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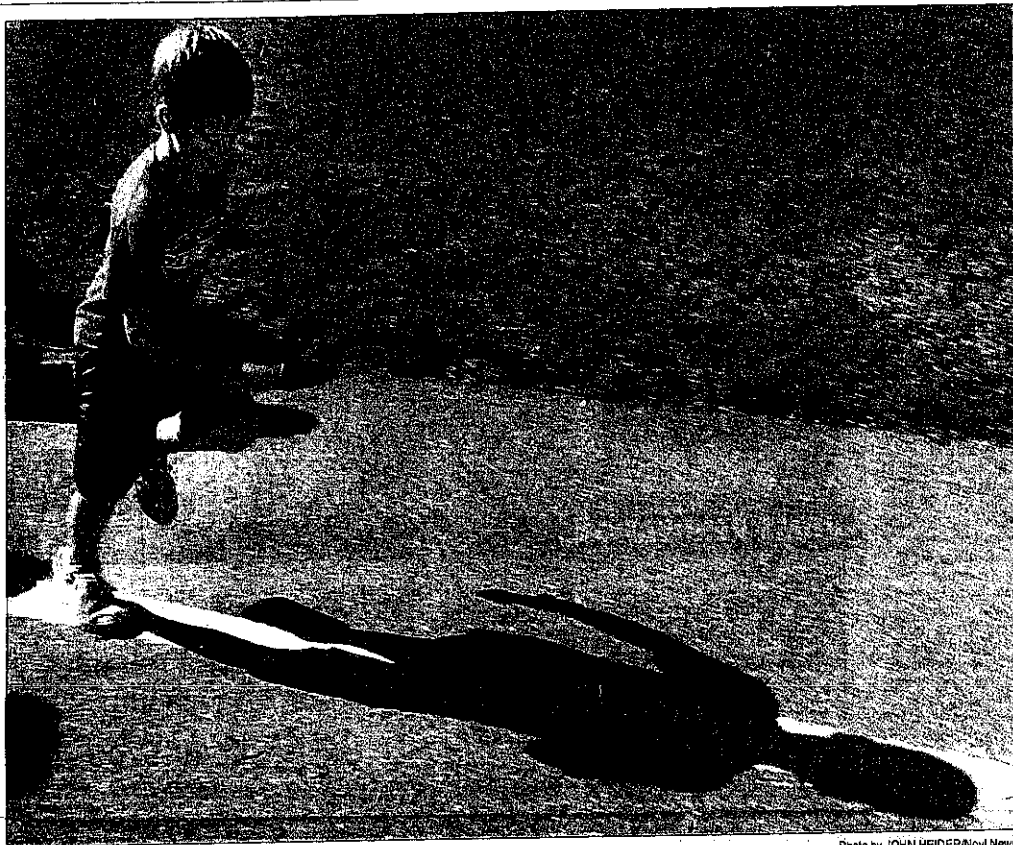


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Me and My Shadow

Orchard Hills Elementary student Keegan Houseworth eagerly runs another lap on the school's quarter-mile track. Houseworth and other students are counting laps and receiving small rewards for staying active during lunch recess for the school's "Feeling Good by Doing Your Personal Best" program.



It's a wrap

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

As the warm weather begins to transition toward winter, orange construction barrels are set to slowly disappear by Thanksgiving, wrapping up another Michigan construction season.

Taft Road's resurfacing from Nine Mile Road south to the city limits is the first fall project completed.

With the season end in near, here is a roadblock recap:

Taft Road

Taft Road's resurfacing from Nine Mile Road south to the city limits may be done, however, immediately south of the city border, Northville is removing the pavement and replacing it with a roundabout at Morgan Boulevard and Taft Road in front of Cooke School.

"Northville's Public Works Director, Jim Galloghly, reports that the new Morgan Boulevard roundabout should be done and open to traffic by Oct. 19, weather permitting," said Rob Hayes, Novi's city engineer. "Jim indicated that the mainline paving on Taft will be completed by the

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City council candidates prepare for November election

Councilman Bob Gatt shares his love for Novi

By Kelly Murad
STAFF WRITER

He said he would, and he did. Now, four years later, he is preparing to do it all over again. Councilman Bob Gatt always



said he was going to be on Novi's City Council, and after retiring from the Novi Police Department that's exactly what he did.

Bidding farewell to 27 years of service, Gatt retired as sergeant from the Novi Police Department in 2002 and went on to become the Chief of Field Operations for Oakland County Community Corrections.

"As a cop my job was to arrest people and put them in jail, but I always knew that not everybody I arrested was bad," he said. "They were good people who did a bad thing."

For Gatt, the job was a chance to provide those people alternatives to being put in jail.

In November 2002, Craig DeRoche was elected State Representative, opening a seat on Novi's City Council.

As a man of his word Gatt ran for the position, but lost.

"I told everyone on council, you'll see me next year," Gatt said.

The following November, Gatt campaigned and was elected to Novi's council.

"I was always interested in the

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Novi City Councilman Bob Gatt talks about his former career with the Novi police department, his current involvement with the city council and the future of Novi.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

NOVI WEEKEND PLANNER

FRIDAY

Area residents who enjoy fine arts and crafts should take time from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. to visit the Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave., for the 13th Annual Sugarloaf Art Fair. The \$7 event (children under 12 are free) will feature more than 300 artists and designers showing off pottery, paintings, jewelry and more along with glassblowing and metal spinning demonstrations, gourmet pre-packaged foods and entertainment. The event also takes place 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday.

SATURDAY

Do you care for an elderly or disabled friend or relative? If so, stop by the free Solutions for Family Caregivers Expo 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave. The Area Agency of Aging I-B event will feature several hour-long presentations on caregiving while offering refreshments, exhibits, door prizes, giveaways and the chance to meet Lisa Barry and Chris Edmonds from WNIC-FM (100.3)'s The Breakfast Club program. Call (800) 852-7795 or visit <http://www.aaalb.com> for more information.

SUNDAY

Novi residents are invited to attend Japan Festival '07 from 1-4 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Rd. Enjoy a martial arts demonstration, Okinawan Karate Yeisa-Dance by BuSen-Kai, Shishi-mai and festival music by KoNami, a tea ceremony, origami, an animation film showing, children's attractions, Japanese calligraphy, songs and food. The event is sponsored by the Japan Business Society of Detroit, JSD Women's Club, Consulate General of Japan in Detroit and the Japan-America Society of Greater Detroit and Windsor.

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It's a wrap continued from front

Thanksgiving holiday weekend. Galway Drive, which runs parallel along the city's southern border and cuts across Taft Road, is wrapping up work west of Taft Road with westbound repaving underway and winding through-out the Lexington Green subdivisions.

Haggerty Road

The two-lane portions of Haggerty Road between Eight Mile and Nine Mile roads are slated for widening to a full five lanes (two each way and a left-turn lane). The "pinch point" elimination, originally scheduled to last about five weeks from early September to early October, began Oct. 6 and is expected to be complete by the end of November.

Beck Road

Planned repaving and the addition of right-turn lanes at the 10 Mile and Beck roads intersection will be held off until the spring.

City officials said they would wait for the start of the federal fiscal year on Oct. 1 to begin coordinating the project with the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Repaving along Beck Road between 10 Mile Road and Grand River Avenue is underway, with the 11 Mile Road to Grand River Avenue portion completed.

Curb work along Beck Road and repaving at the Cedar Mill Road intersection are in preparation for a future traffic signal, according to Hayes.

Upon completion of these two projects, the entire stretch between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads will be repaved. The 11 Mile Road intersection is not slated for repaving and work on the 10 Mile Road intersection will be a part of next spring's Michigan Department of Transportation project.

The Beck Road milling and paving will be done on weekends and is expected to be complete by late October or early November.

Future barrels Next year will bring an overhaul of the Wixom Road and Interstate 96 interchange to resemble the Beck Road interchange.

The Michigan Department of Transportation project will also affect Grand River Avenue at Wixom Road and the two projects are expected to take place between April and November 2008.

Construction at the Beck and 10 Mile roads intersection should be completed and set to begin in spring 2008 as well.

In 2009, safety improvements and rehabilitation to the "spaghetti bowl" region that includes Interstates 96, 696 and 275, along with improvements to the I-96 and Novi Road ramps are also planned.

Novi Road between Grand River Avenue and 10 Mile Road is scheduled for widening to five lanes while a bridge is constructed over the CSX Railroad tracks.

The project is planned for early spring through late fall 2009.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Road resurfacing and curb projects continue along Beck Road between 10 Mile Road and Grand River Avenue.

Councilman Bob Gatt shares his love for Novi

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politics of Novi," he said. "I wanted to be a city councilman." As his first four-year term comes to a close, Gatt reflects on the accomplishments of council.

"I believe we've accomplished a lot since I've been on council. The pistol range that is going up was my idea," he said. "I've done a lot of things, but that is something I am going to be the most proud of from my first four years."

Gatt never doubted running for re-election. "If I have one big disappointment right now, it's that I am running unopposed," he said.

Gatt, along with Kathy Crawford and David Staudt, are all running unopposed in the Nov. 6 election.

According to Gatt, this is the first time there are three open seats on Novi's City Council and only three people running.

"That's not healthy," he said. "I hope it never happens again." As the only incumbent councilman - councilwomen Toni Nagy and Lynne Paul chose not to run for re-election - Gatt is looking forward to having two



Bob Gatt

new perspectives on council. "I enjoy every aspect of being on council," he said. "I really believe that Novi is the best city that any city can be."

And Gatt intends to keep it that way. One of the biggest issues Gatt foresees in Novi's future is Michigan's economy.

"We live in Michigan, and Michigan is in a depression. We have to do more with less," he said. "One of the things Novi is faced with is legacy costs for employees."

In an effort to turn the economy around, Gatt explains how the unions in the city are going to have to cut legacy costs for their future employees.

According to Gatt, one of Novi's unions and the administrative staff have already done this, replacing retirement health care and pension plans for future employees with health care accounts and 401k-type programs.

Aside from legacy costs, Gatt

believes zoning issues regarding the Expo Center and the former Expo Center have the potential to be substantial topics of discussions during his upcoming term.

"It's important that we keep moving forward in a progressive manner," Gatt said. "As a Novi City Councilman I took an oath to do my best for the city of Novi. I have to look at the whole city."

And as a resident, on and off, throughout the past 30 years Gatt relates with the people of Novi.

"The people of Novi have a spirit that I don't see elsewhere," he said. "What made me leave was affordable housing, but I quickly discovered that nothing compared to Novi."

"Novi's a shining star in a sea of bad things."

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Next week: Meet Novi City Council candidates Kathy Crawford and David Staudt. Novi City Council Nov. 6 Election. \$16 million bond issue. Novi City Council Nov. 6 Election.

Inside the mind of Novi's mayor

Landry reveals the secret to city's success

By Kelly Murad STAFF WRITER

Apparently, one term as mayor wasn't satisfying enough for David Landry.

"There is a learning curve to being mayor, and every mayor has his/her own style," said Landry, who is running unopposed in the Nov. 6 City of Novi election.

As the incumbent candidate prepares for his second term as mayor of the City of Novi, he explains the simplest of them, Novi's success during these tough economic times.

"One of the biggest challenges to running a city is to operate so the residents, tax payers, citizens understand why we're doing what we're doing," Landry said. "The main role of any city is to provide three services: Roads, water and sewers, and public safety."

"All cities must provide these services. In order to provide these, it takes money. How does a city get money? Taxes. A city must have a sufficient tax base."

Novi's sufficient tax base is a result of the various markets the city accommodates, as opposed to other communities - Landry refers to as "bedroom communities" - whose taxes are primarily received from residents.

"Bedroom communities have a problem because their tax base is dominated by residential," Landry said. "If you look at Novi in the late 90s, early 2000s, residential was booming, people were moving to Novi. But what's happening now? The real estate is declining."

"My aim, my goal is to diversify the tax base," he said. "That's the recipe you need to have for a successful city."

According to Landry, there are four major markets keeping Novi afloat: Residential, retail, industrial and commercial.

"One cannot exist without the other. That means, we all have to stick together," Landry said. "If we don't stick together, we're not going to work together. You will have a city that remains viable."

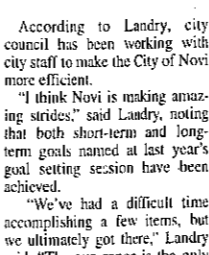
According to Landry, city council has been working with city staff to make the City of Novi more efficient.

"I think Novi is making amazing strides," said Landry, noting that both short-term and long-term goals named at last year's goal setting session have been achieved.

"We've had a difficult time accomplishing a few items, but we ultimately got there," Landry said. "The goal range is the only item that comes to mind that was particularly difficult."

But Landry tries not to dwell on previous council issues. "I'm more a big picture person," he said. "I'm looking forward to fresh ideas, fresh enthusiasm."

"The role of a mayor, in this type of government (with a city manager), is not to take charge, but to show leadership. We have a city manager, he runs the city, we (council) don't."



