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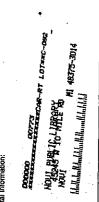
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Novi High makes grade

■ Michigan high school report cards released

By Ramez Khuri

Michigan high school report cards were released by the state last Thursday, and preliminary assess-ment indicates that unlike last year, Novi High has made Adequate Yeurly Progress for the Class of

For the second straight year, Novi High School received a B for its composite grade. However, last year less than the required 95 percent of all Novi High students took the Michigan Education Assessment Program so the school did not earn a

In order to correct that problem for the Class of 2005, the state want-ed all schools in Michigan to make MEAP tests required. As a result, Novi's school board of education voted to make it mandatory for all students upon graduation to take MEAP during the state's required year. Students who might not have normally taken the test did, which allowed the school to make adequate

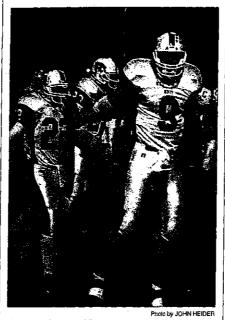
yearly progress this year. Nobody from within the school responded to. The district also have a chance to be made and responded to. The district also has a policy to inform its board of educa-tion and the community before any-one can comment to the press on the

"As long as any of the reports are embargoed, we're going to honor that," said Jane Hesse, director of K-12 curriculum and assessment. "We're not going to say anything about our scores or any other dis-trict's scores during a time period of 20 days."

Hesse said that the embargo peri-od is a state law that the district is

"There are some things on the state Web site that are public domain, but in terms of a particular district or a school, we're just going to wait on that," Hesse said.

Ramez Khuri is a staff writer for



Dome bound?

Novi's Kevin Cislo jumps in the air as he celebrates Novi's goal-line stop of Canton in the waning moments of the first half of last Friday's playoff game. For the full story on the Wildcats' 20-0 win, please see page 1B.

"It's really a sight to behold. One more lane here and we can land a 747."

Lou Csordas

INTERSECTION

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Grand River Avenue, Novi Road opens

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

It's been a long time coming, but the Grand River Avenue and Novi Road intersection finally reopened with a bit of fanfare on Nov. 3.

The Road Commission for

Oakland County marked the com-pletion of this major intersection reconstruction project with a rib-bon cutting ceremony with com-

mission and City of Novi offi-

It didn't mke nearby motorists long to figure out the roadway was ready, with vehicles driving on the new pavement just minutes after police cars and barricades were removed.

The intersection improvement project involved reconstructing the intersection and widening lanes to current lane-width standards. No additional lanes were added. The project also widened Grand River Avenue west of the intersection to the CSX railroad bridge to five lanes.

The project was completed in

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Photo by LINDA WICKERT

Believe

Brianna Blossfeld of Novi, left, plays Helen Keller and Julie Landry of Novi, right, acts as teacher Annie Sullivan in a rehearsal for the Novi Theatres' production of "The Miracle Worker," which opens tomorrow. For the full story, please see page 8A.

eterans Day: Honoring those who served their country

■ Michigan Paralyzed Veterans host gala tonight in Detroit

By Pem Fleming

Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America will celebrate the accomplishments of Michigan's veterans and honor soldiers serving in Operation Enduring Freedom at its first Salute to Enduring Veterans fund-raising gala at 6

The event will take place at the Detroit Marriott Renaissance

be a fitting tribute to the veterans who have served or are serving our country," said Laura Richards of the MPVA, "We want to honor

all for our country and let them know that they are appreciated." Salute to Veterans will honor members of United States armed forces who have defended our country from World War II to the current action in the Middle East

The event will feature a silent auction, reception and dinner. The Salvation Army Youth Band, with high school and college stu-dents from across Southeast Michigan, will perform a patriotic tribute. A memorial tribute will ic tribute. A memoral tribute will also honor the men and women who will not return — those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for their country. Peter C. Lemon, Michigan's only living Medal of Honor recipient of the Vietnam War, will be the kewnet sneaker. Roger

be the keynote speaker. Roger McCarville, an Army veteran from Ortonville and host of the television show "Disabilities Today" on PBS, will serve as master of ceremonies.

Salute to Veterans 2004 will be MPVA's major fund-raiser of the

all of those who have given their year, raising money to provide programs and services to ans with spinal cord injuries or diseases. Funds will benefit vet-erans here at home and those

returning from current military service in Iraq, Afghanistan and other parts of the world. In addition, a portion of this year's event proceeds will go to the Michigan Family Support Fund, which provides grants to families struggling financially while their loved ones are

Individual tickets are \$150. Community members unable to attend can support this event by purchasing tickets and donating them to veterans who cannot afford to attend. The Salute to Veterans 2004

Honorary Committee has been working to make this event a success. The honorary committee is made up of dignitaries from across Michigan.

Michigan PVA state headquar-

tees are located in Novi Service



Want to know the story of a true war hero? Please turn to page 16A.

McNamara Federal Building in Detroit, and serve the Veterans Administration Medical Centers and veterans' homes throughout the state.

To purchase tickets, contact the MPVA office by 2 p.m. today at (248) 476-9000 or visit www.michiganpva.org. Tickets will not be available at the door.

Talks stall on legal services funding

■ Council must make decision by end of year

By Pam Fleming

City council failed to earmark funding for legal services through the end of the fiscal year when discussions broke down late

Members considered a budget amendment to provide an additional \$162,500 for legal services for the balance of the fiscal year, which was \$25,000 below what

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Grand River Ave., Novi Road opens

north of Grand River.

cooperation with the City of Novi at a cost of approximately \$2 million, with 80 percent of the cost covered by federal funds. The remaining 20 percent was split evenly between the commission and the city.

"Widening the lanes to modern width standards ensures a safer intersection," said RCOC Managing Director Brent Bair.

It means there is less likelihood of either sideswipe accidents or cars crossing the center-line into encom-ing traffic. At the Road Commission for Oakland County, safety is our number one priority and this project is another example of how we're putting that philoso-

phy into practice. This year and next, the commission will complete the reconstruc-tion and widening of the intersec-tions at Ten Mile and Novi roads in anticipation of the future widening of Novi Road to five lanes. This will include the construction of a bridge over the CSX Railroad tracks on

"We will continue to commit a serious amount of resources to our county toads in the city of Novi,"

nesaio. Novi Mayor Lou Csordas Novi Mayor Lou Csordas presided over the ecremonies. "This is a great day for the city of Novi. This has always been the most-traveled intersection in the city," said Csordas. "Thank you to everybody who's been involved in this project. It's really a sight to this project. It's really a sight to behold. One more lane here and we can land a 747," he joked.

Tom Blust, engering director.
RCOC, said the project was a long-

time coming.
"We first applied for federal funding on this project in 1988 and were given funds finally in 1992 to begin design work to give you an idea of how long it takes to get some of these things accom-plished," said Blust.

plished," said Blust.
"A special acknowledgment has
to be said to the businesses who
have suffered through these inconveniences," Blust added. "But I hope that you'll agree that it's worth it in the long run. I hope that in the future whenever we pass through this intersection we'll be always cognizant that great things happen through teamwork." Richard Helwig, city manager,

also praised the endeavor.

In the November 2000 election, the November 2000 election, gin approved the funding for sever-al projects, including the \$200,000 for our share of this project. It will serve the community for decades to come," said Helwig.

12 Mile to be widened

The Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) has awarded a contract to widen Twelve Mile Road between Orchard Lake and Middlebell roads in Farmington Hills next

Congressman Joe Knollenberg secured a federal grant worth up to \$1.275 million for the project. This grant will cover 80 percent of the grant will cover 80 percent of the project cost. The remaining costs are being split evenly between RCOC and the city. The total project cost is projected to be \$1.8 millión, including design and right of way acquisition costs.

The project involves widening the road to five lanes throughout the consent by creating the road.

this segment by extending the cen-ter left-turn lane as well as resur-facing the entire road. Congressman Knollenberg actively began seeking special federal funds for the project after he was approached by both the road com-mission and students at Harrison High School which is located on is section of Twelve Mile.

The students and RCOC were

concerned about the potentially dangerous situation resulting when ous vehicles line up to make left turns into the high school on weekday mornings and afternoons. While the center left-turn lane was extended in front of the high school several years ago, cars coming into the school can still sometimes back

up beyond the existing turn lane.
The contract was awarded Oct.
14 to Cadillac Asphalt of Wixom
by RCOC's Board of Road missioners. Work is expected to start after April 15 and last until August or September.





Mayor Lou Csordas presides over the official re-opening of the Intersection of Grand River and Novi Road last

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Crime rate down for eighth consecutive year

■ But armed robberies almost doubled in '03

By Pam Fleming

Novi's crime rate is dropping and this has been the case for the past eight years, according to Novi Police Chief Doug Shaeffer. Recently released Federal Bureau of Investigations Uniform Crime Statistics for 2003 revealed that Novi had a 12.4 percent decrease in violent crime from

The number of violent crime per 10,000 people was 9.1 for Novi. Violent crimes are defined is murder, manslaughter, rape, robbery and aggravated assault.

Property crime in Novi dropped
6.6 percent in 2003 compared with 2002. Property crime includes burglary, larceny and motor-vehi-

decreasing in Novi. We did have an increase in armed robberies last year, however," Shaeffer said. in 2002 to 15 in 2003. But this year they're back down again." Shaeffer said that a decrease in the crime rate is actually an abnormality for a community with rapid

growth such as Novi. "We've really been looking at that from an academic position, and it's interesting to see that happening. It makes one wonder why rime is down with the deamatic

"Our population isn't measured by residents' front doors only any longer. It has to be measured by people who visit our community is well," he said.

"It's really an interesting phe-nomenon to see that we're still able to see a decreasing crime rate. I think it's because the people who live here and conduct their busi-nesses here have exceptionally high values and aren't going to tolerate anything less."

Shaeffer said drugs are not a big part of the crime scene in Novi, ilthough there is some activity. The department is known for shutting down young peoples' unsu-pervised parties in town. "Neighbors and parents call us

about these parties. We don't miss many of them," Shaeffer said. Det. Sgt. Matt Conquest credits the Novi Police Department for almost a decade of crime reduc-

"The men and women here at the Novi Police Department have a lot to do with the reduced crime rate, with the dedication and prolessionalism that they show. I'm not just talking about the officers, but the records department, the dispatchers and other support staff, h's a team effort. I think we operate under the principle that if you take care of the little things, the big things take care of them-

selves," Conquest said.

This principle can be applied to fighting crime, he added.

"If we take time to solve what would be deemed minor crimes. I think that has a carry-over into-reducing the number of violent erimes." Conquest said.

Pam Fleming is a staff writer Crime is dewift and dark man a continuous of the Movi News, She can be Shaeffer added that with the expansion of homes and unique 105, or by e-mail at pflemmisingsses. Novi has become a finite lit homegonin net.





BRIEFS

Man charged with two

Anthony Joseph Stambersky the 23-year-old Novi man who afferedly entered the home of a neighbor the morning of Oct. 5 and walked into the bedroom o twin 10-year-old girls, appeared in 52-1 District Court Oct. 28.

Following a preliminary exami-nation, Judge Dennis Powers bound Stambersky over to Oakland County Circuit Court on first-degree home invasion, a 15year felony, and accosting and soliciting a minor, a five-year

Stambersky allegedly entered a home in Willowbrook subdivision it Ten Mile and Meadowbrook roads through an unlocked, sliding glass door. The girls' 14-year-old sister called 911 after an alterea tion between Stambersky and the

Shop-With-A-Cop aids area youth

Winter is just around the corner and local young people recently had the chance to pick out a new coat and more with area police officers and other volunteers. On Saturday, the Shop-With-A-Cop program took place at the Target department store on Wixom Road south of Grand River

Members of the Fraternal Order County Lodge #128; Lakes Area Youth Assistance and Target of Novi sponsored the event. The Lakes Area Youth

Assistance selected 15 children to benefit from the program. Each child shopped with a police officer for about an hour.

Police officers who assisted the hildren included John Shier, Northville Police Department; David Molloy and Tim McNamara, Novi Police Department; Scott Tarasiewicz, Milford Police Department; and John Morasco, Wolverine Lake Police Department.

Police Department; Jim Cutright,

riment: Rick Howe, Charles

in, Linda Fultz and Steve Ross,

Wixom Police Department; Jim

Stames, Mark Mackie and Torn

Vida, Oakland County Sheriff's Department; and Stan Clark, Marty Gibbons and Gary Alex, members, FOP Lodge #128.

Representing Lakes Area Youth Assistance were Deborah Lindsey, Lori Morrison, Mary Ellen Trott

Assisting from Target were Ted McCoy, Erin Guthrie, Cheri

Bloomfield Township Police

Sheriff's Office, marking the first sheriff's agency in the nation to own a TACNET-equipped vehicle. TACNET is an in-vehicle com mand and control system designer

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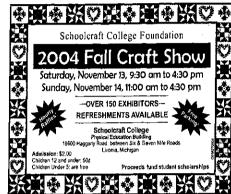
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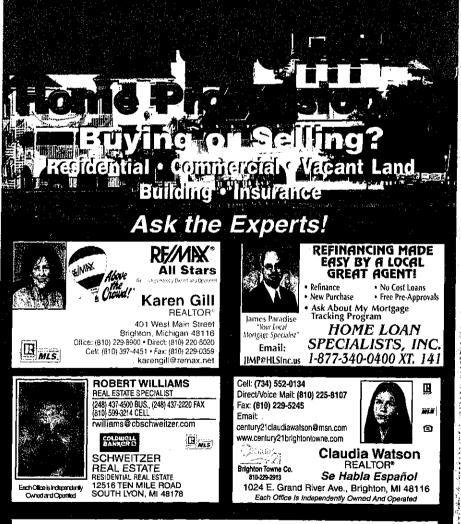
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Talks stall on legal services funding

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was recommended during the budget process.

The city charter states that five votes are needed to approve a budget amendment.

budget amenament.

The proposed funding was to be combined with a corresponding amendment of the contract with the Farmington Hills law firm Secrest, Wardle, Lynch, Hamptom, Truex and Morley.

The revised contract represented a new fee schedule, with

ed a new fee schedule

partners receiving \$125 an hour, senior associates receiving \$115 an hour and associates \$105 an Originally, Secrest Wardle had originally, secrest wardle had a category called "senior partners" that would earn \$135 an hour. This was changed to the designations "partners" at \$125 an hour, with the firm's associ-

\$105 an hour. Wardle was recently awarded the contract over the firm of Beier Howlett of Bloomfield Hills. Since then, the firm agreed to match the competing firm's bid.

es' fee reduced from \$110 to

The city has already approved \$187,500 in legal services for the first six months of the fiscal year. "I guess if there was a theme for tonight's meeting, it would be fiscal responsibility," said mem-ber Laura Lorenzo. "We've talked about the culture in the city of Novi for all departments to provide continuous levels of service at lower cost. And that's what I'm looking for from legal services and consultants as well."

"I still have some outstanding concerns," she said. Lorenzo said that Secrest Wardle has not submitted bills in a timely fashion in

"Any suggestion that this firm hus charged excess hours, I have to disagree. I've looked at every single one of the bills, and haven't seen excessive hours any-where," said Mayor Pro Tem David Landry, who made a motion to approve the amend-ment, which was seconded by KIm-Gapello.

