on Sandstone site By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

Pulte Land Development Corporation received approval from city council Monday night to build the first phase of The Townes at Liberty Park in the northwest

ownes at Liberty Fact at the technicity orner of Novi. Phase 1 of the project, which consists of 130 townhouse-style homes, will be the first development on property the city gave the developer Sandstone following a settlement of a lengthy lawsuit with the city in 2002.

The council unanimously approved the final site plan for Phase 1 of the multiple

family residential development on nearly 10 acres of the 87 acres conveyed to Sandstone and subject to a consent judg-

ment The property is located on the north side of Twelve Mile Road and west of Dixon

Although council approved the project, members expressed several concerns about the alexa Road.

the plans. "I have some concerns in regard to sidewalks, narrow roads that don't comply with our ordinances, the design of the alky, and stormwater catch basins in the develop-ment," said member Laura Lorenzo.

ment," said member Laura Longues. Pulte plans to have stormwater drains in runce prans to nave stornwater drains in the roads, and Lorenzo questioned resi-dents' safety with this method, "I'm espe-cially concerned about physically chal-lenged residents who must navigate these drains," she said.

"I don't want to throw a monkey wrench into the plans, but I think that all the roads need to be deemed private, so the city's not liable." she added

John DePorre, director of land entitle-ment for Pulle Land Development Corporation, said all of the roads in this part of the project are private, and that there is a private stormwater system in the area. Member Toni Nagy said she had a prob-lem with Ellery Lane, a narrower-than-

usual alley in the project. "A consent judgment doesn't say you can ignore standards," she said. DePorte said Pulte plans to construct an emergency lane off of Dixon.

Emergency lane of of Dixon. Jeffery Johnson, assistant fire chief, expressed some concern about fire trucks being able to navigate the narrow alley. "If someone parks their vehicle in the alley, we might not be able to get around

Problems at Old Dutch Farms





Old Dutch Farms resident Charmaine Jones displays a Mason jar of the water that comes out of her tap. For years, it's been rusty brown in color from corroded pipes and a lot of iron.

City takes the first step to help mobile home residents

Owners ordered to connect park to sewer system

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

Living in the Old Dutch Farms mobile

home park on the city's far west side hasn't been a dream. Residents say that park management has Residents say that park management mee failed to address a trailer-load of complaints, ranging from water that's not fit to drink to a failure to hook up to the city's sewer system. A spokesperson for the state, however, it's have use the park owners have operati-

"We only have so much power. The city is committed to working with the residents to try to solve this."

> David Landry Mayor Pro Tem

Uniprop, the Birmingham firm that owns the park on the east side of Napier, north of 10 Mile.

Mile. "We have always been operating under a discharge permit for the sewage." The hookup to the city system, a long-time sore point for residents, may be near thanks to the recent settlement of a suit filed against Uniprop by the city.

The agreement requires that the on-site sewage treatment plant and lagoon system for the park be abandoned and that the own-ers pay to connect the park to the public san-

them," Johnson said. "Even if we have access from Twelve Mile Road, it's a good 100 feet from Twelve Mile to these buildings." The council, on member Kim Capello's suggestion, finally made a compromise with Puble assistion to developer to increase Pulte, asking the developer to increase Ellery Lane to 23 feet and shortening the

length of the driveways. DePorre said the developer could post no-parking signs in the alley, and that he does-n't think the narrowness of the road will

"We have added more off-street parking so people won't have to park in the alley," DePorre said.

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Chase starts in Novi, ends in Detroit

Suspect later escapes from custody at hospital

By Pam Fieming

46-year-old Detroit man and A forgeneration between man and a female passenger were taken hinto custody by Michigan State Police Sunday evening in Detroit, following a chase that began with an attempt to steal 50 CDs from Borders Books & Music in Novi. Customers and motorists helped in the apprehension that ended with a car crash in Detroit,

ended with a car crash in Detroit. But, the male suspect escaped from custody at Detroit Receiving Hospital early Monday morning. He is still at large. It all started at bout 6:30 p.m. Sunday when a Borders employee approached a custorner who was acting suspicious. The man had a bad with about 50 CDs valued at nearly \$1,000. The Borders employee told the

The Borders employee told the The Borders employee told the suspect that she would hold the bag for him up front. As they approached the front door, the suspect grabbed the bag and tried to fice, according to Novi police. Police said there was struggle over the bag, the bag ripped, with the contents spilling out onto the floor.

Then a customer tried to restrain the suspect. The man got away, however, and fled in a vehi-cle with a female passenger. Another customer outside the store witnessed the incident and

began following the car east on I-

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Land takes aim at new voting system

By David Aguilar

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said he believes the park owners have operated in good faith. And a spokesman for the owners stressed that sewage discharge park's owners stressed that sewage discharge has always been in compliance with state requirements, despite the doubts of some res-

"This is a first step. They've asked for our help, and we're doing what we can," said Mayor Pro Tem. Since mobile home parks are regulated by the state, "We only have so much power. The

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Terri Lynn Land is trying to make Michigan's voting system simpler and make ... simpler and while

protecting it from fraud. She has until 2006



to do it. Along with her peers nationwide, Michigan's



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fully imple-ment the Help Americans Voting Act, spawned out of vote-count irregularities in Florida during the

In an effort to prevent similarly embarrassing and costly recounts, the act mandates states replace old

Man breaks into room of sleeping girls

"We would never operate out of compli-

ance," said Roger Zlotoff, vice president of

Police capture Novi man, 23, in home invasion

A 23-year-old Novi man is accused of breaking into the room of sleeping 10-year-old twin girls, kissing one on the hand and telling her he loved her. When the girl tricked the one on the hand

intruder into letting her leave the room, the man went to her sister's hed where he stroked the girl's

hair and took off his shirt. The man was captured by the girls' father after their mother heard a man's voice coming from

their room. Novi police, responding to a 911 call from the twin's 14-yearold sister, arrived at the home shortly before 5 a.m. to find the intruder detained by the girls' father.

idents.

The suspect, who lived in a neighboring subdivision, was taken to Providence Park Medical Center in Novi for treatment of injuries sustained during the struggle with the homeowner.

The incident took place in the Willowbrook subdivision at Ten

entered the home through unlocked sliding door and when

ily member waking her up carly for school. So she gave him a

high-five. The suspect took the girl's hand, raised it to his mouth and began kissing it and saying, "I love you and want to fix your hair" Mile and Meadowbrook roads. Police believe the suspect hair." The girl told the suspect she was going to change her clothes, wrapped herself in a blanket and an

to the girls' bedroom. One of the girls thought the person in her bedroom was a fam-

locked herself in the bathroom

The suspect then went to the other girl's bed and began Continued on page 3



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able to exchange information with other departments such as police She said the current system is safe from hackers, but it offers lim-Land said she has not yet chosen a long-term political road, follow-ing expiration of her term-limited position. She did not rule out a pos

sible gubernatorial run one day. "We really want to finish this job," she said. "But in eight years, I will

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Tom Zagacki, general manager of

"By this time next year, there will be five arenas with wireless to the access point service said. Internet access in the area," Zagacki said. Suzy Malloure of Farmington "It's a wireless modem that has ide range and it's been specifically wired by Bright House cable to serve our public," said

Zagacki said. Suzy Malloure of Farmington Hills, president of the Skating Zagacki noted. "The capabilities are really limitless. It's a grea Club of Novi, said she received a free subscription to the wireless idea for anybody spending a lot of

couple of men who were watch-ing their kids play hockey the other night, Zagacki said. "They were very interested in it." The Novi tee Arena offers Karen and Kristen, who skate at the arena. "Now, I can do my work con

cerning the club here. We did all our work at home before," she said. About 60 families are currently

nvolved in the club. "They didn't have Internet access through their office here, so we gave them a promotional subscription during the launch of the service," said Jennifer Sutherland, communications manager, Suburban Sports Group in Farmington Hills. The idea for the wireless Internet service came from Tom Anastos, president of Suburbar





skaters twir away in the arena, Suzy Malloure, pre ident of the Skating Club of Nov!, hooks in the wireess internet service provid d by the Novi



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Road panel dips into its savings to balance budget

The Oakland County road department had to - ment dollars is the federal gas tax. The road comtake a record handful out of its savings account in mission receives no funding from local property order to adopt a balanced budget for next year. At a meeting last week, the board for the Road Commission of Oakland County authorized a \$6

million transfer from its fund equity — or savings account — in order to unanimously pass a \$143 million budget

The nearly So million transfer is the largest ever use of fund balance dollars, according to Managing Director Brent Bair. The total cost for all projects expected to be

"That's an indication that state-collected road funds are not keeping up with the increases we're seeing in our operating expenses." Bair said. The road department's largest sources of operat-

bg revenues are the state gas tax and vehicle registration fees. The largest source of road improve-Sept. 30.

master plan By Pam Fleming taxes The \$143 budget for fiscal 2005 is \$20 million

more than the 2004 badget, but that does not mean that there is a boost in money available for road projects. Officials said much of the difference is the

The total cost for all projects expected to be under construction in 2005 is \$76 million, though not all of those dollars are included in the 2005 budget because some will be spent outside of the 2005 fiscal year.

been used as the main entrance to The road commission's fiscal year runs Oct. 1 to & Mausoleums, with one drivevay on Twelve Mile and one

City council denies rezoning

Request did

not comply with

City council members denied a

rezoning request at one of Novi's most well-traveled spots — the

northeast corner of Twelve Mile and Novi roads - Monday night.

Members considered the rezon-

ing request of William Eldridge for 1.3 acres at the corner, The property has historically

driveway on Novi Road. Eldridge wanted the property be rezoned from single-family residential to general business. Council had received word from members of the planning commis-sion in August to deny the request. cial or business site," Green added. Green noted that Eldridge had received three offers for a gas station to be built on the corner, but that he doesn't want a gas station

there. "We're trying to find a legitirequest The planning commission felt that a commercial use would not be compatible with the existing Mayor Pro Tem David Landry

moved to deny the rezoning request because it does not concemetery directly north and cast of the property. "It's a high-traffic corridor not suitable for single-family dwellings," argued Allen Green. form to the city's master plan for this corner. "Residential or office use was planned," Landry said. an attorney representing Eldridge.

the property owner. "The owner of the property has Pam Fleming is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-mail at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens had no interest from developers of family dwellings in seven years. He thinks it should be a commerpfleming@ht.homecomm.net



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Residents say sewage leaked

Problems still exist despite line being capped By Pam Fleming living in this

Old Dutch Farms residents George and Mariann Phillips have lived at the mobile home park for 11 years. They say that sewage that leaked underneath their home has problems." caused the structure to shift, damaging the home in several places George Phillips Old Dutch Farms residen

They've had to replace ceilings, floors and more, totaling more than \$5,000. When repairs were done to the capped about a month ago, and we've lived here 11 years. All of

sewage pipe underneath the home, the owners left a seven-foot hole the managers have known about deep open for 48 hours with three the leaking sewage," Marianne young children living next door. "They had their plastic play sta-tion right next to it," he said. said "It smelled like a Port-O-John,"

"It smelled like a Port-O-John," George said. "We've spent a lot of money on disinfectaats and room fresheners, trying to get our home to smell good," Marianne said. They did put a piece of metal over it." Mariann said. The Phillips said they knew here was a problem for years. For "I've had to repair my roof three five years, they filled the troubletimes in the last five years because the foundation has shifted. The some hole near their home with "When they dug it up, they found out that our sewer line was sewage caused a separation of the two seams in the middle of my "We're right at the end of a main line. The end of the main line trailer," George said. "My screened-in porch even separated from the trailer," he

was never plugged," he said. added. was never plugged, 'no said. added. added. Sewage washed down to the front of the home, causing more structural damage, such as a cracked windows to crack. Their 17-year-old stepson, cracked window in the back of the home. "The security of the security o

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Photo by PAM ELEMING George Phillips, a resident of Old Dutch Farms in Novi shows the sewage pipe recently capped underneath his mobile home. The homeowners say sewage leaked under the home for years, causing structural damage.

inspect the Phillips' home fate "All three of us have had respiratory problems which we think Tuesday afternoon. ratory problems which we minist may be due to mold growing under the home caused by the sewage teakage," Phillips said. "I never had any respiratory problems when I lived in "I believe they're wanting to do water testing at the home because of the sewage leakage underneath the home," George said. "We're inviting them to come in

Fowlerville," Corey said, George's stepdaughter, Lynise and try to open some of our win-dows, especially my son's win-dow," Mariann said. Bergin, 18, a graduate of Fowlerville High School, said she also had respiratory problems while living in the mobile home. "The line is capped, but we still have repairs to do," Mariann suid. Pam Fleming is a staff writer for the Novi News, She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-mail at pfleming

City officials came out to @ht.homecomm.net.