David Landry

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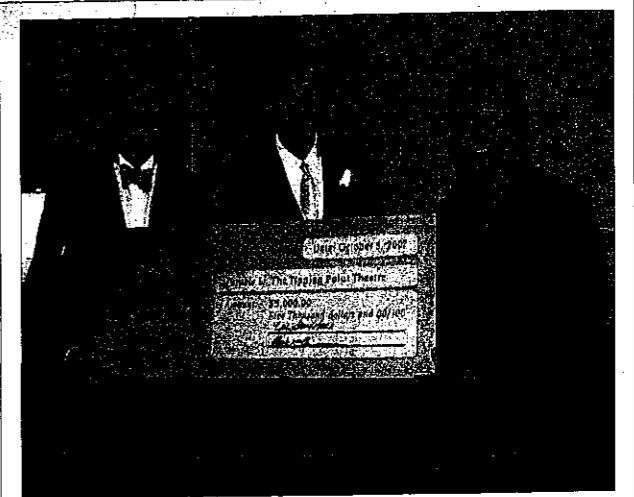
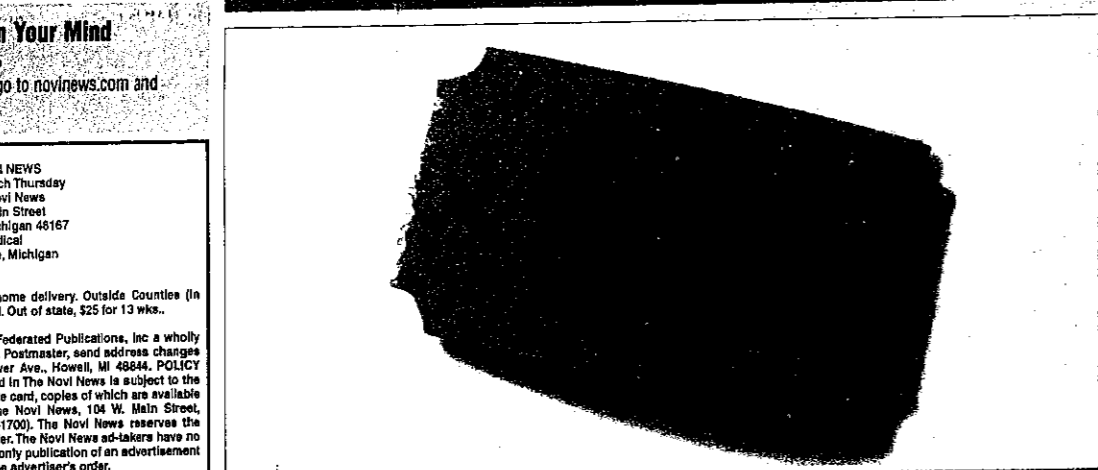


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Capital Contribution

Chuck Gaidica, right, representing the Tipping Point Theatre in Northville, receives a \$5,000 check from Mark Guidobono, president of Cambridge Homes, and Eric Guidobono, president of Guidobono Homes - the developers and builders of the new gated Tuscan Reserve Community located in Novi.

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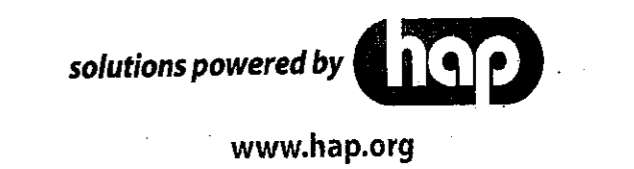
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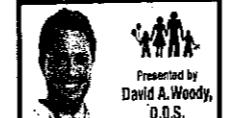
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Her business motto has been clear and straightforward: 'dentistry you can trust from a dentist who cares.' For her first year in business in the Novi community, Dr. Nevin Tchaoucheva has lived up to every word in her motto. She truly cares about each one of her patients, from toddlers to seniors and many of them have said thank you by referring friends and family to her.



Dr. Nevin (as she likes to be called) has made many new friends in her first year at her dental office at the former Farmer Jack shopping center at Ten Mile and Meadowbrook Roads. Her patient list is growing because she has blended the comforts of home with the latest technology to give every visitor an enjoyable experience — even for the people who still believe that dentistry is painful and uncomfortable. It is neither in Dr. Nevin's office.

"We like to make people feel comfortable while they are here," Dr. Nevin said. "They can watch television, listen to music with a set of headphones, or stay cozy under a blanket while having their dental needs attended to." But she added that many patients just like to stop by and visit with her and the staff — often just to talk. Dr. Nevin's goal is to establish a lasting relationship with her patients.

While Dr. Nevin takes a lot of pride in making her dental office "not look like a typical dental office" it is evident right away that she uses all of the latest equipment to support the many services she provides, which include root canals, crowns, dentures, implants, teeth whitening, veneers, treatment of tooth sensitivity, snoring prevention, and bad breath.

Complimenting the soft colors and decorative paintings are high tech equipment, allowing patients to see the condition of their teeth instantly. But despite all of the high-tech equipment, Dr. Nevin still believes that the most important aspect of dentistry is personal attention and treating patients with their best interests in mind. "We listen to our patients' concerns, answer all their questions and try to get to know them as people and then we offer the best treatment for their condition," she said. Dr. Nevin added that she and her staff try to educate patients in taking care of their oral health and overall health from toddlers to seniors.

Dr. Nevin is capably assisted by her office manager, Julie Bowman, and is making plans to soon add a new assistant and hygienist. The newest staff members are a testament to the growing business and its importance in the Novi community.

"We concentrate on the family and making all members feel good about their smile," she said.

Not only that, Dr. Nevin is offering free teeth whitening — at-home bleaching kit with custom fitted trays to new patients. For the young athletes in the family she is offering free custom fitted sport mouth guards. Many families have used Dr. Nevin's generosity to bring other patients into the office.

Dr. Nevin is a member of the American Dental Association, and the Detroit District Dental Society. She has earned a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from the Medical University in Bulgaria and Doctor of Medical Dentistry degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of Dentistry.

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Claims against police ruled false

POLICE BRIEFS

A letter sent Sept. 24 to Chief David Melloy of the Novi Police Department made several allegations of unprofessional conduct against the police department.

According to the victim, who is head of security at the former Novi Expo Center, he went into the police department on 10 Mile Road Sept. 21 to make a formal police report regarding vandalism of the property located at 43700 Expo Dr.

The victim's allegations claimed he was treated in a disrespectful fashion and waited for one hour before he was assisted by an officer.

The allegations were then reviewed by the police department and proved to be untrue.

According to the review, the taped conversation between the victim and the female dispatcher at the police department indicates the dispatcher acted in a professional manner and did not treat the victim disrespectfully.

The review also reveals that the victim was waiting 12 minutes for an officer; not one hour as was alleged. The victim's conversation with the dispatcher began at 8:11 p.m., the officer was dispatched back to the station from the road at 8:14 p.m. and the officer arrived at the station at 8:23 p.m.

Bicycle reported stolen from Novi High School

According to recent police reports, a bicycle was stolen from the south parking lot of Novi High School between 10 p.m. Oct. 5 and 9 a.m. Oct. 6.

The victim rode his red Diamondback Wildwood mountain bicycle to the high school on Tall Road for the football game and locked it to a light pole near the field, reports said.

According to the victim, after the game he got a ride home with some friends and the bicycle did not fit in the trunk of the vehicle, so he left it locked to the light pole overnight.

When he returned the following morning, the bicycle was missing, reports said.

Suspected drunk driver refuses breath test

A man was arrested for operating while intoxicated just after 2 a.m. Oct. 5, reports said.

As an officer was patrolling northbound on Market Street at Grand River Avenue, he observed a white Plymouth Neon traveling in front of him with expired plates, reports said.

According to the report, the driver had a difficult time trying to figure out how to roll down the window of the vehicle, which was registered to the female passenger.

The driver initially stated he had not been drinking, but when the officer asked if he was sure, he admitted to having one or two drinks but said he was not drunk, reports said.

According to the officer, he smelled an odor of intoxicants and requested the driver perform a series of field sobriety tests.

While undergoing the tests, the driver confessed to having four or five mixed drinks and refused to take a preliminary breath test, reports said.

The driver was taken to the police station where he was given a dateraster breath test. The first test, administered at 3:16 a.m., registered his blood alcohol concentration to be .22 percent and the second at 3:19 a.m. registered it to be .23 percent, reports said.

High heat leads to theft

A woman's purse was stolen from her vehicle while parked at Kroger in West Market Square on Grand River Avenue Oct. 8, reports said.

Due to the heat, the woman left the windows partially down of her burgundy Buick Regal while she went grocery shopping, reports said.

According to the report, an unknown suspect reached through the open window, unlocked the

Can you spare a tire?

A spare tire was stolen from a Hummer while parked in a lot on 14 Mile Road last month, reports said.

An employee of Smile Innovations arrived to work at 7:30 a.m. and noticed when she left at 5 p.m. the spare tire and rim that was mounted on the rear of her vehicle was missing, reports said.

According to the report, no damage was done to the vehicle but the 33-inch Goodyear tire with aluminum wheel from a Hummer is worth \$400.

Kid Rock scheduled to face Novi woman in county court

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

Michigan rocker Kid Rock is in court defending himself against Novi resident Kelly Ann Kozlowski in a defamation suit stemming from a previous dispute.

Kid Rock, 36, whose legal name is Robert Ritchie, met Kozlowski, 28, and her boyfriend at the Clarkson Union Bar and Kitchon on March 8.

Kozlowski said Kid Rock invited them back to his Clarkson studio and claimed, when she decided to leave, Kid Rock allegedly became angry, cursed at her and pushed her into a snow bank.

The Oakland County Clerk's office said court files read Kozlowski, originally from Milford, "placed drinks on (Kid Rock's) recording equipment, and was then asked to leave and refused until he threatened to call the cops."

Oakland County Sheriff investigations heard similar stories telling of Kozlowski being rude

Who is Kid Rock?

Kid Rock is a rock/country musician made famous in the late 1990s by songs such as "Bawdaba," "Cowboy," "I am the Bulldog" and many others since then. Released in metro-Detroit, his newest album, "Rock N Roll Jesus," featuring the single "So Hot," was released this month.

Kozlowski said Kid Rock's studio before being escorted outside, where she threatened to sue Kid Rock. The prosecutor's review dropped the case based on insufficient evidence of the alleged assault by Kid Rock.

Kid Rock filed suit against Kozlowski on March 19 for false light invasion of property, defamation and repossessing.

"He accused my client, Ms. Kozlowski, of defamation and we countered with a counter

suit," said Drew Norton, Kozlowski's attorney.

Kozlowski counter sued for more than \$25,000 in damages, alleging she suffered an emotional breakdown and public humiliation as a result of news reports on the case that claimed she had been stalking Kid Rock.

On Oct. 10, she petitioned Oakland County Circuit Judge Shalina Kumar to force Kid Rock to testify under oath about the March incident.

"Last Wednesday, the judge ordered him to make a deposition by the end of the month," Norton said.

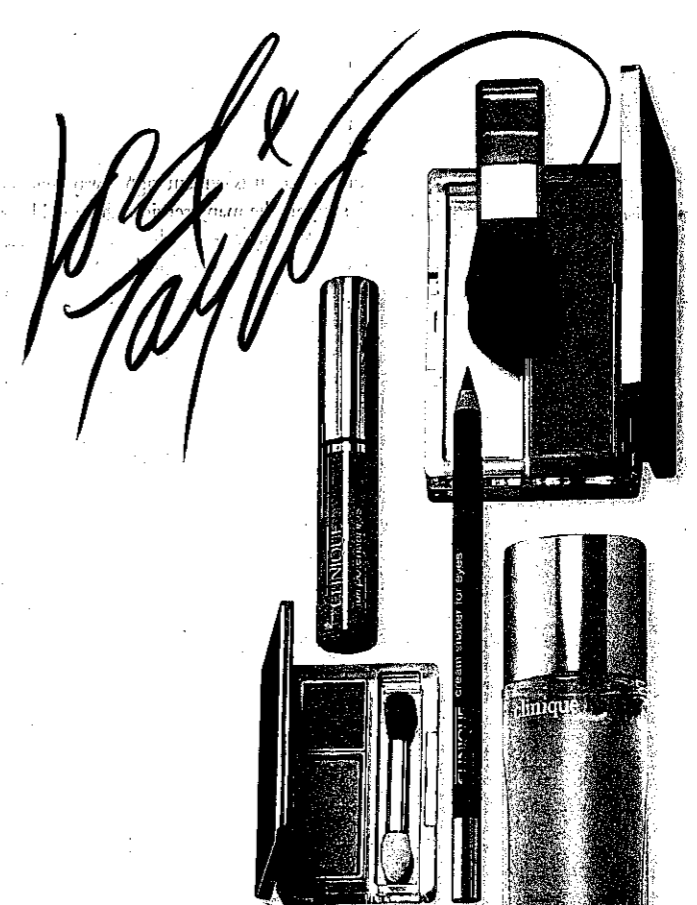
The deposition date needs to be set by Saturday and sets back the case evaluation date previously scheduled for Oct. 30. The case goes to trial Feb. 5, 2008.

