

ELECTIONS



A run for Pontiac

Two Novi residents face off in the GOP primary for Oakland County Commissioner. Incumbent Kay Schmid and Novi City Council Member Hugh Crawford. Voters will be confronted with this decision on Aug. 8. The candidates have their say on — Page 7

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Send in the clowns

But local merchants aren't amused by antics of the rap band's followers

RANDAL YAKY Staff Writer

Profanity, violence, nudity and vulgarity are all good fun for followers of the Insane Clown Posse (ICP), but some fans were not able to keep it all contained on concert grounds at the Novi Expo Center.

The result was that ICP's Juggalos - connoisseurs of the rap band nicknamed for the way they use two-liter bottles of Faygo pop as

water guns during concerts - took it to the streets last weekend and left destruction in their wake.

"We had three arrested for possession of marijuana," Novi Police Chief Douglas Shaeffer said.

"A woman was arrested for indecent exposure, but she was part of the performance. She did not do it against her own will."

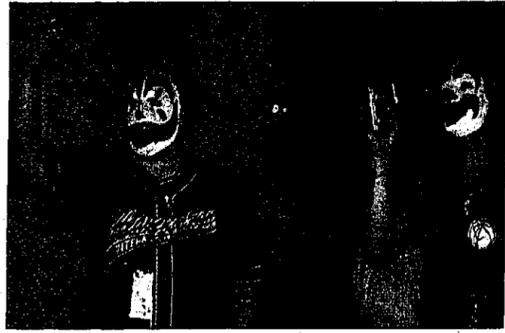
The Novi Police Department had 21 extra officers on duty during the

event.

Shaeffer said that a large number of concert-goers ended up at the Wendy's Old Fashioned Hamburgers on Novi Road, where three police cruisers were called to clear away the mob at the scene.

"They trashed the place," Wendy's Acting Manager Missy Smith said. "They took the ketchup plunger and threw it against the

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Violent J, left, and Shaggy 2 Dope, of the Insane Clown Posse brought out crowds to the Novi Expo Center last weekend. An interview with their fans is on page 17. The pair discuss their rise to fame and their feud with Eminem on page 19.

Photo by STEPHANIE FORDYCE

Care at the leading edge



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Radiation therapist works with cancer patient Amy Measel on Providence x-ray machine.

Providence ranks in top 50

BY STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

The spiritual healing center, complementary therapies, highly qualified staff and advanced technology have led to the designation of Providence Hospital as one of the finest in America.

In a July issue, Providence was named one of 50 best hospitals by the "U.S. News & World Reports" magazine in the category of cancer treatment.

One of the hospital's major points of pride is their revolutionary healing center which was built in Novi in August 1999.

"We are just elated," said Providence Director of Oncology Karen North.

"The hospital has worked hard to achieve this type of quality and to be acknowledged is very exciting. I think it's well deserved."

Criteria used in the report's ranking included hospital reputation, technology, mortality ratio, number of discharges, trauma treatments and geriatric services.

The Cancer Institute, located as part of Providence Park on Beck and Ten Mile roads, contains

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Planners ease neighborhood growing pains

Access to Clark Street from subdivision will be for emergencies.

BY STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

Over 120 residents packed into the council chambers at the July 19 planning commission meeting, in response to the newly proposed Churchill Crossings subdivision, which was originally proposed to link into one of Novi's older neighborhoods on Clark Street.

"We're not real happy," said Jim Wasolek, a twenty-five year Clark Street resident.

"What we're afraid of is that down the road someone else will come in and open that street up. There's no guarantee."

The planning commission in a 6-2 vote, granted the developers preliminary tentative plat and wetlands and woodlands permit approval.

Singh Development Company

aims to build the 207-home Churchill Crossings on 80 acres, off of Ten Mile, west of Novi Road.

The major issue at hand was the same as when the applicants first approached the commission in May, which was where the new subdivision's point of access would be located.

Under the revised proposal, Churchill Crossing's main entrance will be located directly across from Orchard Hills Estates off of 10 Mile, with its second connection running through Sussex Drive and its third access point located off Christina Lane.

One of city's oldest dead-end streets, Clark Street, will also be opened up with gated emergency access.

Although Clark Street will not be a main point of access into Churchill Crossing as was initially proposed, residents of Clark feel it might as well be.

"Once Clark is opened up, even with emergency access, there's

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Rock and rev with music, motor fest

The festival formerly feting the 50s opens with a new theme.

BY STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

Promoters say this week's Music & Motor Fest is going to be bigger and better than ever before, with more entertainment and activities for the whole family to enjoy.

Centered at the Novi Expo Center Wednesday through Sunday, the five day event is expected to attract 200,000, according to Music & Motor Fest Intern Allison Quinn.

While the festival may have a new name this year, (it was formerly the Michigan 50's festival), it will still bring in the same amount of fun with the likes of well-known music acts, classic and muscles cars on display and parade, carnival rides and a casino.

"The name was changed because we wanted to include a broader range of music and entertainment that would appeal to all ages," Quinn said.

The event will performances by Eddie Money, America, Peter Noone and Herman's Hermits, Bad Company, Twistin' Tarantulas, and former Monkee Davy Jones.

Participants can enjoy arts and crafts, a bumper-to-bumper classic car cruise, the VoiceStream Grand Prix scramble of mini-cars, and even some four-legged fun with the Dog Olympics.

While you're there, be sure to enter the Rotary Car Raffle for a chance to win a red 1982 Corvette convertible.

And don't forget about the Novi Parks and Recreation Softball Tournament, July 28, at Powder Park beginning at 6:15 p.m.

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Buildings busting at the seams? Schools study surge in students

Student population keeps growing and growing...

BY STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

Remember when we thought the future meant silver body suits and flying automobiles?

While the Novi school district may not be looking at changing its dress code, it is looking at the future in terms of space needs and student population.

In the past ten years, from the fall of 1989 to the fall of 1999, student growth in the district rose 54

percent. In 1989, Novi had an enrollment of 3,769 students, which by 1999, increased to 5,804 students. On average, that equates to 200 new students a year.

Over those ten years, Novi has seen the construction of a new middle school, renovation of Novi Meadows Elementary, ten new classrooms at Parkview Elementary, the Instructional Technology Center (ITC), a 40 percent addition to the high school, and the new Deerfield Elementary opening next fall.

In order to prepare for the next 5-10 years, a Future Space Needs Task Force was formed to evaluate the need for future school space

and project the future enrollment of its students.

Recently, the task force completed their research and have now determined the long range projections for Novi schools.

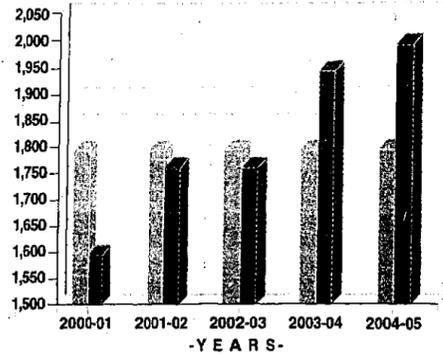
Research found that the two major areas of impact in the near future will be the high school and Parkview Elementary.

Projections for the elementary level of instruction for the entire district indicate an increase from its current estimate of 2,353 to 2,500 within the next five years.

The greatest effect of this increase at an individual school level is Parkview Elementary. While

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High School Enrollment vs. Capacity



SOURCE: Novi Community School District Capacity Enrollment

Schools to face a fuller future

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The other elementary schools will be somewhat stable in growth, the trend for Parkview will be to experience rapid growth beyond its capacity, according to the task force report.

Researchers estimate that Parkview's attendance will rise from 530 in the fall of 2000 to 658 in the fall of 2002. The school can only hold 643 students.

Rather than have one school absorb the impact of growth, the task force recommends the district immediately consider redistricting the elementary schools.

Like Parkview, the high school also faces challenges.

It is projected that in the next 10 years, the student population at the high school will rise from its

current enrollment of 1,600 to 2,400.

Set to reach its full capacity of 1,800 in the fall of 2001, the task force recommends immediate evaluation of the high school facility.

"We're going to have an additional group of students in this school district - 800 in the high school alone by the year 2010," Superintendent Dr. Emmet Lippe said.

"This district needs to take a serious look at buying land because we're going to need space. Land is getting more expensive and is almost impossible to find."

With the task force recommendations now over, the next step, Lippe explained, is for the Blue Ribbon Facility Program Task Force to examine results.

The Blue Ribbon committee will

explore redistricting, purchasing land, upgrading technology, swimming facilities, the high school cafeteria, Alternative Education, Special Education, Community Education (i.e. child care and preschool), and other areas as well.

The job of the Blue Ribbon committee is to determine what the school district is going to look like in ten years with a time line for completing the work," Lippe said.

The committee will complete their report and present it to the Superintendent and Board of Education by December 1, 2000.

Lippe said the public will be a part of this process by holding forums, creating focus groups, and distributing surveys to solicit their input.

Once the Blue Ribbon report is

submitted, the board will consider their proposals in the spring of 2001 and possibly hold bond votes.

"I urge the board to take a serious look at their recommendations and implement as many as possible," Lippe said.

"It's important if we're going to continue to maintain the degree of excellence in Novi schools."

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WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD?

■ The Novi school district is looking at these issues when considering its potential expansion needs:

- If all the elementary buildings, except at Deerfield Elementary, were to offer all-day kindergarten, the total K-4 capacity would decrease 225 students from 2,732 to 2,507.
- The Future Space Needs Task Force believes that "full-day" kindergarten is a strong trend that could be implemented within the district in the future.
- As the metro population gradually moves west, private and/or parochial schools may opt to build in the area. Although there have been discussions regarding the possibilities of these types of schools in the Novi area, the task force believes there is no impact within the next five years.
- With the city's recent passage of a tax abatement policy, business growth could accelerate in Novi which may impact the growth of future housing developments.

Clark Street compromise now heads to city council

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nothing stopping it from eventually being opened in the future," said Novi Heights resident John Huber.

Wasolek said she fears that later on the 200 some residents of the new subdivision will override the 80 residents of Clark.