Discussions included talk about holding Secrest Wardle to the

\$350,000 a year appropriated for legal services. But Mayor Csordas said that this was an unrealistic expectation.
"As far as the firm's performance, a majority of the council believes they have done a yeo man's job and they deserve to be awarded the contract," Csordas

said. "I happen to be one of those people who think they've done a very fine job."

A motion to appropriate the \$162,500 to Secrest Wardle failed in a 4-3 vote, with Lorenzo, Ton Nagy and Lynne Paul voting no. Csordas, Landry, Capello and Bob Gatt voted in favor of the

budget and contract amendments for Secrest Wardle. Council will need to make a decision before the end of the year on the appropriation of legal services funding for the remain-der of the fiscal year for the city to be able to fulfill its contractrul agreement with the firm.

for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext.

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Chief named to top drug enforcement post

■His next committee meeting this month in L.A.

By Pam Fleming

Doug Shaeffer, who has served as the city's top law enforcement officer for 13 years, was recently appointed to the national Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Committee of the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration

This highly prestigious and influential committee serves as the liaison between federal, state and local agencies and is responsible for combating crime related to ille-gal drug production, distribution and use. The committee studies reports on drug-related crime, methods of operations, its effects on society and means for combat-

ing drugs.

The committee gathers twice a year, with the next summit at the International Association of Chiefs of Police meeting Nov. 13-16 in Los Angeles. "It is an honor to be selected,"

Shaeffer said. "I take the responsi-bilities accompanying this appoint-ment very seriously. There is no other factor that has caused such a huge and tragic impact on our society than illegal drug activities. In the last 50 years, escalating nombers of lives lost, trillions of dollars in lost productivity, mammoth increases in health care costs, and rampant increases in crime are all directly related to illegal drugs." Shaeffer was nominated for the

position by John Gilbride, DEA Special Agent in Charge of the Detroit Field Division, and Karen

P. Tandy, administrator,

He has worked with Gilbride since police seized \$4.8 million

In the last 50 years, escalating numbers of lives lost, trillions of dollars in lost productivity, mammoth increases in health care costs, and rampant increases in crime are all directly related to illegal drugs," said Doug Shaeffer, Shaeffer noted that a large percentage of the \$4.8 million seized ment. And, it can only be used to in drug money will go to the City of Novi sometime after the first

March — one of the largest amounts of drug money seized in recent history in the U.S. "We nominated Chief Shaeffer because of his dedication and commitment to combating narsome additional review," he said. cotics trafficking not only in the Novi area but in Michigan and across the U.S. Chief Shaeffer Northville will receive a smaller amount, as will SONIC, the Southwest Oakland Narcotics brings many years of law enforcement experience and expertise to the committee, and he believes in working narcotics Intelligence Consortium, Federal agencies will receive about 20

investigations across multijuris-

dictional boundaries," Gilbride

ercent of the seized drug money.
"Federal statue governs the expenditures - how you can use the money. There are some caveats that go with that. It has to

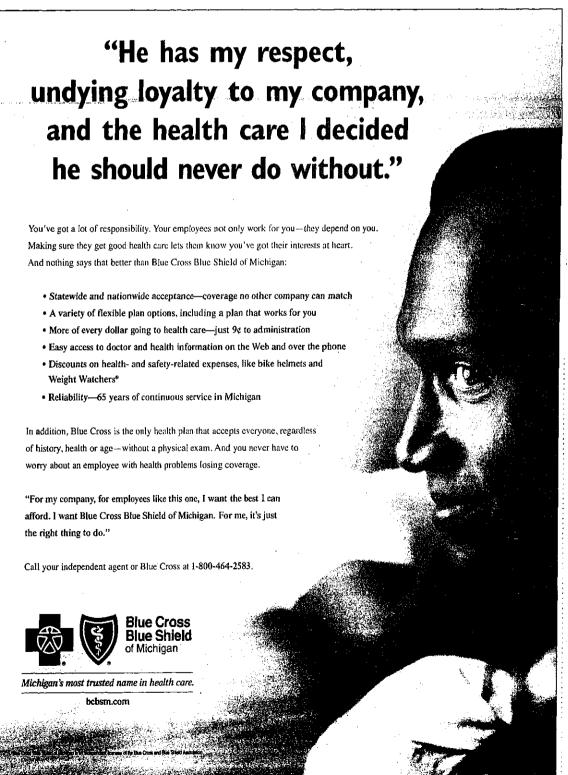
pay salaries for one year," Shaeffer said.

"But, for the most part we have relatively few restrictions on what we can purchase for use by the police department. It can go into facilities, vehicles, weapons or computers. It can also be shared with other city departments that support the police department," he said. Shaeffer noted, for example,

that the city's finance department spends about 40 percent of its time on police department issues

in the city budget like any other budget item would be. City coun-cil has control of it," he said. "It will probably be going to council as soon as we get the money. We've been thinking very hard about it and want to do things that will have maximum benefit to the

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Keynote speaker at the event

was MS Society National

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Novi Parks Men's Basketball

Returning team registration is going on now. New team registration began Tuesday, Oct. 26. Recreational, competitive and over 35 divisions are available. Information packers are available for pick-up at the Novi Parks office or can be mailed to your home. Games are played on Sundays at Novi Middle School, The cost is \$520 per eam, Registration ends Nov. 12.

Parade entries sought

The City of Novi Parks, Department is seeking entries for the 3rd Annual Ringing in the Holidays-Electric Light Parade, set for Thursday, Dec. 2 at 6 p.m. in Novi's Main Street area. The department is seeking floats, vehieles and marching groups for the event, which attracted over 2,500 people last year. Floats entered nto the parade must be illuminated with holiday lights, for more infornation call (248) 347-0400.

Diversity council discussion

Parents, staff members, and cor minity members are invited to a panel discussion featuring Rabbi-Joshua Bennett from Temple Israel in West Bloomfield, Father Frank Kalabat from St. Thomas Chaldean Catholic Church in West Bloomfield, and Imani Muhammad Musa from the Muslim Unity Center in Bloomfield Hills on Tuesday, Nov. 16, at 7 p.m. The three religious leaders will answe questions from moderator Marc Siegler from the Lakes Area Community Diversity Council some of the questions include

· How are members in your cor gregation affected by the current ntliers in the Middle East? Should religious observances be accommodated in the public

school calendar? . What are the major stumbling blocks in building community rela

The panel discussion will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 16, from 7 - 9 para at Maple Elementary, 7389 W. Maple Rd. (between Haggerty and Halsted roads) in West Bloomfield.

This is the third in a series of

Lakes Area Community Diversity Council programs for the 2004-2005 school year with the theme "Building Our Caring Community Embracing Diversity." The mission of the LACDC is to build and maintain a welcoming community which celebrates diversity and fosters respect and understanding. For more information, contact Lakes Area Community Diversity Council co-champerson Mare Siegler at (248) 320-8752 or

Children's author signing

sieglem@walledlake.k12.mi.us.

Rochester Hills author and moth-

er Amanda Moneur will be promot ing her first children's book, "Fairies Dance of Light," at Novi's Borders Books at 43075 Crescent Blyd, on Nov. 20 at 11 a.m. Available at local bookstores and through major online retailers, the book follows the adventures of a tiny sprite named Aurora and her lary friends as they join the magi-cal Dance of Light. The book is illustrated by Michigan native Chet

The book signing is one of four throughout the area, "Fairies retails for \$15.95,

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Friends set Home Tour

Proceeds to go toward new sound system

The holiday season is a time for

The Friends of the Novi Theatres will start a new tradition this year when it hosts its first annual Holiday Home Tour from 10 a.m. -2 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 30. The tour will feature three Novi

houses: the restored, historic Wizinsky home on Wixom Road; a home in Chase Farms off Eight Mile Road; and one at Island Lake off Wixom and Eleven Mile roads.

Designers from Home
Accessories Warehouse in Walled Lake will showcase holiday

designs, and guests can enjoy carof-ing by Hillside Middle School's State Honors Choir. Italian Epicure restaurant, on and Meadowbrook roads, will offer a special lunch following the event

with two meals for the price of one.

The event will benefit the Novi

Theatres. Tickets for the tour are \$15 each, and are available through

the Novi Parks and Recreation Department. "We're trying to upgrade the sound system at the Novi Civic Center. We just don't get the pro-

jection we need there," said Gwen Markham, vice president of the

organization.
"Linda Wickert, artistic director for the Novi Theatres, came up with the idea for the home tour. This type of fund-raiser has been successful in other communities," Markham said. "People like going to house tours because they get ideas for their own homes."

Kim Tice, secretary of the group, said, "We'd like to share several speciacular homes in our communi . This will give friends and fami lies an opportunity to get togethe to kick off the holiday season and support the Novi Theatres.

The Wizinsky home

Before the days of income taxes, early auto executives commonly purchased "hobby farms" on large parcels outlying Detroit.

These gentlemen farmers built homes with the same substantial characteristics as their city homes, but in a simple, country style. The Players, Performance Plus and the Broadway Musical. Italian Epicure restaurant, on Wizinsky property is one of those Grand River Avenue between Novi homes, believed to have been built

by a Ford executive in the late teens or early 1920s.

Now on approximately 12 acres, the home originally presided over hundreds of acres, its barns were on Eleven Mile Road in the present

year, and the group is primarily educational, its goals are to provide an artistic outlet and experience for Friends of the Novi Theatres is a nonprofit organization fonned to raise money for the Novi Theatres. The group has collected finds in

> Upcoming productions include "The Miracle Worker" Nov. 12-14 and the holiday comedy, "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" Dec.10-

Pam Fleming is a staff writer fo

"This will give friends and families an opportunity to get together to kick off the holiday season and support the Novi Theatres.

location of Novi Middle School,

and the small cottage across the street served as lodging for the

the past for new lighting, risers

Most recently the group donated \$5,000 toward new curtains for the stage. Members hope to raise

The Novi Theatres was founded 1991 by Linda Wicken, It

Variety

\$12,000 for a new sound system.

includes five performing groups

Children's Annex, Little People

household staff.

costumes and sets.

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Cheerful, child-like writing

■ Novi author embraces Japanese culture in books

By Kim Kovelle

At first, Novi author Mark Crilley hesitated to admit his fascination with Japanese culture played into his children's book series, "Akiko." "I used to kind of claim that there was very little Japanese influence in the series," said Crilley, clad in a elbow-patched jacket, a smile tug-

Crifley, who'll visit the Novi Public Library Wednesday at 7 p.m., blended this passion with a flair for comic book artistry and an engaging writing style geared to fifth and sixth graders.
"In general, I think I wanted to do

Crilley said, "Aki" translates to

"cheerful" or "bright." But the 10-book series, the eighth of which comes out February, isn't focused

on Japan and its fantasy characters

are far from earth.

Margi Karp-Opperer, head of the

library's youth department, said she

booked Crilley nine months ago.
"The week of Nov. 14 is

"The week of Nov. 14 is Children's Book Week, so I felt it was a perfect time for Mark to 'per-

form' here," Karp-Opperer said.

'Mark's books are a wonderful,

gentle introduction to the science fiction world. I love his consistent

characters and the way kids respond

The 38-year-old's own tale began

in Detroit, where he grew up the

self-mocking style. I was the kid in school that always liked to draw pic-

Observing his father, a

ging at his lips. Twe kind of started

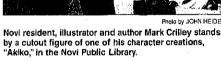
kind of a classic children's (series). I wanted it to be something to go into that old-fashioned tradition," he said, "It's about a little girl that goes into outer space. I describe it as the Wizard of Oz meets Star Wars."

The name "Akiko" bears the influence: "Ko" means "child" and,

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learned the importance of writing on a schedule. During early school years, Jay Williams, author of the Darny Dunn series, and Stephen King were influences. David Small a renowned children's author and Crilley's teacher at Kalamazoo College, later became a mentor.

"Outside of the classroom, he looked at my work," Crilley said "He took me under his wing. He got me to really do a lot of studies of the old master drawings." After graduating with an art degree, Crifley moved to Japan in

1992, teaching English there for two and a half years. He also began his youngest of three sons.
"We loved reading sort of the standard D.C. super hero comics,"
Crilley said. "I was actually more of a fan of Mad Magazine — (that) Akiko series, turning it into 52 issues. In 2000, Random House offered the book series.
"The writing kind of snuck up on me," Crifley said. Now, he also illus-

trates for publications such as Nickelodeon's "Nick Magazine."

While developing his newest series about Billy Click, a monster-His earliest comic try was "Metal

Ring," two mimeographed issues about a super hero whose powers came from metal rings worn around battling teenager, Crilley has enter-tained scores of kids with readings ics and drawings.

his father, a Living in Novi with his wife, minister, Crilley Miki — a woman from Japan who

He'll be performing aninated readings of his work, creating illustrations on-thevoung writers



Mark Crilley is the Novi athor and artist who pens the uvenile fiction series "Akiko"

■ Novi Public Library ■ Nov. 17 at 7 p.m.

he met at Oakland Community College — and their son, Matthew, Crilley continues to practice reading, speaking and writing his adopted language and culture.

"At this stage, I'm fluent in con versational Japanese," Crilley said That sort of is a dream of mine, to be published in Japan in some way.

Kim Kovelle is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 107 or via e-mail at kkovelle@ht.homccomm.net.

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Cast's spirit triumphs in 'The Miracle Worker'

By Kim Kovelle

A staged take of the tale of Helen Keller and her teacher Annie Sullivan, "The Miraele Worker" weaves a powerful plot about the test and triumph of

can't walk or talk. It's a disease
The same could be said of the
Novi-Theatres cast that will
bring the show to lite tomorrow
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do, from conquering chainering to the concert treatment.

Spanning a few weeks, the Sullivan and Keller fight, slap, three-act drama follows the punch and spit.

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Landry, to break into the deal and blind world of Keller, portaged by 11-year-old Brianna Blossfeld.

Showled:

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Landry quickly stepped up.

What: A play telling the tale "I had to listen to everybody

but not look like I'm listening, Blossfeld said. "I practiced with Annie Sullivan, It got easier." It was Donna Hausen who was initially east as Sullivan —

very first play I was in," Hansen to try to replace anyone," Baum said, "My main inspiration said, "It definitely brought the would be my niece Kelsey. She can't walk or ralk, It's a disease little kids."

cast was crying."

Since August auditions, the east has shown what they can do, from conquering challenge couldn't do the physically

unree-act trainia fortow in work of an initially reluctant Sullivan, played by Julie done it for the short time I did," skeep she watches this play will think in

"It's been fun but it's been a f the deaf and blind Helen challenge coming in from behind," Landry said, "I'm still Keller and her teacher, Annie Sullivan, who breaks Keller free from her silent world.

a little tied to my tape recorder. It's a powerful story."

Alex Baum, 17, plays James a role she longed to play since performing a different part in the play 20 years ago.
"Miracle Worker was the "Julie had a really good attitude, too. She wasn't coming in

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In that spirit, Hansen plans to
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"I don't care if they have to
wheel me in," she said. "I'm

Westory Bouse to assumous.

The attitude of all involved is perhaps reflected in the essence of Eatlor's story as Wickert tells 107 or via e-mail at 107 or kkovelle@ht.homecomm.net.

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Owner working on her autobiography

By Pam Fleming

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ices, including Botox injections.
Yono said everyone in her
family told her that she couldn't run a business. But now she there's a will, there's a way.