Calls to Kid Rock's attorney were not returned.

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MY BUSINESS

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Nordstrom revealed

Shoppers learn how Novi location compares to Troy

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER



Nordstrom in Twelve Oaks Mall is up an running with style. The store opened Sept. 28.

Not only does Novi have its own Nordstrom store, but the Twelve Oaks Mall location offers shoppers differences they won't find at the other Michigan location in Troy's Somerset Collection.

Opening three weeks ago, many Novi shoppers have seen the new store firsthand.

It features two levels of expansive apparel, as well as black marble, steel finishes and mirrors throughout the interior architecture.

The Troy store, although in a newer mall, features brown marble patterns and tile. Some tiles, in the children's apparel department, feature individually painted tiles from a local school.

There are newer design concepts the new store has. Since 1996, we've opened a lot of stores. The fixtures and display units are different," said John Bailey, Nordstrom spokesman.

Not only is the Novi store more modern, but it also offers nine women's apparel, one women's footwear, eight men's apparel, five cosmetics, two handbags and three fashion jewelry brands the Troy store does not carry, according to Bailey.

"There are brands found at Novi that are not at the Troy store," he said.

Some of the brands include Marc by Marc Jacobs, N.Y. Denim, Versace, Psycho Bunny neckwear, Armani, Goldenbleu, Diaphani and many more.

Bailey also noted although the Troy store has Cafe

Bob Saks Automotive Group announces new dealerships, construction progresses

Kevin Mechigan, president of the Bob Saks Automotive Group is building two new dealerships. The new 41,473-square-foot Bob Saks Buick-Pontiac-GMC dealership is getting very close to completion, and soon the construction of the Chrysler-Jeep-Dodge dealership will begin. This new dealership is being built on 14 acres off Pontiac Trail, east of Millford Road. The progress can be seen from Interstate 96 west at the Millford Road exit.

The Bob Saks Automotive Group is relocating its current location in Farmington Hills and New Hudson to the Millford area. The merging of the two dealerships will provide one convenient location for the Buick-Pontiac-GMC, as well as allowing room for future growth of the Bob Saks Automotive Group. This new dealership will include a showroom, new and pre-owned vehicle sales, state-of-the-art service department and collision center.

Mechigan spent the last three years working out deals with nearby dealerships and battling community zoning boards over traffic, noise and light concerns. He is confident this dealership will be a great asset to the community by bringing in more revenue for local businesses.

Reducing dealerships is a growing trend and a key strategy for Detroit automakers. Mechigan said the 35-year-old Bob Saks Automotive Group needed to create combined stores in order to prosper in the future. The new

Bob Saks stores add five new franchises to the Millford area. All but the Buick franchises are new to that area and will represent new competition to nearby dealers.

Although the Buick-Pontiac-GMC dealership is moving west, Bob Saks will still remain in Farmington Hills with the Bob Saks Suzuki dealership and the Bob Saks Clearance Center where they sell pre-owned cars at auction prices.

Other dealers say moves like Saks' are necessary to optimize domestic automakers' retail network in southeast Michigan and nationwide. Chrysler and GM are making all the right moves and all the changes occurring are positive.

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Macy's in Twelve Oaks introduces flea market

Hand-picked treasures from around the world to be featured through the holiday season



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- Artwork from across Europe (paintings, sketches, prints, antique signs)
- Home accents and furniture from Morocco, India, and China
- Vineyard items (giant wine jugs and caskets, bottle racks, grape harvest baskets, vintage corkscrews)
- All flea market purchases are final. On-site parcel pickup and large-item delivery will be available.

The flea market is open during store hours. Items change frequently due to limited availability. Call Macy's Twelve Oaks at (248) 344-6800 for more information.

Customers will find kitchenware and garden items from the south of France; artwork from across Europe; Moroccan furniture; handcrafted tribal works from Africa; bone-inlaid furniture from the East Indies, and much more. Here's a list of what customers can expect:

- Eastern European Crochery
- Masks and hand-beaded tribal works from Africa
- Kitchenware and garden

Flea market finds from all over the world arrived in Novi last month, making their temporary home at Macy's Twelve Oaks Mall through December 2007.

Located on the first floor adjacent to the men's sportswear department, the Macy's Flea Market will be an eclectic array of carefully selected goods, from antique to modern, vintage to vinyl, and global to provincial.

A global team of Macy's buy-

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Novi Theatres brings an American classic to the stage

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer Oct. 26-Nov. 3

By Kelly Mured
STAFF WRITER

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer

The Novi Theatres Presents Mark Twain's "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer"

Friday, Oct. 26 7:30 p.m.
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Sunday, Oct. 28 2 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 29 10 a.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 30 10 a.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 31 10 a.m.
Friday, Nov. 2 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 3 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are on sale at the Novi Civic Center Parks Office: \$12 for regular scheduled shows and \$5 for school performance shows. School performance tickets must be purchased as a group.

For more information call (248) 347-0400.



Novi Theatres upcoming production of Tom Sawyer stars Brianna Blossfeld of Novi (left), Mike Petrillo of Commerce and Connor McDonald of Novi. Nine performances will take place from Oct. 26 through Nov. 3 at the Novi Civic Center.

The Novi Theatres is combining a 19th century classic American tale with some rhythm and music.

"It's not a full musical, but there is music in it," said performing arts coordinator Debbie Lannen of the fall production "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer."

"Everyone likes to hear a song now and then," she said. "It's a more creative way to put the show on."

The Novi Theatres held auditions in September and selected two casts for the nine performances Oct. 26-Nov. 3.

According to Lannen, even kids who hadn't read the book were familiar with the story.

"They all know Injun Joe and they all knew the paintin' (the fence)," she said. "It was surprising how many young actors that came in, had already started working on their accents."

Even though Lannen is heavily involved with the production, Laurin Sorrentino, the education coordinator and theatre assistant, is directing the play.

The production is composed of actors ages 6-18, from Novi, Northville, Wixom, Wall Lake, Redford, Commerce and Farmington Hills.

Each cast consists of 27 actors, including the students who partic-

ipated in the "paintin' the fence" class, which was designed to give beginning actors a chance to experience performing.

Students of the class will perform two musical numbers in each of the productions.

Even with a new spin on the production of Mark Twain's novel, the content remains the same.

"Our full-time slot is going to be our classic-type theatre," Lannen said. "We have not modernized it at all. Mark Twain wouldn't be Mark Twain in the 2000s."

Regardless of the difference in time period, the issues Tom, Becky and Huck faced are identifiable with the struggles of modern-day youth.

"At the core, everybody is the same," Lannen said. "I think it surprised them (the actors) how much they do relate to them (the characters)."

"There is the Becky and Tom kisses in the show. That's probably been the most challenging, getting them comfortable to do that."

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MY EDUCATION

Mommy, what happens when I miss the bus?

By Chris Jacklett
STAFF WRITER

Riding a bus to school is a natural routine for many Novi students, but many don't know what to do when they see it rolling away without them.

Melan Obenich, principal of Nova Middle School, said it's a fairly common occurrence for kids to miss the bus.

"Kids miss the bus for a variety of reasons when they leave home, like a kid gets tied up talking to friends or has a locker problem," he said. "Sometimes it's difficult to get from the locker to the bus, so they'll spill their backpack and when it's picked up, the bus was gone."

Sometimes a bus will have to be switched because of mechanical problems or its use on a field trip, which ends in confusion for many students.

When an alternate bus is sent out, it will be parked in about the same area as the regular bus and the number will be posted in the alternate front window.

"The sign is bigger than a sheet of paper. Kids will spot it and tell each other," Obenich said. "They have to go further than just looking from far away at the numbers painted above the door."

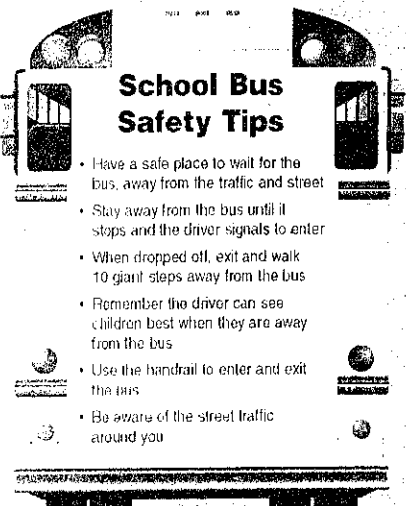
He also said the school used to make PA announcements and tell students what to look for, but that caused a lot more confusion.

With about 1,650 kids leaving the building when the final bell rings at 2:24 p.m. and 4:50 happening on each of the 19 buses, it can be hectic for a middle school student who isn't used to riding the bus.

"Most of them didn't ride the bus at the elementary and it was their first year riding the bus," Obenich said. "Overall, it runs pretty smoothly."

Most days, there are school officials helping direct students to their buses, or else telling those loitering and planning on walking to either get moving or to walk inside the cafeteria if they are expecting a friend to ride to pick them up.

"If you're going to walk home,



School Bus Safety Tips

- Have a safe place to wait for the bus, away from the traffic and street
- Stay away from the bus until it stops and the driver signals to enter
- When dropped off, exit and walk 10 giant steps away from the bus
- Remember the driver can see children best when they are away from the bus
- Use the handrail to enter and exit the bus
- Be aware of the street traffic around you

Source: National Safety Council

you have to get going," Obenich said. "Kids are here 7:30 and stay here until their parents pick them up. Sometimes there's confusion with communication as to which parent picks them up. It's not a problem as long as you don't have to be somewhere."

When students are left waiting at the Middle School, Obenich said they are asked to come inside where it is not only safer for them, but easier for officials to keep an eye on them as they finish up work in the office, which has glass exterior walls with benches in the hallway.

"We have a 4:20 p.m. late bus that takes athletes and people who stay after. Kids can sit in the cafeteria and start their homework, and get food from the vending machines if they need it," Obenich said.

"We'll walk in with them. We want them to call their parents to say they missed the bus. Their parents can then pick them up or they can wait

in the cafeteria for the 4:20 p.m. late bus. We have a building monitor to keep an eye on them. We don't want them running around the premises unsupervised."

Sometimes students decide to walk home when they miss the bus, a decision that often merits the student to call their parents for approval before school officials will let them leave. Located along major roads such as 11 Mile and Wixom roads, Obenich doesn't want to see any of his students getting lost or hurt on their way home.

In the morning, Obenich said it's the same story. Kids usually call their parents when the bus picks them up, but advises students to give the buses a five-minute window on either side of the pick-up time to get there.

"We've got the traffic to fight with, but they get here in time," he said. "The driver's main objective is to get kids home in a safe and comfortable manner."



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Motherly Love

Wildcat swimmer Stella Chung is embraced by her mother, Soo, as she and other seniors are recognized for their contributions at Novi's last home meet of the year. The girls swim and dive team has a near perfect record this season. For more swim and dive photos see page 4B.

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Say cheese



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Novi Woods fourth graders Ashley Darling, Alicia Sansom, Aubrey Diephuis and Katie Telder present their "Bugs" poem at BugFest. Bugfest is a dramatic presentation of insect poetry.



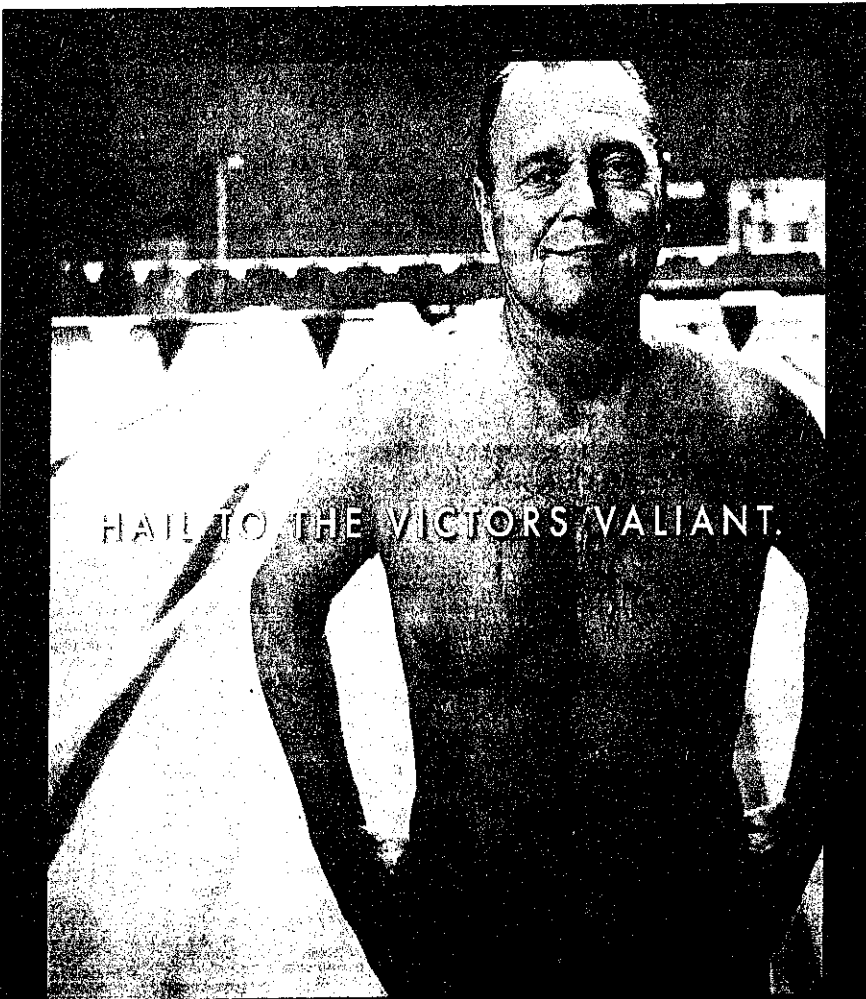
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Members of the Novi Woods Elementary School third grade Brownie Troop 1441 take a torn flag to the Farmington Hills American Legion for proper disposal. The girls will continue community work by participating in a can drive and making blankets for children in need. The troop includes: Madison Ampunan, Payton Balconi, Joyce Cucksey, Sara Jacek, Shirley Hao, Alexa Hatz, Kira Hurley, Jessica Lypka, Alexis Malecki and Mary Grace Sinkovich.