Other areas of concern expressed by Clark Street residents at the meeting included the fact that their street does not have sidewalks, has outstanding environmental issues over such matters as drinking water and is not prepared for the impact of traffic.

An outpour of Orchard Ridge Estates residents also came to the meeting to speak out about the need for a traffic light and a sign banning turns on red lights on Ten Mile and Novi roads, once Churchill Crossing is built.

"We can't get out of our subdivision now, especially during school hours," said Orchard Ridge Estates

resident Monika Jackson. "We do not need anymore traffic hazards."

City Traffic Consultant Rod Arroyo said traffic signals and road signs are elements that can only be approved by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners (OCBC).

Arroyo said that the city can make the requests but that the ultimate decision would be by the OCBC.

Once Novi made a request, the OCBC would come out and do a study and determine whether or not the plea is warranted, Arroyo explained.

Some of these issues will now go before the Novi City Council. The planning commission agreed to make a request to council regarding the traffic signal.

Traffic by far was the most popular concern expressed among neighboring residents of the new subdivision.

"People come down Christina at excessive speeds," Cedar Springs

resident Jeff Cook told the commission. "While we are fortunate enough to have sidewalks for our children, we have inclined driveways."

"A ball rolls in the street and there is a situation no one wants to think about."

Cedar Springs resident Scott Sawaya, who lives on Buckminster Street, said he's already seen enough "close calls" in his five years.

"I feel it's up to the development to come up with an alternative access. One that would not inconvenience any of the existing residents," said the father of two.

"There must be an alternative that will put the safety of our children before the convenience of new residents moving into Novi."

An alternative access point off of Novi Road was favored by residents like Carl Korzenowski and Chris Jaekel, but not by the commission. In May, Commissioner Andrew

Mutch suggested the applicants look into purchasing the city-owned property east of the subdivision in order to extend a street through to Novi Road.

Joe Gavin, who spoke on behalf of Single, said they investigated the land on Novi Road, but that it contained one of the largest wetlands in the city.

"It's a magic solution, not a real solution," he said.

Senior Environmental Specialist Amee Kay, from the city's consulting engineers JCK & Associates, said their office was not asked to look at the particulars of that wetlands system.

"Just from looking at the map, there would certainly be more wetland fill overall, but we would need to do a further analysis to see what the quality issues are," she said.

Mutch said that he did not have enough information before him to assume the land off Novi Road was not a viable alternative.

"I don't want it rejected out of hand and referred to as a fantasy without data in front of us that shows us its not a possibility," he said.

However, Mutch's advice was not implemented into the final recommendation to the council.

Mutch, along with Commissioner Victor Cassis, were the only two who voted against the proposal last week.

Clark Street resident Cindy Callahan said she is not happy about the gated access and that she didn't understand why Novi Road wasn't explored in the final recommendation.

Commissioner Chair Kim Capello stressed that the planning commission merely makes a recommendation to the council, the final decision makers.

"They do not have to follow our recommendations," he said.

"They are the ones who have the ultimate power."

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Wasolek said that while he will attend the City Council meeting, he was not confident that they will be able to change much.

"They're jeopardizing the quietness and peacefulness of our street as well as the safety," he said.

"We're not trying to stop progress, we just don't want to see Clark turned into a highway. There's no doubt that we will be at city council when the matter comes up, but I don't know if it will help," Huber said he felt the matter was out of their control from the beginning.

"Kim [Capello] has never liked our comments and I think he was planning on shooting his magic bullet one way or the other," he said.

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Time for teens

Center keeps Novi kids busy

BY STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

While some kids are battling the summer blues loafing around the house, many have found sanctuary at the Novi Youth Assistance's Teen Center.

"Not only can you enjoy some awesome activities and meet new people, but it's free."

"It's sweet. I've been here every day since it opened and I love it," said 11-year-old Ryan Crowe from Novi Meadows.

The best part is the free arcade, you can't beat it."

Located in the Novi High School cafeteria, the drop-off center has a number of activities for kids, including a full range of video games such as pinball and car racing.

Thirteen-year-old Chris Poulos who has been coming to the Teen Center for four years, said that aside from all the fun activities there, they also get out and go on a number of exciting field trips.

"We go to lots of cool places," he said.

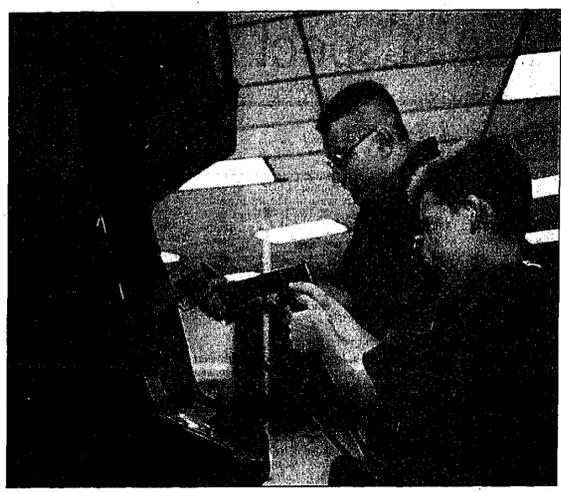
"We've already went and played laser tag and went swimming at the wave pool. You kind of make the most out of your summer because you go places you normally wouldn't go."

Teen Center volunteer Chris Baum added that the kids also go to U.S. Blades, Sportway, horseback riding, and the ropes in Howell.

The Teen Center is not only recreational, but educational as well bringing in several guest speakers throughout the summer with diverse backgrounds, including a Novi police officer from the R-9 unit.

"We had speakers come in and talk about things like conflict resolution, motivation, and peer pres-

NOVI TEEN CENTER
The Teen Center, for kids ages 11-14, is open noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday. If you would like more information, call (248) 347-0410. The center closes for the summer on Aug. 3.



Ryan Richards, 10, right, and Carl Chorbai, 14, play a video-arcade game Monday afternoon at the Novi Teen Center. Kids come to the Novi High School cafeteria for a variety of summer fun.

NEF holds annual golf outing

For! The Novi Educational Foundation's 5th Annual Golf Outing will take place on August 15, at the Links of Novi at 10 a.m.

All proceeds from the fund raiser will enhance educational opportunities for Novi students by providing support for innovative programs, scholarships, classroom equipment, cultural programs, teacher grants and staff development.

One of only two annual fund raisers for the nonprofit foundation, the popular event includes lunch between the 9th and 10th holes and dinner.

Participants may register as individuals, as a foursome, or as a hole sponsor.

Founded in 1986, the Novi Educational Foundation encourages excellence in teaching and learning by supporting programs which are above and beyond what the district can provide. The Foundation is governed by a volunteer community board of trustees. For more information or registration, please call Schram at (248) 449-1203.

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Police chase suspect to Detroit

Novi Police arrested a 43-year-old Westland man after chasing him into Detroit on a suspected armed robbery charge.

In the early morning hours of July 17, Novi police spotted the suspect's car heading eastbound on I-96 near Novi Road. Novi police entered the chase and was able to pull the suspect over along I-696 in Farmington Hills.

With assistance from the Oakland County Sheriff's Office, the man was asked to get out of the car and back up to police.

"I didn't do nothing," the suspect said, after exiting the car along the freeway.

According to the report, the suspect would not get down into the ground and jumped back into his vehicle. The report notes that the suspect drove away from police with the Novi cruiser still in pursuit.

As the suspect traveled southbound on Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills police collided with the vehicle, but it continued and got back on the freeway heading into Detroit.

The vehicle eventually stopped in front of 1458 Whitcomb in Redford Township where Novi officers took the man into custody.

The suspect was found to have a drug paraphernalia and \$141 in cash on him. Police say the man did not have a weapon on him at the time of arrest.

He is currently in the Oakland County Jail on charges of fleeing and eluding and is expected to face

Police News

CUSTOMER TAKES TAXI

All he wanted to do is go home. That's what Novi police say the man told them after he was arrested last Saturday night wandering near the Novi Town Center.

After an argument with a van taxi driver who was outside of the vehicle, the suspect jumped into the taxi and drove away, leaving the taxi driver in front of the Big Boy restaurant on Novi Road.

The 28-year-old Colorado man, who said he was going to attend the Insane Clown Posse concert on Saturday night, reportedly told police he was looking for his friend (Willie) and that the driver said he could have the van.

The suspect abandoned the vehicle near Meadowbrook Road and Grand River, before being picked up by police.

"So, I drove the car, dude," the suspect told police.

He said (the taxi driver) "take the money and the car 'So I drove the car to the show to the hotel."

The taxi driver told police that he did not let the man take the vehicle. Police reports indicate that the man may have been taking narcotics. A small amount of marijuana was found on the suspect, as

was a marijuana pipe.

"I'm going to take the (expletive) car and first Willie and to find the nearest (expletive) police," was put into the report as a statement made by the suspect.

Police were unable to locate "Willie," but did take the suspect into custody. Charges are pending. At one point the suspect told police that he "just wanted to go home."

BOYFRIEND TROUBLE

A Novi woman told police that hours after she took out a personal protection order (PPO) against her ex-boyfriend, he showed up at her home demanding to talk to the woman on July 17.

The ex-boyfriend and the woman had been living together in Detroit before the woman broke off the relationship. Earlier this month, the man came to the woman's home demanding she return gifts he had given her during the relationship.

When police confronted the man at the scene, he said he was mad because he was a "man."

The suspect said he was there to give her a ring back, according to the report. The police report stated that the man had a "short temper," but police convinced the suspect to leave the scene. The suspect was also warned about returning to the

residence and was told a PPO was out against him.

Police continue to monitor the situation.

ROLLING ALONG

They were just sitting in the Novi Expo Center parking lot when a Novi police officer rode up on a bicycle and spotted them rolling marijuana cigarettes in their car on Friday night.

The two 19-year-olds from Indiana were sitting in their 2000 Hyundai rolling the drug cigarettes when the officer asked them what they were doing.

Police seized \$526 and a couple of grams of marijuana from the suspects. The teens were also in possession of narcotic paraphernalia.