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"I grew up in a very strict family, I've always been told 'No, no, you can't do anything, we won't let you,' whether it be from my family or other people in my life. But, I always went alhead and did it, so now I know I can," Yono said.

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"When somebody says, 'No, you can't do that,' I always like knows not only that she can, but things I'm doing today."

also that she can do it well. She has a message to share in an autobiography she's writing.

Tentatively titled, "No, No, Know," Yono said the goal of the book is to show people where here's a way.

The word of the shore in the future at a new location will there's a way.

To celebrate the business' 10th anniversary in Novi Town Center, Nadwa Yono of Salöné ton within the shoroning center.

ness in the funde at a few foca-tion within the shopping center, "I'm waiting for Novi Town Center's plans," she said.

The business grossed more than \$1 million in annual sales

children, Yono was born in Iraq, and moved to Michigan in 1970 financial aspects of the salon, when she was 7 years old. She became a cosmetologist at age controls the business and has set

stone. Yono is giving customers to a cosmetologist at age controls the business and has set a filter care products. Yono also has Sheryl R. Conn. M.D., on staff, a board certified physician who performs a variety of skin servent go to be supposed to go outside of the family business or even date, but a board certified physician who performs a variety of skin servent go to be beauty school."

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10th anniversary in Novi Town Center, Nadwa Yono of Salöné Nadwa will offer a 10-percent discount on gift certificates and services throughout the month

that," said Yono.

beginning, now totally supports her work She's learned in a decade tha if you are in business with somebody to make sure you still

know every aspect of the business and not trust others to han For more information abou

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animal experts The first phase of a two-floored project, Lucky's has a restaurant, three bars, a 40-foot video wall. 200 video games stations and billiards tables.

In six to eight months, an upper-level bowling center and Tequila Rain, a Mexican Cantina lounge, are expected to follow. Lucky's hours are 11 a.m. - 2 a.m. daily, with a 21-and-up polcy after 9 p.m. To book a priva party, call (248) 374-3422.

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PETCO Animal Supplies will team up with the World Wide Pet Supply Association at America's Family Pet Expo at the Novi-

Expo Center Nov. 19-21.
The expo will feature animal education and entertainment focused on promoting responsible pet care. PETCO will be hosting parade of adoptable dogs, and the event will highlight proper pet care with grooming demonstrations and hands-on learning with

Also, for \$1, guests can spin a wheel for a chance to win PETCO Frishees and handanas.

bd's Novi owner looks to

Novi resident Billy Downs, owner and founder of bd's Mongolian Barbeque, said he plans to onen a non-profit restaurant in Mongolia's capital city of Ulaanbaatar.

Downs made the decision dur-

ing a six-day visit to Mongolia-this September. An opening timeline hasn't been completed yet. The restau-rant will support the Mongolian Youth Development Centre, a non-profit organization in Ulaanhaatar that focuses on

The growth will be due largely to nearly three million such syste Omron will supply beginning with 2005-06 model year cars teaching children essential life and light-trucks produced domes-Omron Automotive Electronic Components Company in

Citizens' 'blitz' goes well Citizens Banking Corporation's

and socjetal skills.

recent one-day "Novi Calling Blitz," stationed at the bank's new Novi hub, reportedly went well. In all, 36 two-person teams,

Hello, Citizens?

Maynes Insurance Services, LTD.

including the bank's CEO and top executives, visited more than 800 Oakland County businesses looking for prospective clients in a quest to expand. The businesses were notified by mail several

eeks prior to the Oct. 14 event, Citizens reported finding a number of good leads that it expects will turn into additional

Omron delivers, aims high Novi-based Omron Automotive

Electronics recently announced two new products. The company's high-powered

trians with high precision

Omron's also projecting that it will hold the number one market position in North America for

remote keyless entry by 2007

The group is a division of

Taubman reports results,

Taubman Centers Inc., manag

ing company of Twelve Oaks Mall, released its quarterly finan-

Total occupancy for all the

cial results up to Sept. 30

future plans

began discussions and signed a letter of interest with Morgan PCB relay offers 40 amps of con-tinuous carry current capacity, good for radiator fan motors, Stanley Real Estate Funds and Gale International. This outlines headlights and other auto functhe process to form a company to develop retail components of New Songdo City, Incheon, South Korea, which breaks ground Also, Omron has developed an advanced "lidar" sensor that detects both vehicles and pedes-

almost 87 percent, up 1.7 percent

from last year. Leased space was

at about 89 percent. The average rent per square foot was \$41,48, compared to \$40.88 last year.

Mall tenant sales per square

arter, leading to increased

foot increased 6 percent for the

Advancements by dSPACE

DSPACE, a German producer of engineering tools with a Novi operations base, recently unveiled innovations at Convergence 2004, a Ford-hosted automotive elecronies conference.

The company's new technology advancements for autos includes TargetLink, a production code generation software tool, MicroAutoBox, a real-time invehicle hardware platform that does electronic control unit proto typing; and calibration systems for the control units. Also, dSPACE lunched a Mid-

will attend the event at 49450 Size Virtual Vehicle Simulator, a way of testing electronic control unit networks. The package was Wixom Rd. This ceremony kicks off several weeks of activities. For more information, call (248) 349-3635. designed to better accommodate the rigorous testing requirement

Baskets arrive at Walled

For further updates or dSPACE's products, visit Lake now will be dubbed

Signature signs on new

Signature Associates-ONCOR International amounced last month that it's selling a facility in industrial building. The new

nyner is the Michigan Brewing mercial real estate firm in the state and was named as Metropolitan Detroit's No. 1 fullservice brokerage firm.

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tures like direct gasoline injec-

The McDonald's in Wixom

elebrates its grand re-opening

today at 4 p.m. to christen its

Wixom Mayor Michael

newly remodeled dining room

a ribbon made of money, repre-

made to the South Lyon High School Pep Band. The band,

directed by Stephan Cross, als

senting a donation of \$500 to be

owner

Wixom re-opens McDonald's

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With a new owner, the Wendy's Book Store in Downtown Walled Vendy's Books & Baskets, introducing a new line of gourmet gift

baskets and newborn baby items. Debby Isaacson celebrated the opening of her new store with a grand opening and ribbon cutting on Nov. 6. Coupons and food samplings from her gift baskets wore available, as was a drawing

for a free holiday gift basket. Wendy's offers new and used books, with a 15 percent credit trade program. The shop is located at 1123 E. West Maple Rd., Ste. 1 in Walled Lake, Hours are Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

OMNI offers new product

The ZOE fluid status monitor, manufactured by Noninvasive Medical Technologies, LLC, belos determine whether individnals are experiencing fluid con-gestion or dehydration.

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tive intelligent medical products

Compiled by Kim Kovelle

The Valrances Jim and Jean (Lumsden) Valrance will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Thanksgiving weekend with their family at a party at Meadowbrook Country Club They were married in Royal Oak 1 Nov. 18, 1944. Their family includes three children, Judy (Jim)

Anniversary

Kohl of Northville, Jim (Nancy) Valrance of Lake Wylie, S.C., and Burt Lake, Mich. and Joan (Brad) Whittlesey of Englewood, Colo.; six grandchildren, Tracy (Jeff) Darrow of South Lyon, Wendy (Jim) Hazlett of Sarasota, Katie Kohl of Ward, Colo., Amy Kohl of Deriver, Jim Whittlesey of Boulder and Megan Whittlesey of Englewood; and three great-grandchildren; Margaret and Alex Darrow and Jimmy Hazlett.

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Jim and Jean met at Michigan State University and live in Novi and

ENGAGEMENT



Parker-Pohlonski

Craig and Linda Parker of Novi announce the engage ment of their daughter, Emily, to Brent Pohlonski,

son of Ronald and Jill Pohlonski of Holt. The bride-elect is a 1996 graduate of Novi High School and a 2000 graduate of Michigan State University. She is currently a science and math teacher and a cheer

coach at Novi High School. The groom-elect is a 1989 graduate of Holt High School and a 1993 graduate of Ferris State University. He is curand a math teacher for

Lansing Everett High School. A July 2005 wedding is

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NAMES IN THE NEWS

IFESTYLES

Thomas J. Meier II, 40

OBITUARIES

Thomas Meier died Nov. 2, 2004. He was 40. Survivors include his parents, Nancy and Thomas: and four siblings, Joseph Meier, Ph.D., Rev. Timothy Meier, S. J., Ph.D., Ann Marie O.D. (Glenn O.D.) Carli, and Mary Patricia (Stephen) Grech. A funeral service was held Nov. 6, 2004, at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, Northville. Interment will be at Holy Sepulchre

Cemetery, Southfield. Memorials may be made to Pontiac Firefighters Good and Welfare Fund, 123 E. Pike St., Pontiac, Ml. 48342. Arrangements were made by O'Brien/Sullivan Funcal Home, Novi.

Lela M. Merandi, 87

Lela Menandi died Nov. 3, 2004. Survivor include two sons, Dan (Jeanette) and Nick (Greta); six grandchildren, Barbara, Eric, April, Paul, David and Alyssa; and one siser, Ramona Sturch

Preceding her in death was her nusband, Joseph.

A funeral service was held Nov. 8 at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi, Interment will be at Wixom Cemetery, Wixom. Memorials may be made to a avorite charity of your choice.

Online sympathy messages at www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com. Arrangements were made by O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home

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The following students from Northville and Novi are members of DSO Civic Sinfonia: Erin Caldwell, bassoon, ninth grader at Northville High: Albert Chen violin, seventh grade at Hillside; Juhn Denton, trombone, seventh grader at Marist Academy in Pontiae (Novi resident); and Mary-Grace Denton, flute, ninth grader at Notre Dame Preparatory in Pontiae (Novi resident).

They performed Modest Hussorgsky's "Night on Bild Mountain;" Johann Schastian Bach's "Fugue in G Minor;" and Nikolai RDimsky-Korsakov's "Russian Easter Overture" These students performed with DSO Simphonia on Oct. 31 at The following students from Orchestra Hall in Detroit at the Max M, Fisher Music Center with Northville and Novi are members of the highest level youth orchestra, DSO Civic: Sara Chen, violin, Anthony Krempa, assistant conductor. They performed Charles Gound's "Funeral March of a Marionette;" Edvard Grieg Peer at Northville Figh; Ji-Yeon Kim, violin, 12th grade at Nort High; Gord's "Suites No. 1 and No. 2 Saens "Danse Bacchanale from grade at Northville High.

Sanson and Delila." These students performed Nov. 7
The following students from Northville and Novi are members
They performed Tchaikovsky's of DSO Philharmonia; Elizabeth "Symphony No. 5." Holfman, bassoon, 12th grade at Northville High and Jonathon

Lee, violin, ninth grade at Novi Scott Crownover. native, stars in the lead role of Performance Network Theatre's DSO Philharmonia on Oct 31 at holiday musical, "She Loves Me. Orchestra Hall at the Max M. Fisher Music Center in Detroit with Charles Burke, music director. They performed Modest

School in Livonia, and graduated School in Livonia, and graduated from Spring Arbor University and grad school at Heritage Theological Seminary. He was last seen on the Network's Stage as lason in "Sin." Crownover will play the part of Georg, Played by Jimmy Steward in 'The Shop Around the Corner,'

Georg is the male lead of the play. A loyal and trustworthy clerk in a Hungarian parfumerie, with a wellconcealed ardor for literature and art, he has fallen in love with his pen pal "Dear Friend," who shares his romantic impulses. The singer of "She Loves Me." Georg is one of the most coveted roles in musical

"She Loves Mc" plays Nov. 11 -Dec. 26 at Performance Network Theatre, 120 E. Huron, Ann Arbor. For reservations or show times, call (734) 663-0681.



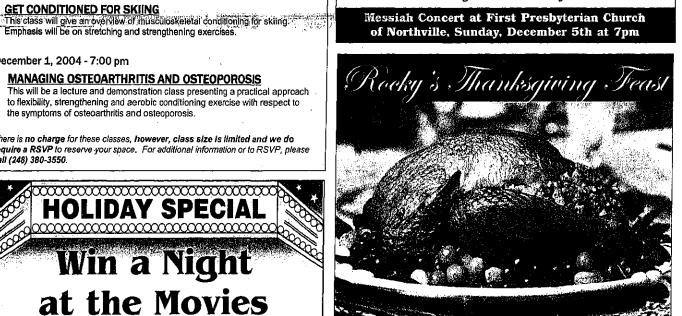
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program.

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■ Faith Community Presbyterian Church invites you to worship at either the 9 or 10:30 a.m. services. Sunday School is offered at both servics for children pre-kindergarten

through 12th grade. Faith Community Presbytertan Church houses the Novi Emergency Food Bank, which welcomes all canned goods and non-perishable items as donations. The food bank is available to all qualified persons u Novi, Walled Lake and New

meeting tonight at 6:30 p.m. at the Novi Fire Department for a Communion will be served at Sunday's service at 9 and 10:30.

Novi, Call (248) 349-2345.

■ The Church of the Holy Family offers a Spanish-speaking Mass once a month. Masses begin at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday,

ov. 27. The church is located at 24505 Meadowbrook Rd., between Ten Mile and Grand River Ave. Call (248) 349-8847

■ Church of the Holy Cross offers a worship service every Wednesday from 12:10 - 12:50 service that includes scripture and Holy Communion, The church invites you to worship Sundays at 7:45 a.m. and 10 a.m. Nursery care is available at 10 a.m. worship service. (The

nursery is coordinated by a reg-stered pediatric nurse). Adult Bible Study is held on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. Worship Center for children ages 3-7, and Sunday School starts at 10 a.m. The Rev. Karen Henry is pastor and priest in charge, The Rev. John W. Henry II is assistant priest.

Worship Service of Compline is held at 8:30 p.m. Rite 13 (ages 11-14) and 12A (ages 14 and up) groups meet at 5 p.m. for their program and dinner followed by 7 p.m. Youth Worship Service theld the sec-

Church of the Holy Cross is located at 46200 W. Ten Mile Rd. (between Beck and Taft roads), Novi. Call (248) 349-1175 or visit www.churchofthe

> ■ Novi United Methodis Church is located at 41761 W Ten. Mile Rd. Call (248) 349-

> > Church will be holding its Fourth Annual Crafts.

Collectibles, Cuisine Show on Saturday, Nov. 20 from 10 a.m. 3 p.m. All crafts are made by members of St. John Lutherau Church and donated to benefit its building fund.

St. John Lutheran Church is located at 23225 Gill Rd. (west of Farmington Road between Freedom and Grand River Ave.)

Finding the Light

will be held Tuesday, Nov. 16. it the Novi Civic Center from There will be a brief prayerful reflection during the meeting by a clergy from the area. As a service to the community, the aftercare program is provided by O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral

Building Blocks of Champions

church at one time, and her parents still belong. She now lives on

the west side of the state. She

woman on the team and the only

one married. She has been playing since she was 3 years old and has

Commerce Lutheran

church hosting three speakers this Saturday

By Ramez Khuri

The Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church in Commerce Township will be hosting the sec-ond installment of its distin-guished speaker series this Saturday from 10 a.m. - 12:45

This time around the church will welcome athletic trainer Kirk Vickers, United States Hockey Team player Lisa Brown Miller and exercise specialist Kris Beyer.
The name of the event is
"Building Blocks of Champions," and the theme is body, mind and
Games. She is the smallest

spirit.
All three speakers will be pre-senting for approximately a half hour each starting at 10 a.m. After that there will be an open forum in the church's new 6,000-foot addition. Attendees will be able to enjoy refreshments, including fruit, yogurt, protein drioks and carbohydrate bass.