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Novi High School hosted its annual 2007 Fall Novi JV Volleyball Invitational tournament earlier this month with the Novi JV girls coming out on top. There were 15 teams participating, and Novi went 12-0 in the two pool rounds and went 18-1 over all. Novi played hard all day with every girl contributing to the team's success. The final match was against a very tough Saline team who gave the Wildcats their only loss of the day. However, Novi came out strong and persevered to take the third game to win the match and the tournament. The winning Novi JV team pictured above with their medals includes: Back row (l to r): Coach Kathleen Narducci, Paige Ince, Courtney Kelzer, Ally Hoomalan, Trinity Louis, Kelsey Masserant, Brienne Pleprzak, Jillian Hilliard, Joanna Beaton, Kate McPhee and Coach Nicole Broderick. Front row (l to r): Laura Subject, Erica Robb, Christine Mech, Meg McPhee and Emily Guss.



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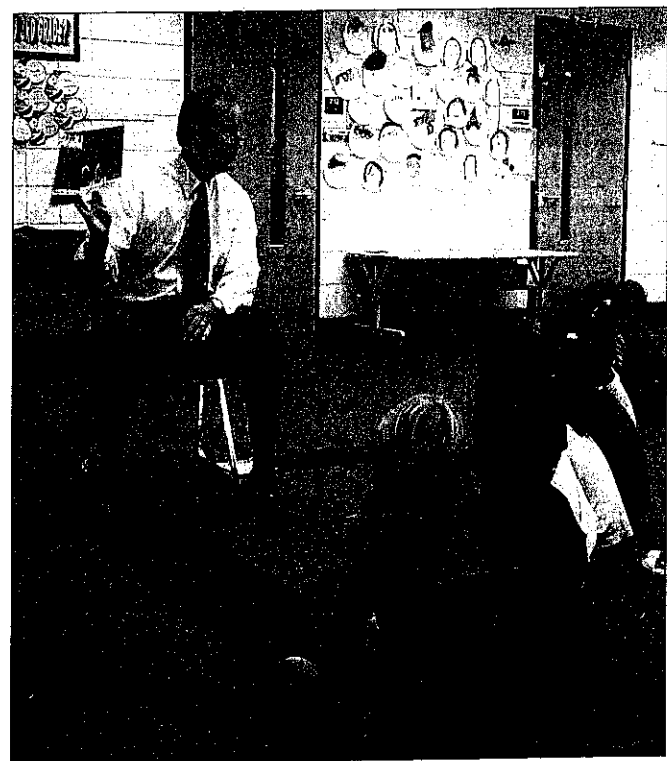
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Superintendent of Novi Schools Peter Dion visited Parkview Elementary School last week and read a book to the first grade students.



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Deerfield Elementary School students listen last week at the assembly "Kids Empowered." The students learned about making choices when developing friendships and handling peer issues involving mean-spiritedness, bullying behavior and conflict. Parents were also able to attend a seminar on the same subject to better enable them to deal with the issues their children face.

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MY YOUTH

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Ready, Set, Go!

Runners start the Novi Educational Foundation's first family fun run. The 1-mile and 5-kilometer fun run and walk took place on Saturday, October 6th at Novi Meadows School. About 370 people participated in the event that was free to Novi School District students. The event sponsors were St. John's Health and the Center for Oral & Facial Surgery, Warren Vallerand, DDS, MD. Money raised by the event will be used for Classroom Enrichment Grants in the school district.

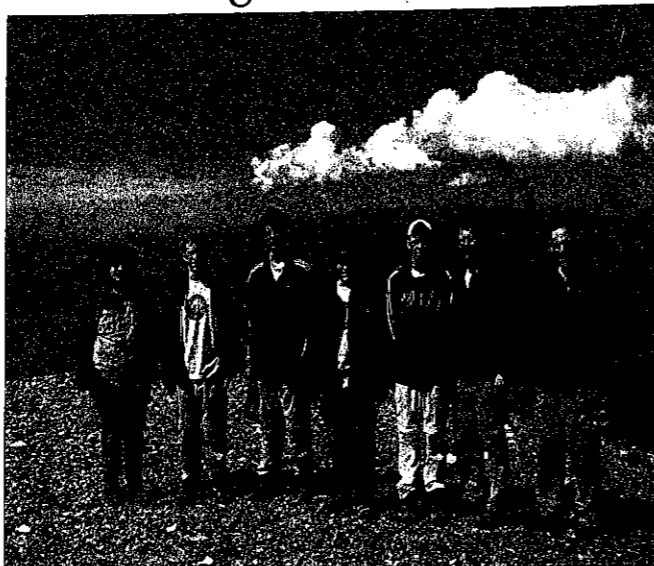


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Fun Running

Novi Community School District Superintendent Pete Dion, Jayda Baker and Stephanie Schriener participate in the Novi Educational Foundation's first family fun run. The 1-mile and 5-kilometer fun run and walk took place on Saturday, Oct. 6 at Novi Meadows School.

Local Boy Scout Troop 407's trek through the wilderness



Submitted photo

Novi Scouting Troop 407 members Matt Thimm, Garrett Murphy, Eric Miller and Chris Miller and their leaders Joe Thimm, Bob Murphy and Mike Church experienced an eight-day trek through the mountains of New Mexico at Philmont Scout Ranch this summer.

A crew of Scouts: Matt Thimm, Garrett Murphy, Eric Miller and Chris Miller and their leaders: Joe Thimm, Bob Murphy and Mike Church. The group made their way through the mountains of New Mexico at Philmont Scout Ranch. Philmont covers 214 square miles, a vast expanse of wilderness, of which Boy Scout Troop 407 covered 62 miles in eight days from Aug. 10-18. The group started at base camp, which had an elevation of 6,947 feet, and climbed as high as 12,441 feet. The group of Scouts and their leaders hiked from small camp to camp, carrying their own gear on their backs during the trek. They hiked through bear territory and often inclement weather, the Scouts participated in back-country activities at their stops, including rock climbing, logger

ball, gold prospecting and the study of conservation, ecology and the ways of Mother Nature. The local group made what amounts to a Scouting pilgrimage with their trip to Philmont, the Boy Scouts of America's premier high-adventure camp and the top camp of the largest youth organization in the United States.

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Laughing it up at Second City in Novi

By Tracy Mishler
SPECIAL WRITER

Second City

Location: 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi
Box office: (248) 349-4448

Show times: 8 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday; 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Friday; 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday; and 8 p.m. Sunday
Cost: \$15 Wednesday-Thursday and Sunday, \$20 Friday-Saturday

At a time of tax increases, union workers walking the picket line and the economy at an all-time low, it's good to know there are places to escape for a good laugh.

People like Mark Levenson, of Novi, are making those laughs possible by directing Second City's current 30th revue production, "Night of the Living Debt."

Levenson, 39, has been with Second City since it opened in Detroit in 1993 and later moved to Grand River in Novi. He took some time off in between the move to try his hand in New York, but returned to Michigan a few years later.

"Once (acting and directing) gets in your blood, it's there," Levenson said. "I love putting on shows and entertaining an audience. I love taking audiences on rides."

Levenson said he started his theater career off in 1988 as a musical director and composer. He's also recorded audio books and comedy albums and created music for the television cable channel Comedy Central.

Today, Levenson is making sure his audiences are enjoying their time watching his first pain-stage production, "Night of the Living Debt."

Levenson said the production was an eight-week process consisting of different skits about people doing their best to survive with a theme of people trying their best to find happiness during the day and night.

The show runs through Oct. 31 and then production starts on Second City's holiday show, also directed by Levenson.

"That show is a best-of production with different scenes and sketches," he said. "Night of the Living Debt" is a hilarious



Submitted photo

Quintin Hicks and Tim Robinson perform during Second City's 30th revue, "Night of the Living Debt."

show, a real laugh riot from top to bottom, and our holiday show will be just as good."

A laughing matter

"Night of the Living Debt" has five cast members, including Tim Robinson, Tara Nida, Jarne Meyer, Brett Guendel and Quintin Hicks.

During the production, cast members perform as several different characters in "Night of the Living Debt," including Vice President Dick Cheney and a "regular average Joe" as described and played by Hicks, of Northville.

"It's like reading a book when you're a kid and you can



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The cast and crew of Second City's 30th revue, "Night of the Living Debt."

become those characters you're reading about," he said. "Playing different characters is what makes acting fun and interesting."

Hicks, 33, trained to be an actor through Second City's training center in Detroit. In 2000 he started working full-time for Second City after leaving a position with General Motors. He joined the

touring company in December 2001. "Acting is a lot of fun, and I really enjoy the work," he said. "There are few opportunities to make it in the state of Michigan as a working actor. It's definitely a great foothold if you would like to have it on your resume."

Hicks said he plans to leave the Second City family at the end of the year to care for his 5-

month-old son, Gehrig. "I plan on staying in acting, but we're probably looking to leave the state sometime next year," he said. "It's been a lot of fun working for Second City. There can only be good things in the future."

With "Night of the Living Debt" coming to a close at the end of the month, cast members moving on and new members joining, Levenson said he has

enjoyed working with the current cast, who he said are all immensely talented actors. "I've certainly worked with a lot of people and these guys are as good as any of them," he said. "They definitely help you find new ways to laugh."

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MY OPINION

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Novi News

Victoria Mitchell, Editor Richard Perlberg, Executive Editor Grace Perez Perry, General Manager

Library bond funding: fact versus fiction

On Jan. 13 City Council adopted as one of its five-year goals to "Maintain a fiscally responsible government," which included maintaining the total City millage rate at 10.5416 mills.

On July 23, council approved a policy resolution stating it would uphold its intention to maintain the existing millage rate, even if voters approve the Novi Public Library's \$16 million bond on Nov. 6.

"We've made the projection and pledge that we could balance out funds and other obligations to not have to increase the city rate," said city manager Clay Pearson. "This is city council's pledge."

City officials said as a result of the city's financial position, current and projected, the proposed library construction millage can be absorbed in the total millage rate through a combination of fiscal management planning.

City officials said the assumptions for the projections are conservative in regards to interest rate (5 percent) and taxable value growth (3.5 percent).

They said the City of Novi could absorb the impact of the library bond debt. If issued, within its 10.5416 mills through a variety of financing mechanisms including:

- reducing the Drain Revenue Fund millage; and/or
reducing the general fund operating millage; and/or
some combination thereof.

More explicit plans and debt schedules may be found by visiting city hall. This is what residents' city officials are saying they intend to do. This is also the intention of council.

And, naturally, library supporters and employees are thrilled to have this kind of expressed support from their city leaders.

But as expressed in letters to the editor, the resolution supported by City Council is a resolution expressing a good intention and is not legally binding.

Letters point out that the resolution states the intention will be in place "unless or until otherwise directed or authorized by City Council."

As reported in the Novi News last week, voters will be asked if the City of Novi should borrow the money and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds to be paid within 20 years.

As reported, the estimated annual millage rate is .26 mills; meaning residents with homes valued at \$220,000 will be levied about \$28 per year.

Is this a shell game? Are council members' promises empty? They don't believe so, and they stand by their plan.

Is it a leap of faith believing the city will be able to absorb the additional debt if the bond proposal passes? In this economic climate, possibly.

But what we believe is voters should be familiar with the proposal, the financing and the library before heading off to the polls Nov. 6.

Understand the facts, understand the needs and make up your own mind as to whether or not you support this proposal.

Next week we will offer our opinion either for or against the proposal. But now is the time for residents to do their own homework.

The funding facts have been presented. Now it's up to voters to decide whom they want to back.

Hey, Novi: What's Your Story?