Both suspects were charged with possession of controlled substances.

APPALLED

A Novi resident told police he was appalled by the number of young men walking down Novi Road with T-shirts that read "Expletive You," according to Novi Police reports.

Novi Briefs

Fall into fashion

All women and teens in the area are invited to the "Red, Hot & Blue" breakfast featuring the latest and hottest fashions from Old Navy, Jennifer Whitehead, merchandising manager from the Farmington Hills Old Navy will be the narrator.

The breakfast is at The Maples Country Club, 31260 Wakefield Drive, Novi on Fourteen Mile Road just west of M-5 and Welch Road. The date is Aug. 10, 9:30-11 a.m. and the price is \$10.50. The breakfast buffet is open at 9:15 a.m. Also on the program is Tracie Daniel, a young contemporary vocalist and Del Wiersum from Kimberly, Wis., who will relate her life's experiences with "Home is Where My Heart Is."

Reservations for breakfast and complimentary on-site child care may be made with Brenda (248) 661-4205 or Kay (248) 788-2168. Golf is available after the program for \$5. The meeting is sponsored by Farmington Hills Christian Women's Club and Stonerock Ministries International.

Planning commission changes

The Novi City Council voted Monday to appoint Tom Nagy to the planning commission on Monday. Council Members Michelle Bononi, Edward Kramer, Mayor Richard Clark and Mayor Pro Tem Laura Lorenzo voted yes to approve the Nagy appointment.

Three of the incumbent planning commissioners, Chair Kim Thomas Capello, Brent Canup and Michael Walta, were not recommended by Clark. City practice is that the mayor nominates planning commissioners, who are then approved by the council. But Clark didn't have much luck with three other candidates.

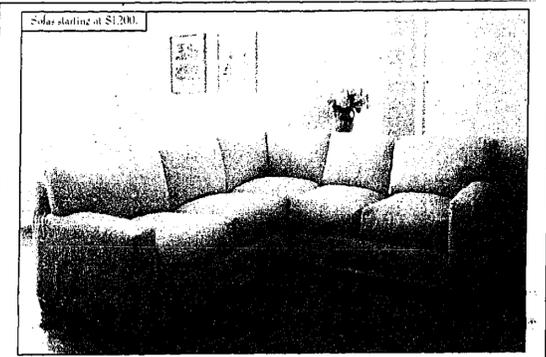
He also nominated Zoning Board of Appeals Member Michael Meyer, his opponent in the mayoral race, but Meyer did not win any votes other than Clark's. Clark in addition put forth the name of north end activist Sarah Gray and former council candidate David Royle, who received a minority vote from Clark, Lorenzo and Bononi.

The city needs to approved two more commissioners and intends to revisit the issue on August 14, during the next council meeting.

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Obituaries

JOHN A. FEDERSPIILL
John A. Federspill, 41, died July 15 in Milford. He was born Dec. 31, 1958, in Detroit.

Mr. Federspill was a 1977 graduate of Northville High School. He also attended Schoolcraft College. Mr. Federspill was a carpenter and a partner in the Stone Building Construction Co.

He is survived by his mother, Jeanne A. Federspill of South Lyon; two sisters, Karen (Ake) Windward of Kalamazoo and Nancy (James) Trivisonno of Milford; two nieces and nephews, Jacqueline, Amy, Christopher, and Nicholas.

Mr. Federspill was preceded in death by his father, John in 1994.

Services were held on Sunday, July 23 at Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home, Northville. The Rev. Michael Gadhif of Ward Presbyterian Church was the officiant.

Memorial contributions to the Isle Royale National Park Fund, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, Isle Royale National Park, 800 E. Lake Shore Drive, Houghton, MI 49931 would be appreciated by the family.

CYRIL PASCOE
Cyril Pascoe, 73, died July 20 at his home in South Lyon.

He was born Sept. 4, 1926, in Flint to Mark and Eliza (Lawry) Pascoe.

Mr. Pascoe retired from Ford Motor Co. as a systems analyst. He served in the United States Navy.

Mr. Pascoe is survived by his wife of 40 years, Dornine Ruth (Ruck) of South Lyon; two daughters, Leslie Olson and Melanie (John) Daley; two sons, Todd (Cherie) and Brian (Kimberly); one brother, Mark (Virginia) and five grandchildren, Adam, Steven, Brandon, Ashley, and Jason.

Services were held on Monday, July 24 at Phillips Funeral Home in South Lyon, with the Rev. James Vanderschauer officiating. Interment followed at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville.

Memorial contributions to Livingston Community Hospice, 620 Byron Road, Howell, MI 48843 would be appreciated by the family.

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Candidates for circuit court judge offer background

These candidates are vying for one opening on the Oakland County Circuit Court. See the related story on page 11.

Patrick J. Brennan, 51, has a law practice in Bloomfield Township. Graduated from Oakland University in 1971; the University of Detroit in 1973, and cum laude from the Wayne State University Law School in 1977. Research attorney for the Oakland Circuit Court 1978-79; law clerk to Michigan Supreme Court Justice James L. Ryan 1979-80. Twenty years of trial experience, including stints as circuit court mediator and independent arbitrator. Rated "out-



standing" by the Public Advisory Committee on Judicial Candidates, an independent committee of the Oakland County Bar. He and wife Helen are going through a divorce. Their children are Erin, 19, Kevin, 17, and Jillian, 12.

Paul J. Fischer, 42, partner with Hyman Lippitt, P.C., Birmingham. Graduated from the Univers-

ity of Michigan, 1979; and Wayne State University Law School in 1983. Assistant Oakland County prosecutor for seven years prior to going into private practice. From November, 1990 to March, 1992, he was a staff attorney on the Judicial Tenure Commission and is currently a panelist with the Attorney Discipline Board. Rated "outstanding" by the advisory committee to the Oakland County Bar.

He and his wife, Karoline Puder, M.D., live in Southfield with their one-year-old son, Alexander.

Richard D. Kuhn, 40, an associate with Adkison, Need, Green & Allen, P.L.L.C., Bloomfield Hills.

Graduated from Oakland University in 1982; and the Detroit College of Law in 1989. Kuhn has been a municipal prosecutor, and he currently specializes in municipal law. Practiced law with the Warren City Attorney's Office from 1984-85. While with Olde & Company, Marsalese was involved with regulations and activities of the National Association of Securities Dealers (NASD) and the Security Exchange Commission (SEC). Marsalese was rated "qualified" by the Oakland County Bar's candidate advisory committee.

He and wife Christine live in Huntington Woods with two sons,

Jonathan, 9, and Joseph, 6.

Randy Miller, 36, an associate with Lopatin, Miller, Freeman, Blaesone, Herkovic & Donol in Southfield, and the Detroit College of Law in 1992. Specializes in civil rights and employment discrimination litigation, with experience in commercial litigation. Has been a mediator with the Wayne County Mediation Tribunal presiding over civil rights and employment cases. Has also been an arbitrator in commercial and personal injury cases. Was rated "qualified" by the judicial candidate advisory committee. He lives in Southfield with wife Margo and kids Jessica and Amanda.

Circuit Court candidates compete for retiring Breck's job

By PAT MURPHY Staff Writer



Primary voters are an elusive group, as candidates for the vacant seat on the Oakland Circuit Court are finding out.

Five candidates — Patrick J. Brennan, Paul J. Fischer, Richard D. Kuhn Jr., Michael P. Marsalese and Randall S. Miller — are running to succeed Judge David F. Breck in the non-partisan primary Aug. 8.

The top two vote-getters will do battle again in the Nov. 7 general election.

Oakland voters will elect six circuit judges this fall. But the only race on the primary ballot is the five-way contest to replace Breck, who can not seek reelection because of state law that precludes this running after the age of 70.

Low voter turnouts are not unusual in primary elections, according to Oakland County Clerk G. William Caddell. But this year's turnout could be even lower than normal, he said. "There are a few hot races at the local level," he said, "but very few at the county level."

Consequently, Caddell said, turnout could be 20 percent or higher in communities with hotly contested races and 10 to 15 percent in other areas. The clerk predicts a county wide turnout of less

than 20 percent, or about 100,000 voters.

That being the case, hopefuls in the race to succeed Breck are targeting likely primary voters — good strategy in every race, but crucial in a county wide contest.

"Each candidate will have to work very hard to get his message to likely voters" said presiding Oakland Circuit Judge Barry L. Howard, who is watching the race with great interest.

"From what I see, any of the five could win; it depends on who works the hardest."

Howard sees three crucial blocks of voters: absentee voters, rank-and-file Republicans who faithfully vote in primaries and interest groups such as trial lawyers and the Oakland County Bar Association.

During interviews last week, each of the candidates acknowledged going after those likely voters.

"I'm waging an informational, campaign," said Brennan, 51, who

has his law practice in Bloomfield Hills.

"I have the experience and qualifications to be an excellent judge and I'm trying to deliver that message with direct mailing (to likely primary voters) and yard signs."

Brennan said he expects to spend about \$15,000 in a campaign purposefully devoid of radio and television advertising.

Fischer, 42, is a partner with Hyman Lippitt, P.C., in Birmingham.

He is also courting absentee voters, but he also believes in direct contact with as many voters as possible. Thursday, for example, he was in Southfield for a music show. This weekend, he will be meeting voters at the Birmingham Jazzfest.

"There's always something to do in a campaign like this," he said. Fischer insists he could function as a circuit judge immediately.

"I've been a prosecutor. I've done civil litigation. I've even handled allegations of misconduct against judges," he said.

"I've got 17 years handling a wide range of cases. I've got the experience and I believe voters will realize that."

Kuhn, 40, is the son of the Oakland Circuit Judge Richard D. Kuhn. The younger Kuhn specializes in municipal law with Adkison, Need, Green & Allen, P.L.L.C., in

Bloomfield Hills.

This is Kuhn's second bid for the circuit court in two years. He ran in a tight three-way race for judge in 1998 (won by Colleen A. O'Brien), narrowly losing in the primary contest.

That race has made him more competitive this time around, he said. For one thing, he's working harder to get his message to likely primary voters, including absentee voters and grassroots Republicans.