The control on the cover of the laking about the road to gold and how she was able to make that journey.

"Lisa will cover the segment of the love in the segment of the love in the latter of the love in the latter of the love in the latter of the love in hour each starting at 10 a.m. After been on the cover of a Wheaties

"We do the Distinguished Speaker Series twice a year," said Vicki Williston, a church evangel-tism committee member. "Our first one was on April 24, and we had (former WDIV Channel 4 knokes) More Krim". Anchor) Mort Krim."

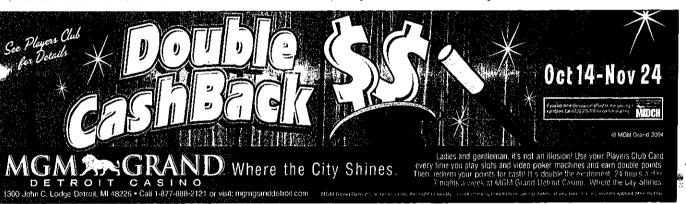
Vickers lives near the Commerce area. He has his own gym and is a specialist in training, which is having the perseverance

meaning exercise and mind, which is having the perseverance to go ahead and set your goals." The church, which is located working with many athletes. Beyer did have her own gym previously, but she now special-izes as a personal trainer and is an exercise specialist. She has quite a across from Walled Lake Central High School, will be putting up purple, yellow and green building blocks out front that read "Mind" few clientele and is from the frish Hills area. Between the years of 1993 - 1996, she placed first in the national women's body building

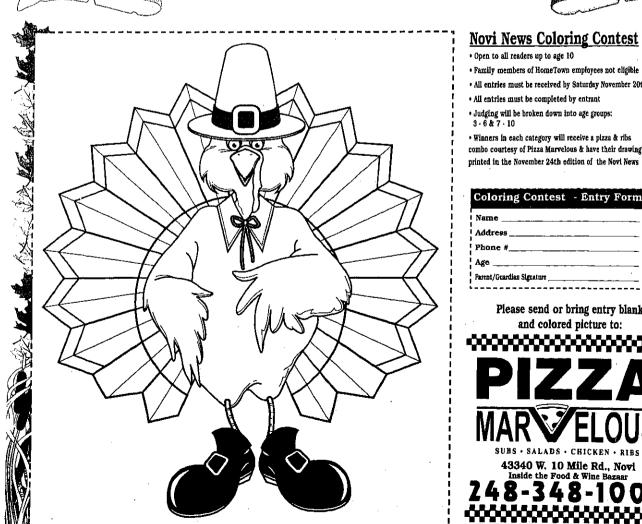
"Body" and "Spirit."
"It's our way of reaching out to tion that is important to people, Miller was a member of the Williston said, "I think health is a

big issue."

Tickets for the event are \$7 for adults, \$5 for students, and children ages 12 and under get in free eral nutrition information as well For more information, call the Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church at (248) 624-4238.



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SENIORS

B-I-N-G-O for president

■ Seniors enjoy placing chips on Election Day

By Kim Kovelle

With experienced wrist flicks, the group of 17 senior clitzens marked the proper baxes this past Election Day.

She once played up to 36 cards at a once in churches and halls. Now without a card large mail than the proper baxes this halls. Now without a card large mail than 17 miles and they won't In fact, some even checked off

the same square a half dozen which hosts times as a man at the front of the and Fridays. room called out, "The first number is N-39, N — thrree —

Although many did cast ballots that day, these seniors were spending their afternoon playing 15 rounds of bingo at the City of Novi Senior Center. Dolores Nawrocki had 16

cards arranged in rows of three. Her sharp blue eyes quickly scanned up and down the columns as letters and numbers Grabbing colored magnetic chips from a clear plastic container with her teft hand, she

(cards), and then I gradually graduated higher. I used to live on the East Side. I used to go all

halls. Now without a car, Nawrocki sticks to the center, which hosts games on Tuesdays "As a rule, I win sometimes

but not all the time. You meet people (and) you keep going," Nawrocki said. A friend sitting nearby,

Evelyn Harb, had nine 50-cents-each cards and purple chips she keeps in a sour cream container. She's been playing for 30 years.

"I go twice a week," Harb said. "I like it because the people are nice. I like them and they like me. That's why I go — to man the carely."

meet the people."

In a bingo tradition, she keeps an small array of trinkets by her boards. There's a tiny doll in a plucked them down with her pink dress with a pink feathered right. In between games, she cleared her green boards with a hat and a green stone.
"She bought it for me, my

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pink magnetic wand. She won the first two games.
"I tried it out and I liked it, like that, I put them in front of

and I got hooked on it," said me. I feel they would give me Nawrocki, who's played for about 20 years, "When I first started I probably had about 12 smaller than usual that day, Though the group was a bit smaller than usual that day, Senior Services Manager Rachel Zagaroli said the seniors are

> the gold mesh basket of balls and called out letters and num-

"Everybody vote for Bush today?" A few loud voices responded no. Playing along, Cereska said, "If I want to keep

my job, I've gotta vote for Kerry." "I try to lighten it up," said Cereska, who also DJs and works at the Manor at Novi. "That is their Tuesday, Tuesday is their day to go play bingo.

the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext.

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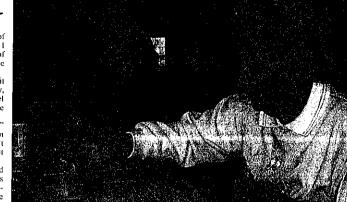
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LETTERS

We can change even with Bush

To all those who supported reason over emotion, truth over false hoods, hope instead of fear, authenticity over hypocrisy, intelligence, integrity and true compassion: The best man did not win. He was defeated by the Christian Right, the well-organized and neg-ative Rove organization, extraordinary amounts of money, leaders and voters in the South, the conservative, hawkish branch of the Republican Party, the horrible events of 9-11, an ill-informed (some

say stupid) electorate, persons in the media and Congress, who lacked the will and courage to be effective. Perhaps we can commit to risk ourselves by being voices of reason. We can join and/or support groups which espouse our beliefs and which will help heal the divisions in America. To name a few – The

Interfaith Alliance, Americans United for Separation of Church and State, Planned Parenthood, Emily's List, gay rights organizations, Sierra Club, Common Cause and ACLU. We can be instruments of change and growth. We can help safeguard the civil rights of all Americans. We can help restore the stature of

Hannah Provence Donigan

Fix railroad crossing, too

I read your article about the Ten Mile/Novi Road help. Seems everyone worked together and got the job done.

Thave been calling Novi City Hall for a number of years about the

railroad crossing at Twelve Mile and Taft. It is terrible After many calls, I think the City patched the crossing with apshalt, only they didn't make it smooth. It helped, but the bumps were still

The City masses the problem to the County, the County passes it to CSX Rail - and everyone states CSX will take a very long time to comply, if at all.

I had to take my car in for front end work which was what prom

me to get after the city, but the first repair took ages and was a bad fix. Maybe if you could get the city officials, department heads, etc. to

Leonard Bozian

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OPINION

Dems need to rethink strategies

Reflections on some meanings of the elec-tion just past, now that the results have had a · Good news and bad news:

A big piece of good news was the con-vincing election of Dr. John ("Joe") Schwarz to the U.S. House of Representatives from the reliably Republican 7th District, A sensible, experienced moderate, Schwarz won nomination in the August primary, defeating six challengers who ranged from ultra-right wing to merely deeply conservative. Schwarz will not be popular in the hard-edged GOP House caucus, where he

hopes he'll find enough fellow Republican moderates to give him some slight influence on policy decisions, paron education and health. He will also be work-ing to burnish his GOP credentials as he gears up for an expected primary challenge in

defeat of another Republican, Paul Hillegonds, for a seat on Hilfegonds is one of Phil Power Michigan's most distin-

uished public servants, and its loss only confirms the general rule that state education board elections are largely erap shoots where mostly uninformed voter select from mostly unknown candidates, usu ally on the basis of how they like the top of each party's ticket.

There are exceptions, however, Incumbent University of Michigan Regent Olivia P. ("Libby") Maynard and S. Martin ("Marty") Taylor both were re-elected, although nar-rowly. One of the reasons the U-M has done preffy well over the years is the overall excellence of its governing board, a board on which I had the honor to serve for some years. Both Maynard and Taylor have contributed heavily in that regard. . Who won and who lost:

Slight winners were Michigan Democrats who survived the national trend by narrowly carrying the state for U.S. Sen. John Kerry and even improved their minority position by five seats in the state House of Representatives, where the GOP will now

an ironclad 22-16 majority in the Senate, thanks to efficient gerrymandering during

Michigan Republicans, of course, rejoiced in President Bush's victory and in what's beginning to look a lot like a watershed elec tion. Conservatives won a big majority in amending the Michigan Constitution to ban gay marriage, although most legal experts think the language in the proposal was so broad that it will serve as a sort of "Full Employment Act of 2004" for lawyers.

> ers saying "moral values" were the most important issue, the state GOP lost no time in proclaiming their intention to make them the main attack ugainst Gov. Jennifer Granholm when she runs for re-election in two years. Maybe so, but there is an old rule in politics that you can't beat somebody with nobody (count, please, the number of Republican candidates elbow ing each other to run for gov-

, I suspect Granholm is a whole lot better than Kerry at her stance on values. And by the way, it bears notice that Michigan voters have turned thumbs down on President Bush

Regretfully, another set of very likely los-ers are the children of Detroit, whose school board will now be elected directly by Detroit residents. It was the consistent incompetence and corruption of elected Detroit school boards that caused the state to take over go erning the district five years ago. Now it looks like we're back to square one, and I can only imagine the kinds of electoral shenanigans we'll see next year when Detro

voters go to the polls.

• Conventional wisdom shattered: For years, Democrats — and some non-partisan pundits — have held tightly to their hearts certain received truths of electoral wisdom. For now, at least, these are open to

· A heavy turnout favors Democrats:

GOP more than the Dems. Sure, the Republicans mounted an unprecedented effective get-out-the-vote drive, but good field organization needs willing voters to be

bachelor's degree, but not of college gradu-

ates in general. And meanwhile, less educat-

· More educated voters favor the That is true of those with more than a

ed voters are drifting away. That's why President Bush won West Virginia — one of the few states that the hapless Mike Dukakis With nearly a quarter of votmanaged to win in 1988 - by a landslide. The best version of this nugget of conventional wisdom was offered by national reporter Seymour Hersh, who spoke at the U-M Ann Arbor campus on a tour sponsored the New Yorker magazine. When asked by President Bush was doing so well in the polls, Hersch responded, "Because 70 mil lion Americans don't believe in evolution. According to National Election Pool exit polling, 38 percent of those who voted in Michigan had college degrees. Yet the degree holders preferred Bush, 53 percent to 45 per-

> Younger voters favor Democrats and women favor Democrats by a lot. Post-election polling showed Bush beat

Kerry among young voters by about the same margins as for the population at large And The Center for American Women and Politics (quoted in the Detroit Free Press) says that the 10 percent gender gap support his time around to 7 percent.

What does all this mean? It means the core

assumptions that have driven most

Democratic strategic thinking for many years need to be re-examined. As one analyst put it the day after the election, "the Democrats are a party lost and wandering in the wilderness. That seems on point, but it is worth remembering that they — and the Republicans — have each roared out of the woods many times before, often a mere four

years after that was least expected.

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once sort of a reliable barometer of presiden-tial support. Back in the 1980s, it mirrored

large a mandate as it gave President Al Gore four years ago.

Democrats swept all but one of the eight

seats for education boards, icant gains in county com nission seats in Detroit's principal suburban countie Oakland and Macomb, In Royal Oak, an area of tidy houses and suburban familie with young children, Marie Donigan, a supporter of gay

Michigan has moved left of center than that the center has moved away from where Michigan used to be. Republicans still control both houses of the gation to congress, although that is more due

There was increased support for President Bush in blue-collar and rural areas, such as which Bush lost four years ago and won this

But the President didn't make a visible

like Oakland County continued to be unco-fortable with him, and his candidacy was hopeless in any county that contained a major university. Overall, Bush lost Michigan by 165,000 — slightly less than

The real winner, some felt, was Gov. Jennifer Granholm, the chair of the Kerry campaign, who also got some credit for other

Democratic successes. Curiously, she is the first governor since 1980 to have backed a presidential candida who actually carried the state. For most of her first two years office, she has been car erally going along with the GOP-dominated legislature on

spent grappling with how to alance the state budget, most-

versial issues. She did radio commercials urging a "no" vote on Proposal 1, which was designed to give the casinos a gambling monopoly, and also came out (less loudly) against Proposal 2, which called for a state constitutional amendment against gay

Her side lost badly in each case, though she got little blame. The margin by which

Her stands carned her new warm Democratic core groups — but don't expect any talk of Jennifer Granholm on the party's presidential ticket next time; she was born in

- and loser - as a result of this week's election were two people whose names appeared nowhere on the ballot. The big loser was clearly Detroit's mercurial mayor, Kwame Kilpatrick, who faces what is sure to

elected a board which could only approve or reject the mayors nominee for a "CEO" to run them. Despite pleas from many urban leaders, the voters chose by a 2-1 margin to reinstate a traditional and typical school board. A steady stream of allegations about ed for his family members and his vivacious

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Post-election winners and losers

the national outcome closer than any other state in three straight elections. Last week, however, Michigan chose as its President John Kerry, giving him afmost as

and gained five seats in the state house of representatives. Democrats also scored signif-



legislature, and have a solid edge in the dele-

to creative redistricting than anything else.
There were echoes of the national results in the Wolverine state. The turnout was huge.

four years ago, but by more votes than he

be a major challenge for re-election next

give the mayor authority over the city's trou-bled schools, which were so bad and so cornot the legislature took control away from the elected board five years ago.

Under his plan, the voters would have

the mayor's personal behavior in office, and stories about sweetheart financial deals craft-

chief of staff undoubtedly burt. The secret winner Nov. 2, however, may have been freshman U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich, who has to run for election in 2006. Republicans are gearing up to make a major effort to oust her. Democrats hope that two years from now, a traditional "six-year fatigue" with an incumbent administration will have set in, and make her much essier to re-elect than if it was Presiden Kerry trying to cope with ecor drums and whatever the state of Iraq may be. But as all great columnists might say, only

voters approved of the gay marriage ban was 58-42 - less than in many other states

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Special Olympics of Michigan. Strollers are prohibited. CONTACT: (248) 348-6430 "My Fair Lady" Auditions DATE; Nov. 15 and 17 North American Horse

TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: 45175 W. Ten TIME: Fri: 1 - 9 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Expo Center,

DETAILS: Audition packets are now available at Novi Parks &

DATE: Tuesday, Nov. 16

DETAILS: The Democrats of West Oakland County are planning for 2005. Pizza and social hour on CONTACT: (248) 685-1882 or

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DATE: Wednesday, Nov. 17

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DATE: Every Tuesday nìght TIME: 5 - 8 p.m.