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explained, "But many residents are being evicted because they have dogs after receiving verbal city is committed to working approval by a previous manager with the residents to try to solv

at the park." John Fiero, a former chief of The hookup is mandatory but the Manufactured Housing Program within the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, said his agency has worked on "a parallel path" availability and cost were apparent sticking points. Uniprop will pay about \$730,000 to connect to the city's system. Charmaine Jones, a 10-year

with the city. "it's kind of a tangled web," he said. "We kind of had sepa-rate initiatives. We've been purpark resident and president of the park's homeowners associa-tion, has spearheaded efforts to improve conditions at the park. Although residents are pleased that the city has taken suing the hookup individually. We're definitely going to be following up to make sure that steps to get the park on the city's sewer system, she said they are still concerned about water from the park's two onthe sanitary sewer bookup is completed in a timely fashion But, he added, "It's our per ception that there's always been cooperation with Uniprop and site wells and other problems. Residents say the water's iron content is so high that they must purchase drinking water, can't wash clothes in it because with the city. It's always been in good faith," Fiero said.

"We're going to make sure that it [the sewer hookup] hap the clothing turns orange, and pens. It wasn't a compromise of they have had to replace applistandards. They weren't violat ing any laws." Rick Helwig, city manger, and other city officials toured the park Tuesday afternoon and ances that use water more than

She says park residents have had to search for other assistance when complaints aren't adequately handled by what she calls a multitude of park manwill inform council members of the outcome of any meeting with residents, park owners of the state.

Jones claims that there have Clay Pearson, assistant city been 117 eviction cases filed this year alone — triple the rate from last year. She wonders if manager, said Uniprop has until the end of the year to complete the sanitary sewer hookup. Uniprop is evicting people in retaliation from residents' com-Pam Fleming is a staff write

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Upscale dining is all in the family

Resident's Novi roots reach to South Lyon

By Kim Koyelle

TAFF WHITER resident Don Novi

room hed and breakfast

commerce?

As a partner with the owners of

Waldenmayer's path to owning and operating family restaurants with upscale cuisine began in his two chef with a master's degree i own family. As a boy, Waldenmayer trekked - rant hospitality and management. from his Novi home to his grand-parents' farmstead near Caro in Mcdigan's Humb where he hunt-de, fished and cooked. from his Novi home to his grand-

"My grandmother was the cook in the family," Waldenmayer said "She was the inveptrational one, She was the inveptrational one, work at one of the apple orehards "My grandmother was the cook You grew the vegetables, then you or you could work on a farm.

cauned the vegetables, then you Huggerty and Meadowbrook were created the meals from the cauned - dirt roads and there wasn't a lot of vegetabl 'As a chef, I got that interest inlearning more about where food comes from and quality, and what organic cooking's all about." Alter years in the restaurant of the state of the stat industry, Waldenmayer, 47, now a Mercedes-Benz dealership,

cializes in fresh Michigan seafood





Howell, Waldenmayer got his first ater --- and his son sometimes helps hag popcorn on busy nights. Waldenmayer said he's content taste of historic renovation with the 55-room Livingston Hotel, built in 1856. with his business, and hopes to see They converted the building to a 250-person banquet hall topped by seven two-story townhouses. "I think ther'll be a lot more Web the seven the seven of the s After graduating from Novi Bistro 127 in South Lyon because traffic between the two," he said. "There's so much housing in Novi and South Lyon. You don't have to more cost-efficient. "It's starting to really ... blos-som," he said. "I think I'm a little light the traffic. It's a nice quiet drive down Ten Mile or Eight Mile."

bit ahead of the curve with the industry, Waldennisver, 47, now a Mercedes-Beitz dealership, bit ahead of the curve with the brings those early lessons to life in Since then, he's been with the casual upscale type dining." Bistro 127 is located at 125 E. Novi has its significance: he South Lyon businesses. Walcolling is Bistro 127 is located at 125 E. Novi has its significance: he Lake Rd, in South Lyon, For more South Lyon businesses. Walcolling is Bistro 127 is located at 125 E. Novi has its significance: he Lake Rd, in South Lyon, For more Bistro 127 is located at 125 E. Novi has its significance: he Lake Rd, in South Lyon, For more bit constant is significance in the trive children. Will celebrate a grand re-opening. French Chef Paul Bocuse's Provide Bongs, 8, and Katie, 3, in the city. Kim Kovelle is a staff writer for His family attends the South Lyon News, She can be Lyon Theater – a 1940s movie reached at (248) 439-1700, ext. Califers in Freich Michigans eaford. As a matrix with the noners of house Waldonmeers owns and 107. *are in a constant* and 107. *are in constant* and 107. *are in a constan*

her ins wite, Debora here, and information, cut (24) 437-3000. they raise their two children. Donny, 8, and Katie, 3, in the city. It is family attends the South the Novi News. She can be lyon Theater — a 1940s movie reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. house Waldenmayer owns and 197 or via e-mail at and foods from local farmers, is the Cheary's Restaurant & Pub in aims to renovate into a dinner the- knowle@ht.homecomm.net.



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GNC fights breast cancer ject to the purchaser's receipt of financing from of financing from General Nutrition Centers, Inc committed sources and other cus of Novi announced it will encour-age community involvement dur-ing National Breast Cancer

Awareness Month in October. Citzens making calls Beginning Oct. 1, it will join other locations nationwide and After hosting its grand opening last week, the Novi's Citizens Bank hub at 29001 Cabot Drive other locations nationwide and distribute a women's health guide focusing on early detection and

breast cancer prevention. All customers wearing a pink ribbon Oct. 15, National will serve as a "rally" home base or an upcoming corporate event. On Oct. 14, CEO Bill Hartman Mammogram Day, will receive 10 and other top executives and bankers will form two 35-person percent off their purchase. teams and call on more than 700 business prospects in Novi and elsewhere in Oakland County. Alcan bumpers for Benz

Aluminum specialist Alcan It'll last one day, and there will be Inc., headquartered in Novi, will no appointments. soon supply bumpers to Mercedes-Benz, which also has a

Cosworth sets 'powerworks' location in the city. Cosworth Technology, Inc. of Novi announced it has formed an According to Alcan, the company will be equipping Mercedes-Benz's second-generation A-Class compact cars, set to appear in European dealerships this fall. aftermarket product group dubbed "powerworks" The group develops perform-ance enhancement products and systems, especially supercharger systems, for vehicle power trains ranging from four-cylinder, two-The bumpers will be produced at Alcan's dedicated automotive structures plant in Gottmadingen,

Germany.

The bumper system is part of a budgets. package of safety improvements for the redesigned vehicle. It will be attached with Alcan's patented The seminar costs \$350: to register, go to www.actioncut.com. For more on both events, visit "crash boxes." www.mpami.org.

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School of Broadcast Arts, a halfhonoring Community Access Programs in Ohio, Michigan, Indiana and Kentucky day seminar to promote the edu-cation of entry-level media pro-fessionals will be held Oct. 16, 9 a.ni.-noon. This year's first place programs A 1.5-hour lecture will feature from SWOCC were "Novi Fall Promo," "Election Inspector Training Video," Election Results a production equipment overview and a panel discussion that covers local production companies Promo" and "Beyond the Stained

organizations and Glass." The price is a \$5 for students Boosting kids' safety with ID, \$10 general admission or membership to support MPA is \$25 for a year; MPA members are free. Call (248) 349-2666 for Chrysler Group is offering two

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time, Action Cut Filmmaking Seminars will be held Oct. 30 and child safety seat inspection serv-A network of trained, certified 31, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., at the Hilton A network of trained, certified Garden Inn Conference Center at technicians conduct child safety

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St. John Lutheran hosts HomeTown wins honors as Christian rock concert 'best and brightest' company

By Ramez Khur

Church goers who attend St. John Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills should bring a change of clothes this Sunday because after mass is all over, the multivitil beain music will begin. CrossChords, a local Christian

rock band will perform a combi-nation of original songs and covers beginning at 4 p.m. at the chorch. The groups that church. The groups that CrossChords will be covering are: Composer Mark Shultz, Burlap to Cashmere and D.C. Talk, just to name some. Other songs that attendees will hear were written by band member Jeff Plassins. For those who are not too familiar with Christian music, band leader Debby Pothoff explained it as "Phil Collins type

"Unless you really listen to the lyrics, you don't know that it's any different then what you listen to on regular rock radio," Pothoff

"It's not heavy metal or any thing like that, It's really a lot of fun because we have all different styles. We play everything from blues, to disco, to Britney Spears type music to Backstreet Boys to anything that's popular, but the songs just have Christian bytes." The band started up about three years ago when the church was

got the idea "I basically started with nothing and I didn't know that many people," Pothoff said. "A lot of them were in traditional choir, so 1 would sit next to them and listen

contemporary." More and more people became interested in Pothoff's idea and before she knew it, she had the

CrossChords performs Sunday at St. John Lutheran

WHAT: CrossChords, in concert, a Christian Rock concert of Faith and Inspiration WHEN: Sunday, Oct. 10 TIME: 4 p.m. (doors open at 3:30.) WHERE: St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills. (Off of Grand River Road and between Drake and Farmington Roads). Visit St. John at www.stjohn-lutheran.com for more information. FOR TICKETS: Call the church office at (248) 474-0584 TICKET PRICES: \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door, \$4 advance for

groups of 15 or more (groups must be advance ticket sales only) YOUTH SPONSORED "Coffee House" following the concert.