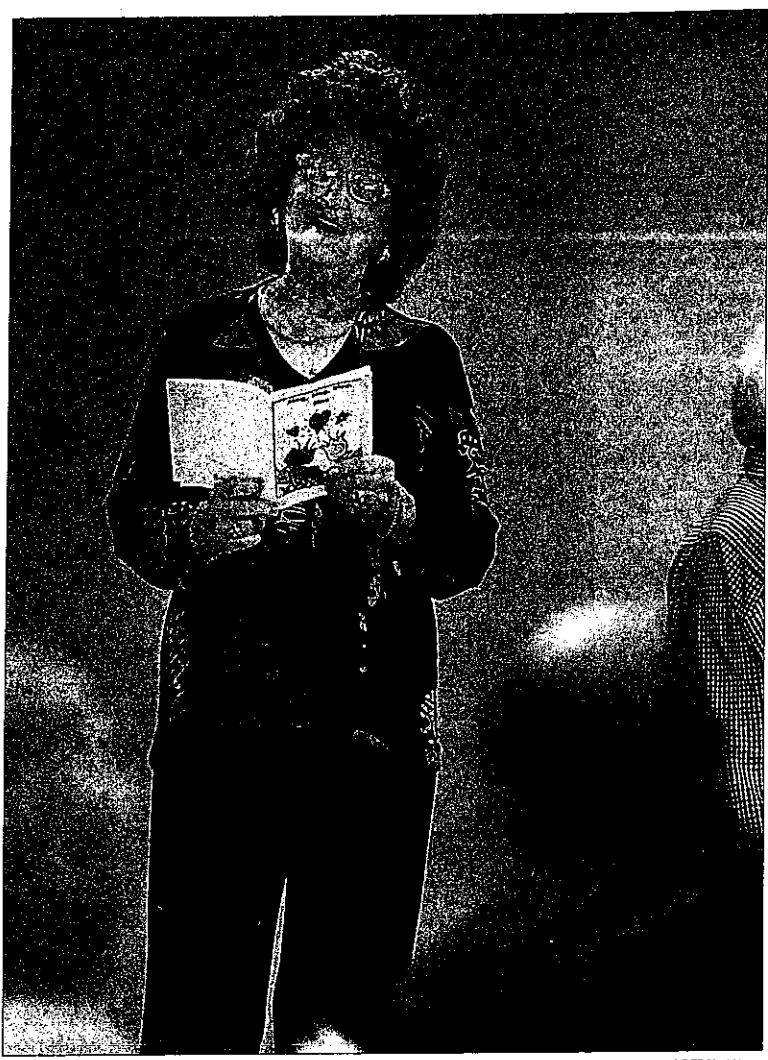
We're looking for you! The Novi News is currently looking to interview local residents regarding the following topics:

- Are you a high school student who receives an allowance from your parents?
Are you a high school student who has an interesting job?
Are you a Novi senior citizen with an interesting job or hobby?
Are you a working woman who has recently returned to work?

- Are you a Novi resident interested in sharing a story about how your religious faith has carried you through tough times?
During the past six months, have you moved into a newly constructed home?
Do you spend more than \$100 per week on gasoline?
Are you a single parent?
Has your home been for sale for more than one year?
Is there something specific about Novi you would change, update or eliminate?
Are you planning a unique holiday party or family get-together?
Is there someone on your street who needs a helping hand?

- Contact Novi News editor Victoria Mitchell at (248) 349-1700, ext. 102 or e-mail venitchell@gannett.com.

In the Oct. 11 issue, the story "Haggerty, Gantner crowned" on page 3A incorrectly read the word "attractor" where the word "acceptor" should have been placed.



Sing a Song! Caroline Giese lead a sing-along at the Novi Senior Center on a Wednesday afternoon. The singers meet at the Meadowbrook Road center on the second Tuesday of each month to run through dozens of popular tunes.

Photo by JOHN HEIGER/Novi News

LETTERS

Just What the Republicans Wanted

After reading Sen. Nancy Cassis' totally partisan guest column in the last edition and hearing a Republican run ad on AM radio slamming Democrats for the recently passed state government saving budget, it is apparent she and they got just what they wanted. A budget is passed, our state is running and the Democrats are getting the blame for doing what was necessary to accomplish this.

Nancy's column, I found it to be a total distortion and manipulation of the facts. Regarding the SBT, which as a fact was on Michigan's books for over 30 years, why was this supposed job killer not eliminated before the jobs that the Senator refers to were lost? We should remember the fact that Republican John Engler was governor for almost three years of the time mentioned, April 2000 to Oct. 2006. (Granholm took over January 2003) and the fact that Republicans controlled 3/3 of state government at that time. Also since we had 12 years of the Engler administration with almost total Republican control of state government why were Republicans sought reforms and so called wasteful spending not addressed then?

The Detroit Free Press said Republicans have been pushing tax cuts in Michigan government for 20 years that they went too far. Michigan is not a high tax state we are in the middle. Our tax rate has been higher then this increase and we not only survived but prospered.

Also prior to Engler unemployment compensation (money received from job loss) was not taxed as income and under Engler our sales tax was increased 50 percent to help cover tax cuts.

Nancy went on to say "sadly" the state shutdown deadlock had to be broken by a combination of cuts, reform and revenues. That's called compromise, what life is.

Both Sides of the Aisle?

In the Oct. 11 Novi News, State Sen. Nancy Cassis offered her opinion on the recent budget crisis in Michigan. She states that Michigan has lost more than 207,000 jobs and that high taxes in Michigan are the reason for that job loss. It is pure demagoguery to posit only one reason for the job loss without advancing other causes such as the trade and wage disadvantages of our domestic auto industry, etc. Cassis then states that "the heart of Michigan's economic misery is twofold" and cites high "corporate taxes" and "too much spending." In the Oct. 9 Detroit Free Press edition, former Republican Gov. William Milliken states that "Michigan is not a 'high tax' state." He supports his statement with the most recent Census Bureau data, namely, that "we rank 26th in state and local taxes as a percentage of personal income-right in the middle of the pack." Also, in answer to Cassis' assertion that the state spends too much, I would again reference Milliken. He states that, according to census data and Michigan Department of Treasury calculations, we are 46th out of 50 states in the number of government employees per 10,000 residents. Indeed, Gov. Jennifer Granholm has cut the number of state employees by 9,000 in five years.

Cassis, unlike Milliken, does not back her statements with reputable data, but only with references to vague "research done by myself and staff coupled with e-mails from my constituents." If Cassis is looking to solve the problem of "too much spending" she might start first by supporting legislation already before the Senate chamber (HB 4589) and HD 26) to cut the pay of the Michigan legislature, the second highest paid state legislature in the nation, and to take away the free health coverage for life given after only 6 years in the legislature.

In her last paragraph, Cassis claims to be committed to working with "both sides of the aisle." I would suggest that if she is serious about bipartisanship, she will take a page from the work of former Republican Governor William Milliken, a true statesman and problem solver. In his Free Press article he comments both Gov. Granholm and House Speaker Andy Dillon for making back her statements with reputable data, but only with references to vague "research done by myself and staff coupled with e-mails from my constituents." If Cassis is looking to solve the problem of "too much spending" she might start first by supporting

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Remember, Sen. Cassis, this very appropriate aphorism, "You are either part of the solution, or part of the problem."

What do you think?

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Election letters
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Elections will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 6.

Novi Library Needs Room to Grow

When the Novi Public Library was built 30 years ago, it was built to accommodate the needs of the residents at that time. Since then, Novi's population has exploded, but the building remains unchanged. Library staff is forced to manage the collection and services in a building that allows less than half of the space required for each resident (based on state and national guidelines).

A new building will give residents the space they need. The collection can continue to grow as the population grows and additional shelving can be provided to relieve the overcrowding we see today. A new building will provide more space for quiet reading or group study and more space also means more computers and amenities like a cafe and a Friends store.

The Novi Public Library is just too small for the population it serves. Help Novi get the library it needs and deserves! Vote "Yes" on Nov. 6.

Laura Marie Casey
Novi Library 2007

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COMMENTARY

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PHIL POWER:

Recall threats will further hurt Michigan

So we've arrived at the point of recall in Michigan. The law — for once — is pretty clear on how to recall a member of the legislature. Petitions must be filed in the county where the target legislator lives. They also must be submitted by a resident of the legislator's district. After the petitions are in, the relevant County Election Commission has 20 days to review and then approve, reject or modify the language. Once that's done, those who want to force a recall election must collect valid signatures of district residents.

How many? To successfully get a recall on the ballot you then need to collect signatures equal to one-quarter of the total number of votes cast in the district for governor in the last election. We need to know how recalls are done, because we are about to hear a lot more about them. It now looks as though there will be at least 10 legislators targeted for recall efforts, five from each party.

Consequently, you can expect recall efforts to be way overplayed in the press. That's too bad, because we need the media to pay more attention to the really important stories unfolding in Michigan. My own sense is that the pro-recall folks represent a small, but noisy and very partisan minority. They are happy to beat the drum of discontent and hope it calls forth reporters who need a story.

Yet these recall attempts threaten to poison the process, and should be fought against for at least four good reasons:



About Phil Power

Phil Power is a longtime observer of politics, economics and education issues in Michigan and was a regent of the University of Michigan from 1987 to 1999. He is also president and founder of The Center for Michigan, a moderate think-and-do tank. These opinions and others expressed in his columns are his own and do not in any way represent official policy positions of The Center for Michigan. Phil would be pleased to hear from readers at power@cnnet.com.

1) Recalls don't do anything that elections don't do. If any of the recalls are successful, the targeted legislators will clear out less than a year before the November 2008 election, anyway. Those who foam at the mouth about spending tax dollars might be surprised if we should pay for expensive special elections when sitting legislators are going to have to face the voters in less than a year. If the recalls succeed, it means we'll have paid a lot of extra money to put in a bunch of completely inexperienced lawmakers.

We have a system of regularly-held "recalls" in this country, and always have had. They are called elections. If voters are angry with their local legislator for his or her votes on the budget, they've plenty of opportunity to express that in the primary and general elections.

2) Recalls result in loss of local control to fringe groups supported by lots of out-of-state money. Why is it that Leon Drolet, a former state representative from Macomb County, should have the power to pick legislators from all over the state? Steve Bieda, or Redford Township (Andy Dillon), or Northville (Marc Corriveau), or the Grosse Pointes (Ed Gaffney), or Muskegon (Mary

Valentine), Norton Shores (Gerald Van Woerkom), or Brighton (Chris Ward), or Howell (Valde Garcia) or Holland (Wayne Kuipers) want to sign their rights over to Drolet? All these folks picked their own representatives last November, and I see no reason why the choices of the Leon Drolets of the world should be more important than theirs were last November.

3) Recalls will only add more vicious partisanship to a political system that already is much, much too partisan. Everybody in Lansing knows that Democrats in the House of Representatives are being targeted because House Minority Leader Craig DeRoche (R-NOV) wants to put Republicans back in control. Everybody in Lansing knows that enormous effort went into setting up the final tax vote in the Senate to orchestrate a 19-19 split, forcing Lt. Gov. John Cherry to break the tie, something Republicans hope to use against him in the future. For months, politicians in Lansing talked grandly about "good public policy" and "financial responsibility" while the state edged ever closer to shutdown. But what most of them had in the back of their minds was a purely partisan agenda. This is outrageous.

Why should the interests of 10 million Michigan citizens be held hostage to the purely partisan interests of our warring political parties and their respective officeholders? If these recalls succeed, our legislature will become essentially worthless in critical times, because the lawmakers will never again take a tough vote on anything. Michigan is in bad shape and needs to make hard decisions about our future. The legislature just barely managed to make a decision necessary to keep the state from shutting down. If it is constantly paralyzed by fear of recalls, it will surely lack the guts to do anything courageous or far-reaching. The only effective power in Michigan will be that wielded by powerful, rich interest groups who put stuff on the statewide ballot.

Finally, as for taxes — nobody much likes 'em. But we vote for our local legislators to represent the interests of their districts, using their best judgment under the circumstances. That's what representative democracy is about. Substituting recall-driven fear and intimidation (even blackmail) is no way to govern. It is, however, a way to ruin a great state.

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Novi Retirement Club DATE: Friday, Dec. 14 DETAILS: Enjoy an enchanting evening of dancing with the Stars.

Art Van Community Events DATE: Nov. 2 (248) 348-8922 Breast Cancer Research

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Flu Vaccines TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3

Children's Activity Holiday Sheets DATE: Saturday, Nov. 10

Autumn Brunch and Auction TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 20 LOCATION: Wyndham Garden Hotel, 42100 Crescent Blvd.