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DETAILS: A day of enrichment and personal exploration designed to provide valuable tools, information and a new perspective on healthier living through wholeness that can be very beneficial to the participants. Open to the public. \$50 per person, includes lunch an reservations, (734) 420-2775. naterials. Registration is required. CONTACT: (248) 465-5455

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Novi at 4 p.m. DETAILS: Tickets available from any Choralaire, at Meadowbrook Commons and at the door. Adults/\$10.00, seniors and children/\$8.00. CONTACT: www.novi for the adult community to come and enjoy a unique mix of classes brought to you by the Providence

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birth children and their families

CONTACT: Emily Sack, pres

DATE: every Saturday TIME: 9 - 10:30 a.m. LOCATION: Harvest Fellowship Church, 49329 Pontiac Trail, Wixom (parking is behind the church). DETAILS: You are welcome to come for encouragement, help, hope and prayer as you face life's problems, issues and frustrations.

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CONTACT: Nancy and Susan a

LOCATION: Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, Commerce, Classroom C on the ground floor of the hospital, TIME: 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Cakland County Health Division Expectant Parent

DATE: ongoing series LOCATION: Oakland County Health Division, 1010 East West Maple Rd., Walled Lake.

TIME: 7 - 9 p.m. DETAILS: Classes will be preparation, labor and delivery, care of the newborn baby, breast-feed ing, bottle-feeding, information about keeping children safe and caring for them when they are ill CONTACT: (248) 858-4003, or

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DATE: first and third Fridays of e month TIME: 10 a.m. LOCATION: Holy Family Catholic Church (on Meadowbrook Road between Ten Mile Road and Grand River Ave.).

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We consider every day to be Veterans Day," said Maurice Jordan, executive direc-tor of the Michigan Paralyzed Veterans Association, which is headquartered in Novi. Jordan was speaking last Thursday to the

luncheon at the United Methodist Church on 10 Mile Road. But this wasn't just a regular meeting for the group. It was their annual tribute to our veterans, a low-key but heartfelt event that

living in this country.

After spirited renditions of "Star Spangled Banner" and "God Bless America," Joe Salvia presented medals to those in attendance who served or mer

Salvia, a retired first sergeant, was joined

by John Moore, retired specialist fifth class. Both served in the Army and both are members of American Legion Post 216.

"Six years ago, I started this tradition in

Milford," said Salvia. "I bought these medals for all the veterans on Memorial Day."
Salvia gave the first medal on Thursday to Jordan and the second to Mike Harris, deputy executive director / government relations for the paralyzed veterans

pion their cause. At the lunch pion their cause. At the luncheon, they were publicizing the big fundraiser that's taking place tonight (see front page article).

Next, Salvia moved on to three Rotarians who are veterans - Ernie

No, this wasn't a big parade down Main

riding mini-bikes. It was more of a subtle hug of appreciation and thanks. Ginger Barrons was the Rotarian responsi-ble for putting the event together. With a full-time job as a realtor, that's not an easy

they came on board: Providence Hospital, O'Brien-Sullivan Funeral Home, Standard

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thing to do. But she's doing it again.

Ginger is currently working on the Rotary
Club's annual holiday party for senior citizens on Dec. 2 at the Novi Middle School. wheelchair-bound, but that doesn't inhibit one bit their ability to cham-This is always a pretty special event, and this year's sponsors will no doubt be glad

Veterans recognized and thanked for service

BeGole - and three finer gentle-A tableful of invited guests from the The Manor of Novi were next. Receiving medals were veterans Howard Yokum, Harry O'Dell and George O'Dell; and spouses of veterans June Tracy, Jean Smith and Edna Wallet.

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George Koskimaki has spent his life in service

By Sam Eggleston

Northville resident George Koskimaki didn't sign up with the U.S. Army to become a World War

He signed up because a group of pretty girls goaded him into it.
"I was going to Northern (Michigan University) at the time," said Koskimaki, a native of L'Anse, where he went to high school in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. "It was after football season, and we were down at the local establish-

It was then that Koskimaki, who was 20, and his friends tried to pick up some of the local high school girls from Manquette Senior High in their way home.

They said 'Go away, you draft dodgers,' 'Koskimaki recalled, 'That was it. The following Monday Lenlisted in the Army, The other guys, when they sobered up, thought better of it and decided to wait until they were drafted later

The decision to sign up landed Koskimaki in the 101st Airborne Division — the first paratroopers in the history of American combat. Little did he know the taunting of some pretty girls would put him on a path of service through the rest of

Dec. 29, 1944: German bombers dropped some heavy stuff as well as butterfly anti-personnel bombs early this morning. The (Germans) hit one building in our area and also rafed a little. Hazy weather. The

Out of the frying pan

his life. It was June 6, 1944; D-Day "It's less than a minute from the plane to the ground," said Koskimaki, who was Division Undr. Gen. Maxwell Taylor's radio operator in the Signal Company division. "Even though I was in the air for just 45 seconds it seemed like

"You'd swear every gun in Normandy was aimed at you. Everyone had that same feeling, like they were being singled out by every gunuer on the ground."

Koskimaki, who jumped out of the first plane with Gen. Taylor, made it very clear he wanted to

reach the ground as quickly as he could despite there being a horde of German soldiers waiting to attack bin and his fellow paratroopers. "I landed in a small wheat field where the grain was about knee high," he said. He hit the ground at 1:26 a.m. and in complete darkness "I just laid there on the ground

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Koskimaki moved through the field until he heard some low mut-

"I was really terrified," he said, "I took my cricket (a signaling device) and clicked it. Sure enough I heard click-click, elick-click." The men responding were his

jump master and one of Gen. Maxwell's aides Nov. 23, 1944 (Thanksgiving Day): What a way to spend Thankseiving! (The Germans) blev

Bob Hayes out the side of a barn. Hurt his foot a bit. We moved to a new CP that wasn't zeroed in Nov. 24 , 1944: The artiflery barrage must have been an inside job

with civilian observers.... Through the darkness

Koskimaki, a corporal at the time, traveled through fields with the two officers in complete darkness. A gruff voice stopped them in their tracks. The voice was German. Koskimaki's jump master replied

in French, hoping to hide the group's American identity. He was visiting a cousin and apologized for being out past the German-enforced

same time they opened up with their burp guns, Koskimaki and his troop escaped

after the jump master threw a grenade at the enemy. The officer lost his map in the process and, after discovering it gone ordered Koskimaki to find it.

"Needless to say it was the scariest moment of my life as I slowly crept along in the shadows," he said.
"Every time I stepped on a dry twig

The diary of Koskimaki,

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Finnish Center at Farmington Hills where Koskimaki still stays busy, "During her final days the first

Koskimaki and his late wife also worked together at the 101st Airborne Association where they helped boost membership from 1.675 veterans to over 4,000 during

Photo by JOHN HEIDER holds luncheons at the Finnish Wednesday of every month. He's

active, though he doesn't know for - ed to write a book I was going to



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instead of it sounding like a crunch it sounded like a pane of glass breaking to me." Koskimaki found the map where

they had been fired on before run ning back to the officers and eventu-Daylight eventually broke. Koskimaki survived D-day,

Sept. 19, 1944: Had a bad scare when enemy tanks got within a cou-ple hundred yards of the CP and shelled headquarters and the bridge over the canal. They apparently saw me run into the bailding with the message that enemy tanks were nearby. As soon as I got into the building, a shell crashed through the tile roof as I hunded the message to an aide. They also fired on the observer who was in the tower beside the headquarters building

Continuing service

Koskimaki began a teaching career at Roseville High School in 1948 where he was also the track coach before moving on to coaching basketball and the backfield for the football team. He retired after 30 years at the school.

Teaching was just a part of what he had come to know. He was serving his country by educating chil-

"I enjoyed teaching," he said, "I enjoyed the kids and the people I worked with."

His wife of 56 years, Eva, who died over a year ago, was a teacher for 37 years in the Detroit Public School System. She began at Noble School and later moved to librarian at Clark School. "I had only gone on two dates

with her before the war," Koskimaki said. "I met her on a blind date and then left for the war. We stayed in The duo worked together at the

query out of her mouth was 'What do we do at the FCA (Finnish Frazir's arm. He was standing next Center) today?" said Koskimaki. "To the very end she was aware of over the cab of the truck. her responsibilities."

today. Koskimaki keeps serving. He speaks before groups about the war and his memories. He

Koskimaki's words will be avail Screaming Eagles, Hell's Highway and "The Battered Bastards of Bastogne," are in their fourth printing.
"I had no idea I would write about



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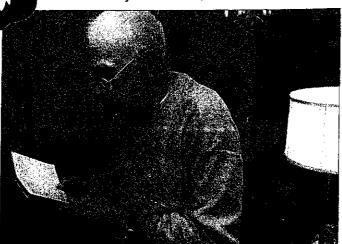
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ling authors, journalists, television reporters and even those who were assembling the stage for the movie,

"Saving Private Ryan" and the HBO series, "Band of Brothers."

The work piles up, a lifetime high. Not even Koskimaki knows when it will end. His service contin-

"I give half of what I make off the

George Koskimaki reads from his WWII diary at his home in Northville.

men would begin telling their stories

be about me," he said. "I knew the

orange and this one wasn't during - Screaming Eagles, as well as fledg-

book should be about the other men ues, an old soldier marching on

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Koskimaki of his wife's gravesite, "I done or why this parachute was those who served with the tell her it shouldn't be much longer before I join her." supply drops."
So, Koskimaki began contacting members of the IOIst with questions. When they responded, the At age 82, Koskimaki said that if he lived a successful life, it was

because of his wife. "If I was successful during my time on earth, I owe it Eva, who was always wise in her counseling and made sure I didn't falter when the conditions were not to our liking,

Eva wrote a poem in her Bible. lives by. He read aloud, crying: "It's not what we gain, but what we give (that) measures the worth of the life we live."

and what they experienced." toward He contacted thousands of veter-drum. The verse is one Koskimaki put on their dual headstone and one he ans and wrote of their experiences. Today he is considered one of the books to the 101st Association. leading historians of the 101st said Koskimaki. "I think it's the Airborne Division. He has been least I can do for them."

Oct. 21. 1944: While coming back from taking showers in Nijmegen, an 88mm shell landed fifty feet in front of our truck. It hit the road at an intersection and English MP who was directing traffic. A piece of shrapnel cut Art

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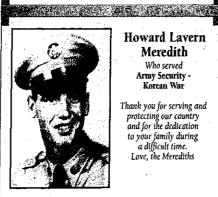
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the Brave

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DETAILS: Group is a nonprofit, non-denominational group that brings adoptive fami-lies together. Twice-a-month meetings provide families with the opportunity to share play

and conversation.

CONTACT; Michelle Pergeau
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Novi Toastmasters

DATE: first and third Tuesdays of the month. LOCATION: Novi Civic

Center Activities Room. TIME: 7 - 8:45 p.m. DETAILS: Toastmasters will help you improve your commu-nication skills, voice your opin-

ion, polish your presentations and practice leadership. CONTACT: Colleen at (248)

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DATES: Wednesday mornings LOCATION: Meadowbrook Commons Activities Room, 25075 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi, TIME: 11 a.m. weigh-in; 11:30 a.m. meeting

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CONTACT: (248) 465-5455

HEALTH

Oakland County Health Division flu shots

DATE: On-going until supplies are depleted. LOCATION: Pontiac Office, 1200 N. Telegraph Rd. (north of Elizabeth Lake Rd.) in the

Oakland County complex, building 36E. HOURS: Monday, noon-8 p.m.; Tuesday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. DETAILS: Flu shots are

available only to high-risk pri-ority groups. Cost is \$7.00, Medicare and Medicaid insur-ance can be billed to cover the cost. Bring photo identification proof of Oakland residency is

required, CONTACT: Flu vaccine hot-line, 1-800-434-3358

Send your calendar items to Cal Stone, editor, Novi News. 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167; fax to (248) 349-9832; or e-mail to cstone@ht.homecomm.net.

Horse Spectacular set for this weekend

The North American Horse Spectacular will take place this weekend at the Novi Expo Center, on the west side of Novi Road, south of 1-96

Hours are 1 - 9 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday.

One of the local horse owners who's a regular at each year at the event is Nancy Harm of Northville.

"They expanded the hours this vear to include a full eight hours on Friday," Ham said. "There will also be different horse breeds and clini-cians coming this year." Harm will ofter five one-hour

presentations on such topics as "De-Spooking or Making a Safer Horse" and "Training the Trick Horse."

Harm established Harmony Acres in 1981 with her husband, George, as a family Arabian breed-ing farm. In the early days, foals were shown on the AHAM Class A Circuit.

Her mount, Harmony Tarifa, now 17 years old, won his Futurity Class as a yearling stallion. Later, he won Native Costume and Western Pleasure classes, Harm and Tarifa also enjoy trail riding and have been trained in search and rescue.

Tarifa has been a mount for high

school and college equestrian team members and with his brothers and sisters and is used in therapeutic riding competition,

ing competition,
As Equine Chairperson for the Michigan Parade, Harm can be found at area horse expos and other events recruiting different breeds of horses and equine activities for participation in the Michigan Parade. More than 200 equine entries have been seen in this parade on the Saturday after Mother's Day each May in Lansing.

May in Lansing.

In 1993, Harmony Acres horses rode in their first parade. Ten years later, they have participated in near-ly 300 of the Midwest's largest



Nancy Harm and her horse Tarifa will appear at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 19 in Northville's Christmas Parade.

Harm is a professor of psychology at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. She helped develop the

Equine Arts and Science Certificate Program at the college and was the first Equine Advisory Board Chairperson.

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or just backyard enjoyment and

 Harm's latest effort has been to teach Tarifa new tricks. Both will perform these over the weekend. Watch for program times for Harm and Tarifa in the Round Pen at the North American Horse Spectacular: "Tarifa has learned 25 new tricks

since last year," Harm said. "He can rope a plastic calf, paint, ring bells and is perfecting soccer now."

For more information, visit www.northamericanhorsespectacu-lancom and www.harmonyacrespa-

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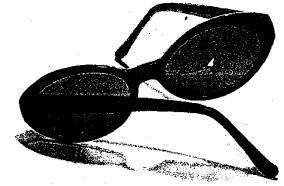
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Quick

All-Area selection

Two calls so far have been received by the sports department with folks wondering just when we were going to get around to putting out the All-Area selec-tions for the different sports.

The answer is Thanksgiving. No. really, it is. Check out the edition during Thanksgiving week to see just who were the top players in the area between the schools of Northville, Novi. Milford, South Lyon and Lakeland.

Hockey already?

What ever happened to taking a deep breath between sports sea-sons? Hockey is eager to get on the ice, perhaps even to show the NHL players that money isn't everything

when there's a game on contest of the year — which was a scrimmage - was yes terday, but don't worry because there are plenty more where that came from.

Check out next week's edition to find out all about the team their goals and the schedule of games yet to be played.

A little peeved

And who says the big papers are always right? Plenty of Novi fans were growling about the touting of Canton last week prior to the Wildcats win over the

So many papers and camera ews were there that it looked to town. Maybo



Wildcat senior Josh Woods oted that only the Novi News had faith in the program and their ability to win. Three seasons ago it was supposed to be a blowout too, but Camon only won 9-7. This year Novi wasn't about to go home with a loss to them

And, yes, the News is confident the Wildcats can win again. It's not going to be as lop-sided as last time, but if Novi doesn't let

their egos inflate they should win. For all those fans wondering, sports writer Sam Eggleston has full intentions of wearing sandles to the game too. He's a supersti-tious fellow — which is why he won't shave until the seaso over and will wear the sandles until then as well.