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that can go to table in 30 minutes or, less — with dishes such as Indoor Grilled Salmon with

Fennel and Orange or Chicken

Double Duty means cook once.

eat twice or more. The only thing you'll have left over are the mak

ings of tomorrow's great meals, such as Turkey Enchilada Casserole or Thai Shrimp and

Rice Soup. Pantry Plus gives tips on how to

make the most out of your pantry with recipes like Cozy Coconut-Lime Pudding Cake or Chicken

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techniques and get those great stews ty, much of the emphasis on cook-ing these days boils down to two and braises in there.' norities: make it fast, and make i easy, Katherine Alford, director of Food Network Test Kitchens, will visit Novi this weekend to pro-mote the cable network's second book, "Making It Easy." nary department, including food cooker, "Making it Easy" has stylists, recipe testers and devel-opers, researchers, culinary pro-ducers and other support staff, We Alford will appear from noon to 1:30 p.m. Sunday at Borders Books & Music at Novi Town even have someone whose full-Center for a book signing, cooking time job is just to shop for what we need," she said. Alford said the difference this demonstration and a tasting. "I'll also talk about the book and behind the scenes at the Food "fast-and-easy" cookbook and others like it is that it suggests a variety of cooking methods. "If everything is real quick, it Network kitchens," she said. Born in New York City and raised in Washington, D.C., Alford majored in theater at Pomona College in Claremont, Calif., and ends up being sautéed, broiled or Saltimbocca. College in Claremont, Calif., and came to New York with the idea of becoming an actress and director. "Now, I'm the director of a test in there," she suid. "We've birther" is the actid in a test kitchen," she said in a recent brought those crock pot recipes

into the 21st century." The professionals who cook behind the scenes of the Food phone interview, "We probably work on 25 difrent recipes a week." Alford was actually having a Network have developed many great tips and time-saving recipes. Dishes in the new cookbook are dinner party when first contacted for this story. She requested that the interview be postponed until designed to keep the effort minithe next morning. mal and the results impressive. "I do go home and cook," she "Making It Easy" has more than

100 recipes and 50 photographs. Each recipe has been tested to Some recipes prepared in the network's test kitchen come from insure that the actual hands-on prep takes less than an hour. Whether you are putting it togeth-er at dinner time or planning ahead in the morning with a slow what viewers want and the rest are original recipes from the creative We have 22 people in the culi-

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bowl, then toss and set aside. Gently beat with a handheld mixer the remaining espresso mixture and the remaining 4 tablespoons taste. Heat a large, heavy skillet over medium high heat. Add the oil and heat just until beginning confectioners' sugar into the mascarpone until to smoke. Add the meat and cook, turning once until browned or both sides, about 10 minutes total Transfer the meat to the slow cooker; leave the skilsmooth. Take care not to overbeat it or the mascar pone will be grainy. Using the same beaters (no need to clean them), beat the whipped cream to soft let on the heat. Add garlic, onion, chili powder, peaks and fold it into the mascarpone mixture. To assemble the tiramisu: Crumble half the coriander, and cumin to drippings in the skillet and stir until fragrant, about 1 minute. Add vinegar and boil until it's almost gone, scraping the bottom of the pan with a wooden spoon. Stir in water and pour the mixture over the brisket. Crush the tomatoes through your fingers into the slow cooker; add the tomato juices, chipotles, bay leaves and molasses. Cover the cooker, set it on low and cook the brisket until it pulls apart easily with a fork, about 8 hours. To serve, leave the meat in the slow cooker

soaled ladyfingers into four 8-ounce parfait or wine glasses. Spoon 1/4 cup of the mascarpone mixture over the ladyfingers and press and spread gently with the back of the spoon to fill the spaces betwee the ladyfinger pieces. Repeat with remaining ladyfingers and mascarpone mixture. Sprinkle 1/2 teaspoon ground chocolate over each serving. Cover waspoor ground encoular over each serving. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least 1 hour or overnight before serving

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"It really is a very nice honor," Tompson said,

this," said Rich Perlberg, vice president and gener-al manager of HomeTown-Newspapers. "It was

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Japanese Club experiences authentic instruments

Traditional songs performed at Novi High

By Ramez Khuri

Pupils in Novi High's Japanese Club received a rare treat last week as they witnessed first hand the sounds of popular Japanese instruments, the Koto and Shakuhachi. Guests of Japanese teacher Noriko Rosen performed traditional authentic songs using the instruments and students learned some valuable lessons about Japanese culture.

According to Rosen, the songs that were performed included: Tonpu Yakyoku, Kuroda-Busi, Miyabi and Sakura. "We have invited Koto players

and a Shakuhachi player from a Japanese women's club for our students who study Japanese and who want to know about Japanese culture." Rosen said. "The Japanese Club is not just to study Japanese, it's mainly for cultural reasons. These are traditional

of Koto, which turned out to be the beginning of the Japanese Koto. In the Edo Period, it became one of the main instruments in Japan, Each Koto has a delicate sound and is individually distinc-What is a Shakuhachi? The Shakuhachi is a bamboo flute that has five holes. It is also a traditional Japanese instrument. In the Nara Period, it was already used among the noble classes. Over time, however, it became a popular instrument. The tone is very impressive and

deep and varies with each player. The sound of this flute is the

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Meet Katherine Alford from

What is a Koto? The Koto is a traditional Japanese instrument, it originally

came from China and was used primarily to entertain the nobility At the end of the Muromachi Period, a priest created a new style

best match with the Koto. Japanese instruments and it's a songs with Koto and Shakuhach. very authentic performance." Sakura is one of the most popu-lar flowers among Japanese peo-ple. Americans know them as instruments since 1997.

During the past four years, Miyabi has been performed dur-ing 40 musical pieces for audicherry blossoms, but it's also the ences at universities, churches, name of a song in Japan, which was performed for the students. The original note of Sakura itself museums and in community events, In English, Miyabi means is short, but because of it's popu-

"graceful." Kuroda-Busi is a very popular Japanese folk song. It celebrates the spirit of Japanese Samurai about four hundred years ago. Tornu Vaburba is a pieze that larity, many composers arranged it in many ways. Miyabi is an ensemble per-Tonpu Yakyoku is a piece that formed in Western and Japanese



ship's born and waves by the bay. inspired when its compos Ramez Khuri The composer doesn't specify where the port is, but it could as for the Novi Net reached at (248) 110 or by was standing by a bay at night while the night hreeze gently brushed against him. The Koto and Shakuhachi instruments re-the standard sta and Shakuhachi instruments re-create that scene of the wind, a rkhuri@ht.home



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HEALTH

Day DATE: Friday, Oct. 8

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TIME: 5-8 p.m. required, (248) 465-5455. LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., FAITH DETAILS: Variety of activities for the adult community to come Meadows Crosspointe Church of Novi presents an Alpha Course-exploring the Christian Faith and enjoy a unique mix of classes brought to you by the Providence Center for the Healing Arts. Aug. DATES: Sundays - beginning 26, Modern Japanese Calligraphy

Ceramics. Some activities may Sept. 26 tice ice. Classes are offered on Wednesday afternoons/evenings and Saturday mornings. The fall/winter session of Novi include a supplies fee (no more TIME: 6 p.m. Come when you than \$10). CONTACT: (248) 465-5483. can. LOCATION: CMC offices -9830 Grand River Avenue -- Suite lee Arena's Learn to Skate B1-C (west of Program will run from Oct. 26 Program will run from Uct. 26 through Dec. 18. Classes are offered at a variety of times Tuesday through Saturday, and there will be no classes held the week of Nov. 22-Haggerty) DETAILS: There are over Providence Center for the 28,690 Alpha courses running all Healing Arts Offers Boost Camp over the world. Check out the Alpha Course Web site at www.alpha.com. Program includes workbook and light sup- Skate rental is available. In per. There is no fee for this pro-Providence addition, Learn to Skate students with their registration receipt get Medical Building, 47601 Grand free admission to open skating at Novi lce Arena throughout the

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will be offering a special four

week mini session of Learn to Skate from Sept. 29 to Oct, 23.

The classes are for kids ages 6-12 with little or no skating experi-

The session costs \$40 and

includes skate rental if needed. Classes are 30 minutes long, with an additional 15 minutes of prac-

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River Ave. DETAILS: A day of enrichment PHONE: (248) 427-2700; Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. and personal exploration designed to 2 p.m. Crosspointe Meadows seven-week session CONTACT: Registration is under way, Class sizes are limited, so call the Novi Ice Arena at (248) 347-1010 or visit www.noviiceareto provide valuable tools, informa-Church of Novi, tion and a new perspective on healthier living through wholeness that can be very beneficial to the ONGOING

participants. Open to the public

Cost: \$50 per person. Includes Novi Ice Arena Learn to Skate DETAILS: The Novi Ice Arena Registration



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alike and not all dementias are of the Alzheimer's type. Learn how physicians identify and treat dementia and what you can expect as the

Dr. Joseph Paupore, a Michigan native, obtained his degree in Family Medicine in 1996 and became Board Certified in Geriatrics in 2001. For six years, Dr. Paupore was affiliated with a large group practice in Westland. In 2003, he opened his own practice, TLC Family Practice, at the corner of Seven Mile and Merriman Roads in Livonia. During this seminar. Dr. Paupore will discuss the different types of dementia.

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Protecting against identity theft Library Lines

Republic Bank rep offers tips

By Kim Kovelle

Novi's Kevin Rhea knows all too well about the perils of identity theft. He's been the victim of it twice in the last nine years, Each time, i was a costly, time-consuming mat

Now, as a detective with the City of Novi, Rhea said identity theft is one of the department most investigated crimes.

With that in mind, Novi's Chamber of Commerce last month invited Republic Bank Security Officer Doug Rosier to a luncheon to share what he's learned in 28 Legal Radar

years on the job. "Identity theft is whenever your bood name and your good reputaion is taken advantage of by an

mpostor," Rosier said, "We have protect our information? Rhea can relate. Back in 1995, when he was a city dispatcher, either he or his wife left a receipt behind after using a debit card to pay for gas. At the time they were putting

the entire card number on the receipt," said Rhea, "Somebody got a hold of the receipt made a credit card with my account num-

"I had a considerable savings account and it drained it all. My total loss was probably about \$18,000. It took six months to clear up, Five years later, it happened again when his wife's purse was stolen. That time, damages took

nine months to unravel. Roster said such experiences illustrate how consumers must be alert to the many possibilities for identity theft. Precaution can be as simple as

said, is "Hey, check's in here. iid, is "Hey, check's in here." stolen without anyone being any Rosier recalled a scam in the wiser," Rosier said of carbside Muskegon last summer. A group allegedly visited mailboxes, slit

envelopes open, took out checks, canned signatures and then put Bank has an account under the said. "You get an unsolicited email

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from your bank, your credit card company or bains, your creat card company or even the FDIC that's telling you that your institution is under investigation. "No one is going to send you an email like that. We already know who you are". Prevent, stop ID theft The key to avoiding identity theft is preventative medicine: check your credit report. If fraud does occur, act fast. Contact the three najor credit bureaus: · Equifax, www.equifax.com Order a report; (800) 685-1111 Report fraud: (800) 525-6285 and write P.O. Box 740241, Atlanta, GA 30374 Experian, www.experian.com Order a report: (888) 397-3742 Report fraud: (888) 397-3742 and write P.O. Box 9530, Allen, Order a report: (800) 888-4213 Report Fraud; (800) 680-7289 and write Fraud Victim Assistance Division, P.O. Box 6790, Fullerton, CA 92634 Source: Federal Trade Commission. For more, visit www.consystem sumer.gov/idtheft or call (877) ID THEFT. At the state and federal level, legislation to help prevent identity heft is pending. Following are two:
 U.S. House Bill No. 2971 (Social Security Number Privacy and Identity Theft Prevention Act of 2004): Would create new criminal penalties for fraudulent misuse of social security numbers, including up to five years of imprisonment and fines up to \$250,000. Social Security Administration offenders could face up to 20 years statement," Rosier said, "It's things that we all need to be doing, but we don't even think about it."

in prison. STATUS: House Ways and Means Committee approved 33-0 on July 21. Legislative session ends Oct. 8, at the earliest. Michigan House Bill No. 6168; Would make major identity theft acts punishable by imprisonment of not more than five years and/or a fine not more than \$10,000. STATUS: Received house approval Sept. 29. Source: U.S. House of Representives, Michigan House of Representatives

everything back name Binky S Mouse, From the "You would never know any-thing was wrong," Rosier said. "I've got your signature. In 20 name to social security number to address, everything is fake. Nevertheless, Rosier said a minutes, I could put it on a check credit card company pre-approved Binky for \$6,500. to whoever." Computer software can hold All somebody had to do was call the number and activate the dozens of checking account num-(card), and they would have been off to the races," said Rosier. E-mail is another easy conduit bers. Coupled with blank check stock, counterfeits are a snap. Once tosseil, pre-approved credit card applications also are problematic due to the informafor identity stealing, Rosier said He recommended dealing with reputable stores: those you can drive to and have signs on brick buildings. One scam involves email tion in bar codes. outgoing checks. The message, he domain, meaning that it can be

ingently requesting personal information by a deadline. trash. "Make sure you destroy those." "We call it 'phishing' --- it's For in-house training, Republic fishing for information," Rosier

who you are." Another ploy is false readers or p.m. We are located at 45245 W. 10 Mile Road, just east of Taft "skimmers," devises that look legitimate credit or debit card (248) 349-0720. canners. Instead of processing scands, they store account numbers - 1,000 on average. "We're talking about millions of under way for kids ages 12 dollars that are taken from inno-nonthas 8 years. Brochures listing cent people," Rosier said. "That information keeps re-polluting the Time session are available in the library. One key to prevention is the Transactions Act of 2003, which gives consumers the right to one free credit report per year. Get it, look at it and which Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003, which If you registered to be a Free credit report per year. Get it, look at it, and make noth-ing's out-of-place, Rosier said. If expenses are overlooked, it can call the library if you are interest-terest and the second s take months to years to fix things. ed in becoming a Big or Little "Make sure you reconcile that Reading Buddy.