He also declined to participate in the rating process conducted by the Public Advisory Committee on Judicial Candidates, an independent committee of the Oakland County Bar.

"The bar does some things well," said Kuhn, who classifies himself as an ardent supporter of the bar. "But evaluating candidates isn't one of them."

In the 1998 contest, the committee declined to recommend Kuhn, citing "insufficient experience" — a classification that provoked howls of protest from supporters, including circuit Judges Stephen N. Andrews and Rudy J. Nichols.

This year when asked to submit to the exhaustive rating process, Kuhn declined.

"The system would be much more fair if every member of the bar (rather than the advisory committee) was given the chance to

evaluate and vote on the candidates," he said.

Kuhn has some meaningful support, however, including that of the Executive Committee of the Republican Party and Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, who characterized Kuhn as the "candidate to beat."

Attorney David A. Sebastian, chair of the Oakland GOP, said the party endorsed because it considers the race to be "very important" and "because Kuhn has the best credentials."

Marsalese, 43, who has a law practice in Bloomfield Hills, has done "a lot of walking" — in addition to direct mailing — to get his message to voters. Tuesday, for example, he participated in a meet the candidates session in Rochester Hills.

"I'm astounded at some of the reaction," he said. "Many voters shake my hand and they want to talk about issues like gun control or the death penalty. But too many voters are not interested or don't want to get involved."

Judicial ethics preclude a candidate from stating any views on gun control or other controversial topics. "So I can't talk about my views," he said.

Instead, Marsalese said he emphasizes his background as a

trial attorney and his experience in corporate and business law as well as reorganization and bankruptcy, law.

"I also emphasize my ability to be impartial, fair and courteous," he said.

He expects to spend about \$50,000 in his campaign with no radio or TV advertising.

Miller, 36, is an associate with Lopatin, Miller, Freedman, Bluestone, Herkovic & Donol, in Southfield, where he has emphasized civil rights and employment, discrimination litigation in addition to commercial litigation. He is the son of senior attorney Sheldon L. Miller.

The younger Miller has also believed in meeting voters in addition to direct mailings.

"I spent seven straight nights at fire works displays," he said. "But I enjoy meeting voters and delivering my message."

He believes voters are distrustful of the judicial system, something Miller said is attributable to what he considers judicial incompetence, laziness or political pandering.

"I've seen more of it outside Oakland County," he said, "but I've seen it here (in Oakland County) as well."

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Internet campaign attacks county parks millage increase

By Pat Murphy
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A West Bloomfield resident is waging an Internet campaign against the renewal of a property tax for Oakland County Parks and Recreation.

The proposal on the Aug. 8 ballot asks voters to approve continuation of one-quarter mill tax (or 25 cents per \$1,000 assessed value) that would raise about \$125 million over 10 years to be used to acquire, improve, operate and maintain park and recreation

areas in Oakland County. But Anthony O'Connor insists the proposal should be voted down. "Don't get me wrong," said O'Connor, who worked in both the financial and computer departments of the General Motors Corp.

"But he always misinterprets the information," Richard said of O'Connor.

Richard, executive officer for the Parks and Recreation Commission, said he knows O'Connor and has provided him with data on the commission's budget and operating policies.

One point that Richard insists that O'Connor misinterprets is the proposal itself. Richard said the one-quarter of a mill proposal is a

renewal, while O'Connor insists it is an increase. Actually it's both, Richard acknowledges.

When the millage was first approved in 1966, it called for a quarter mill increase. Because of the Headlee Amendment, however, the amount currently paid by county property owners is 23.76 cents per \$1,000 assessed valuation, not 25 cents.

Richard and others, including communications officer Janet Pung, said revenue from the renewed millage will be used in much the same way it has been used since 1966, namely to acquire

land and to improve, maintain and operate the park system. "There is no master plan," Pung said. "But we plan to use the money for things like installing a swimming beach at Orion Oaks or Rose Oaks (which have other facilities, but no swimming.) We're always improving the grounds of refurbishing (rental) cabins."

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Oakland County to decide on parks millage

By PAT MURPHY
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When voters go to the polls for the Aug. 8 primary, they will nominate candidates to complete in the November general election. A less publicized primary issue, however, may be equally important in terms of the quality of life in Oakland County.

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It's a ballot proposal to renew a one-quarter mill (about 25 cents per \$1,000 assessed valuation) property tax to support Oakland County Parks.

Officials estimate the cost to a resident with a house valued at \$150,000 to be \$18.75 per year, or

about five cents per day. The renewal, if approved, will generate about \$11.6 million annually to be used for acquiring, improving, operating and maintaining parks and recreation areas in Oakland County.

"I think the parks and recreation people do a tremendous job," said Donald E. Youmans, a Waterford resident and a member of People for Parks, a citizens group advocat-

ing a positive vote on the millage renewal proposal.

"Renewing this millage is very important to our quality of life," he said.

Another member of People for Parks, Dr. Dan Scanlan, a West Bloomfield dentist, said he advocates renewing the millage for several reasons, including hand acquisition.

"Much of the millage money will be matched with state or federal grants to acquire land," he said, "and land is disappearing rapidly."

The millage was first assessed on Oakland property owners in 1966, and it has been periodically renewed since then. If approved in the Aug. 8 primary election, this

renewal would be for 10 years. Ralph Richard, executive officer for the Parks and Recreation Commission, estimates that 1.5 million people use or visit the 11 county parks and golf courses annually. In addition to picnics, swimming and golf, the commission offers special events, programs and activities, including Christmas tree recycling, with the chips offered back to residents at no charge to be used as mulch and compost.

Renewal of the millage will not alter or affect user fees paid at the various facilities within the 6,000-acre park system. User fees also help with maintenance and operation, with nonresidents paying higher fees.

At the county level, voters will be asked to nominate candidates for county executive, prosecutor, sheriff, treasurer, drain commissioner, clerk and the Oakland County Board of Commissioners.

In judicial races, voters will elect six circuit court judges. In five of

these races, incumbent judges are unopposed.

In the sixth contest, five candidates are vying for the judgeship vacated by the retirement of incumbent David F. Breck. In that race, the highest two vote-getters will run against each other in the Nov. 7 election.

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Millage opponent speaks out

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to acquire new park land and to maintain the existing system. "I think the money will be put to very good use," he said.

Scanlan and other members of the committee estimated the renewal will cost the owner of a house valued at \$150,000 about \$18.75 a year, or about five cents per day.

O'Connor has established a website that he hopes will convince voters to reject the Aug. 8 ballot proposal. The address is: millagealert.org

"So far, I've had about 2,000 hits on the website," O'Connor said. "But I have no way of telling how many people are convinced enough to vote against the millage."

This is not the first time O'Connor has campaigned against the millage renewal. Ten years ago, when voters last approved the renewal, he hired an airplane to fly around trailing a banner urging voters to say "no."

"I just think the Parks and Recreation commission should be forced to be more forthright and accountable," he said.

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Two candidates battle for Oakland County Treasurer title

By Pat Murphy
Staff Writer
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It's hard to believe incumbent Oakland County Treasurer C. Hugh Dohany is serious in his approach to the Aug. 8 Republican primary against challenger Thomas E. Fields.

"I'm worried," Dohany, first elected to his county post in 1968, the same year Richard Nixon defeated Hubert Humphrey for President, said.

"My opponent is a sharp young man."

Dohany and Fields are a study in contrast as they seek the GOP nomination for treasurer, the top position in a department with almost 60 employees and an annual budget approaching \$3 million.

Dohany, 75, is the established incumbent running on his record.

"I've invested \$100 million," he said, referring to the treasurer's role of managing tax dollars and pension funds, "and never lost a



Fields, 44, is the aggressive challenger who insists it's time for a change.

"It's time for a fresh approach," he said, "and I offer voters a clear choice."

The winner of the Dohany-Fields contest will run against Michael Kohut in the November general election. Kohut, a quality control manager with the General Motors Corp., is unopposed in the Democratic primary.

The treasurer's salary is currently \$103,015 annually. It is expected to go up by about three percent beginning with the new fiscal year which starts in October.

In terms of conventional wisdom,

Dohany would seem to have a clear advantage against Fields. The incumbent has, after all, 32 years of experience on the job, and he is the senior Republican among county officials.

Furthermore, a majority of voters in the Republican primary are expected to be party regulars, or, "die-hard Republicans," as Dohany refers to them. And Dohany has known and worked with many of them for decades.

"So I'm working hard to get their support," Dohany insisted, with direct mail and friend-to-friend letters to likely voters. "I never take voters or an election for granted."

Fields, making his first bid for public office, is approaching the election with optimism.

"I know I'm the decided underdog," he said. "But I've got a lot to offer."

He's a 1974 graduate of Dearborn High School with a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan at Dearborn and a mas-

ter's degree in taxation from Walsh College. He points to 14 years of experience in managing financial departments and installing or upgrading computer systems as evidence he has the experience and background to be county treasurer.

He said he's been going to art fairs, parades, fire works displays and other summer events to meet voters and make them aware of his qualifications and his candidacy. He's also been going door-to-door.

Fields has been married for 22 years and he and his wife have two daughters. Although his family is supportive, Fields said he'd rather keep them out of the campaign.

"My wife and I made the decision to keep my private life, private," he said, "and I'd rather not have their names mentioned."

Fields said the treasurer's office is ripe for change in three specific areas: bringing internet technology to the office, increasing productivity and getting a higher yield on the millions of tax dollars invested.

He said property owners should be able to pay their taxes via the Internet and that county tax money should be rebid on a regular basis to maximize interest returns.

Dohany, however, insists his office is running smoothly and efficiently.

Under the state constitution, the treasurer has two main areas of responsibility: collecting delinquent taxes (about \$65 million in Oakland) and receiving, distributing and investing county funds (about \$1 billion annually.)

The law is specific about the conditions under which county funds can be invested, Dohany said: "Money must be invested carefully and prudently. Even so, we get a good return on our investments."

While his office performs in a conservative and efficient manner, Dohany said there are changes in the works.