A letter from Curt Ellis

The Novi Wildcats won their third consecutive MHSAA District Title last Friday night with a well-earned 20-0 victory over previously unbeaten Canton. Novi will host Kensington Valley Conference rival South Lyon in the MHSAA

Regional Final tomorrow night at 7 p.m. right here in Novi! Tickets

sons age and over are \$5 (no passes will be accepted). Pre-sale tickets will be sold Tucsday - Friday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. in the Athletic Office, (please stop by the main office during school hours and obtain a

I realize it is somewhat of a tradition for people to "claim" their seats with blankets, seat cushions, etc. prior to the games The stadium will be open until 4 p.m. on Friday for those who wish to continue this tradition. However, we will secure the sta m from 4 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. for final game preparations Gates will be open to the public

at 5:30 p.m.

Parking may become an issue as I anticipate a capacity crowd, (over 4,500 attended the Novi vs. South Lyon game in South Lyon this year) so plea-car-pool if possible. You may also park in the Community Sports Park parking lot and walk over to the stadium through the practice fields.

I hope to see everyone at the ame Friday night — GO

Curt Ellis, CAA Novi Athletics Director



The Novi Bobcats

league with a play-off victory in the Super Bowl. It is the first year



The Novi Wildcats country team fin last Saturday, Mark Moore had the top finish of any 'Cat in the highly-



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Wildcats don't flinch as they topple top-rated Canton



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Wildcat defensive back Kevin Cisio stops a Canton ballcarrier from the endzone by dragging him down to the ground in a dramatic last-second stand in Friday's game. The Wildcat stop left Canton without any points in the first half.

By Sam Eggleston

Newspaper reporters and tele-vision stations lined the field last Friday to watch Canton continue its roll to the state finals. Unfortunately for the Chiefs and those who came to watch them win, no one told Novi they were

supposed to lose.

The Novi Wildcats football team didn't care about Canton's record or their defensive prowess as they punched out a 20-0 victory over the formerly undefeated Chiefs.

Chiefs.

"Canton is a great football program." Novi coach Tab Kellepourey said. "Any time you can play well against a team like Canton is a good night."

The victory gave Novi a district title, marking the team's

third straight. It seems to becoming a tradition for the green-and-white.

"Novi has built a program," said senior center Ryan Pritchard.
"This is a tradition now. It's my hird district and it feels great."
Novi didn't go away from the game that has taken them so fathis year. They ran between the

this year. They ran between the tackles, popping outside off fakes and misdirection. Jarrell Woods and Robbie Carter combined 26

carries for 140 yards.

But it was Kevin Cislo, a senior quarterback and defensive for quarterback and defensive back, leading the way. He hauled the ball 21 times for 94 yards, threw for 50 and pulled down an interception. He threw, for a touchdown and ran for two. In fact, the senior captain also had some impressive tackles as well. He recorded three official stops,

including one on a Canton fourth-and-goal from the 2-yard line where he pulled down the top Chief, Julian Smith, on a sween

"I just grabbed on and didn't let go," a smiling Cislo said. "He's a talented player. I'm just happy we were able to slow them down"

Novi (9-2) will now play host the South Lyon Lions next

Friday at 7 p.m.
"We're looking forward to it,"
said assistant coach Jeff
Burnside. "They are one of the best defensive teams in the league. It should be a great game between two great KVC teams."

Kellepourey agreed. "They are possibly the best defensive team in the KVC," Kellepourey echoed. But, are they the best? "Probably."
South Lyon may be the best

defensive team in the conference, but the Wildcats have plenty of potency themselves. Novi held potency themselves. Novi held Canton (10-1) to just 235 yards of total offense while netting nearly 300 of their own. The 'Cats scored on a 50-yard pass to Chris Dalton from Cislo in the first quarter and on runs of 13 yards and one yard by Cislo in the second and third quarters, respectively. Pat Sijan hit his first two extra points, but put the third wide.

wide.
"I'm very happy with how the offense played," said Pritchard.
"We seem to play at a higher level in the playoffs. We just have to finish it this year."

Novi will play in their third regional title in as many years. They fell to Catholic Central two years ago but were regional champions last season.

something to say about it.

"It should be a good game," said Cislo before being asked if he had any predictions. "Hopefully, it will be just like last time."

Novi hopes to take their second straight regional crown, but the South Lyon Lions may have

Novi won their first match-up with the Lions, 20-0, Oct. 1. The Lions had collected a mere 18 yards of total offense

yards of total offense.
"We can't expect it to be like
that again," said Burnside.
"We've got to play better than we
played tonight if we want to win.
South Lyon is talented. They're
well coached. They want to get us.

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Wildcats victory was poetry in motion

Novi 'Cats last week.

The experts said they'd lose their game and some even called them meek. And then when Canton called the

coin and earned the opening kick,
The Chiefs fans did wonder which
route to the goal their team would pick.
Some Wildcat fans shifted, they

murmured about. Was Canton as tough as the newspaper writers recently did tout?

They wondered and they talked, what would Novi do? Could they stop the mighty Chiefs with their defensive crew?

Other fans, they whispered and some even roared. It wasn't the ability to stop Canton,

rather their ability to score.

Novi had to bring their best and find way to the 'zone,

If they wanted smiles on their face when it was time to go home.

So the reporters gathered, the fans they sat,

Wondering if Novi could do this or do that

But the defense halted Canton on their first drive and then, The 'Cats recovered the ball on a punt for first and ten

Then the crowd was silent as Kevin
Cislo snapped the ball,
He faked the ball left then right and



Sam Eggleston

then revealed the call. Cislo backed into the pocket and threw the ball real deep,

And Chris Dalton showed his prowess as the coverage he did beat.

Before the fans could even cheer or the Chiefs could make a hit,

whopping seven to zip.

From three thousand fans came the

the first time through the fall. The cheers from the home stands

Novi found themselves the lead, a

sound of a growing awe,

For the mighty Chiefs fell behind for

turned into a din,

Because they knew the unbeaten
Chiefs would get the ball again.

"Surely we will score this time," some fans they did yell. But Novi proved their worth again

and surely time would tell. Could the Wildcats do it? Could they

seemed they could and would indeed for Novi scored again.

Then halftime came and halftime went and Canton was behind.

The fans just shrugged and smiled for touchdowns they would find. Novi didn't respond at all, but kept their mouths shut tight,

They knew they'd have to play their game if they wanted to win that night.
With two touchdowns to overcome the mighty Chiefs just grinned. No one had beat them and no one

would. They would be victors yet again.

So Canton stopped the Wildcats in the first series of the half,

They were sure and they were confi-

dent in the ability of their staff.
Who were these Wildcats anyway, to think that they could win, When Canton was the mighty Chiefs

and never would give in? But Novi wasn't startled and Novi

In fact they marched again that night and showed how well they fared.

The Wildcats put up fight and had a ick up their sleeve,
With the score now sitting at 20-zero

the Canton fans turned to leave.

But perhaps the Chiefs can come back?" asked someone in the crowd, To which the 'Cats defense responded by shutting Canton down.

Novi's defense grit its teeth when the

ass began to fly, When suddenly from the stands the fans began to cry: 'Canton is over rated!" shouted 'Cat

fans through the night,
And suddenly it became real clear
that the chant was very right.
When all was done and all was said.

When all was done and an was sent the game came to a close.

The air was crisp and the air was cold as it nipped at every nose;

Sontewhere deep in Plymouth there are people smilling wide.

Somewhere deep in Plymouth increase are people smilling wide.

Children laugh and children stream as they play on swings and slide.

Somewhere there are football fans who are full of cheer and glee.

Because their beloved team will play.

necause their beloved team will play in post-season game number three. Those Novi fans will continue to scream and they will continue to shout. But there is no joy in Canton for the mighty Chiefs have bowed out.

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349-1700, ext. 104 or by e-mail at seggleston@ht.homecomm.net.

The Novi swimming and diving team took fifth place in the always-tough Kensington Valley

Conference championships.

The end result found the Wildcats taking fifth at the meet and fied for fourth overall with Pinckney in the KVC Novi had 269 points while Brighton won with 622-50, South Leon was sec-ond with 326.50 and Howell was third with 299-50.

The top finisher of the day was Laura Lynch, who took second in the gracking 500 free in 5:31.46. Dana Hapanowicz wash't too shabby either, finishing third in the 50 freestyle in just 26,75 sec-

Also taking a third for one con-Wildcats was the always consis-tent Amy Glubzinski, who took third in diving with 298.05 points. Also taking a third for the Novi Also taking third was Mary Rudzinski in 1:06.75 in the 100

butterfly event.

In the "B" races, the Wildeats fared well. Emily Erickson took first in the 100 backstroke in a time of 1:09,21, while the 400 free

relay team of Erickson, Whitney Jabori, Megan BuWalda and Yalda Dastimachi took second in 3:59,27. Nothing a third was the Dastimachi 200 free relay

team BuWalda, Courtney Ratkowiak, Dastimachi and

Paquette time of 1:50.42 while the team of Rachle Moblo, Nicole

Patton, Erickson and Emily Stark took third in the 200 medley relay in 2:05.3.

Taking second in the 500 free was Paquette, who swam the race in 5:49.96.

Wildcats bow to Eagles

To say it was an unexpected loss in the Novi Wildeats basketball for the Novi Wildeats

team is an understatement.

The 'Cats, led by coach Bill Kelp, expected to find them-

selves finishing out their season strong. Instead, they dropped the first of their final two games 54-44. The loss

came against Hartland. Leading the way for Novi was junior Rachele Folino, who poured in 15 points in the losing effort. Novi will be back in action Monday when

they open up the post-season with a district tournament game against Northville. Earlier this year, Novi beat the Mustangs by one point on a free throw by senior guard Jessica

How by School goand Jessica Haggerty.

The game is scheduled for 5:30
p.m. at Canton High School
Monday. All district tournament
games will be held at Canton. games will be held at Canton which is focated between Beck and Sheldon Roads on Joy Road.

- Compiled by Sam Eggleston



Well done

Fourteen Novi Middle School eighth grade lacrosse players competed in the Michigan Lacrosse Foundation 7 on 7 Tournament in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The team made it all the way to the semi-final game. The team included Matt Mandeville, Kyle Tecklenburg, Nathan Haynes, Paul Favorite, Shane McCusker, Barrett Schwarzlose, Spencer Rice, Frankie Popp, John Dwyer, Justin Hoomalan, Sean Murphy, Tom Machisak, Jack Petroskey and Josh Piche. The team played five games total.

Cranbrook tied Novi 4-4; Novi beat Sorrows 9-2; Novi won over Ann Arbor 4-2 and Novi leaf Corners 19-18-18-18-18-18-18 Novi lost to Grosse Point 5-1 and then lost to the Michigan Warriors 4-1.

From cheerleaders to team-dinner gourmets

By Ramez Khuri

Forget all the hard practices, all the film watching and all the statistic studying. The reason Novi High School Defeated Novi High School Defeated Northville in the first playoff game last Friday is because of the meal the players are before

game time.

The dinner, which consisted of lasagna, salad, fruit and too on insignite, sande, fruit and too many desserts to count, was pre-pared by non other then the Novi High School Varsity Cheerleading squad. According to Carol Sprys, secretary to Novi Athletic Director Curt Ellis, generally,

parents are the cooks, but this time the cheerleaders offered to do their part to ensure a Wildcat

This is a team dinner that we sponsor before every game for the varsity players," Sprys said, "The coaches came down and gave the kids a pep-talk and the players got their stickers for their Players receive stickers to

place on their helmets for different achievements during games.

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Bobcats win Super Bowl

The Novi Freshman Bobcats defeated the tough Livonia Blue Jays 6-0, in a hard fought contest,

The Bobeats were lungry and ready to pounce from the league.

The Bobeats were lungry and ready to pounce from the opening kick, Michael Metz, Josh Schiesler. and Lucas Buck'mumbled down the field nearly fifty yards before Blake Boron pitched the ball to Grant Wheeler who broke free behind a key block by Zachary Johnson and scored the games only touch down on a 20-yard run. Novi's quick strike left the Blue Jays recling. Later in the quarter, Preston Dooley connected with Jason Carless on a 15-yard pass play. The defense gave Livonia no

room to move in the first quarter that included a hard tackle by Nick Morgan that caused a fumble and was recovered by Conor Sherman The first quarter ended with Novi on top 6-0.

The second quarter featured

The second quarter featured strong special teams play. Once again, Kevin Wenner's punting kept Livonia's back to the wall. The special teams covered every kick-off and punt the entire season on swift tackles by Ben Landry, Dylan Klocke, Richard Browning, Daniel Vera-Burgos, Connor Daly, Kyle Haustein and Marco Ligotti. The second half was dominated by the moul Bolecat defense The

by the proud Bobeat defense. The rest of the league remarked how difficult it was to score on Novi,

As soon as a Blue Jay touched the ball a Bobeat dropped them. Kyle Matel (12), Collin Pew (10), Grant Wheeler (7), Scott Schramm (5), Wheeler (7), Scott Schramin (3), Colter Huacujn (5), Afex Kinnamon (4), Preston Dooley (4), Adam Haynes (4), Brad Miller (2), Mario Ferrini (2), Brad Kozinski (2) and Matthew Mizerowski (2) absolutely smothered Livonia with quick, hard tackles.

In the final quarter, the Blue Jays came to life and marched down to the Bobcat 18-yard line. On a key fourth down, the Bobcat defense stopped Livonia. The ball was turned over to Novi, time they expired, and Champions.

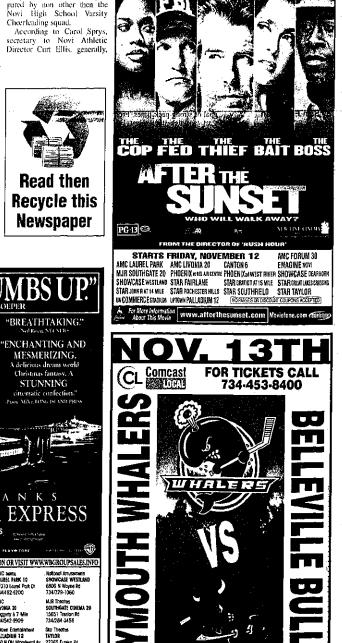
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Wildcat boys have strong run in Division I finale

It was a race Novi coach Bob Smith sure wouldn't mind running again - but the other teams in the state finals may not

agree.
Novi took fourth in the Division 1 state finals behind the likes of Milford in first and

Pinckney in second, "We beat Milford two out of the last three times," said Smith. "The boys are taking consola-tion in the fact that they know they can beat them, I can pretty much guarantee Milford and much guarantee burnord and Pinckney would say 'No thank you' if offered a rematch. That race could be run several differ-ent times and have several dif-ferent champions." ferent champions."

But, the Wildcats aren't dis-

appointed with how they fared. Smith admits his squad was eyeing the top spot when they arrived at the finals, but knew it

would be a doglight,
"There were five teams there that have beaten each other up all season long," Smith said, "I would have been disappointed if we weren't in the top five. All the teams there performed as expected."