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Design-a-plate Days Design-a-Plate days will be held Tuesday, Oct. 12, from 4-8

p.m.; Thursday, Oct. 14, from 4-8

p.m.; and Saturday, Oct. 16, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The cost is \$6 per plate, payable that day. No regis-

ration is necessary for the gener-

al public, but groups that plan to attend should call ahead to make

Representatives from Rider's Hobby Shop in Livonia and the Ford Amateur Astronomy Club

will set up their telescopes on the

lawn on the west side of the library at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 19 (weather permitting). No

registration is required for this free program, which is for all

special arrangements.

Stargazing Party

required.

Can Shakespeare be fun? British director and actress Gillian Eaton, who teaches Reading Club Kids in grades 5-6 are invited to Shakespeare performance at Wayne State University, invites a kick-off pizza party for the Kim Kovelle is a staff writer for Reading Club on Saturday, Oct. 9, the Novi News. She can be from 11-11:45 a.m. Tell us about reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 2-3 of your favorite books, and 107 or via email at kkovelle@ we'll tell you about some of ours you to discover how Shakespeare can be fun for you personally in an interactive workshop on we'll tell you about some of ours an interactive while we share pizza and make Tuesday, Oct. 19, at 7 p.m.



Before you leave, you'll have new ideas, informative strategies, and timely



This year's homecoming court includes (top, from left) Ryan Pritchard (12), Kevin Cislo (12), William "BJ" Chaklos (12), William "Billy" Morrison (12), Ryan Heffernan (11), Joseph Pritchard (9), Wiley Moss (10), Nicole Blaszczyk (12), Marybeth Miles (12), Sara Bielski (12), Audrey Smith (11), Jennifer Lau (9), Carlee Rodriguez (12) and Alexandra

kids are supposed to wear involved. "This year we have a The idea to wear white came from senior Brett Jaussi, who has taken it upon himself to lead the student body by getting them into said.

bjections to the proposed project and to the proposed special assess nent consisting of the properties anticipated to be specially benefited by

his or her appearance or protest by letter all or before the hearing and his

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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said they loved it." Jaussi said that for the homevery good football team and I felt that the whole student section coming game, he's working on should support the guys so it might help them play better," he something special, but everyone will have to wait to see what that somethi "A few weeks ago, during the Ramez Khuri is a staff writer

Brighton game I thought it would be cool if we had a big white out, be cool if we had a big white out, for the Novi News, He can be where all the students could wear white shirts. It worked because 110 or by e-mail at rkhuri Novi won the game and the team @ht.homeconum.net.

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NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON REVISED 2004/2005 BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on October 12, 2004 at 7:30 o'clock p.m. I Old Village School, Northville, Michigan, the Board of Education of Northville Public Schools will hold public hearing to consider the district's evised 2004/2005 budget. The Board may not adopt its revised 2004/2005 budget until after the

The Board may not adopt its raysed 2004/2005 budget unlik after the public hearings. A copy of the proposed budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, is available for public inspection during normal business hours after October 5, 2004, at the <u>Business Office</u>, 501, W Main SI. Northville, Michigan. The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. This order is given by order of the Board of Education.

LIBBY SMITH, SECRETARY (10-7-04 NN/NR 169876)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO ESTABLISH A **REGULAR ELECTION DATE**

Please take notice that pursuant to the provisions of the Consolidated Election Law enacted in December of 2003, the Board of Education of the Novi Community School District will conduct a public hearing on the establishment of a new regular election date pursuant to law, The dates authorized by law for school regular elections are: (a) The odd year May regular election date. In both even and odd years. (c) The May regular election date in both even and odd years. The Board has tentatively established May in both even and odd years. The Board has tentatively established May in both even and odd was as the regular election date in a mortal basis.

The Board has tentatively established May in both even and oca years as the regular election date on an annual basis. The hearing will be held in the Educational Services Building in the district at 7:30 p.m. o clock in the Board room on the 21st day of October, 2004. If the Board of Education fails to approve the tentative election date or any other date authorized by law, the regular election will be held at the odd year general election held in November commencing with the elec-tion to be held November 2, 2005. The Board of Education is authorized by law to adopt a resolution set-The Board of Education is authorized by law to adopt a resolution set

ling the regular election date immediately subsequent to the public heat

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Gay marriage: Vote no on Proposal 2

Few things are more contro- couples and minor children versial today than the issue of who now have them, thanks to gay marriage. Polls show that albor agreements. most Americans oppose allow-The main problem is in the ing it -- although a majority ill-conceived wording of the would support some form of amendment, which reads "the legal civil unions. union of one man and one This November, Michigan woman in marriage shall be voters will decide whether to the only agreement recognized amend the state constitution to as a marriage or similar union define marriage in a way that for any purpose." Those last would prevent the recognition - six words are trouble. of any union other than a man What does that mean, "or similar union for any purand a woman. We take no position on pose?" Most think it would same-sex marriage. That is an - deny benefits to opposite-sex issue that will have to be partners of unmarried couples worked out by society and the - and their minor children. That courts, and we suspect there could cause real hardship; will be no final agreement for more than a third of all babies are now born to unmarried some time to come. Yet we strongly recommend mothers a NO vote on Proposal 2 for Some experts think the language is so broad the U.S. reasons that have nothing to do-Supreme Court would be cerwith gay marriage. The proposal is ill-conceived, sloppily tain to strike it down as too written, and could have many vague to be enforced. negative consequences for the What is certain is that all state and for many of its nonpassing this amendment would do is create full employment gay citizens. for many lawyers, some of Incidentally --- even if you whom would be paid with our are dead set against gay marriage, this amendment is totaltax dollars. In any event, huge social unnecessary. The state of issues like abortion and gay Michigan and the United States government already marriage will ultimately be decided at the federal level, by have outlawed same-sex marriages several times. Nor will Supreme Court decisions or any county clerk issue a marconstitutional amendments that will automatically riage license to a gay couple anywhere in the state. supercede whatever the But what this half-baked Michigan constitution says. amendment threatens to do is Michigan doesn't need take away health care and another tangled legal mess. other benefits from straight. Vote NO on Proposal 2.

GOVERNMENT

Per reader request, we have compiled a list so you can get in touch with your local and regional senators and representatives. Their accessibility allows you as readers to voice your concerns directly and allows them to better represent their districts. If you feel we have missed anyone, contact us at (248) 349-1700, ext. 113.

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39th District

Bloomfield)

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and just not feel like ourselves. It haplives. Experts can't quite put their finger Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a East Lansing, MI 48823 infections relatively easily. For women who the tip of the are prone to developing infections, drinking 10 oz. of cranherry juice a day, along with (517) 203-1760 pens to all of us. on it, but they think depression is caused iceberg when Executive 100 fou don't live on by things like our genes, chemical major league microphone. Today, at age we are looking L. Brooks Patterson 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and filness advocate for Blue increased amounts of water, may help to pre the mountain all imbalances in our brain, stressful events t problems your life, you have in our life, or a combination of these. vent them from occurring. Kidney stones are another relatively com-mon problem. According to the National Kidney Foundation, approximately one mil-Building #34 East to come down in 1 If you're feeling blue and it just does Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue nary system. The urinary 1200 N. Telegraph Road Pontiac, MI 48341 11th District than reported." the valley. For n't seem to be getting better, talk to your Care Network, public appearances, writ-6 Thaddeus McCotter (R-Livonia) tract is part of ing, traveling and taking long walks with most, it's a tempo doctor and ask if you might be experi-415 Cannon HOB (248) 858-0484 lion Americans, mostly men, are treated each the system the . rary thing and we encing depression. If you are, your doc-"Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 year for kidney stones. Stones occur when Washington D.C. 20515-8171 removes waste tor can work with you and give you the chemicals in the urine form crystals that stick together. Kidney stones or calculi vary in size years. His latest book, a collection of his "play over it." (202) 225-8171 7th Commission products from 9 baseball columns titled "Life After FAX: (202) 225-2667 But for others, help you need, so you can start feeling . our bodies and Christine Long like yourself again. helps maintain the proper bal-ance of chemiand may cause a great deal of pain, or very it's not that simple. Baseball," is available at local book-Local office: 1342 E. Commerce Road little. Symptoms may include pain, nausea and vomiting, fever, chills, weakness, cloudy or foul smelling urine, or blood in the urine. X-rays can usually diagnose the presence of And remember, take care of your stores or by calling (800) 245-5082. 17197 N. Laurel Park Drive nerce Twp., MI 48382 For them, feelings Ernie Harwell health before it's lonnggg gone! (248) 366-2666 Suite 161 of hopelessness Livonia, MI 48152 cals and water. can last much ionoc@co.oakland.mi.us The kidneys Elaine Horowitz kidney stones. Treatment varies from increas from the blood ing fluid intake and medications to surgical 8th Commission Governor Share your opinions: We welcome your letters to the editor. Please include your name, address and phone removal of the stones. The newest method of treatment uses shock waves to break up the and together with water forms urine. The Jeff Potter 1099 Stable Lane tine travels to the bladder down two lubes Jennifer Granholm (D-Northville number for verification. We ask that your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. South Lyon, MI 48178 called ureters. Small amounts of urine are emptied into the bladder from the ureters about every 10 to 15 seconds. The bladder, a stones that can then pass out of the body with the urine. Depending on the type of crystals that make up the stone, dietary changes may be recommended to help prevent them from Twp.) (248) 437-7597 PO box 30013 potteri@co.oakland.mi.us Mail: Letters to the Editor, Cal Stone, Novi News, 104 W. Main St., Northville, MI 48167 Lansing, MI 48909 HomeTown hollow, muscular organ can hold up to two cups of urine comfortably for two to five hours. Sphincter muscles surround the open-(517) 335-7858 forming again. 9th Commission E-mail: cstone@ht.homecomm.net Fax to: (248) 349-9832 Urinary incontinence is a problem affecting Hugh D. Crawford ing of the bladder to the urethra keeping it closed until you are ready to empty it. The whole process of urination is complex involvpproximately 12 million Americans, 80 per-<u>State Senate</u> cent of whom are women. The incidence increases with age and may be caused by 46275 11 Mile Road Novi, MI 48374 Ig nerves and muscles mediated by signals 15th District infections, neurological conditions or decrease (248) 349-5079 in pelvic support related to childbirth or menopause. There are several different types of incontinence, the most common being Nancy Cassis (R-Novi) hughcrawford@msn.com m the brain. When it's working properly. e hardly give it much thought. However, ill-What do you think? E-mail us your letter to PO Box 30036 ansing, MI 48909-7536 n, injury and aging can cause The most common problems come from stress incontinence. Stress incontinence is the (517) 373-1758 the editor to cstone@ht.hoemcomm.net. involuntary loss of urine associated with an nncassis@ erial infections. Approximately 10 million increase in abdominal pressure, for example senate.michigan.gov when you cough or laugh. Urge incontir ctor visits a year can be attributed to uricauses a woman to experience a sudden urge to void. The "gotta go right now" feeling. s. An infection can occur in kidneys or bladder. Symptoms of infection

OPINION



Thursday morning, before 8 a.m., a car hit the brick and concrete base of the Northville clock. The driver was not injured and the clock sustained no damage.