"We already do a lot on the Internet," he said, "we make a lot of information available."

Even so, his office is looking at a system that would enable voters to pay their taxes via the Internet.

"But that's a few years away," he said.

Dohany is a graduate of Cooley High School in Detroit and he studied business at Michigan State University before graduating in 1946. He was on the city council in Southfield before becoming that city's treasurer in 1958. He held that position until 1968, when he became county treasurer.

Dohany chuckles when the subject of retirement comes up. His son, Patrick, became his chief deputy in 1992, after 16 years as treasurer of Commerce Township. He is considered a possible successor. But the elder Dohany sometimes jokes that he and his son may retire at the same time.

Dohany's wife of 45 years, Jean, died in 1976. He remarried in October, 1998, and he and his wife Josephine live in Novi.

Pearson is new assistant city manager

By Randal Yahey
Staff Writer

In his attempt to put the Novi management team back together, City Manager Richard Helwig has plucked an old colleague for a new position, assistant city manager for developmental services.

Clay Pearson will arrive on October 2 as a replacement for former Director of Developmental Services Kerreen Conley who resigned in June.

"I am exited about joining the city of Novi team," Pearson said Tuesday.

Pearson, currently the assistant city manager-special services for Elgin, Illinois, said he's coming to Novi to be reunited with Helwig, whom he worked with when Helwig was city manager of Elgin in 1994.

"He has a complete background," Helwig said. "He's extremely well thought of by the elected officials (in Elgin) and he's been a budget director and he's experienced in planning."

Pearson's estimated salary is expected to be \$79,400, over \$4,000 less than he earned in Elgin.

"The leadership of Rick Helwig was a big factor in that," Pearson said.

Helwig has hung the moniker "Mr. Neighborhood" on Pearson, who he said was instrumental in Elgin redevelopment projects.

"In Elgin we had a lot of growth and redevelopment and we had success working with the neighborhoods," Pearson said. "I look forward to the challenges in Novi."

Earlier this month, former Novi's former assistant city manager, Craig Klaver, was named chief operating officer by Helwig.

Pearson has a master of public administration degree from the University of Kansas and has attended the Senior Executive Institute at the University of Virginia. He is expected to meet the Novi City Council on August 5.

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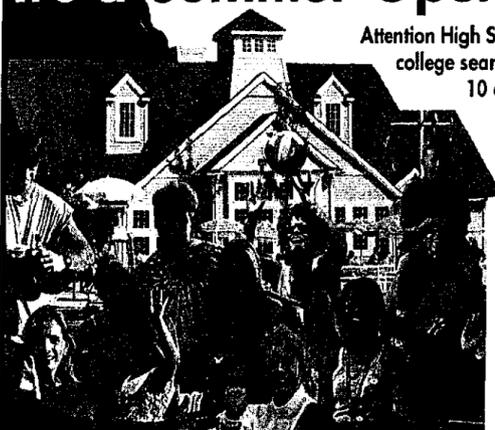
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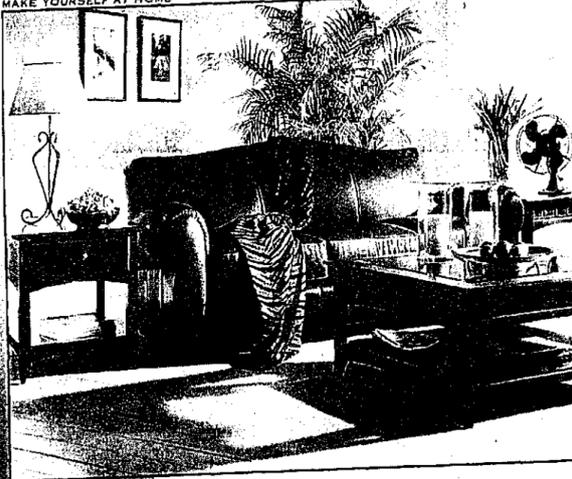
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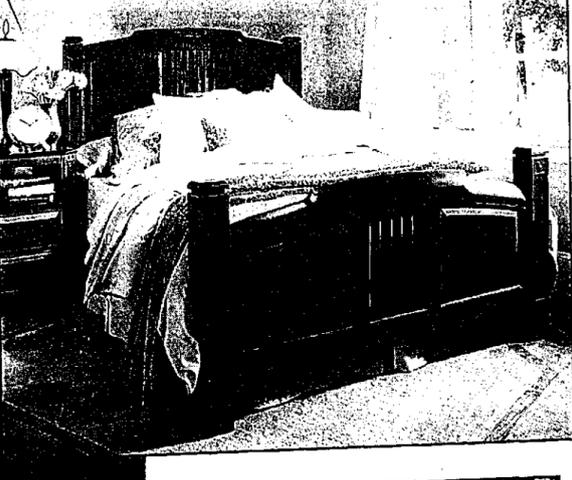
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Fire Log

The following is a complete list of the emergency runs of the Novi Fire Department for the week ending July 23. Each incident is listed by type, location, time and the Engine and Squad number which responded to the call.

MONDAY, JULY 17
 Dumpster fire, 23743 Pegasus Run, 6:29 a.m., Engine 3.
 Medical, Ten Mile and Meadowbrook, 8:51 a.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 42005 Twelve Mile Road, 12:14 p.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, Crescent and Town Center, 12:19 p.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 24655 Old Orchard, 1:03 p.m., Squad 1.
 Injury accident, Boutar Trail and Bolton, 1:19 p.m., Squad 2.
 Mutual aid, Walled Lake, 3:14 p.m., Engine 2.
 Transformer fire, Ten Mile and Taft Road, 3:25 p.m., Engine 3.
 Service, 22450 Tower, 8:33 p.m., Squad 3.
 Fire alarm, 30907 Copper Lane, 8:46 p.m., Engine 2.

TUESDAY, JULY 18
 Investigation, 43045 Nine Mile Road, 4:43 a.m., Engine 3.
 Medical, 45182 West Road, 5:56 a.m., Squad 2.
 Fire alarm, 45825 Eleven Mile Road, 5:59 a.m., Engines 4, 1.
 Trash fire, 46445 Galway, 6:20 a.m., Engine 4.
 Gas leak, 24511 Huntington, noon, Engine 1.
 Medical, 20828 W. Glen Haven, 12:40 p.m., Squad 3.
 Investigation, 43344 Windmill, 6:10 p.m., Engine 3.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19
 Fire alarm, 43155 Nine Mile Road, 2:52 a.m., Engines 1, 3.

Medical, 39822 Village Wood, 4:02 a.m., Squad 3.
 Medical, 41602 Manor Park, 4:34 a.m., Squad 1.
 Vehicle fire, Twelve Mile and Novi Road, 7:55 a.m., Engine 2.
 Medical, 43043 Nine Mile Road, 10:57 a.m., Squad 3.
 Medical, 47250 Ten Mile Road, 1:45 p.m., Squad 4.
 Investigation, 41700 Garden Brook, 3:19 p.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, Novi Road and Twelve Oaks, 6:14 p.m., Squad 1.
 Fire alarm, 43155 Nine Mile Road, 6:18 p.m., Engines 3, 1.
 Fire alarm, 42400 Arena Drive, 9 p.m., Engines 1, 3.
 Investigation, 45554 Irvine, 10:11 p.m., Squad 4.

THURSDAY, JULY 20
 Fire alarm, 43155 Nine Mile Road, 12:04 a.m., Engines 3, 1.
 Fire alarm, 43550 West Oaks, 6:57 a.m., Engines 1, 2.
 Medical, 39595 Ronayton, 8:23 a.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 40960 Ten Mile Road, 8:57 a.m., Squad 1.
 Gas leak, Vinewood and Jo Drive, 10:49 a.m., Engine 1.
 Medical, 42500 Arena, 11:09 a.m., Squad 3.
 Fire alarm, 22253 Chase Drive, 11:57 a.m., Engine 3.
 Investigation, 41700 Gardenbrook, 12:26 p.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 42500 Arena, 2:12 p.m., Squad 3.
 Injury accident, I-96 and I-275, 2:45 p.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 41867 North Hills, 2:57 p.m., Squad 3.
 Medical, 50642 Oregon, 3:21 p.m., Squad 4.
 Medical, 22320 Mill, 3:32 p.m., Squad 1.

FRIDAY, JULY 21
 Medical, 42051 Liberte, 10:26 a.m., Squad 2.
 Gas line break, 43584 Galway, 10:32 a.m., Engine 3.
 Medical, 24848 Old Orchard, 1:22 p.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 30650 Westside, 1:46 p.m., Squad 2.
 Medical, 43043 Nine Mile Road, 2:11 p.m., Squad 3.
 Medical, 24848 Old Orchard, 3:21 p.m., Squad 1.
 Trash fire, Galway and West Ridge, 6:25 p.m., Engine 3.
 Fire alarm, 43600 Gun-Mar, 7:27 p.m., Engines 1, 3.
 Injury accident, 29731 Charlemagne, 8:30 p.m., Squad 2.
 Fire alarm, 45500 Grand River, 10:31 p.m., Engines 4, 1.

SATURDAY, JULY 22
 Medical, 25750 Novi, 12:27 a.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 42255 Fountain Park, 9:29 a.m., Squad 2.
 Medical, 25875 Novi Road, 9:57 a.m., Engine 1.
 Medical, JC Penney's-Twelve Oaks, 11:22 a.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 22238 Solomon, 12:14 p.m., Squad 3.
 Medical, 29721 Montmorency, 12:42 p.m., Squad 2.
 Gas line break, 41287 Vincent, 1:47 p.m., Engine 1.
 Bon fire, 43700 Expo Center, 11:46 p.m., Engine 1.

SUNDAY, JULY 23
 Medical, 40628 Kingsley, 12:57 p.m., Squad 1.
 Trailer fire, 29724 Charlemagne, 3:18 p.m., Engine 1.
 Injury accident, M-5 and I-275, 5:35 p.m., Squad 1.



The Novi Theatres production of "Fractured Fairy Tales" will feature a new spin on some old stories this weekend.