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Line Dancing DATE: Monday and Friday TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m. beginner; 7:30-8:30 p.m. intermediate

Novi Writers Group TIME/DATE: 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21

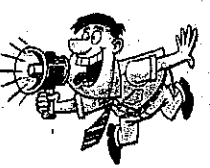
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Walpole Lake City Library LOCATION: 1499 E. West Maple Road, Walpole Lake

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Novi Youth Assistance General Citizens Meeting TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6

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Club TIME/DATE: 2-3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31 DETAILS: "Sun Storm" by Asa Larsson

Vote for New Board of Trustees DATE: Tuesday, Nov. 6 Mother/Daughter Book Club DETAILS: For girls in grades 4-6

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Novi looks to keep stronghold on Jug



Novi Wildcats' leaders Tyler Hoover, left, and Arshaun Hall want to keep "The Jug" for the seventh straight year in the annual baseline tilt against the Northville Mustangs including Greg Hasse and Andrew Devine.

Wildcats have beaten Mustangs since 2000

By Jeff Theisen
SPORTS WRITER

Keep the momentum going is the main focus for the Novi Wildcats.

With a playoff spot already secure, the Wildcats don't want any hiccups before heading into postseason play Friday at home against Northville.

"This would mean a lot to us," Novi head coach Tab Kellepourey said. "If Novi does

win this game, I'm sure that would secure a first or second position within the district. Having homefield in the playoffs is very important."

An emotional game against Northville (1-7) to end the season can always keep a coach on edge.

The Mustangs won their first game last week against Walled Lake Northern and would love nothing more than ending their season with the Baseline Jug, something

Novi has owned since 2001.

"Both of these programs know each other, the kids do," Kellepourey said. "We know this is a big game for both programs."

"This is a must-win for both programs, and that makes for a great Friday night."

Though Novi has had the Baseline Jug for as long as any current player has been in high

See **BATTLE**, 2B



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Novi No. 1 doubles players Justin Farooq, left, and Ameya Sohani congratulate each other after scoring a point Oct. 5 against Greenhills.

'Cats capture regional title

Novi wins four flights, finishes ahead of Northville

By Jeff Theisen
NEWS SPORTS WRITER

Novi tennis accomplished its one goal heading into regional play, moving into the state finals.

The Wildcats captured four individual titles in tallying 26 points to win the regional. Northville scored 23 points and Catholic Central scored 21 points to also move on.

"We had to work for it. It didn't come easy," Novi head coach Jim Hanson said. "There isn't much difference between us and Northville, and it kind of proved out. CC has enough depth that they qualified."

"It's a testament to our depth. We've don't have any superstars, but we have some very solid tennis players."

Winning titles for the Wildcats were Ryan Bell and Carson

Grandell at No. 3 and No. 4 singles respectively. Justin Farooq and Ameya Sohani at No. 1 doubles and Nathan Parooq and Vishnu Venugopal at No. 4 doubles also captured titles.

"Ryan had an excellent tournament. He won two tough three-set matches," Hanson said. "Carson has been playing some really solid tennis, just very consistent."

Goutham Kondapi at No. 2 singles and Ryan Goodman and Jason Hsu at No. 2 doubles each

See **TENNIS**, 4B

Moving in the right direction

■ Cross country girls buying into team concept

By Jeff Theisen
SPORTS WRITER

Just going through the motions is no longer accepted by the Novi girls cross country team.

They want to compete at the highest level. To do that in this area, it takes year-around work, something the Wildcats were willing to do this offseason.

The Wildcats are nowhere near being a state power. But they are starting to do the things that could put them on the correct path.

Third-year head coach Marsha Reid is impressed with the work her team put in before the season even started.

"We had more girls go out and do summer conditioning," Reid said. "They come into the program ready to work. In order to be competitive, there has to be some type of condition. When I say summer conditioning, it's not just the running part."

Reid said her players put in mileage but also took part in a weight-training regime that helps build the body in other areas that work with running.

Having a large cast of girls working together in the offseason has translated into the strongest team Reid has fielded at Novi.

"We have kids who have buying into all facets of the program," she said. "They're not just coming out and running."

The biggest part of buying into the program for Reid is having her team run as a team instead of running as a bunch of individuals.

"What used to happen was every day was a competition where they were working as individuals," she said. "I've got kids who are running smart, and it's a huge difference. Previously it was, 'Well, this is how I run.'"

Reid credits Linsy Teevens and Lainey Sekulowski for stepping up and becoming leaders of

See **RUN**, 4B



Wildcat cross country runners Elle Robinson, Emily Hall, and Brooke McMahan will help lead their team into the KVC post season.

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'Cats KVC co-champs



The Wildcats celebrate knocking off Hartland to finish co-champs of the final year of the KVC.

Novi tops Hartland 28-21 for 6th straight win

By Jeff Theisen
SPORTS WRITER

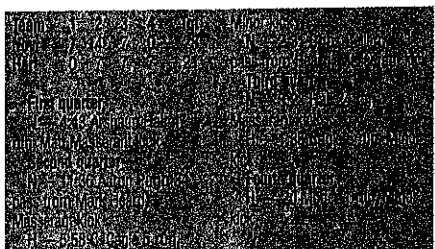
Novi took care of business and will go down as co-champs for the final KVC football title. The Wildcats built a 28-7 lead in the third quarter and left Hartland with a 28-21 victory. Novi's sixth in a row.

Novi finished tied with Howell with the same 7-1 overall, 6-1 in the KVC records.

"It's just been a tremendous conference," Novi head coach Tab Kellepporey said. "There is a league that has been in existence for 29 years now and we're at the end of the 29 years."

"At the end of it, to be the team on top of it is a great feeling. It's an accomplishment the 2007 team will always have credited to them."

Arshavn Hall had a huge day, racking up 168 yards and two touchdowns on 25 carries.



He scored the opening touchdown of the game, a 47-yard run with 4:33 left in the first quarter.

"He was able to make his good, quick cuts and get up the field in a hurry," Kellepporey said. "He's got some exceptional ability."

The Wildcats pushed the lead to 14-0 when Aaron Pugh scored on a 34-yard pass from Mark Heard in the opening moments of the second quarter.

Hartland pulled within seven after scoring on a 5-yard run with 5:58 left in the half, but Novi surged back into a 14-point lead a few minutes later.

Headed by Chris Bellamy with a 33-yard scoring pass with 2:31 left in the half for a 21-7 lead that went into halftime.

Hall pushed the lead to 28-7 with a 24-yard run with 3:23 left in the third quarter.

"We had Joe Shasta and Tyler Hoover pulling," Kellepporey said. "Shasta made a good block to get us around the edge, and then Hoover made another good block up the field, knocking a defender down."

The Eagles scored on another 5-yard run with 1:35 left in the third, and scored again with 20 seconds left from a yard out for the final points.

Pat Schlenke secured the win by pulling in the outside kick, and Novi ran out the clock on another road victory. The Wildcats are 4-0 on the road.

"When you are having success like we're having right now, everything that you do as a team ... it just is a great situation for everybody," Kellepporey said.

Novi soon took over on offense again after only giving up one first down thus far in the contest. Paul had a 10-yard run and Picher quickly made it 28-0 with a 55-yard reverse.

Novi's offense continued to churn with a run by Chris Stack and carries of 10 and 20 yards by Paul. Ricky Enright added an 18-yard run on an option keeper. Picher had a run of 13 yards and completed the drive with a 10-yard touchdown run. Turning to defense, Jordan Crawford broke up a pass and Brett Jewell and Vince Gasparotto added tackles to stop Hartland as the half ended with Novi up 35-0.

Tim Hartland took over quarterback duties as Novi took the field in the second half. While Brett Jewell centered the snap, brother Garrett, Aswin Reddy, Ryan Dempsey, Joe Hama, Martin Bunney, and Jon Smith led the offensive line surge. Even with strong runs from Masur Nogami and Bret Kuhn, Novi had to punt for the first time of the night.

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JV, freshmen top Hartland

Submitted to the Novi News

The Wildcats demonstrated what domination looks like on the football field Thursday night. Novi controlled every facet of the game to rectify a loss last year at Hartland.

Jordan Schellert came up with a big tackle on the opening kickoff, starting Hartland in poor field position. Tommy Symanski, Jimmy Picher, Vince Gasparotto, and Jordan Jabbori helped stop Hartland in three plays.

Novi's running game took over with Symanski and Adam Paul getting 8-yard runs each. Picher added a 15-yard carry, and Adam Paul scored on a 2-yard run for Novi's first score 7-0.

Ryan Jok and Adam Troher combined for another great tackle on the ensuing kick-off and again with strong play from the defensive line it was three-and-out for Hartland. Picher added a 25-yard punt return. Symanski had 30 yards on four carries and Paul scored again from the 2-yard line, making it 14-0 Novi.

Hartland's next series was no different. Jok and Garrett Jewell both had tackles in the backfield. Brett Jewell added another tackle, and on fourth down, Tim Kolls made a big stop on the outside to give Novi the ball with good field position. Novi quarterback, Ricky Enright went right to the air with a 45-yard, touchdown pass to Picher, making it 21-0 before the end of the first quarter.

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BATTLE: Baseline Jug up for grabs vs. Northville

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school, there still are several Wildcats that are new to varsity and have had the chance to celebrate with it.

"It's an amazing feeling at the end of the night," Kellepporey said about hoisting the cup at the end of a win. "It's an amazing bonding experience for a team to go through."

Both teams stress the run, but Novi has had more success this year throwing the ball. Mark Heard controls the Wildcat passing game. He has completed 70 of 130 passes for 1,080 yards and 12 touchdowns with seven interceptions.

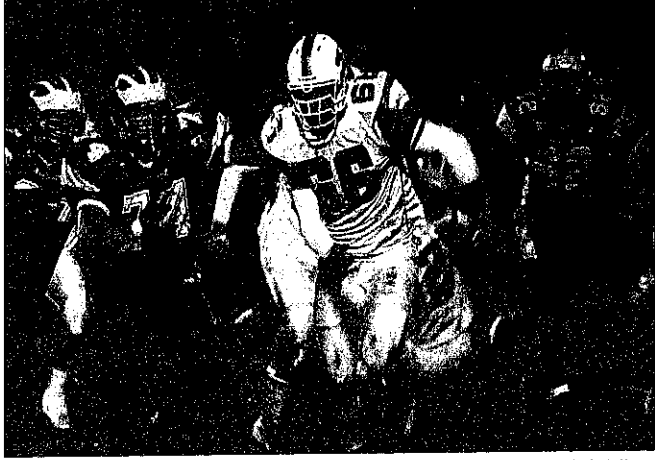
Brandon Bradford leads the team with 30 catches for 447 yards and six touchdowns. Aaron Pugh and Chris Bellamy each have two touchdown receptions.

Arshavn Hall is the home-run hitter out of the backfield. He has 909 yards and 10 touchdowns on 131 carries (6.6 per run) and 108 yards a contest.

Aaron Chew took over as the Northville quarterback for the second game of the year. He has completed 45 of 97 passes for 418 yards and two touchdowns with five interceptions. He will take off with the ball, rushing for 123 yards on 37 carries.

Andrew Devize is the featured back, amassing 603 yards on 125 carries (4.8 yards a carry).

Greg Hasse is the big hitter on defense. He averages being involved in more than 20 tackles per contest.



Tyler Hoover heads upfield against Hartland on Friday.

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Baseline Battle
Who: Novi (7-1) vs. Northville (1-7)
Where: Novi
When: 7 p.m. Friday

Players to watch

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Shamrocks pummel Cubs, 39-6

By Jeff Theisen
SPORTS WRITER

Catholic Central shored up a guaranteed spot in the playoffs with a 39-6 shellacking of witless U-D Jesuit on Saturday.

The Shamrocks (6-2) poured four touchdowns into the first quarter to bury the Cubs.

"The goal of the game for us was to guarantee a playoff spot," Shamrock head coach Tom Mach said. "The kids took it very seriously. That's a great accomplishment."

Ryan Houska started the scoring with a 16-yard run with 7:05 remaining in the first.

Two and a half minutes later, Anthony Capatina scored from 13 yards out for a 13-0 lead in the half.

Cory Amble joined in the fun with a 10-yard run for a 19-0 lead with 2:04 remaining.

Shane Morris capped off the 25-point burst with a 25-yard pass reception from Houska with 28 seconds left in the first.

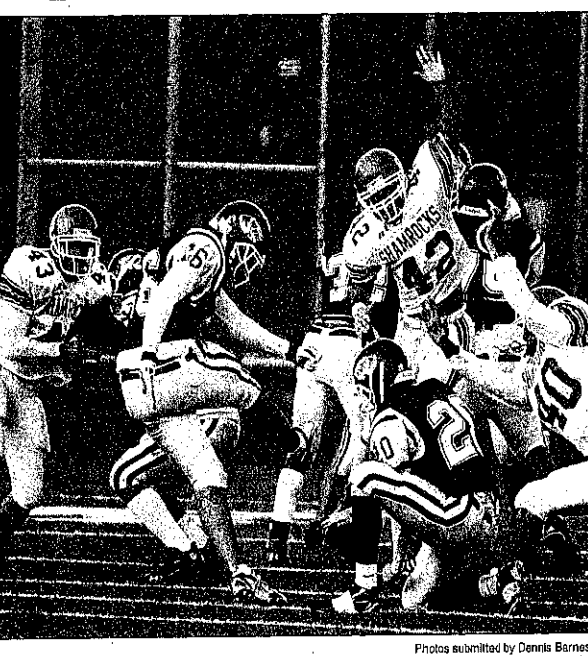
The Shamrocks failed on a pair of two-point attempts and missed a kick.