TL F TTE R S

Joe and Julie Lupo

City manager's raise

determine a fair and just rating.

the case

of responsibilities is unheard of today. The more we read and see the disagree The tone of Mr. Clark's remarks indicate ment over City Manager Rick Helwig's raise something is unsettling to him, but again the more confusing the situation gets. It's difficult to size up what's going on or whose we're not given enough details to deter vhat that is Although Mr. Clark believes Helwig "han-"egos, attitudes, power trips and personal gendas" are faulty. It's hard to believe that seven people could

dled his job professionally, with integrity, dedication and total commitment," those sen-timents don't dictate a maximum salary have such a disparate opinion of the city manager's performance. The opinions run increase, nor indicate that others are doing the spectrum from "not meeting expectations the wrong thing in not voting for a maximum and needs improvement" to "an excellent and We would guess that the gentleman from South Lake Drive, who spoke after Clark, an exemplary job." We're concluding that there were specific ratings with a percentage salary increase assigned to each, but who wrote Mr. doesn't feel the city manager has done an

"exemplary job." assigned to each, but who wrote wh, Helwig's plan, and what objectives or criteri-on were established to determine which rating was achieved?

Hearing comments like he "has done an excellent job" and "his performance has been excellent" do not equate to a rating and the Citizens for Peace respective percent increase in salary, car

allowance, or deferred comp. Granted, Mr. Helwig's evaluation was not public, and maybe it shouldn't be, but we I would like to take the opportunity to inform the readers of Novi News that there is a group in the 11th Congressional District that is working to create a U.S. Department could hope his plan was specific enough to of Peace. This bill establishes nonviolence as an Based on the information made available

organizing principle of American society, providing the U.S. President with an array of the public, it doesn't sound like that was We've heard several motions for different peace-building policy options for domestic and international use. Citizens for Peace are percentages, but they don't make sense unless you understand Helwig's plan. With a decision to end discussions on a salary partisan when it comes to political parties To read more about Department of Peace increase, what rating has Mr. Helwig been go to www.dopeampaign.org. The mission of District 11 Citizens for given? Or does it only matter for purposes of

Peace is to be responsive community leaders centered on learning, educating and facilitat-ing the practices and principles of non-vio-Mr. Clark must have much more information regarding Helwig's performance than the rest of us to possess such a strong opinlence in our world. ion about the "right thing to do." Mr. Clark suggested at the Sept. 28 meeting that other professionals wouldn't accept being treated We encourage the empowerment of an active citizenry and the passage of the Department of Peace legislation. as Mr. Helwig has in not receiving an enti-We have been meeting for a year and draw

our membership from the different commu tled increase nities in Congressional District 11, of which Novi and Northville are part. We don't know the City of Novi's policy, but given the economy of the past few years, We have been working first on our individmany corporations have frozen wages across the board, including for people in equivalent positions to Mr. Helwig, A 14 percent ual peace. Some of us have taken a course in

increase over three years for the same level of us had an all day workshop on inner ational, but all peace. We are no believe in a higher power. We would like to extend an invitation to attend one of our meetings. The next meeting is Tuesday, Oct. 12, 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Public Library. Please come and join the mine

Citizens for Peace. Catherine Beal

Support for Morgan

This election year, our comm unity's voters are presented with many beneficial choices In regard to the area state representative race, I want to communicate my strong support for Joan Morgan. She is the Democratic nominee in our 38th District and from South Lyon; moreover, she is my grandmother, whom I love very much. Well into her 70s (she gave me permission

to mention that) Joan Morgan has experienced a lot that gives her strong insight into representing our community's needs and ing our community's She is a wife (now w mother, a grandmother, a World War II veter an, a retiree, community leader, a volunteer tive church member, a resident of this

area for 40 years, and a loving friend to At Hospitality House food pantry in Walled Lake, Joan Morgan is the volunteer coordinator. At Providence Park in Novi, she has been volunteering since it first opened. At St. Anne's in Walled Lake, she serves on the Bishop's Committee. In the past, she was volunteer director at Sou

me vorunteer director at Southeast Michigan's American Red Cross. I know I am not alone in supporting this dedicated and beautiful human being. Surely, I am biased in being related to her, but I would be surely deficient in my civic doties if I didn't air my views in support of my favorite person in the world.

Morgan

I hope you will join me in voting for Jean

Michael McGuinness South Lyor

Can't shake blues? Tell your doctor

longer and have a big effect on their and, with the advent of new and powerful Emie Harwell, "the voice of the From time to time, we can get down 280 East Saginaw **Oakland County** antibiotics, easily treated. However, this is just antibiotics will usually take care of most

Elections for university boards

ing as a Republican for re-election to the

board of governors of Wayne State University: Paul Hillegonds. I've known and admired Paul for years. Way back in 1978, he was elected to the

of Goy. William Milliken, he was elected

nonprofit civic organization made up of

the remarkable impact Paul has had on-

me that literally every time I went into a worthwhile meeting, Paul Hillegonds was

there, sitting quietly for the most part but

sible in his thoughtful, low-key way. He's been involved with Ready to Succeed (a

food learning); the University Investment

The list goes on and on.

Commission (which urged the state actually

onitiation (which need in state actuary o invest in higher education); the Michigan conomic Development Corporation (which

Normally, you wouldn't expect a 55-year-

occasionally saying something extremely sen-

coalition working to provide very early child

Michigan, Over the years, it has seemed to

Speaker in 1986. He left the legislature to become president of Detroit Renaissance, a

southeastern Michigan's main business lead-

ership that works on economic development

nd public policy issues. That skeletal resume does not even hint at

Michigan House of Representatives. An ally

long time and a lot of money.

People who write newspaper columns always wonder, a bit wistfully, whether their (sometimes) informed, wise and passionate words ever actually make a difference. On



of Michigan Michigan State University and Wayne State University gives me special cause for pessimis Candidates for these positions are nominat-ed at the August conventions of our political parties. If they are Republicans, they have to swear allegiance to Right To Life and anti-tax orthodoxy; if Democrats, they are obliged to kowtow to organized labor and affirmative action.

Having done so, they duly run statewide. where their hopeful and energetic candidacies are greeted with profound indifference by the stimulates growth in our economy); the Michigan Nature Conservancy (which works to preserve the great and beautiful places in Michigan before it's too late.) media and ignorance by the electorate. What actually happens is that many voters skip the board races, and normally the party that sweeps the top of the ticket takes most o the university seats, thanks to voters who pul a straight party lever. When Ronald Reagan old native of Holland, Mich., to care abo swept the state in 1984, even the best Democratic board candidates didn't have a prayer. Most Republican university candiand become an expert on the problems of Detroit, or of Wayne State University. But Hillegonds has and he does. dates were wiped out in 2000, when AI Gore

But these elections do matter, in them-selves, often big time. A bad board often by the way!) feels strongly about the university he helps direct; "Wayne has 200,000

Alexander wants to help the ticket

years ago over lawyer Frank McAlpine.

paign manager that year. This time, he thinks he — and the

Alexander, a Detroit-area native who now

lives in East Lansing, was McAlpine's cam-

Democratic Party --- has learned a thing or

calls his "Rebuild Anterlea Plan," which

bling infrastructure.

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ould create a massive, \$500 bilion public

orks program to build the nation's crum-

Bob Alexander, who is gamely running ar enthusiastic long-shot campaign for Congress, turas 60 on Halloween.



(John) Kerry -- and there is going to be one -- I will be much closer than anybody thinks, and I only have to get one more vote than the sman," he reminds people with a grin four years ago, it would have been Michigan's Eighth Congressional district, a

Brighton and ends somewhere past Lansing.

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mshuiman@house.mi.gov may include increased urge to urinate, burning or pain or blood in the urine. A course of Some women have mixed incontinence, a Local office:

combination of stress and urge. Other types are overflow and functional incontinence, According to Robert Dodds, MD of Providence Hospital and the Women's Center for Continence and Pelvic Medicine, incontinence is underreported. "Forty percent of mature women have some incontinence. That is three to five times more Many women are hesitant to mention the problem to their health care provider or mis takenly believe that it is an inevitable part of setting older. Though the problem may get worse with age, that doesn't mean that you have to accept it. The type of treatment depends on the type of incontinence. Anyone experiencing this problem needs a thorough work up including urodynamic testing to determine the cause and best treatment plan. Treatment options including Kegel exercises to tighten the muscles of the pelvic floor. edications, mechanical devices (pessaries) that support the pelvic organs, behavioral ther apy or surgery. If this is an ongoing problem for you, you may want to consult a progynecologist or a urologist. Elaine Horowitz, is a 2000 Nightinga Award recipient for Excellence in Nursing Education from Oakland University School o Nursing. She is a magna cum laude graduate of the WSU College of Nursing, and her career has given her hands on experience as a social worker, labor and delivery nurse, public health nurse, clinical research nurse and community health educator. She is the past president of the Hadassah Nurses Council, and a member of the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing the Association of Women's Health, Obst atal Nurses and the Internati and Neonatal Nurses and the Inter Childbirth Education Association.

picks a bad president. A bad president usually messes up a good university. Fixing it takes a They make up one out of four judges, 40 per-cent of the doctors and 12,000 teachers in our And so, flying in the face of demonstrated voter indifference on the subject, I wish to oring to your attention a remarkable man runates for Michigan is literally priceless. "Not only that, but the University brings into Michigan \$125 million in research funding, which puts it into that rare class of universities with world stature. Let's face it. The competition is world-wide for investment

capital, ideas, research, bright people. Wayne State University is a player for Michigan at this level. Not only that, but it's the key to the economic development strategy for Detroit.

Historically, it was a commuter school only. specializing in bright but poor kids who were working and who lived at home while going o college. Now it's adding 1,800 units of residence halls that will bring people downtown. And Tech Town, WSU's public-private development project, is bringing high tech companie like Asterand (a biotech firm) to Detroit.

"Wayne has a vitally important role to play in the future of Michigan, and I'm pleased to have played a small part in helping out." This is typically modest, thoughtful Paul Hillegonds. He is widely regarded as one of the sanest members of the WSU board, and richly deserves to be re-elected. You'll find name at the bottom of the ballot in the Republican column, as a candidate for the Board of Govemors of Wayne State University. Don't overlook him, even if you are a pas-

sionate Democrat. And I hope against hope that my column this time actually makes a difference

Phil Power was a regent of the University f Michigan from 1987 to 1999, He is also the Chairman of the Board of the company Originally appointed to the WSU board by ormer Gov, John Engler, Paul (a U-M alum, that owns this newspaper. He would be pleased to get your reactions to this column either at (734) 953-2047 or at pnower@h

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Does he know the odds are against him? Of

course. But he remembers what happened in 1964, when Barry Goldwater's campaign col-

1904, which Barry Colonavers camping con-laysed so theroughly in Michigan that the Republican congressman in this very district was swept away, to his own astonishment and that of his opponent. What, I asked him, if he didn't win, but

only made a respectable showing and forced Mike Rogers to address some major issues? Will all this hard work and personal expense

Most politicians would just say flatly that they intended to win. But there is something

"If we raise some issues and get people"

talking? Absolutely worth it. If I get 40 per-cent, Kerry wins Michigan, and we'll gain a state legislative seat in Shiawassee County, and maybe one on north Oakland County."

"I've spent my whole life working in coali-

tions and helping get people involved who aren't normally involved," he said. "That's what I do."

him the power to make the cosmic choice.