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The stories included in "Fractured Fairy Tales" are "Beauty and the Beast," "The Emperor's New Clothes," "Sleeping Beauty" and "Little Red Riding Hood." This production is under the direction of Davis, with assistance from Dawsonowski. Costumes are designed by Julie Landry. Lighting and sets are designed and built by Kristeen Crosser of the Hilberry Theatre.

Seats are reserved and available at the Novi Parks and Recreation desk from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays or by calling (248) 347-0400. Advance sales are \$8 or \$10 at the door. Show times are Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there will be an official test of the computer and computer program to be used by the City of Novi, Michigan, for the General Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, August 8, 2000. The test will be conducted at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 2, 2000 at the Office of the City Clerk, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI (7-27-00 NRVN 987128) MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK

**NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Innovative Construction Solutions, Inc. is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow the placement of a trailer for a construction office at 42610 West Oaks Drive in the rear of the building from August 2 through November 25, 2000. Bed, Bath & Beyond is located in the West Oaks Shopping Center on the West side of Novi Road and South of Twelve Mile Road. A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for temporary use permit. The request will be considered at 3:00 p.m. on August 2, 2000, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider ACE BUILDING 00-10, located on the south side of Grand River Avenue between Taft and Novi Roads, seeking PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN AND WETLAND PERMIT APPROVALS. The applicant is processing an office building and warehouse.

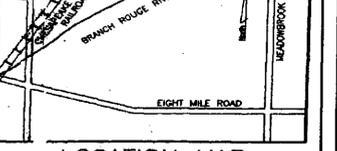
**NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI
 REQUEST FOR BIDS
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The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for a Non Linear Editor according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Bid packages are available at the Office of the Purchasing Director. Sealed bids will be received until 3:00 p.m. prevailing eastern time, Thursday, August 10, 2000, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows:

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 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd.,
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**CITY OF NOVI
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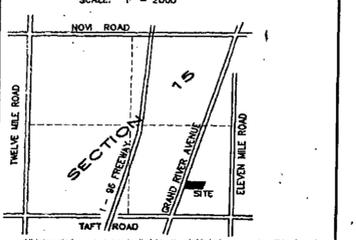
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All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the public hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning & Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 2, 2000. NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION ROBERT CHURELLA, SECRETARY (7-27-00 NRVN 988429)

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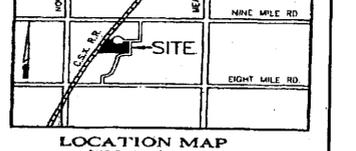
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 PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

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NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS ANNUAL REPORT CALENDAR

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for an Annual Report Calendar according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Bid packages are available at the Office of the Purchasing Director. Sealed bids will be received until 3:00 p.m. prevailing eastern time, Tuesday, August 15, 2000, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows:

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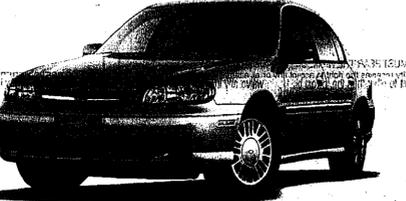
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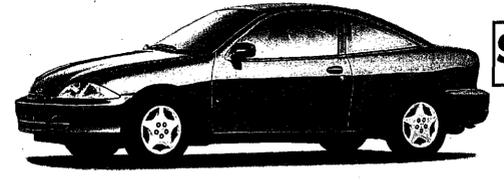
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Providence cancer center cited by national magazine

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an art gallery, science center, library, and both a ceramics and art studio.

The building's dominant characteristic is its healing garden which provides its patients a holistic aspect to cancer treatment and recovery. The garden is enclosed entirely of glass, overlooking the view of a pond and mountains outside. The garden contains a reflection pool, large stone sculptures, and carved inscriptions printed about the floor.

"The sculptures represent stages of a person's life journey," explained Manager of Radiation and Oncology Laura Daily-Douglas.

Daily-Douglas added that the garden is a peaceful place, which supplies patients and their families

with a place for spiritual and emotional healing.

The institute also offers what it describes as "complementary therapies." These include yoga, meditation, massage, reiki, arts and crafts, music, and advice on keeping a journal.

"I had one patient tell me, 'some one finally got it,'" Daily-Douglas said. "I think it's great for them to be able to get a massage, for example, any time they want for free."

Medical Director Dr. Mulyi Al-Sarraf said the therapies are not restricted to just Providence patients, but to all cancer patients, as long as it is approved by their doctor.

The complementary therapies are also available to friends and family members as well.

"We provide care to help the

body, mind and soul," Dr. Al-Sarraf said. "I think we're unique in that we are the only one in the nation that has this completeness. Many places are just now starting to organize spiritual healing centers."

He added that The National Cancer Institute just recently established a department for complementary medicine.

The hospital's ceramics instructor Judy Buesch said she thinks the healing power of the arts is great therapy for cancer patients.

"I'm not a doctor, but I do feel the therapy is good for them," she said. "It's very distracting for people."

Buesch said that patients seem grateful for the opportunity to work with her and the other instructors and try something different.

"I also think they're glad that I'm not associated with the medical

community. This is a place where we laugh a lot and try to have fun," she said.

Aside from its complementary therapies, North said the hospital encompasses a number of other aspects that make it one of the best in the country.

"We have a highly reputable team of nurses, physicians, and therapists, provide a very compassionate approach to care, and supply the latest treatments available," she said.

Dr. Al-Sarraf said the newest treatment the hospital is working with is gene therapy. He said Providence has already done a lot of work using it to treat melanoma and that they are now using gene therapy for head and neck tumors.

"We do almost all kinds of treatments for every type of cancer," he

said. "We are a part of very large cooperative groups, which gives us access to a lot of protocols and research as well as new advancements."

Dr. Al-Sarraf said Providence is also studying and researching things like neuropathy, improving pain medication, reducing vomiting, and reforming weight-loss.

According to Dr. Al-Sarraf, statistics show that 1990 was the first time doctors saw a definite decrease in cancer mortality rates. He attributes this drop to early detection and early treatment.

In 1998, the Providence Cancer Registry found that the five most commonly diagnosed tumor sites at Providence Hospital were breast, lung, prostate, colorectal and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. The majority

of cancer patients were between the ages of 50-79.

Dr. Al-Sarraf said aside from being on the cutting edge in terms of technology and treatments, the institute has not lost touch with the importance of treating cancer sufferers with empathy.

"Every one of our patients is treated with respect and compassion. We treat them as a complete person," he said.

"They are not just a case to us, they are a human being."

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Graphic artist George Hixson of the Providence Assarian Cancer Center in Novi describes a computer terminal that enables patients to access information about their treatments.

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ICP fans grateful for chance to meet their heroes

BY STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

Some adults may have grumbled, but Insane Clown Posse fans expressed an overwhelming sense of gratitude for the Novi Expo Center's "Gathering of the Juggalos" last weekend.

Described by one fan as an "I.C.P. Convention," the event packed in an abundance of activities for two full days of non-stop entertainment.

"This is by far the coolest thing I have ever been to in my life," said 20-year-old diehard I.C.P. fan Alex Parker, who traveled all the way from Seattle.

"There's no where in the world that allows you this much fun for two whole days for such a low cost.

This is the best \$65 I've ever spent."

Aside from putting on two concerts Friday and Saturday night, the rap group's gathering of the clown clan featured a number of all-day events including a haunted house; JCW wrestling fights as well as a wrestling school; a circus sideshow; free tattooing; side stage music acts like the Kottonmouth Kings; an I.C.P. art gallery; a magic show; museum and torture chamber; a Karaoke contest; a live web broadcast and computer trivia challenge; face painting; a lingerie contest; a free bus tour of Detroit; a Juggalo Wall of Fame; a memorabilia auction; and a scavenger hunt.

But wait, there's more. The event

also included a full arcade, video wall, sumo wrestling, human bowling, a joust, and a dunk tank with an Eminem look-a-like.

"I have never seen anything like it," said 16-year-old Jason Kozarik from Garden City.

"I just want to thank I.C.P. and the promoters for putting on such a hard-core event. This is something I.C.P. fans everywhere will be talking about for years."

Recently, the Insane Clown Posse's "Big Money Hu\$tla" videotape hit the stores. On hand at the Expo Center was one of the movie's stars, Cindy Williams, who plays Missy.

Shaggy 2 Dope's love interest, Williams had a booth at the ICP convention.

"You guess my weight and you go to go out on a date," Williams said. "The movie came out on the (July) 18th and it is so funny. They have a room here and they are playing it all the time."

The Expo Center was also filled with an abundance of I.C.P. merchandise including shirts, posters, compact discs, stickers, and clown paraphernalia.

The "gathering" even allowed fans to an up close and personal look at their favorite rap group with autograph signing and seminars throughout the week.

On Friday, 400 juggalos packed

to hear from the band's front men Violent Jay and Shaggy.

"I.C.P. are the realist, most down-to-earth guys in the world," said 18-year-old Dawn Pristine from Chicago.

"I really impressed me how cool they were, allowing us to ask questions and stuff. It was like hanging out with old friends. I can't thank them enough for allowing us the opportunity to know them on a personal level. It was an amazing experience."

Frank Chandler from Colorado said he left the seminar with a new

respect for the I.C.P. (twosome).

"They're already my favorite group, but after kicking it with them, I saw just how rad they truly are," he said.

"They have not let their success, even though they are pretty underground, ruin them in the least. They're still keeping it real. You gotta respect that."

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As We See It

Bouchard and Dohany endorsed in county primary

The "vote for" signs are all around — sprouting from manicured lawns in quiet subdivisions, rising from the weeds along busy highways and breeding like rabbits in vacant lots.

An important election is coming up. In the Tuesday, Aug. 8, primary, Oakland County voters will narrow the fields in many races and decide the fate of a countywide parks millage renewal.

Here's our endorsements for some of the races:

Oakland County Sheriff's race:

Without the slightest hesitation, we endorse incumbent **Michael J. Bouchard** for Oakland County Sheriff. Since he was appointed to the job in January 1999, Bouchard has taken control of the department — with its 1,200 employees and \$80 million budget — and done an excellent job running it.