The leading Kensington

The leading Kensington Valley Conference individual may not have had the opportunity to hoist the team trophy, but

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he still wore green and white.

Senior Mark Moore finished as the top conference runner, coming in fourth in the finals.

"I looked at Mark and told him this was his opportunity to exact some revenge," said Smith, "Some of the other runform and the time time time time times may have beaten him this year but his training was focused on the finals. I looked at him and said 'Mark, you'll beat them today."

And he did. Moore ran a

"I can pretty much guarantee Milford and Pinckney would say 'No thank you' if offered a rematch. That race could be run several different times and have several different

> Bob Smith Novi Cross Country Coach

finals time of 15:38.5. Moore set his season personal record, but wasn't able to reach his career mark thanks to some unfavorable conditions.

"After two days of rain the

champions."

infield Michigan (at International Speedway) was soaked," Smith said. "Race tracks are designed to keep the water off of them by flowing to the infield. That just happens to be where we were running."

The boys fared well though.

Finishing eighth in the state was Amol Huprikar, who is also a

"Last year people talked about how we had a superstar because Mark finished in the top 10," Smith said, "We don't have just one superstar though. We have two.

Huprikar ran a 15:48 for his position in the finals.

Not far behind was senior Justin Namm, who ran a 16:38. He finished 55th overall in the

race.
"Justin really kicked in up a notch," said Smith. "For much of the year he was considering himself the fourth or fifth guy

on the team. He definitely deserved being our three man."

Spencer Ornes, who is also a senior, finished just seven seconds behind Namm, but was 75th overall.

"There were runners coming in about three or four ever sec-ond," Smith said, "It was pretty

amazing."

Kip Miller ran a 16:52 and Mike Wheat came in not too far behind him in 17:39. Wheat's performance was one of the

performance was one of the more inspiring on the day.

"Mike ran an exceptional race, especially considering he had just been diagnosed with chicken pox," said Smith. "He had the beginnings of it but I thought it was just nerves because he had already had the pox. It wasn't." pox, It wasn't.'

Rounding out the Wildcats was Bobby Watts with a 17:46. Novi will be in good shape

come next season despite losing their top four runners to gradua-

tion.
"I did the math," said Smith.
"If I took out all of our seniors' times and let everyone else in the regional keep their seniors from this year, we still would have qualified for the state

Which definitely bodes well for the future of Novi cross country — even without staples like Moore and Huprikar to keep things interesting

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Photo by HAL GOULD

Novi's Bobby Watts keeps up with the pack at the state finals in Brooklyn, Mich. last

Novi girls take 15th in state finals

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

It could be the first in a long Il could be the first in a long line of state finals appearances. The Novi Wildcats girls cross country team, led by coach Norm Norgren, made a trip to the state finals last Saturday. The event was held at Michigan International Speedway in Recoklyn There Novi Brooklyn, There, Novi took 15th as a team in Division I competition. There were 28 teams

competing.

"Overall it was a great day for the Novi girls, who do not have great speed but run together as a team," said

Norgren.
- Novi found senior Patti Ramos wrapping up her career with an inspired performance.

The harrier cruised to a finish in 19:39 to lead her Wildcats.

Not far behind her was

-Meghan Bannatz, who ran a 20:00, while Katie Shannon finished in 20:10. Lainey Sekulowki ran a 20:28 in the finals race while Erica Howard recorded a 20:50 and Andrea Kramer ran a 21:00. Rounding out the runs was Laura Brunner with a 21:02.

goal of strong pack times. From start to finish it was just 1:23

apart.
"The pack of 1:21 was not what it had been at the regional a week earlier, but Patti Ramos

had a great race and extended that pack," said Norgren. Times for all the runners were down thanks to course condi-tions. Rain for two days left the track soft and

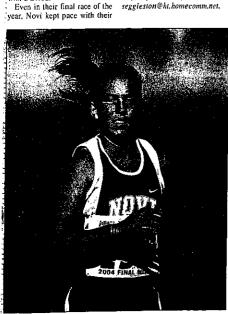
wet and it was much warmer than usual, "Warm temperatures and direct sun did bother some of the girls who had been used to two weeks of cooler weather," Norgren noted.

The Wildcats were proud of their appearance and as a leam set an example for many squads

to follow in the coming years. "The girls were very excited about their appearance at the finals and hope to make the trip an annual event in the future,"

Norgren said. If the way this year's squad ran was any indication of the grit and determination of Novi girls cross country runners, then future trips are inevitable.

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Photos by HAL GOULD

TLEFT: Meghan Bannatz paces herself at the state finals, where she ran a 20:00. RIGHT: Novi's Patti Ramos takes a quick glance over her shoulder to see how far behind her opponents are in the state finals recently. Ramos fared well, taking 57th overall as her team ran to a 15th-place finish.

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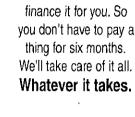


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■ Village Oaks' really a kid at

around children each and every day. Good thing, too, because she probably wouldn't like her job very much if she didn't.

Village Oaks Elementary ever. She knew she wanted to be a teacher since she was 12 years old, and that dream never died.

At age 12. Smith was very involved in her church youth group. As president, she started

having teenagers assist in Sunday School classes with the younger "Heading that up was satisfy

to be around kids because I'm truly 5 at heart." most about her job is being able to ing," she said. "I tove to make the care for children and interact with

from the children that she could-'t ever get anywhere else. "Being a kindergarten teacher is truly an ego trip," Smith said. "The kids think that I'm the greatest, but I'm really not. It's very satisfying personally to me because they genuinely care and

moments that Smith has experi-enced in all her years teaching, but she believes that the next one

and 45 adults

participated in

Gimme five Judy and George

Vetro (a Village Oaks' third grader) share a "low five" greeting during a VIP luncheor at the Novi school Oct. 27. Kids invited

their parents, siblings, friends to have a meal school's cafeteria

- Elementary School Grade: Kindergarten
- Years leaching: 24 Years in Novi Communit School District: 24 College: Earned her bache lor's degree from Alma

from Eastern Michigan

- Spouse: Bob Children: One daughter named Samantha Interests: Her idea of fun is spending time with her hus-
- band and daughter. She described it by saying, "There's no more rewarding then being with them in our read, go jet skijng, travel,

next day, and then the day after

influenced in quite an odd way the way Smith teaches today.

"My kindergarten teacher wass," it what I believe a kindergarten.

traditional way, students and par-

ents alike took to their subdivision

streets and walked to school. They

held up signs that read "Slow, children walking to Village Oaks Elementary School" and some

even held up American flags as

they marched through their neigh-Shirley Wicker, who has a stu-

dent attending Village Oaks, organized the walk after hearing about it on Good Morning

America last spring. She learned

the busses or get dropped off at the school by their parents didn't ents had to volunteer to get kids to

Did they all call in sick? No. instead of driving them

with kids.

"I can't count all of the wor most of every moment with th

Growing up, Smith's sixth grade teacher, Miss Wilson, was the first to really push her to go beyond and to do her best. She taught Smith to forge ahead and to not hold herself back. It was another teacher, however, who

teacher should be," Smith said. That made me determined to be what I felt was a good kinderand gentle and caring and nurtur-ing. She was just the opposite, so I was determined to show that

dent's artwork on a recent Wednesday morning.

negative, but it turned out to be a ling a sleepover on a campout with positive."

positive. The first positive aspects, but it also have a few negative ones as well, such as not could be how big class to the first positive aspects, but it also have a few negative ones as well, such as not could, would be how big class to the first positive first positive for the first positive first positive for the first positive first positive for the first po having enough time, in Smith's

Walk To School Day a success at Village Oaks

"We all need more exercise."

Wicker said that the program is

an international and national

event that Michigan's own Governor Jennifer Granholm's

supports. Oct. 6 just happened to be the kick-off day, and after the

cate from Granholm for their

"The hope is that parents will say it wasn't bad walking to our school with our kids," Wicker

said, "It's only a mile or less than

were eating their Cheerios, it might have looked that way.
Instead of getting to school the Wicker said. "This gets part of the property of th

the first grade, she would like them to remember her as some-

dren to school actively and safely.

Children who participated in the program walked to school in groups led by adult volunteers. Parent volunteers were stationed

at various corners along the route so children who arrive early were

Wicker's hope is that parents

will decide they want to do this and that they will put together a program of their own. "It has to be parent-generated," Wicker said. "Today is the only school-sponsored event to get par-ens interested and then they have to take over after that. We'll send

a note around to parents for them

sizes are. She would limit them so for the Novi News. He can be that teachers' could have more

reached at (248) 349-1700, ext

along the way some extra students

a father-and-son team, took par

in the morning, "I had fun walk-ing," Joshua said, who is a first

enough exercise."

Marshall was a little unclear of

happy he participated. "I thin

that the turnout of people who

walked through the subdivision is better than any in Novi," he said, "It's a wonderful community and

it was a very nice event.

Village Oaks' kindergarten teacher Tammy Smith shows her appreciation for a stu-

Sara Blumer, of Novi, a Michigan State University doc-toral students studying plant

Travel Award.

Blumer, along with 17 other student members of the society vas selected for the \$400 award proposing a topic for plant sym

ence fees and travel costs.

The Novi News will rec-

from students, teachers, parents, administrators or com munity residents who have teacher's classroom activi-

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a mile, and we could accomplish a number of things like community tinue it."

instead of driving them.

When the walk was finished, Wicker explained that kids usually walk for two reasons. Sometimes parents aren't able to gram was designed to get commu-

SCHOOL BRIEFS

Growing to Greatness

The Novi Community School District is inviting the community to join the 2004-05 Long Range Planning Committee to develop the Planning Committe Thursday, Dec. 9, from 6 - 9 p.m. 1 will be held in the Instructional from the Educational Services

Co-Chairperson Nancy Davis at (248) 449-1202, Co-Chairperson Dennis Haggerty at (248) 444-6541 or Novi Community School District Superintendent Emmett Lippe at (248) 449-1200.

Bullying and your child: What's a parent to do?

This workshop will share infor mation that defines the nature of bullying, describes the differences between bullying and normal con-flict and offers you tools to support a child target, empower a child strating bullying tendencies.

The instructor, Lori Parrish, is a

school violence coordinator with the Oakland County Prosecutor's

The class (#4207.150) meets 7 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 16 on the sixth grade side in Novi Meadows Class fee is \$5.

COMMUNITY ED.

DATE: Nov. 11-23 TIME: 6:30 - 8 p.m. beginner 9:30 p.m. intermediate LOCATION: Novi Middle School Room 506 DETAILS: This class is for

Spanish language or wish to increase their Spanish vocabu ry. FEE: \$79 for each

those who wish to learn the

On Campus

Phytopathological Society (APS) Foundation's Studen

at the annual APS meeting in Analysim, Calif. The money awarded helped pay for confer-

Blumer, a 1996 graduate of Yovi High School, received her forest science from Michigan

Outstanding Novi teachers wanted

oppize a local teacher each



Sweet!

Novi Woods Annual Candy Drive took place on Monday, Nov. 1 and Wednesday, Nov. 3. Fourth grade students Kelly Cauchi, Kara Berg, Hannah Shanker and Shannon Wong look over all the candy that was donated to a number of local charities and

Bus safety team visits Village Oaks

■ Everything a student needs to know about getting to and from school

By Ramez Khuri

District's hus safety team is back this year and has already made its rounds to all K-4 buildings pre-senting skits and short films to students stressing the importance

trict's transportation center, presented the same series of assemblies to Novi schools last year, but a school bus in case of an emer-has modified the show a tad for the 2004-05 campaign.

a school bus in case of an emer-gency.

Those are the main points that

Elementary School on Oct. 20.

about the main rules of the bus, in terms of crossing in front, getting on and off, where the danger zones are and safety on the bus,"

• Linda McFachin Linda McEachin said, who's a member of the team. "These are things that could save their lives. We also want to make the parents aware of different rules too

The students witnessed a bus safety video before Barney, the

remote controlled bus, asked them what they learned. The team ther put on a skit which demonstrated the proper way kids should get on and off a school bus. They learned that they should sit still while on the bus and should not yell while the driver is concentrating on the road. They also learned that when of learning bus safety issues.

The team, which is made up of eight bus drivers from the disdiver can see them. After all that, the kids watched another video about the proper way to evacuate

They visited Village Oaks kids need to know," McFachin said. "Many of the kids saw our presentation last year, but it's also for the new kids in the district as

Linda McEachin

 Bill Eriksson Terry Roberts Suzie Coolman Sue Crepeau

 Kittle Johnson Pagie Ashe-Baggett Leslie Buttermore

emphasizes waking up and not being late. Last year we had a skit about kids playing with basketballs in the driveway, but this year it addresses being on time more and not in the house when the bus arrives, which does happen." At the end, the kids went outside to do evacuation drills with

for the Novi News, He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, est. 110



Walk the talk

Students from the computer maintenance class at Oakland Schools Technical Campus, S.W. in Wixom, kicked off their fifth Annual Computer Donation Projecon Oct, 24. The students organized a Walk-A-Thon to kick off the fundraising campaign It began in Gunnar Metalia Park in Wixom and ended at the Walled Lake Community Center. The activity was attended by 35 students, several staff members and the mayor of Walled Lake, along with a police escort from the cities of Walled Lake and Wixom. This event raised \$2,500. This community service project is targeted to assist dents have taken a greater challenge. They will be building computers for under-privienged students in Oakland County. The computers will be co etely refurbished, with visual aid software. Sponsors for the event included Tom Holzer, Wal-Mart, TRW Automotive, Tech Draw Inc., Midwest Tours, Wayside Steel Slitting and Michigan Electric Steel Services.



Roving reporters at Orchard Hills

Orchard Hills' roving reporters gather all the week's stories and report them on the school's in-house TV station, WOHS every Friday morning. Here, from left to right, are reporters Kacy Kobakof and Morgan McBroom, camera person MacKenzie Dubay, and reporters Cheyenne Abrego and Eric Ballard. All of them are in fourth grade and they rotate jobs so that as many kids as possible get a chance.

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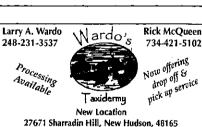


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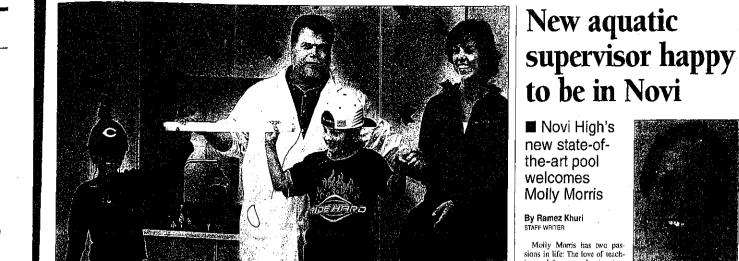


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Dennis Regling, rear of Mobile Ed. Productions, and with the help of Novi Woods' students Chloe Allen, Cole Zimmer, and teacher Jacqueline Ukrop, demonstrates how three people can make a circuit to light a bulb with the

No magic, just science

■ Regling shows Novi Woods students that learning is

By Ramez Khuri

It's not every day that elementary students witness chemical reactions and other science-related activities at work, and then beg

Elémentary School last week to

Cool Cats

show their

character

Jiskra makes

sure that Novi

Meadows kids

It's a shame Rodney Dangerfield never visited Nov

Meadows, because he would have

finally found all the respect he'd

in Novi emphasizes respect and

character-building to their stu-

dents, but thanks to Meadows' sixth grade counselor Gail Jiskra,

the school has taken it to a new

Jiskra starts that theme early, when fourth graders visit

when fourth graders visit Meadows for their annual tour.