This year he could either choose to win an

upset victory for Congress — or could choose to lose and have John Kerry elected

He doesn't hesitate a second, "Kerry

That's much more important." One thing is clear: Whatever you think about Bob

Alexander's politics, there are still men run-

ning for office who put principle over their

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is regarded as aps the state GOP's rising young star, and a likely apponent for freshman U.S. Sen. Debbie uns for re-clec-

and reedy voice has echoes of his mother's Texas as well as his father's Grand Rapids

This would put hundreds of thousands of Americans to work rebuilding our roads, or schools, water systems, other needed proj-ects," said Alexander. How would he pay for this? "State and local governments and schoo

This was the closest race in the nation that year, and when the recount stopped the mar-gin was 88 votes out of 300,000.

easier to believe that could happen in sprawling expanse that begins in north Oakland County, takes in Howell and

Since then, redistricting has made it a much He was dead set against the war in the first place, would get the United States out of Iraq more GOP-friendly district, and Rogers coast-

two about his opponent. He hopes to persuade the voters that "Mike Rogers, who likes to present himself as a moderate, is really far more conservative than this district, and is doing little to meet the needs of mid-Michigan." Yet that's about as nasty as it gets. Bob Alexander doesn't hate Mike Rogers — and in a recent interview, Rogers indicated healthy respect for his opponent. Alexander is, in fact, attempting to do a arare thing. He is running a campaign based largely on idens." http://doi.10.1016/j.j.dif. Wolfait.he South the "Doi/titlet.Concert Buot" wolfait.he

Stabenow, D. Jack Lessenberry tion two years from now. "Difficult? yes," says Alex.

Physically and politically, Alexander, a for-mer teacher, tegislative aide and longtime state Medicaid official, resembles Jim Hightower, the Texas prairie populist turned radio star. "But I think with a strong finish by

systems would issue the bonds to finance the projects as they always do, "But under my plan, the federal government would then be authorized to buy the bonds, which would pay zero interest. That would cut taxpayers' cost of borrowing in half. It would also create new, long-term high-paying

Michigan jobs. On most issues, Alexander, who originally apported Dennis Kucinich for the Democratic presidential nomination, is a tra-ditional liberal. He'd like to see universal

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Seniors come together to celebrate '50s

Fox Run's themed dinners offer all-ages fun

By Kim Kovelle

Senior citizens and high school seniors alike were brought togeth-er by the 1950s last Wednesday. In one of the Fox Run Erickson Decima Communications Retirement Community's themed digners, the Fireside Restaurant was transformed into "Foxie's Diner," complete with pink and black halloons, cardboard juke-box and Elvis cutouts, and doo-

And as with all evening meals. the generation gap was crossed as a student waitstaff helped serve and entertain +- dining resi-

"h's a life-changing experi-ence," said Kyle Bishop, a Novi High senior who's worked at Fox-Run for a year. "The age barrier doesn't matter anymore. They become our friends. Mrs. Clawson is "Grandma Clawson." Ages 14 and up, the kitchen's enthusiasm they have is just ... waisstaff is 55 strong. Working great, she said. She too has seen the age barrier broken: "Some of the said dining services adminis- the kids were amazed that we trative assistant Linda Gilevich. have a sense of humor."

Tora first job, they just learn how to deal with different genera-tions and different backgrounds." A scholars fund has even been established to help college-bound students. It's a donation option for

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Gilevich said, "They benefit from the residents of course, but also the residents benefit from the younger people because it brings the current time to their lives." Last week 18 students were or hand, plus seven trainees. While

residents ate burgers, hot dogs, mashed potatoes and vanilla ice cream, the costumed erew joined in Grease-flavored performances of the "hand live." Deama Albanelli, a server and senior at Novi High who wore a poolle skirt and "Pink Ladies" shirt, helped organize the mini-

shows. "After we got everyone going, they were enjoying it," Albanelli said. "It's brought back a lot of Mable Fake and Bob Murray pause to pose by a dancing couple display after enjoying Fox Run's 1950s-them

memories." Having raised five sons in the 50s, Mary Kay Ulrich, a retired all residents, and more than \$25,000 has been contributed paralegal, quipped that diapers were among her memories. But the students hit a soft spot: "The kids come in and we just since Fox Run opened last year, Gilevich said. Students who work at the residency for 500 hours per year for two consecutive years will be elilove them," Ulrich said, "It's the

best thing that happens around here. There isn't a kid I don't have a ball with." Connic Starr, 75, agreed. "The gible Jennifer life helps organize schedules and events as the restaurant's service manager. She said that the work is rewarding all-around

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"In this department, you get to know everyone on a personal level," Ilic said. "I live three and a half hours from home currently, and I don't get to see my grand-parents. It's like a second home. You just build such a bond."

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Civic Center hosts Pumpking tossing Novi Parks and Recreation Halloween event is hosting a pumpkin contest at 10 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 23, at Power Park. Each group of participants By Kim Baker Shrek fans will not want to miss SPECIAL WRITER

The Swamp, where they will make "ear wax" candles, play "Pin the Tail on Donkey" and receive a Shrek coloring book. Each room will also feature a The Novi Civic Center will be transformed into a Halloween haven Oct. 15 from 6-9 p. m., when Novi Parks and Recreation haven Oct. 17 horn 6-9 p. m., when Novi Parks and Recreation hosts the Halloween Enchanted Evening. There will be five themed noms -- "Sock Hop Café," King and Queens Corner," "Haunted Hallway," "Superhero City" and "The Swamp" -- for kids and adults alike to enjoy. Sock Hop Café visitors will be the the social eraits activity and treat down to a pizza and "potion" din-ter, where they will be enter-ating by a Halloween magician datus alike to enjoy. "There's something for every-treated to 1950s-themed activities". treated to 1950s-themed activities body," said "Tracie Ringle, event such as hula hoop games and learning the twist and the mashed will be fun if your child wants to potato. get spooked or just wants to par-King and Queens Corner will have treasure boxes with gens to make a necklace or keychain and externation and the space of the space of the space The parents will have fin by assisting the kids and they may to decorate a royal crown. even want to re-learn the mashed to decorate a royal crown. Those looking to get spooked will want to walk through the Haunted Hallway and see what is "The bury methodel", in the spooked will want to walk through the Haunted Hallway and see what is "The bury methodel", in the spooked will want to walk through the S5 at the door, and can be pur-chased at the Novi Parks and

waiting for them. chased at the Poort Parks and The busy metropolis in Recreation office from 8 a.m. to 5 Superhero City will feature Novi firefighters and police officers. Adults get in free and can have **Read - Then Recycle**



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pizza, salad and "potion" for \$2.50. "We encourage people to buy "We encourage people to buy the tickets ahead," said Ringle, "If they can't make it to the office we may be able to accommodate them and have the tickets held."

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ing the street.

words that the flexible, list hgs or sharp, When walking in neighbor hoods, they should:

Safety tips for Halloween Halloween is just around the corner and Novi police remind area residents that the major dan-gers on the October holiday are residents that the major dan-tot from witches or spirits but rather from fulls and pedestri-rather from fulls and pedestri-• Use flashlights, stay on side-walks, and avoid crossing yards. • Establish a curfew (return Prepare homes for trick-or-treaters by clearing porches, lawns, and sidewalks and by plactogether in a group before cross-

ing jack-o-lanterns away from together in a group before cross-ing jack-o-fauterns away from doorways, and landings.
 Wear clothing that is bright, clicetive, and flante-retardant.
 Consider using face pain instead of masks, (Masks can obstruct a child's vision.)
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lonse costitutes or oversized shoes (to prevent tripping). • Making sure children under • Be reminded to look left, age 10 are supervised as they right, and left again before cross-

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Splitting up The Novi Wildcats girls' ba ketball team split their KVC games against foes Lakeland and Brighton last week. See who they hton last week, acc and who they fell to. --- Page 2B



Well done The 'Cats' tennis team earned two hard-fought victories in league play last week as they prepared for the Kensington Valley Conference championships and the regional ---- Page 3B



Regional Marketplace The doctors and staff at Town &

Country Evecare in Novi offer patients personalized care and treatment with the latest technolo-gy to patients at its new location opened earlier this year in Novi. — Page 4B

\mathbf{B}^{1} **SPORTS & MORE** Thursday, October 7, 2004 Just one more

If Novi earns one more win, they'll make playoffs, win KVC

By Stan Frank HOMETOWN NEWSPAPERS

NOVI NEWS

The Purple People Eaters. The Steel Curtain. The Gang Green. Masterful defensive units.

Two of them terrorized opposing NFL offenses a quarter-cen-tury ago. The other, tailored in tury ago, The other, tailored in trademark green uniforms, has recently been terrorizing oppos-

ing offenses in the Kensington Valley Conference. Last Friday night proved no exception, as Novi's Gang Green delivered a defensive gem that would even have been the envy of Minnesota's Purple People Eaters and Pittsburgh's Steel Curtain

On the road in a 20-0 shutout victory, Novi's Gang Green defense limited to a mere 18 yards of total offense a South Lyon team that entered the con-test averaging 31 points per game.

Showcasing elite team speed, the Wildcats throughout the game swarmed and ganged up on South Lyon's vast array of The Lions had nowhere to run, evidenced by their total output of two first downs,

"They're a quick team," South Lyon head coach Mark Thomas said. "We got caught from behind a couple times, which no one else has been able to do.

has been able to do." Collectively, the Gang Green amassed five sacks and forced three turnovers, Early in the sec-ond quarter, senior linebacker Rob Carter delivered a vicious Not callel derivered a victors hit to South Lyon quarterback Ryan Fagin, in one instant pro-viding Novi's offense a gift at a time when the two teams were locked in a defensive battle.

On a blind-side rush, Carter nugged Fagin, forcing the ball loose and hurtling deep into South Lyon territory. Ultimately, senior defensive lineman Sean Costello picked up the loose ball and rumbled seven yards before being tackled at the South Lyon 6-vard line.

The Wildcats, four plays later on fourth-and-goal, mounted a 7-0 lead on a one-yard quarterback sneak by senior Kevin Cislo.

South Lyon's defense entered the game allowing an average of fewer than five points per game. Preparing for a low-scoring affair. Carter said the Wildcats worked overtime during the days leading up to the showdown.

studying game film and fine-tun-ing the defensive game plan. "South Lyon has one of the top defenses and they had been getting a lot of hype, so we had to come out and show them whose defense was boss," Carter said after the game.

Special tactles

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Photos by HAL GOULD ABOVE: Novi's Jarrell Woods breaks free from a would-be tackler as he scampers for yardage against a South Lyon defender. BELOW: Novi quar-terback Kevin Cislo once again masters the option and darts through the defense for a big gain against South Lyon.

began the second half by placing the focus on their special teams unit. Entering the third quarter with a 7-0 lead, Novi opted for an on-side kick, a sinister decision that paid game-clinching dividends.

Sophomore Patrick Sijan surprised South Lyon by kicking a groundball of which junior John Favorite stopped and smothered without contest at the South Lyon 44-yard line.

From there, senior running back Jarrell Woods took over, compiling 44 yards on two rush-es, the last of which was a 31-

es, the task of which was a 31-yard run to payditt. Novi head coach Tab Kellepourcy said that the Wildcats' coaching staff believed it could successfully execute the on-side kick and sought during the week an opportunity for its use.

"We told the special teams that we had to do something special tonight against this good team, because we felt that somewhere compating bod to give" something had to give," Kellepourey said. "The kids realrked hard for it." ly wor

third quarter, the Wildcats finally allowed South Lyon its first of two first downs. Later, in the fourth quarter, the Gang Green defense forced South Lyon to punt from the back of its end zone, a factor of which resulted in excellent field position for the Novi offense.