Bouchard's opponent in the primary, Walked Lake resident Dennis G. Malin, has good experience in the area of private security. But he lacks the overall depth or background needed to be a credible alternative to the incumbent.

The winner of the Bouchard/Malin contest — and we urge voters to select Bouchard — will face a challenge from the Libertarian candidate Michael Carson in the November general election. We will endorse in

that race at the appropriate time.

But in this race, we think Bouchard has the experience, education and track record to merit voter support.

Oakland County Treasurer's race:

In the county treasurer's race, longtime incumbent C. Hugh Dohany is being challenged by an impressive newcomer with considerable credentials, Thomas E. Fields of West Bloomfield.

A Novi resident, C. Hugh Dohany, however, has done an exceptional job over 32 years, and he's earned our support as well as the trust of voters. There are some cynics, of course, who insist Dohany, 75, will not serve out his full term. Those cynics insist Hugh Dohany will resign midway into the term giving his chief deputy — Patrick Dohany, who is also the treasurer's son — a clear, although not unobstructed, path to the treasurer's job.

But we don't believe those cynics. We believe Hugh Dohany is too much the professional to do something like that, although Patrick Dohany is qualified and appears to be doing a good job as dad's deputy. It is the senior Dohany who is on the Aug. 8 ballot. And it is the senior Dohany who we recommend for re-election.

Rappers on a rampage

People in Novi were talking this week about the sweep of the Insane Clown Posse and their followers, the Juggalos, through the city last weekend.

An extra 21 police officers were on duty as the rap band held a convention at the Novi Expo Center. Several fans trashed the Wendy's restaurant near the Novi Expo Center and made life hectic for guests and staff at the Marriott Towne Place Suites.

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Gross, yes, but isn't vulgarity the dominant, but accepted, tone of our current culture, as created by adults?

The deplorable vandalism, while not the fault of

the ICP, was probably encouraged by the overall slant of the "dark carnival." But we find it hard to be anything but amused when the Insane Clown Posse Juggalos, through the city last weekend.

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Novi's got it all, except a nickname



Kelli Cooley

I have been working at the Novi News office in downtown Northville for a little over three months now and I have noticed the same lovely things about the town that most every reporter or copy editor does when they arrive here.

The quaint small town atmosphere with a bigger city looming over the hill. The attractiveness of the area; a lot of trees and flowers. Especially the friendliness of the people.

However, I've decided not to write a column about all those things since everyone else does. Instead, I thought of something we don't have and that is a name.

I was visiting Charlevoix last weekend and was called the normal tourist names: Cone Sucker, Fudge, etc. I realized that we don't even have names such as Northvillians, Novians or Northvillians. We are just Northville and Novi residents.

So in honor of that, I've decided to come up with the top five names to call us residents in Northville and Novi. Names that can be passed down and refer to things we are most proud of. Well, in the arena of comedy anyway. So here goes:

5. All Terrain AndreTTis - We all own S.U.V.'s and we all drive 90 mph. It's a fact that we drive where we want, when we want. They wouldn't make the vehicle if they didn't want us to do that, right?

4. Guernsey Gophers - A proud dairy name that can refer to both Northville and Novi residents, because it's right on the border in Novi. We can get a mascot drinking milk and begin producing "Got Milk?" commercials with local residents.

3. Orange Barrel Babies - This is for all the citizens living anywhere in Novi or along Haggerty Road. Do you ever not see a construction vehicle?

2. Derbies - It has a nice ring to it. It refers to our own Northville Downs and we can even wear hats with the same name.

1. The obvious would be to call ourselves Mustangs or Wildcats. But those are high school mascots and they have a right to their own name. So how about Coyotes? We have them here and it will add a mysterious quality to the area like the Loch Ness monster. We can even start charging admission to catch a glimpse of a suburban wild animal.

There you have it. We can have a right of ownership and call each other by a name no one else will understand. It will be like a secret club with a password only Northville and Novi residents will have. Everyone will be jealous. So, Derby, how are you?

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In Focus

By John Heider



Supervising the set-up for the Music & Motor Fest are from left Novi Expo Center President Blair Bowman, Chamber Director Stacy DeRoche and Festival Director Jane Thomas.

Let the fest begin

Lack of road sign is route to trouble



Jason Schmitt

When it comes to understanding the laws of the road and creating a safe driving environment for those on the road, who's really there to help us?

While I do respect and appreciate all the protection police officers provide, I do sometimes wonder if they're there to protect, prevent or help us on the road, or if they're there to "bust us" when we're most vulnerable.

Case in point. This past weekend (Saturday afternoon) my fiancé and I were running errands up Novi. I was on my way up Beck Road heading towards Grand River, on my way up to a business near the Wixom/Grand River intersection to shoot photos for a business story I was working on.

The light was green and there were no cars heading south on Beck. So I proceeded to turn left on Grand River. To my surprise, about 30 yards past the intersection and directly in my lane was a "Road Closed to Through Traffic" sign. My first instinct was to think whether or not my destination was all the way through to the next road (Wixom) or not.

But before I could put my plans into action, a Novi police officer had his flashing lights in my rear-view mirror.

Talking with my fiancé, I couldn't believe I was being pulled over when to my best recollection, there were no signs on Beck Road warning me of the road being closed. I figured the officer would explain to me what I did wrong, and let me on my way.

Wrong again. He approached the vehicle, asked me for my driver's license and registration and headed back to his vehicle. After about a four-minute wait, he returned with what shocked me. He had written me a ticket for committing a violation which I hadn't committed (to the best of his knowledge) yet.

My anger and frustration had built up at this point, and I proceeded to "politely" interrupt him by asking him what I had done wrong and explained to him where I was going and what I was doing. Up to that point, he didn't care or had not shown an inter-

est in what I was doing and what my "excuse" was.

This is the part which really upset me. For all he knew, I could have been heading to a business or residential area which was not "through" as the sign had indicated. I could have been taking pictures for this newspaper of the newly-built Home Depot or future site of the new Kroger's store. The truth was that I was going to take a picture on a business which was not "through."

Upon hearing my story, he politely rescinded the ticket and understood my story. But I have a feeling my association with this newspaper may have been a reason for the dismissal.

So I decided to retrace my tracks and see if the violation could have been avoided by taking a close look at the construction signs on Beck. As you approach the corner, there are no signs explaining you couldn't turn left or that it was a violation for you to take a left turn onto Grand River.

I pulled into a small business on the corner and began to watch other vehicles who tried the same turn I had. Within two minutes of parking my vehicle, I saw five cars and trucks (all in a row, bumper to bumper) try their luck on the closed path.

Coincidentally, they all passed the eastbound officer who had pulled me over. He passed them all, turned into a construction area off the side of the road at the corner and put himself in position to make another stop. Within one minute, he had a new victim.

All I could think was, "What law did I break, and where on earth are the signs leading up to that point telling me it was illegal to take a left onto Grand River?" There were none. Is this the fault of the police, or the city? Or once again are we the citizens supposed to read the minds of officers hiding out, waiting to "bust" us once again?

There was no way out of what I did. There was no escape. And worse yet, the officer wasn't asking any questions. He wasn't trying to help me out, hear me out, What is a man supposed to do?

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Say No! to Kids First! Yes! proposal



Phil Power

The school voucher proposal will be on the statewide ballot in the Nov. 7 general election.

Placed on the ballot by petition drive sponsored by a well-funded outfit called Kids First! Yes!, the proposal if approved by voters would create a voucher program for students in

schools where the graduation rate is less than two-thirds during the 1998-99 school year. Students in these districts would get a publicly funded voucher worth \$3,150 to help pay tuition at any public, private or religious school.

To my mind, there are three big problems with the voucher plan.

First, the proposal won't affect just poor, badly managed districts with low graduation rates, such as Detroit. A section of the ballot proposal would amend the state Constitution to let voters in any school district decide whether to adopt the plan. To get the voucher plan on the ballot in any given school district in Michigan would require only a petition signed by 10 percent of district voters who voted in the school election the previous June.

Most local school elections have pretty low turnout, sometimes as low as 50 votes

in an uncontested school board election. And 10 percent of this small number is a very small number, indeed. For example, all it would take to get the voucher proposal on the ballot is 11 signatures in Bloomfield Hills.

Skeptics of the voucher plan have been quick to charge this provision in the proposal is nothing more than a device to open the door to wholesale privatization of the public school system in Michigan. Advocates say that's OK, because all it does is give local voters a choice.

I think it's a dangerous proposal because it provides a way for an organized minority to dabble with serious issues: separation of church and state and the future of our public schools. Serious matters should require seriously large public participation.

Second, the voucher proposal would authorize \$3,150 in public tax dollars for each voucher to fund private and religious schools. However, these schools are not subject to a variety of accountability and public disclosure statutes that public schools are, despite the fact that they would be receiving public money.

Private school boards are not subject to the Open Meetings Act, for example. So a private school getting public voucher money would not have to hold its board meetings and transact business in public. And religious schools are not subject to the Freedom of Information Act. So a parochial school receiving public tax funds would not

be subject to scrutiny about how the money is being spent.

This is not an abstract concern. One of the biggest problems with charter schools, which also receive state per pupil support, is that many object to public scrutiny of their activities. An investigation two years ago turned up well-documented cases of abuse — the principal of a charter school renting a building owned by his brother, for example.

If we are serious about supporting private and parochial schools with public tax dollars, at a minimum we ought to make sure these schools are required to be subject to the same protections of public accountability and open decision making that public schools are.

Third, the voucher proposal in effect overrules the long-standing principle that public funds should not be used to pay for religious or private schools.

If parents wish their children to attend a parochial or private school, that certainly is their choice, which they pay for with their own dollars. But it's hard for me to see why my tax dollars should be used to subsidize another family in sending their child to a religious school whose doctrines I oppose.