Capatina scored the lone touchdown of the second quarter, a 15-yard run with 5:16 left in the half.

Capatina scored his third touchdown of the game, a 50-yarder with 9:10 left in the third quarter for a 39-0 lead.

The Cubs avoided the shutout with a 65-yard touchdown pass team with 1:10 left in the game.

"We were happy with the way we came to play," Mach said. "The kids executed on both sides



just 19 yards on 29 attempts. Capatina had a huge day, racking up 242 yards on just 16 attempts with three scores.

"He's doing a very good job," said Mach of Capatina. "He's starting to see the open spaces. He's following his blocks very well. He's an elusive running back."

Amble provided 60 yards on eight attempts.

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Mike Heath (56) looks to clear a path for Anthony Capatina against U-D Jesuit.

Shamrocks get 2nd chance vs. Pilots

By Jeff Theisen
SPORTS WRITER

Catholic Central will get a second crack at De La Salle 1 p.m. Saturday at Ford Field for the Prep Bowl.

The Pilots knocked off the Shamrocks 21-14 in overtime in the fifth week.

"We thought we played them very hard," Catholic Central head coach Tom Mach said. "It was a pretty close game both ways."

"Our kids are really looking forward to the game."

Besides the obvious revenge factor, the Shamrocks want to continue to build momentum leading into postseason play. Catholic Central (6-2) is riding a three game winning streak.

The Pilots (6-2) have been grounded the last two weeks after starting out 6-0. Brother Rice started the two-game slide with a 17-7 win, and Orchard Lake St. Mary's won 28-13 last week.

De La Salle has used a stingy defense all season. The 17 and 28 points scored in the last two weeks are the two highest points allowed all year.

"They're a very well-coached team," Mach said of the Pilots. "Their defense is very good. It's



not easy to score on them. They do a very good job in all phases of the game."

Catholic Central has righted the ship after suffering a two-game defeat in the middle of the sched-

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Where: Ford Field
When: 1 p.m. Saturday

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ule. Brother Rice topped the Shamrocks 12-7 the week before the earlier De La Salle loss.

Since then, Catholic Central has won by an average of 36-10.

"A victory here is important to set you off into the playoffs," Mach said. "I think we've been getting better, and I think we have a good attitude right now."

"I think we're coming together right now at the right time."

Shamrock running back Anthony Capatina ripped off his biggest game of the year last

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On the move

Tips for your 1st marathon

A objective of many runners is to complete a marathon — a 26.2 mile endurance feat that will likely take first timers 3-1/2 to 5 hours to complete. After a long summer of training, they are ready to challenge the distance in the fall — the prime marathon season.

A Local Favorite

A favorite among Northville and Novi runners is the Detroit Marathon — with its two country course, and bridge and tunnel crossings of the Detroit River. The 30th running of the Detroit Marathon will take place on Oct. 21. In addition to the marathon distance, the event includes a half marathon, five-person marathon relay teams and a 5K run/walk. The two communities will each have over 50 runners competing in the marathon and over 80 participants in the half marathon.



Jerry Mittman

This year, Martin Droza (51) of Northville will be running Detroit for his first marathon. He has run the half marathon and two relays at Detroit. He "got the bug" to run the full distance after seeing others do it — including his wife, Laura, who has run three marathons. He selected Detroit because of its location and great course.

Two running partners from Northville, Gail Mroz (48) and Jane Dyson (41), will also be running their first marathon at Detroit. After completing the Dexter to Ann Arbor Half Marathon in early June, they decided to run a marathon. Detroit was chosen because it is local, has an international course, and for the 30th year festivities. Gail hopes to have her relatives living in Windsor out cheering for them in Canada.

Getting Ready for the Big Day

Once the last long run is done, the tapering begins. While the difficult training is behind, there are a number of things the first time marathoner should consider. The week before should be primarily a rest week with only a couple of short runs. Now is the time to start carb loading and hydrating, and get plenty of sleep. Don't wait until the night before when it may be difficult to sleep. This is also a good time to plan your marathon morning including what to eat, what to wear, when to leave, where to park and where to meet afterwards. Also, start developing some positive thoughts and images to motivate yourself during the marathon.

Take it easy and rest those legs the day before. Lay out your clothes, put the timing chip on your shoe and attach the numbered "bib" to your shirt before going to bed. On the morning of the race, eat a light breakfast several hours before the event, and arrive early. Remember, no new foods, drink, clothing or shoes should be used.

While at the starting line and during the race, recall those positive thoughts and images. After the gun goes off and during the early miles, avoid going out too fast. Use the first mile or so as your warm-up. The first half will seem easy but there are 26.2 miles to complete. Drink plenty of fluids along the way and after the marathon.

And most important of all, enjoy the event!

Upcoming Events

- Sunday, Oct. 21: Detroit Marathon/Half Marathon/5K (www.detroitmarathon.com)
- Sunday, Nov. 11: Ann Arbor Turkey Trot 5K Run/Walk and 10K Run at Hudson Mills Metro Park north of Dexter. (www.tortoiseandhare.com)

Lions take a bite out of 'Cats

By Jeff Thelsen
SPORTS WRITER

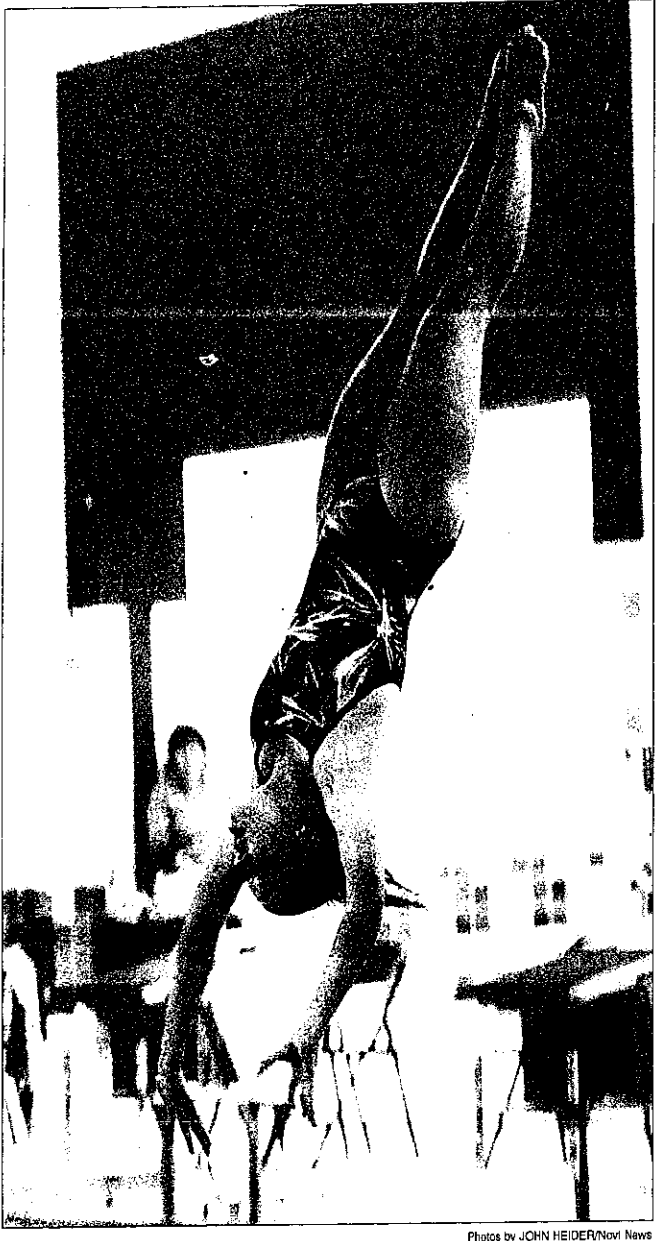
The hopes for an undefeated Novi swim and dive season came to a halt against South Lyon. The Lions won nine of 12 events and all three relays in a 106-80 victory.

Winning for the Wildcats were Kerry Abel in the 200 freestyle and 100 butterfly. Ashley Bush won the 100 backstroke.

Second-place finishes went to Meredith Cole in the 200 and 500 freestyle, Rebecca Berman in the 200 individual medley and Yukie Tamura in the 100 breaststroke.

The medley relay team of Bush, Annalisa Morgan, Mary Anolick and Madelyn Buha placed second, as did the 200 and 400 freestyle teams of Abel, Dana Hapanowicz, Cole and Berman.

Another highlight included Berman making the state cut in the 500 freestyle.



Novi Wildcat Val Zigler dives during competition against South Lyon High.

The Wildcats also ran against both South Lyon schools and came out ahead 23-36 against South Lyon and 15-50 against South Lyon East.

Lumley won the race in 16:42, followed by Croad in second (16:49) Blaszczyk in fourth (16:56) Barnes in seventh (17:16) and Butler in eighth (17:24).

Catholic Central Soccer

The Shamrock soccer team suffered a loss by shootout in the Catholic League finals against De La Salle.

With the teams deadlocked at two, the game eventually turned to a shootout to decide the winner. The Pilots won 4-3 in the shootout.

The Pilots held a 1-0 lead at the half on a deflection that ended up in the back of the Shamrock net.

Another weird deflection resulted in a second goal for the Pilots. A punchout attempt by the keeper went off the face of a De La Salle player and wound up in the net.

Nick Polon pulled the Shamrocks within one by taking a feed from Andy Parsons, working past a defender and hammering the ball into the upper corner of the net with 18 minutes left.

About 10 minutes later, Nick Kristock headed home a flick from Gatt to pull even.

"All in all, a great effort by the boys," CC head coach Joe Nora said. "We got down early with some unlucky goals, but fought back and never gave up."

Earning All-Catholic honors were Hendrik van Holbeek, Polon, Kristock and Gatt.

Earning All-League honors were Brad Smith, Parsons, Paul Kemmuru and Matt Bessenes.

Honorable Mention included Chris Long, Brian Murphy, Edwin David and Bryan Roycraft.

Catholic Central Cross Country

The CC cross country team breezed to a first-place finish at the Sturgis Invite on Saturday.

The Shamrocks finished with 29 points, well ahead of Three Rivers and Sturgis with 68 points each.

Zachary Oleski placed second (16:18) to lead the Shamrocks. Alex Toloff wasn't far back in fourth place (16:34).

John Paul Zebrowski placed sixth (16:41), Austin Zebrowski was seventh (16:42) and Michael Donjerpe was 10th (17:01) to close out the scoring.

Novi Soccer

The Novi soccer team claimed the KVC championship for the third year in a row. The Wildcats will share the title with South Lyon.

Novi (13-2-3, 12-1-1) beat Hartland 4-2 last Thursday to shore things up.

"This was our number one goal of the season: to put ourselves in position to be playing for a KVC championship on the last day of the regular season, and even though there were many ups and downs we accomplished that goal," Novi head coach Brian O'Leary said. "Coming into the game we knew we had to win to tie for the KVC crown."

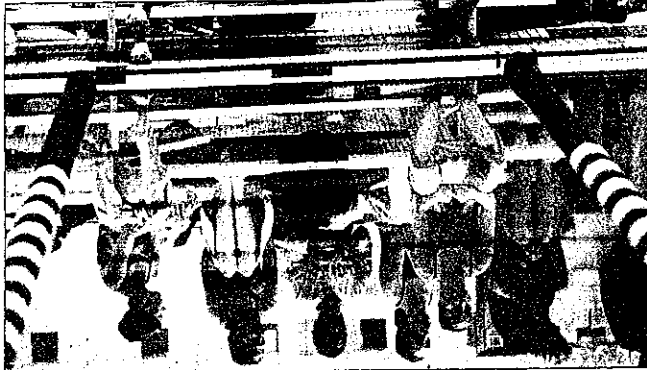
The Wildcats got goals from Garrett Gauruder (3) and Nathan Robinson. Picking up assists were Robinson, Miles Reichley, Shaun Rydzewski and Dan Kilger.

Novi Cross Country

The Wildcat cross country team placed fourth at the prestigious 38-team Oakland County meet Oct. 6.

Lake Orion won the meet with 113 points, followed by Millford (133), Catholic Central (169) and Novi (177).