A 15-yard return to South Lyon's 20-yard line set up a two-play touchdown drive, of which culminated on a two-yard rush by junior running back David

Carnegie. Although South Lyon's formi-dable defense limited Novi to value offense initial work to only 197 total yards, the Wildcats offense capitalized when presented the opportunity. Regardless, it was the effort of the Gang Green defense that set the tone to an important league victory. Kellepourey credited defensive coaches Jeff Burnside, Dave Hartman and Dave Ray in dissecting the scouting report and devising a superb game plan

"They sat down with these kids and really identified the challenges that were set up for them." Kellenourey said "We



knew it was going to be a great defensive battle both ways, but our kids really responded to a e plan great defensive gan

special effort, from the special teams units, and an opportunistic offense were all crucial in the Wildcats improving to 5-0 in the

and 5-1 overall. South Lyon, meanwhile, fell to 3-2 in the KVC and 4-2 overall. Novi hosts Hartland tomorrow



Photo by JOHN HEIDER Novi's Todd Janer, middle, was called for a push on this play during a game against Pinckney

Simpson scores two in win over Pinckney

Jeremy Brodsky assists on both goals

By Ramez Khuri STAFF WRITER

Novi High's boys soccer team continued its winning ways, as it defeated the Pinckney Pirates 3-0

defeated the Principle Principle 3-0 on Sept. 28. "It was a good all around game for us," Head Coach Brian O'Leary said. "Going into the game Pinckney had a lot going for them because they were play-ing on their narrow field. It rained a lot before the game and some. a lot before the game and some during the game, so the field was in lousy condition and we were

playing without three starters, Marc Checcobelli and Steve Kim due to injury and Trey Love was sick.

The Wildcats pulled together as a team, however, and overcame all of these obstacles to post the shutout victory. Matt Simpson played well scored two goals, both on assists from Jeremy Brockley.

"We have been working on finishing our chances and Matt did just that tonight," O'Leary said. Todd Janer scored the final

goal on a pass from Jason Sierra. "Matt Crawford did a great job shutting down Pinckney's best player, James Getzen," O'Leary said, "AJ Glubzinski made three very good saves in goal to earn the win and the shutout." the

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> Brian O'Leary Novi soccer coach

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'Cats split games

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By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

When the Novi Wildeats girls basketball team plays to their fullest potential, they can play with any team in the Kensington Valley Conference.

When they don't, well, they lose The Wildcats found themselves splitting their KVC games last week, beating Lakeland 38-31 and losing to Brighton 41-33.

"It was a close game the whole vay," Novi coach Bill Kelp said of contest against the Brighton Bulldogs, "We just failed to execute and consert. We shot very poorly." Despite a strong performance from juniors Rachele Folino and Nicole Stephen with 12 and nine points, respectively, the Wildeats

ast couldn't get it done. The culprit? A hon'the showing in the opening minutes of the third juarter when neither team seemed

to be able to score. "We just kept missing." Kelp noted. "They opened it up for us to go on a nm and we just didn't do jt." But Brighton took advantage hen the opportunity came for them, In the waning minutes of the game, the Bulldogs went on a streak ind puffed ahead to cap off the vie-

ory. "Teachers who come to the games given may so always tell me these girls play so hard and that's what keeps them in gumes." Kelp said when asked what it will take to get back to winning. 'That's all I can ask out of them.' Relly Hebert added seven in the losing effort as Novi fell to 7-3 over-all and 2-2 in the KVC.

Novi 38. Lakeland 31

In a game that found both teams playing outstanding defense in the first half, the Wildcats knew they would have to come out strong in the third and fourth quarters to win ---and they did. At halftime. Novi found them-

selves trailing 9-8, but bounced back to earn the victory. "We struggled offensively," Kelp said. "The good news is we played good defense until the offense came round in the second half. Then, we

tarted to score in transition too." Folino led the way yet again, putting up 13 points in the victory while Jessica Haggerty pulled up and drained 10. Jessica Gastorek added

even points and nine rebounds



against Walled Lake Western in September.



Hole in one

She said a 6-iron carried her daught Titleist golf ball the necessary ners in 10) yards, then handed it straight "We	or. Mer re Gorisk s ghter an s inside t We went of drinks	said and hu the e ant in t
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NOVI BOBCATS FOOTBALL

Freshmen topple Orioles scrambled in for the extra point The Novi Bobcats played a high-octane game on both sides of the ball and defeated the The game was tied 7-7 and the Bobcats were still hungry. The Bobcat defense continued to confound the Oriole offense Livonia Orioles, 19-7. The Oriole offense attacked and they would not score for the early with a passing play that resulted in the game's first touch-down. The Bobcat's knew they remainder of the contest. The defense jolted the Livonia ground attack and caused three fumbles where in for another gridiron bat-tle and that the defense would need to play flawlessly. The Oriole's were known for their which Scott Schramm, Mario Ferrini and Collin Pew recovered. The offense shifted into super sonic when Blake Boron contrick plays on offense. The Bohcat offense moved the nected on a pass to Adam Flaynes bell down field on three posses-sions in the first quarter but could for a first down. Then, Prestor Dooley carried two defenders or not to score. The defense held the his back into the end zone for the Orioles in check for the rest of second Bobcat touchdown the first quarter which ended 7-0 in favor of Livonia. Minutes later, Grant Wheele in favor of Livonia. The second quarter was a teach of the and tran for a 30-yard teachdown. The third quarter was a teachdown. The third quarter ended in favor of Novi 19-7. It

making key stops, Neither team scored in the second quarter but would be up to the defense a hold the Orioles in the fourth the momentum changed and the quarter. For the fourth game in a row Bohcats were ready to shift into high gear. The first half was marked by tough yardage on the the special teams unit, led by Marco Ligotti, Conor Sherman, Zach Johnson and Daniel Veraground by Preston Dooley, Grant Wheeler and Blake Boron. The Burgos covered Livonia like a defense crushed the Orioles hackfield with tackles by Matthew Mizerowski, Kyle Haustein, Ben Landry, Colter blanket and held them scoreles The tough-as-nails Bobcat defense would shine in the fourth quarter, they had allowed only two scores in eight consecutive quarters. Kyle Matel and Nick Morgan made key tackles, Alex Huacuja and Richard Browning. The Cats roared in the third

quarter that started with ground Morgan made key tackles. Alex gains by Josh Schiesler, Michael Kinnamon made four tackles in a Metz and a 10-yard touchdown Metz and a 10-yard touchdown row and Collin Pew had two late run by Lucas Buck. Schiesler fourth quarter sacks.





Wildcats pound out KVC wins

RESULTS

Sept. 27 vs. Hartland

· In One Singles, Hartland's Caitlen McGuire defeated Novi's

In Four Singles, Novi's Samantha Caldwell defeated Hariland's Robin Young 4-6, 6-2, 6-3
 In One Doubles, Novi's Emily Holt and Lauren Thomas defeated

In Two Doubles, Novi's Amanda Cassidy and Kaylan Pustover cleated Hartland's Ashtey Crubbe and Deama Ordic 6-1, 6-0
 In Three Doubles, Novi's Becky Thomson and Jackie Wang

In Four Doubles, Novi's Amanda Brandemihl and Allison Yee

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 In Five Doubles, Novi's Tiffany Lin and Siwei Wang defeate Haritand's Brigid Glynn and Stephanie Burrill 8-3

Sept. 29 vs. Milford

) Bryan 6-0, 6-1

defeated Milford 6-0, 6-0

"Mechanics of the strokes are

very important in tennis and that's where we need to go next," he

said. "We need to put in the time

ics better and make it more sound

and automatic so that we can then

In One Singles, Novi's Diana Ticu defeated Milford's Megan

In Two Singles, Novi's Ayano Nakamura defeated Milford's Lindsey Larson 6-0, 6-0
 In Three Singles, Novi's Carly Lyali defeated Milford's Adrienne Parenteau 6-0, 6-0

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In One Doubles, Nov's Emily Holt and Lauren Thomas defeated Miłford's Jessica Dougherty and Missy Roy 6-1, 6-1
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 In Three Doubles, Nov's Becky Thomson and Jackie Wang defeated Milford's Sarah Sherman and Jessica Milburn 6-1, 6-1
 In Four Doubles, Nov's Siwei Wang and Tiffany Lin defeated Milford's Laura Adler and Liz Ritten 6-0, 6-2

In Five Singles, Novi's Bindu Manyam defeated Milford 8-0, 8-1
 In Five Doubles, Novi's Amanda Brandemibil and Allison Yee

remember, if nothing else, is to use this defeat as a learning expe-strokes and how to bit a ball.

while.Novi is just hitting because

they have done all that extra work

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110 or by e-mail rkhuri@ht.homecomm.nct,

That's everything in this sport.

Hartland's Hayley Smithcort and Molly Smirella 6-0, 6-0

defeated Hartland's Katic Kowdski and Tricia Miller 6-1, 6-0

Milford's CO-cuptains, was defeated by Novi's Diana Ticu 6-0, 6-1. After the match, she described Ticu's serves as proba-ble the discusser of the bars proba-By Ramez Khuri STAFF WRITER After squeaking by Hartland 5-3 on Sept. 27, the Novi girls ten-gis team returned home on Sept. bly the strongest she has seen all 29 to face a Milford team that way "Diana is a really strong play-cr," O'Bryan said. "She hit a lot of yet to win a Kensington Valley Conference match this season. The Mavericks luck didn't good placement shots that were really hard. For being a junior, she's a great player and I'll prob-ably see her at states next year." O'Bryan said that her team isn't deine new the states next year. change, as the Wildcats won 8-0 and defended their undefeated record in the conference. Some highlights of the day's doing so well this season, but is optimistic for next year, Hanson is happy with his team's play, but warns that the included Novi's competition Ayano Nakamura defeating Milford's Lindsey Larson 6-0, 6-0; Novi's Carly Lyall defeating girls must stay focused and not lose their edge. "The fact that we won all of our league matches is Milford's Adrienne Parenteau 6-0, 6-0 and Novi's Two Doubles team of Amanda Cassidy and Kaylan Pustover defeating Milford's Two no guarantee that we're going to win the title," he said. "It has hap-Doubles team of Kelly Peters and pened before where we have been in this situation and lost the cham-pionship and we have been on the other side too, where we go into Jessica Groce 6-0, 6-0. Cassidy and Pustover attributed much of their team's success to their coach, Jim Hanson, "I think the league tournament in second place and end up winning the championship." Milford's Head Coach, Rich that we played really well and dominated the net." Cassidy said, a senior CO-captain on the team. "Our heads were in the game and Kynast explained that the differwe're undefeated in the KVC ence between his team's and because our team is very strong from one singles to exhibition." Novi's is the experience level of the players. "It's a little like comparing Pustover, also a senior, agreed,

though going into the match, she was concerned about one aspect of Milford's game. "The one girl I played against (Milford's Jessica apples to oranges because there is not a single player on our team that has played any tennis at all before high school and Novi has Groce) had a really nice serve, so girls who have played well before high school and have played in clubs in the winter," Kynast said. we had to look out for that," she said. "I think we did and we played very well." 'Novi is a very competitive team Larson, a senior at Milford

Kynast said that he taught all of his players their first lesson after they got to high school. High School, was disappointed with the loss, but was proud of her team's efforts nonetheless. "I played my best but Ayano Nakamura is a fantastic player. "The experience level is so Nakamura is a fantastic player." she said. "The vowon a few matches caplains the difference in the match," he said. "They won very and I think we have improved draeasily today and it was a matter of matically from the start of the seamore experienced players and in between seasons, get the mechanson and overall we're a really close knit team."

If ever the Novi Wildeats girls' cross country team needed a meas-uring slick to which they could com-

pare themselves, the Brighton Bulldogs were it. Brighton, a state powerhouse in the sport, came to Novi's home

course of Cass Benton and walked

"This was a super team effort," said Novi coach Norm Norgren of

how well his girls ran. "We are look-

ing to improve individual times and ack now that we are in the month f October."