Her and fifth grade counselor

Darby Jones explain to them the kind of behavior they expect out

Meadows Likes To See."

show respect

nvolves science somehow.

states. In the summer time, he's a magician, he does Bible camps and library programs. Regling started his presentation

with a lesson in chemistry. He

emphasized that the one rule that

istry, one should never guess at anything. They must know for sure what everything is before they proceed with their experi-

From there, he made some teach the kids that learning any- chemicals react by mixing them, thing performed had a scientific

principle behind it. Each of the drink any chemical. He mixed an acid with a base and got a chemical reaction, then poured water in

This is Regling's third year at Mobile Ed. Productions. Before the school year is over, he will have been in 300 schools in 14 show that science can be fun and learning can be interesting," Regling said, "We touched on dif-ferent ways that magicians use science to try and fool us."

> students and teachers alike to be a volunteers from the audience to participate, Science, studies in chemistry,

The Magic of Science allowed

light, magnetism, optical illu-sions, physics and mathematics were all demonstrated and every-

topics appeared to the audience a a challenging magic trick. "All of our programs are cu

they are exposed to in the class room, like base reactions, chemi cal reactions, physics and so forth, were demonstrated today Regling said, "We want to intro-duce things that they have studied or will study in school in the

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Rome: Khuri is a staff writer

opened up have been resolved.
"It's a brand new pool. If students clean out their ears com-

riculum based, so the things that

With a brand new pool and a brand new job, Morris has everything she needs at her disosal, and she doesn't anticipate any problems. She said that par-ents and students shouldn't worry about anything going wrong as long as they follow all the rules while they're around the pool. She also said that any problems that may have occurred right after the pool first

Department's new aquatic super

visor, and so far she's loving it. She's in charge of scheduling swimming lessons, hiring life

guards and swim instructors and

the overall supervision of Novi

High School's new state of the

art swimming pool.
"I like working for this school

district because the people are so

nice and so eager to meet me," Morris said, "They show me everything I need and they try to

get to know me. The cama-

new pool, they were still adjust-ing the chemicals and the tem-

raderic of all the employees is

for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 or by e-mail at

Eating right

Program combines exercise and eating healthy

By Ramez Khuri

Elementary School kitchen manager and her staff first implemented the program, which is called "Achieve a Complete Performance," last school year. It was so successful they decided to do it again. But this time the kids are not just cating right during lunch time

By the end of the year last doing it again."

year's program is a combination of healthy eating and exercise. Fresh fruits and vegetables are being made available to student and they also have many games they can play, which teach about nutrition. Kids have also been given recipes that they can have and they can make posters as

we talk about it and resolve the issue." often be seen at Meadows to greet the children as they walk in. Why the mascot? Because Jiskra nine different ways to disrespect someone and asks them which what she's trying to preach. they have done. The list includes:

Purposely leaving someone out, from the high school is.

getting a group of kids to laugh at someone, pushing, shoving, kick-ing, talking behind someone's back, starting rumors, using inap-propriate language, calling someweek to help get the message one names, or basically making someone not feel good about

Rame: Khuri is a staff writer

Exercise and cating right are two of the most important things anyone can do to help ensure a long, healthy life. That's why Nancy Russell came up with color coded program to celebrate National School Lunch Week, The Novi Meadows

they're also exercising in gym

year, the kids were still talking about it," Russell said. "They understood the concepts of eat ing fresh fruits and vegetables, which is great. That's why we're sell explained that thi

make a complete lunch," Russell said, "We've color coded our lunches for them, so they know protein is red, vegetables are green, fruits are orange, milk i blue and breads are yellow. The whole kitchen is color coordinate line, if they pick one of each color, they will have a complete

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well.
"We're trying to teach them to

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ing and the sport of swimming, The latter is what brought her to the Novi Community School District, although she would eventually like to try her hand at M. Morris being a professional educator. It has been about a month the pool has been good the lassince Morris was hired as the Novi Community Education

couple weeks and it will be fine from now on."

Morris graduated from Eastern Michigan University with a degree in early childhood education and before that she attended Birmingham Groves High School. Her interests outside of school include swimming; spending time with her family, especially her niece, nephew, brother and sister; and reading books about education

and sports.

After graduating, she looked hard, but didn't find a job as a teacher, so she turned to the

next thing she knows a lot about "I've been swimming my entire life, and I saw this job posting on the Internet," Morris said. "I wasn't getting a job in the teaching field, so I sent an e-mail to Bob (Stech, director of Community Education) and hoped for the best. He called me and Curt Ellis (athletic director) knows my former employer, so that helped.

Though she likes her new job, Morris hopes that this position gets her foot in the door and that maybe, some day, she can get a pietely of any water when they're done swimming, they shouldn't have any health prob-lems," she said. "With a brand "I do love my job," she said.
"If anyone is interested, there are job openings for lifeguards

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perature at the start. Most of the time swimmers ear happens when water gets in the ear and it didn't come all the way out 110 or b) a fact a

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pose with the Novi High School Wildcat Mascot. plan here," Jiskra said. "We have mail boxes that we keep outside of our offices and kids can put notes in there, or they can come

dream!

PRIDE!

Cause Novi is the place to be:

We're from Novi Meadows and

we hold our heads up High

of those things on the list. Then

in Meadows we have

very confidentially and share we hold our head up high! things with us."

The students are told that there Friends are we in unity: we all have Meadows pride! are also other ways to deal with the problem as well. For instance, We study and we play hard! We learn to be a TEAM! a parent can contact Jiskra or any other administrator or teacher to Respect for others and our selves is more than just a

relay what's going on.
"We have a way of approaching of students. They tell them the everyone in the building should feel safe at all times before the disrespect without bringing a kid down." Jiskra said. "We find the disrespect without bringing a kid down." Jiskra said. "We find the disrespect without bringing a kid down." Jiskra said. "We find the disrespect without bringing a kid down." Jiskra said. "We find the disrespect without bringing a kid down." Jiskra said." Then the kids sing a song entitled, ways to indirectly deal with it. In "R-E-S-P-E-C-T - That's What our offices, nobody gets in trouble as long as they're honest about Students are given a chance to

After the students admit their

propriate language, calling some-

the building is so alive," Jiskra said, "It's a positive place, and I be honest about their own disre spect and they're told that what is said in that room can not leave it, Jiskra said that building character and respect never leaves Novi
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The Reachel staff all feel that it's a team approach to teaching it, so they try to get everyone on board. The try to get everyone on board. The Fenchel.

"We're trying to keep it private was "be nobody else's busi-"We're trying to keep it private ask the students if they wanted to be part of the 98-percent club.
"I believe there is strength in that works very well."

"We're trying to keep it private because it's nobody else's business." Jiskra said. "We try to give them a chance to be henest and that works very well."

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numbers and that at Novi Meadows, 95-98 percent of the students are building character at the right rate and are very respect-ful," Jiskra said. "There are 2 to 5 they have done. The list includes: ent that are kind of lost with that though. They're not respectful and are not building character

Speak up

Jiskra believes that she knows the solution to get 100 percent of the student body on the right path:
By encouraging them to speak up when disrespect is happening.
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"The both

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Clipping America's biz wings

breed of people. They see things that others can't and are known to be dogged in the pursuit of an idea once they've created it in their minds. From such visionar ies have emerged many of today's greatest inventions and most sucessful business ventures.

Take, for example, a couple of brothers who started a little print



Jack Faris

shop. Like many small-business owners, they constantly tinkered with ing different products and publications. Then one

day, their imaginations were cap tivated by a new technological fad in which they saw a profitable business, so they sold their print shop and launched a new small

Historians believe that Wilbur and Orville Wright's decision to open a bicycle rental and repair shop was a crucial step in their inventive process. Their hands-on work with the two-wheeled fad empowered them with insights into balance, propulsion, wind resistance and the construction of lightweight materials, all key points that helped them perfect the world's first powered flying machine

Were the Wrights alive today, they would no doubt be proud of their creation of one of the great est inventions known to man, But they would also be dismayed, possibly horrified, to discover the huge bureaucratic and regulatory structure that yokes aviation.

Likewise, they would gasp at the requirements that govern-ments at all levels have demanded of bicycle manufacturers and print shops and be baffled at additional layers of regulation and red tape erected around all businesses. Imagine Wilbur and Orville

striking out on their adventure today. They would never get off the ground — having to comply with everything from environmental-impact regulations to occupational and safety rules, not to mention government testing laboratories and noise-abatement policies. That may seem like an exaggeration, but it is no stretch of the imagination to realize that today the spirits of inventors and entrepreneurs all over America are stifled by excessive regula-

One bright spot on the horizon is an effort undertaken by the U.S. Small Business Administration's Office of Advocacy, whose specific role is to reduce this burden. The office, working with federal agencies implementing the Regulatory Flexibility Act, helped U.S. small firms in 2003 save more than \$6 billion that would have gone to meeting various bureaucracies checklists. Now, Advocacy is turning its attention to the states by offering legislation that mir-rors the federal flexibility meas-

Many states have some form of regulatory-flexibility laws, but they lack five crucial components necessary to help small firms: a true small-business definition, requirements that state agencies perform economic-impact analy sis before regulating and consider meet their regulatory goals, effective judicial review, and a provision that forces state governments to periodically review all regula-

Not only will states' passage of such measures boost the creation and productivity of small firms, but it could give wing to the imaginations of tomorrow's entrepreneurs and inventors who may just be tinkering with a great idea that will uplift mankind.

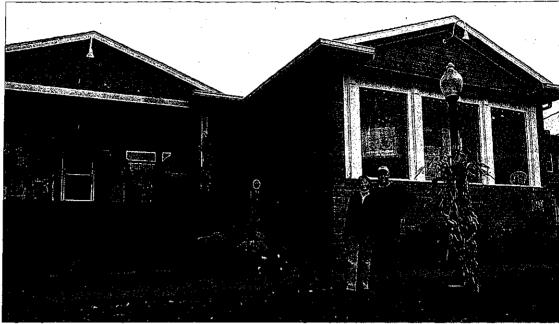
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Advertorial

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Kevin and Marcy May stand in front of their Our Biessings Consignment shop in Milford Village. The shop offers a wide variety of

ares Our Blessings

By Annette Jaworski

It all began 13 years ago with the hope of making a passion into a profession. Marcy May, the originator of Our Blessings. Consignment Inc., loved shopping at thrift stores and garage sales from her junior high days, but found it cumbersome to sift through the plethora of junk to be

Her vision of what a consign-ment store should be, along with the help of her husband and coowner, Kevin May, have turned this dream into a reality. Together their commitment to provide customers with quality and gently used merchandise at a fraction of the retail price has proved to be a success story and one of Milford's favorite destina-

The village establishment has been a success from the start and has continued to bloom into one of Michigan's favorite consignment emporiums, receiving over 500 new items duily. With a busi-ness that's more than quadrupled in 13 years, Kevin and Marcy May's business instincts were proved correct. In fact, a recent addition makes a total of 8,000 square feet of floor space. The store is impressive not only because of its size, but becau of its great selection, atmosphere and quality merchandise.

'The biggest compliment we get are from customers who tell us that Our Plant us that Our Blessings is their favorite store, period, not just

their favorite consignment store," said owner Kevin May. In their racks, you'll find high-end clothing for women, men and children as well as quality furniture and home décor items They feature a wide selection of crystal, silver, china and other fine collectibles. Typical of the clothing merchandise you might find are name brands such as St. John's Knit, Escada, Bebe, Ann Taylor, Dolce and Cabana, Baby Lulu and Oilily. They take the same approach with furniture, featuring process. Stickley, Ethan Thomasville, Stickley, Ethan Allen, Bernhardt, Pottery Barn and Harden, to name a few

"We're one of the few, if not the only, consignment shop that

offers everything. Some do furni-ture or clothing. We do it all. I know that's one of the qualities

ing them to continuously offer new and exciting merchandise, typically at a third of the retail price for clothing and half the original purchase price for furni-ture and home décor accessories. Style, quality and condition of merchandise all affect the desirability and pricing. Featuring the best selection of merchandise is

best selection of merchandise is something they stive for, "We have a reputation for being picky. We have to be," said Kevin May, "We have always wanted to be a store that sets a very high standard for customized and they appreciate that they don't have to sift through endless recks of merchandise to find the racks of merchandise to find the quality and styles they are look-

Because of the tremendous inventory, many regulars make a point to visit regularly to see the like new selections changing

Marcy May acknowledges, "Some shop here for the unique experience of finding one of a kind items, or some come for the thrill of the bargain hunt, With the constant flow of new mer-chandise pouring in daily, they feel as though they are walking into a new store with each and

every shopping trip."

Not only is their a wide variety
of quality merchandise, the store ambience makes it a pleasure to visit. Customers note the hard-wood floors and chandeliers in

CONSIGNMENT SCHEDULE

■ Heavy Winter Oct. 1 ~

Holiday Decor/Clothing Sept.1 - November 30

Spring Resort Wear
Feb. 1-April 30
Fall Décor Halloween mes Aug. 1 - Oct.

Summer May 1- June Back to School begins

board tile floor. Racks are clean, clearly marked and well organthat sets us apart from the rest," said Kevin May. The shop's popularity plays a key role in their success, allowized by sizes, style and type of item, so merchandise is easy to find. Although the store is spa-cious, creative displays make it feel warm and cozy atmosphere, but not cluttered.

but not cluttered.
"Our reputations is everything," said Marcy May, "We
have over 9,000 consigners and
many more shoppers who have
been faithfully with us from the
beginning. We consider them
friends as well as partners in this
seature and our blue member of
seatures. venture and attribute much of our uccess to them."

Consigners love the fact that Our Blessings Consignment makes life easier for them. They makes life easier for them. They offer quick and convenient pick up and deliveries for furniture items and an 8,000-square-loot showroom to tastefully display merchandise. They save consigners wasted time and all the hassless associated with garage and do-it-yourself sales, the expense of listine items in the classifieds. of listing items in the classifieds,

irritating no shows and the awk-ward situation of having strangers in their home, climinating a safety issue.

The Mays credit Marcy's ther, Harry Birch, for his emendous effort on all of the expansions, and consider him an

expansions, and consider him an invaluable asset in making the store what it is today.

"He's been with us on every renovation," said Kevin May.

"We would not have accomplished nearly as much without him." He also notes the contributions of all the current employtions of all the current employees, some of who began shop-ping at Our Blessings with their

mother's years ago.

Our Blessings accepts consignments six days a week and signments six days a week and also effers the canvenience of pickup and delivery service for furniture consigner payments, disbursing payments after only two days of sale, versus monthly payments.

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and Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.,

Thursday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Special hours on Sunday will apply through the holidays, please call (248) 684-1594 for

more information.
Our Blessings is located at 340
West Summit Street just North of
downtown Milford,

SAYING THANKS

A word of thanks and gratitude from owners Kevin and Marcy May

We, at Our Blessings, would like to thank Milford and surrounding areas for your support through the ars and for allowing us to serve you and the community As the holidays approach, we at Our Blessings Consignment wish you and your families all God's Blessings for a safe and joyous holiday season.



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