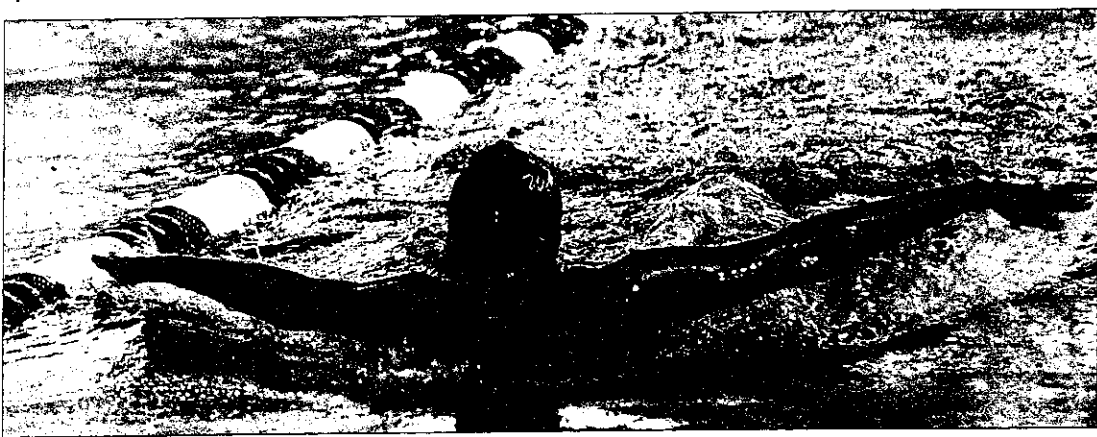
Leading Novi in 24th place was Josh Lumley (17:17). Aaron Croad was next in 28th (17:22), followed by TJ Butler in 31st (17:24), Mike Blaszczyk in 33rd (17:24) and Lukas Barnes in 51st (17:52).



Some of the Novi swim team reflects in the pool during a recent meet against South Lyon.



Wildcat Kerry Abel swims the 100 meter butterfly. Abel won this heat for Novi.



Janani Naida swims the 100 meter butterfly for Novi High.

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the program.

"In previous years I've had girls that have laid the groundwork as far as trying to get people to be a team," she said. "This year they've been a team, and that will carry over to the next year."

State hopes

The top three teams advance out of the regional meet. Reid sees Brighton as the heavy favorite, with three teams fighting for two open spots, with Novi being

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involved in the fight.

"My hardest thing is going to be picking my top seven girls for regionals," Reid said. "My top four are pretty set. If you look at my five, six and seven, I have probably about eight girls that are within 15 seconds of each other."

"I'm hoping to get a team out to states. I'm very excited because I've got one senior in my top seven."

The regional meet is Oct. 27 at Huron Meadows in Brighton, hosted by Whitmore Lake.

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finished runner-up.

State finals

The three local teams advance to the state finals Friday and Saturday in Midland.

The Wildcats will bring plenty of experience after winning the regional for the third straight year. Novi takes on a hard schedule throughout the year with the full intention on having the team ready for state competition.

"We've played all these teams, except for the teams on the west side of the state," Hanson said. "It's just going up there with the right attitude, play as hard as you can and go from there."

"We've had an excellent year. The kids have performed at a very high level. I've been very pleased with how things have went. Now we're at the final exam. It's going to be a tough final."

Hanson doesn't expect his team to win the state finals. The Ann Arbor schools go in as major favorites to win the title, but he does expect the team to stay competitive throughout each

match.

"We've been seeded in the top 10 and I would like to finish in the top 10," he said. "Some teams are happy just to make it. I'm pleased that we made it, but I felt all along we're one of the better teams in the state, and we should be there."

Play begins at the Midland Community Center at 8:30 a.m. Friday and continues at 9 a.m. Saturday.

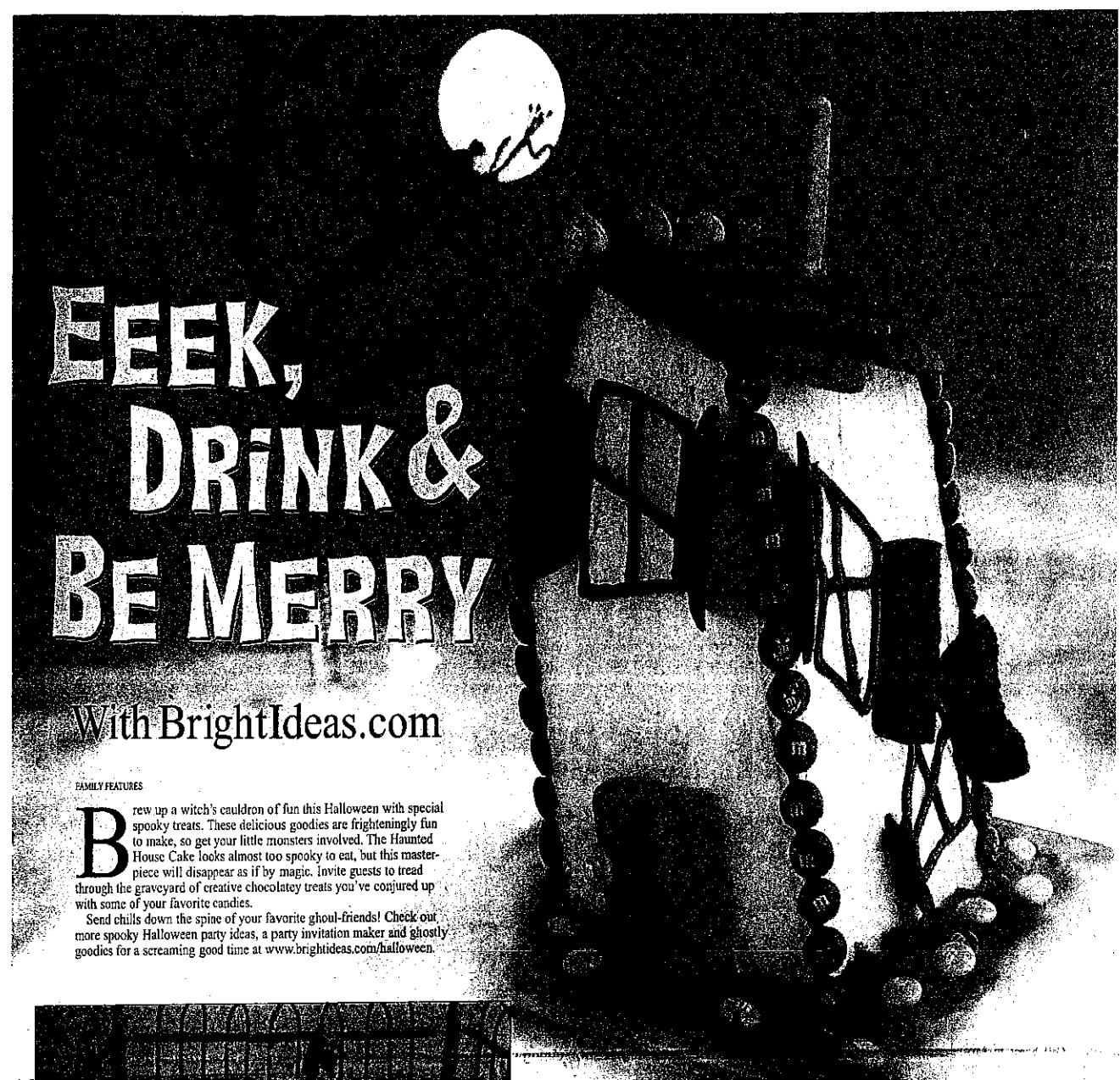
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Decorating time: 30 minutes

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 - 1 cup pumpkin puree
 - 4 eggs
 - 1/2 cup oil
 - 1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
 - 1 bag Snickers Fun Size Bars
 - 2 (16-ounce) cans vanilla frosting
 - Green and orange food coloring
 - 1 bag M&M's Milk Chocolate Candies Pumpkin Patch Mix
 - 1 (0.68-ounce) tube black decorating gel
 - 1 bag Twix Fun Size Bars
- Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease and flour 2 mini Bundt pans (each with 6 mini Bundt molds); set aside.
 - Combine cake mix, pumpkin puree, eggs, oil and pumpkin pie spice in large bowl. Beat until thick, about 2 minutes; then divide batter evenly between mini Bundt pans.
 - Chop 1 cup Snickers bars and sprinkle on top of batter. Bake 20 to 27 minutes until golden, or toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Remove from oven, transfer to wire rack and let cool 10 minutes. Invert, let cool completely and then remove from pan.
 - Meanwhile, tint 1/2 cup of frosting green, spoon into resealable plastic bag and set aside. Tint remaining frosting bright orange.

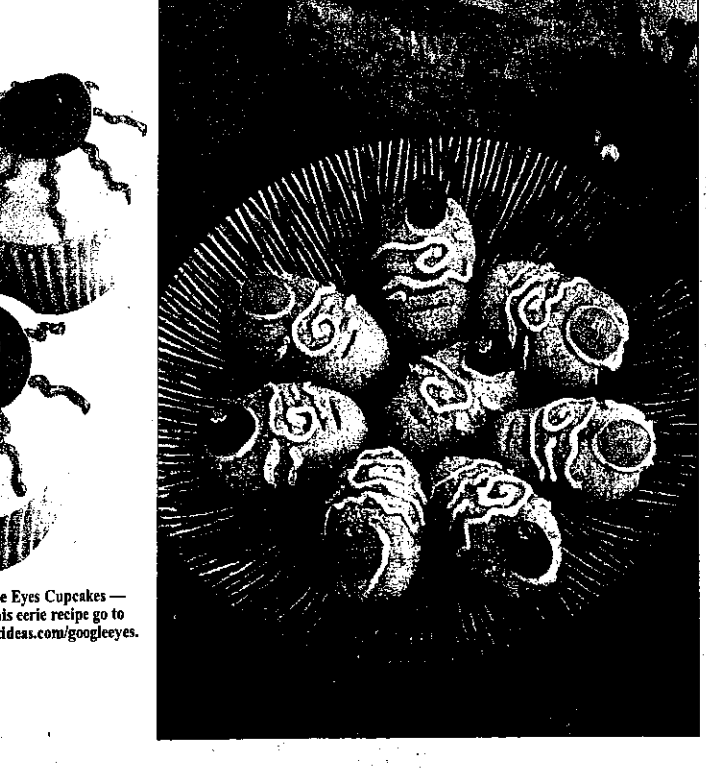
Haunted House Cake

Makes 1 cake
Prep time: 20 minutes
Decorating time: 40 minutes

- Orange food coloring
 - 2 (16-ounce) cans vanilla frosting
 - 2 (16-ounce) frozen pound cakes, thawed
 - 1 box thin chocolate wafers
 - 1 (0.68-ounce) tube black decorating gel
 - 1 bag Twix Fun Size Bars
 - 1 bag M&M's Milk Chocolate Candies Pumpkin Patch Mix
 - 1 bag M&M's Peanut Chocolate Candies Pumpkin Patch Mix
- Tint frosting orange and set aside.
 - Spread 1/2 cup orange frosting on bottom of both pound cakes; then press them together. Stand cakes up so that they are vertical on a serving plate.
 - Create pitch of roof by trimming top of one cake on a slight angle. Trim other cake on a steeper angle to make roof look tidy.
 - Completely cover cake with remaining orange frosting. For roof tiles, break chocolate wafers in half and arrange, overlapping slightly.
 - Pipe black decorating gel for windows. Add Twix bars for door and chimney. Use broken wafer cookies for shutters. Use M&M's to outline top of roof and sides of house.
 - Grind remaining cookies along with a few Twix bars in food processor. Spread this mixture around base of house for "dirt" and scatter M&M's on top.

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- 1 cup black decorating gel
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- Have all fuel-burning appliances professionally inspected yearly, preferably before the start of the cold-weather season when heaters and furnaces are first used.



Randall Patterson

These appliances include gas stoves and ovens, furnaces and heaters, water heaters, generators, and clothes dryers.

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Dr. Kyle Buckle brings the latest chiropractic treatments and methodologies to the Northville area. "A lot of things have changed in the chiropractic world," he said. "The standards are a lot higher now."

Doctor raises public awareness of latest chiropractic methods

By John R. Hall
SPECIAL WRITER

It isn't very common for a new business owner to welcome competition, but in the case of Dr. Kyle Buckle of Buckle Family Chiropractic of Northville, that is just what he would like to see.

Dr. Buckle believes that the more that people know about chiropractic treatment, the more they will visit chiropractors and drive up the demand for more of these practices.

"Only 10 percent of the population use chiropractors and I'd like to see that number as high as 80 percent," he said.

EDUCATION IS KEY

Dr. Buckle will be very happy to educate his patients on the advantages of chiropractic treatment. In fact, part of his business plan is to take his knowledge out to people in the community during events like the recent Oktoberfest, and various health fairs and seminars.

"I will be making health care presentations as part of my regular service," he added. "Education is a specialty of mine."

LATEST METHODS

Dr. Buckle believes his recent formal training will benefit his patients because he is up-to-date with all of the latest chiropractic treatments and methodologies.

He graduated from the prestigious Palmer College of Chiropractic in February 2006 and also achieved a BS/BA in business from Central Michigan University.

"A lot of things have changed in the chiropractic world," he said. "The standards are a lot higher now."

Dr. Buckle would like to invite the Northville community to visit his new office, which opened in late August, and learn about the many services he offers. He doesn't mind if a new patient comes in with a lot of questions and if they are seeking relief from back and joint pain. That's probably because he is confident that he can help people who seek his expertise.

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