The 'Cats didn't have too much to

worry about in terms of their pack

times. Though the Bulldogs took the top three places in the race, Novi

Golf falls

The Novi Boys Golf Team suf-

fered another close loss against Hartland on Friday by a score of 145-147. Novi was led by RJ

Makoski with a score of 37, fol

lowed by Mark Eberline with 36

to rival

By Ramez Khuri

out with a 22-33 victory.

close knit team." Kynast also said that the most and automatic so that we can then Megan O'Bryan, one of important thing for his team to worry about competing. We're

clear the finish line when Meghan

Bannatz stepped over, completing the demanding Cass Benton course

in 20:26.



my Novi Wildcats right now. Being that I was gone for a week thanks to some sur-gery 1 was scheduled to

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report some well-played games and see some championships won It's never easy to get back on the horse and back into action, but I'm Instead, the teams went out and earned some impressive wins and confident that with the help of my fell in some tightly contested loss-es. It's everything I'd hope my Novi sports to be if I were here coaches, the players and the par-ents I'll be as good as new in no time. Hopefully I won't have to worry covering it and I was proud that they didn't disappoint the writers who filled my shoes while I was about stepping away from my cov-erage for some time to come. Though I have to admit it was one

Wildcat girls measure themselves with cross country powerhouse Brighton came in with five runners finished By Sam Eggleston

rience.

came in with five runners finished under 21 minutes with a pack time of just 35 seconds. Next through was Andrea Kramer, finishing in seventh place overall with a time of 20:31 while Elaina Sekulowski, who carded a 21:17 in the race for 12th place. She was followed by Erica Howard, who Coming across the line in fourth place was Patti Ramos with a time of 20:21:73hc-barely had thite-to Laura Brunner ran to eighth in 20:45. Rounding out the top five for 1 the "Cats was Katie Shannon," who took 13th in 21:22. Notching a 15th-place finish was. Erin Haynes; who crossed the hine in 21:34, while Lauren Kava recorded recorded a 20:56 for her run.

The loss drops the Wildcats to 3-1 in the Kensington Valley Conference, but they're no worse for wear. Instead, the team seems to a 21:57 to finish in 17th.

"Even though the meet was at the very demanding Cass Benton course, eight Novi girls recorded their best times of the season," be climbing in competitiveness as they drop their individual and pack

Also running well for Novi was Norgren noted. ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA ... AJL'S LUTHERAİ MISOURI SYNDÖ High & Elm Streets, Northvilla 1. Lubeck, Postor Church 39/5130 School 349-3146 Undör Weishipi & 30 arm. & 11:30 arm. Inday School & Bible Crasses 9:45 an

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• On Sept. 20, the girls Junior Varsity Tennis Team beat Brighton by a score of 7-1. The girls Freshman Basketball team beat Lakeland Brighton by a score of 7-1. On Saturday September 25th the girls Junior Varsity Tennis Team played in the Novi Quad they beat Northville with a score of 21 to 10 and they also on Tuesday the 28th with a score of 36-27. Top scorer for the In One Singles, Hartland's Cuiten McCuire acreated Novi's Ayano Nakamura 2-6, 6-1, 6-3 In Two Singles, Hartland's Elizabeth Laswell defeated Novi's Carly Lyail 6-1, 6-0 In Three Singles, Hartland's Ashley Antonishek defeated Novi's Bindu Manyam 6-0, 6-0 Lady Wildcats was Katie Chaklos with 12 points. On September 30, the girls

Underclassmen Scores

score of 21 to 19 and they also beat Brighton 7-1 and South beat Brighton with a with a Lyon 8-0. score of 41-40. Shannon Cody was the leading scorer with 10 · The boys Junior Varsity points.

Soccer team beat Pinckney with a score of 7-0 on Tuesday the On Sept. 21, the girls Junior 28th of September.

Varsity Basketball team lost to Pinckney by a score of 30-20. Leading the Lady Wildcats were Jenna Carosio with 10 points and four steals and Taylor Graybiel with eight points and

10 points. The

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with six points each. On Sept. 23, the girls Freshman Basketball team beat Howeil by a score of 31-9. The to Lakeland with a score of 21-19. Leading the Lady Wildcats was Ashley Simms with 5 points

Way to go, Novi

I have to say I'm pretty proud of

practically as good as new. I was nervous, which I normally am not, but found that those nerves were not called for. Instead, it was as smooth as I could have ever





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Novi's Nicole Stephen runs into some resistance near the basket during a home game

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New law speeds checking

A new law that's expected to dramatically speed up the process-ing of checks has got a lot of peo-

ting of cnecks has got a lot of peo-ple talking. Effective Oct. 28, Check 21 — the Check Clearing for the 21st Century Act — is hailed by some as a kind of super-legislation that will bring the nation's check pay-ment system into the digital age. Others. consumer advocate advocate Others, consumer advocate groups mainly, believe that certain ects of the law are not con-sumer friendly.



Mary Davis checks to electronic files reducing the time it takes for checks to clear. Out-of-state checks that used to take days to clear could clear within hours

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The new law doesn't mandate banks and credit unions to process checks electronically (although credit unions have been doing this for years); rather it eliminates the red tape involved in setting up an electronic check clearing system.

Under the new law a digital image of a check can be taken, which can then be presented to the originating financial institution as a substitute for the original paper check. Once the digital image of the check is created, the financial institution can retain or destroy the original check. Those institutions that do not wish to receive checks in an electronic format can request a substitute check — a paper copy of the electronic image of the original check. The substi-tute check is the legal equivalent of the original paid check. The Sept. 11 attacks were the impetus for Check 21. Following

the Sept. If attacks, and the grounding of air transportation, millions of checks languished until they could be shipped via truck to their destinations.

Proponents of the law, includ-ing Congressman Harold Ford, D-Tenn., and Rep. Melissa Hart, R-Penn., who keps means that kep Penn., who co-sponsored the leg-islation, say the law will protect the financial sector against disrup-tions caused by terrorist attacks or natural disaster. They contend that consumers will benefit from better and faster financial services

Among the strongest opponents of the law are Consumer's Union (the nonprofit publisher of Consumer Reports) and the Consumer Federation of America (CFA). They say Check 21 takes away the ability of consumers to reached their consumers to receive their original paper checks, and increases the potential for consumers to bounce checks. Consumers Union and CFA are

so fired up about these issues that so fired up about these issues that they have launched an online peti-tion to pressure banks to adopt a set of consumer friendly policies. Consumers can sign the online petition at http://cu.convio.net/ site/PageServer/pagename=Petiti onthebanks. They've also crafted a letter to bank CEOs urging them to adopt seven consumer friendly. to adopt seven consumer friendly policies. Read the letter at www.consumersunion.org/pub/co re_financial_services/001317.html.

The transition of the second strain of the second strain of the second strain sto be seen. It will be some time before electronic processing of checks is widely practiced. Meanwhile, review how manage your finances. Here some management guidelines to consider.

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care and treatment on a personal basis

The doctors and staff at Town & Country Eyecare in Novi offer patients personalized care and treatment with the latest technol-

By Duane Ramsey

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ogy to patients at its new location opened earlier this year at Novi and Nine Mile roads. Town & Country Eyecare col-chrated their 10th anniversary this year and the staff has settled into the new facility. Dr. Timothy Kirk opened the local practice in 1994 at Oakpointe Plaza in Novi.

1994 at Oakpointe Plaza in Novi, Dr. Amy Crissman joined Town & Country Eyccare in 2002 after practicing optometry for seven years in other settings. They opened the 2,650-square-foot facility last January nearly doubling the size of their previous location. The office was designed to incorporate the latest equipment and technology to offer their patients the best eye

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"The practice has grown by providing personalized quality eye care for the entire family," said Dr. Kirk. "We connect with

our patients and get to know on a one-to-one basis. them Every examination room is guipped with a computerized ye chart that can display infinite CO and pictures to measure a patient's vision, as well as play cartoons for the children. "Since children and teenagers

are a significant part of our practice, we have equipment specifi-cally geared to them," said Dr. Crissman, who joined the private practice because it allowed her to treat people on a more personal

Doctors Kirk and Crissman keep the practice at the forefront of technology by offering the lat-est in eye care products and treatment. Town & Country Eyecare has

the latest equipment such as a digital retinal camera, which takes a picture of the inside of the eye. This important instrument not only detects the effects of diabetes or high blood pres-sure on the eyes, but it can be used as an educational tool to show each patient his or her eye conditions

"The patients understand their eye health better when they can see the results in the digital images on the computer screen," and Dr. Coixeners said Dr. Crissman, The doctors have been fitting

patients with the new high-oxy-gen, soft disposable contacts such as Focus Night and Day and Acuvue Advance lenses. These lenses allow 300 to 500 percent more oxygen through to the eye to keep it healthier with longer wearing times and better comfort than previous lenses

Due to the size and quality of its contact lens business, Town & Country was chosen to be one of the first in the area to receive the newest two-week, disposable O2 Optix from CIBA. It should be another strong entry into the high-oxygen category that appears to be the future for all appears to be the future for all soft lenses, according to the doc-

Custom LASIK is another recent breakthrough in eye care. Like the traditional LASIK pro-cedure, custom LASIK reduces the need for glasses but goes a step further to enhance the quali-

y of the patient's vision. Pre-operative testing involves wavefront analysis that exama wavefront analysis that exami-ines the critice optical system at hundreds of points rather than the single axis used for tradition-al LASIK. Based on the results, custom LASIK is truly a unique procedure for each patient result-ing in better vision with less dis-tortion said Dr. Kirk

tortion, said Dr. Kirk. The doctors coordinate the actual LASIK surgery with TLC-Detroit, a laser surgery center in Farmington Hills. They also con-duct post-operative reviews of those patients following the procedure

"We have a number of patients that we have co-managed with TLC that have had Custom TLC that have had Custom LASIK with excellent results," said Dr. Kirk.

Town & Country is hosting a seminar Nov. 16 at its offices to educate patients about custom LASIK procedures. The seminar LASIK procedures. The seminar will be led by LASIK surgeon Dr. Anthony Sensoli and Dr. Jeffrey Varanelli, clinical direc-



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tion. Palients may choose from a wide selection of the popular brands and latest styles of eye-wear available. Town & Country is active in Novi and Northville supporting sports boosters, Mother's Club, Chambers of Commerce, Friends of the Library and more. The staff hosted more than 50 mem-hers at a moming mirger for the bers at a morning mixer for the Northville Chamber on Sept. 15 in its offices.

As a community service each year, they offer Halloween safety kits with tips for parents and children. The kits will include reflective strips for attaching to costumes so children can be seen

costumes so children can be seen in the dark. Anyone can pickup the free kits while they last. Town & Country Eyecare has participated in the Pattitership in Education programs with Novi and Northville Schools since 1994. The doctors are preparing to make this ranged preparing to make their annual presentations about eye care and safety to 800 second graders in the two school districts. Even with all the technology

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Dr. Crissman examines a patient's eyes while Dr. Kirk reviews the images on the computer at Town & Country Eyecare.

Town & Country Eyecare offers personal service

aren't enough funds in you account. If you have to pay a bill, borrow the money from a family member or friend and pay them back when your deposit gets posted to your account

 Have your paycheck direct deposited, Direct-deposited funds clear automatically.

 Monitor your account closely for errors. Call your bank or cred-it union and ask what your right of recredit is in case a check pays twice or is paid in the wrong amount. With other electronic transactions the bank must put the money (up to \$2,500) back into your account within 10 business days. (The bank can remove the money if it determines you commoney if it determines you com-mitted the error.) You have access to these funds while the bank investigates the error. Recredit rights under Check 21 are not factors including how the mer-chant and financial institution

chant and financial institution decide to process your check. Mary Davis manages public affairs for the Michigan Credit Union League. Send your finan-cial questions to "Your Money Matters" do the Michigan Credit Union League, P.O. Box 8054, Plymouth, Mi 48170-8054, or to empidie to mc/d@mcuid.org mailed to mcd@mcul.org

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Photo provided by Town & Country Eyecare

The Town & Country Evecare practice is located in modern facilities at Novi and Nine Mile roads.

tor of TLC.

The practice also continues to provide primary eye care, fitting for contacts and eye glasses, treatment of minor injuries and infections, and visual rehabilita-

the practice offers, they have not lost sight of their most important resource — a knowledgeable, friendly staff that is dedicated to make each patient feel special, Dr. Kirk said.