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EMS service in north end has been slow

To the Editor:

I would like to begin this letter with an introduction. My name is Daniel Roy. I have lived in the city of Novi since 1978. I am a member of the Novi Fire Department and have been with the department for 17 years. I am also a member of the Novi Professional Fire Fighters Union. This is the first letter I have written to the Novi News. I felt compelled to write this letter after reading the headline story in the July 20 issue of the Novi News. In that article, two members of the Paid-on-Call Unit of the fire department have a few quotes that I would like to address. I will also present the facts concerning the petition drive so that readers can make an informed, educated opinion of the proposal.

The article of July 20 states that the proposal would receive some opposition from the firefighters, who say that the system is working fine right now and that there is no need to change it. The facts are that since Feb. 19 of this year, Fire Station No. 2, the north end fire station, has been closed on seven different occasions due to the fact that there were no Paid-on-Call members available to respond.

Since the beginning of this year there have been 16 instances where the private ambulance company has either not had an ambulance or the ambulance was responding from such a distance that the fire department transported the patient. These 16 instances occurred during Unit 1 operations, 6 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

So maybe some people may think that this is working fine. I live in the north end of the city and I don't

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believe it is working fine when the fire station that would be responding to my residence is closed on occasion.

The article later states that the increase in cost to the residents is not accurate. A Mr. Peiz is quoted as saying that there would have to be station improvements and that it would cost more. The fact is that all of the costs are included in the proposal, including station improvements. Also, the cost of the increase to residents came from the union contacting the Assessing Department; these numbers are correct.

Daniel W. Roy

COUNCIL MEMBER DEFENDED

To the Editor: I am not a letter writer, but I feel compelled to respond to Mr. Deser's vicious attack on one of our council members. I watched the July 10 city council meeting and here is what I observed. When the issue of the upcoming meeting with Northville regarding Quail Ridge was discussed, Mr. DeRoche led a vicious attack on Mrs. Bononi, who was not present. But the honorable Mayor Pro Tem Lorenzo, both of whom supported the meeting. His rantings and ravings included such terms as "I don't give a rat's a--." He felt this comment was appropriate given the lateness of the hour.

When the Senior Housing Committee's recommendation for Premier Management Co. was submitted,

Mr. Cordas questioned the figures in the report and went through the report item by item. I thought that this was very prudent of him in light of the fact that the city arena's original management company had to be replaced. Imagine my surprise when Mr. Cordas announced that even though he had serious reservations, he would support the hiring of Premier Management. Now, what kind of logic is this?

The next individual to comment regarding this company was Mr. Crawford. First, he yelled at other council members by stating that he is tired of hearing about the ice arena and the Sandstone Villas lawsuit. God forbid, he learned from his mistakes. Then he proceeded to throw a temper tantrum because council members wanted to postpone the vote on Premier Management until that company provided more information to council. Now, in my estimation, this was a wise decision — get all your facts and figures straight before making such a crucial decision. Obviously, Mr. Crawford has no problem spending the taxpayers' money without having all the facts and figures in front of him. But then Mr. Crawford had no problem spending our tax dollars on increasing Mr. Kriewal's retirement another \$10,000 per year, plus benefits. As I recall, Mr. Crawford wanted to spend \$35,000 of the taxpayers' money to erect a tacky sign in front of city hall. He threw a fit then, too. As a matter of fact, at one of the meetings he de-

graded one of the audience members and thus had to apologize. This sort of behavior, in my view, is appalling to say the least. I cannot imagine having Mr. Crawford represent us on a county and state level. Due to his continuously outrageous and appalling behavior at council meetings, we should all feel compelled to not vote for him.

Lastly, I am disappointed by Mayor Clark. Does his continuous silence mean that he condones the behavior of these individuals?

C.J. Firth

COUNCIL MEMBER SUPPORTED

To the Editor: I feel I must write in support of the council member referred to in Mr. Deser's editorial on "Annoyed by City Council." Many Novi residents feel this member is doing exactly what we elected her to do: represent foremost the citizens of Novi and intensely scrutinize all issues that come before council. We don't need any more council members or mayors (as in previous council) who favor every developer who comes down Ten Mile to city hall. Many Novi residents have been hurriedly by what you refer to as our "distinguished city council."

The council member was described as "the wicked witch from the Wizard of Oz, unnecessarily rude, and an evil sight." Isn't this an unnecessarily rude description? To the city council member I say, "Way to go. Keep up the good work. Many of us like the job you are doing."

Carol J. Crawford

Incumbent supported in commission primary

To the Editor:

I have known Kay Schmidt for over 20 years and have co-founded and served with her in The Republican Women of West Oakland, as well as various other political organizations in which she has been elected by her peers to serve in leadership roles on a county, regional, state and federal level. Kay Schmidt is a dedicated professional who can be counted on to give 110 percent.

When she was first elected, our district was rather neglected. Through her dedication, leadership and hard work, our district has gained four county facilities. She helped to obtain county road funds to widen Grand River between the two interchanges of Beck and Wixom roads, which is to begin next year. She is an individual of quality who cares about her constituents and knows where and how to get things done. It is crucial for our district to reelect Kay Schmidt so that she may continue her hard work on our behalf.

Donna Navetta

CRAWFORD SLAM WAS UNFAIR

To the Editor: This letter is in response to the letter written by James Korte after reading his letter in the paper. I felt that I was reading about someone

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ise. That was not a true picture of the Hugh Crawford that I know. When our theater photographer Warren Ledger lost his battle with cancer, Hugh Crawford came forward immediately and volunteered his services, time and talent to take all our pictures for each and every show. He also takes all of the head shots of the actors, which is very time consuming. Anyone who has attended a production here knows that our casts are very large and a cast photographer has to spend many hours with the cast and crew getting all the right shots, etc.

Hugh and his wife are ardent supporters of the arts in our community and in particular, The Novi Theatres. A man like Hugh Crawford is a valuable asset not only to Novi, but to the communities that border us. We would be much better off to have another hundred Hugh Crawfords who actually get out and see a need and fill it. These men are far more valuable to a community and its artistic health than men who just sit and complain about what isn't being done.

It is usually the situation that the good deeds of a man will often

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Linda Wickert
Founder and Artistic Director
of The Novi Theatres

OFFENDED BY KORTE LETTER

To the Editor:

It is too bad that Mr. Korte doesn't feel compelled to move out of town. He has only complained about everything under the sun for years. Anyone with this much unproductive time on his hands is a sad example of what Novi is not about. Mr. Korte, do the community a favor and get a job or get a life. Better yet, move on.

Mr. Korte's latest diatribe goes on about why he is not supporting Hugh Crawford for county commissioner. Who cares? I believe the community should support anyone Jim Korte is against. You can be sure this would be a better choice. Mr. Korte mentions that Council-

man Crawford somehow supported the North Novi golf course. Mr. Korte fails to mention that Commissioner Kay Schmidt's husband was the main thrust behind the golf course. Also, Hugh Crawford supported voting on the golf course. Councilman Bob Schmidt did not want the community to vote on the golf course.

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KORTE FAILS TO PERSUADE

To the Editor:

As a relatively new Novi resident, March 1998, I enjoy reading your newspaper, with one exception. I get tired of the editorial length letters of Mr. James E. Korte, practically on a weekly basis.

However, if he serves one purpose to me, it is the following: whatever and whenever he is against, I will vote the opposite. If he should ever need legal pads, pens and pencils, I will gladly provide some. He might be running low. Carl Kirschner

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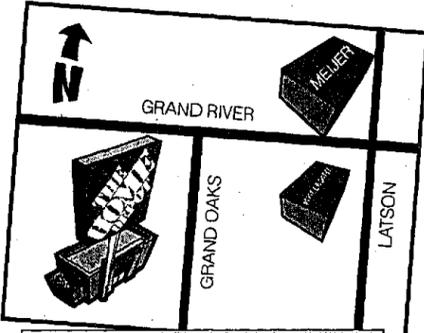
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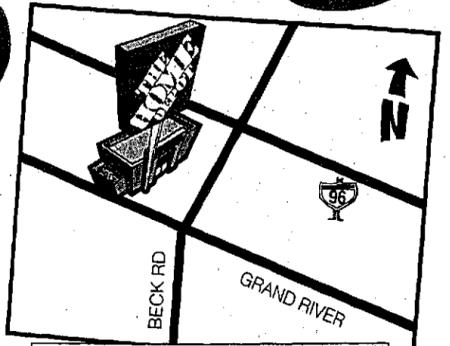
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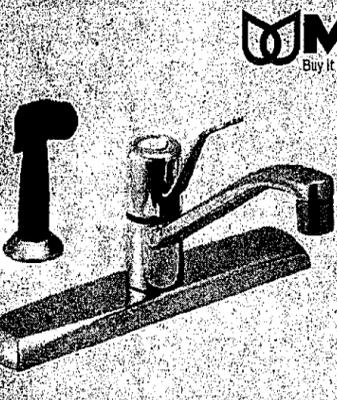
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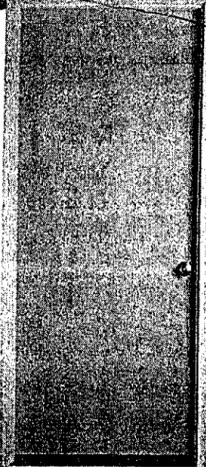
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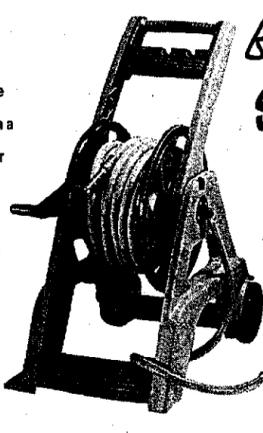
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Popular Potato

Northville band takes home top honor in contest

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In the spirit of The Grateful Dead-meets-boogie shuffle, "The Other Page" was deemed to be the best original song by the staff

members of the two newspapers.

With seven members in the band, Baked Potato was one of the largest ensembles to enter the contest, which brought together sounds ranging from folk to country to speed metal.

Baked Potato includes percussion and vocalist, John Cooney; guitar and vocalist, Ryan Hyland; lead vocalist, Justin Lee; bass, Bill McClintock; guitar and vocalist, Rob Nelson; drums, Tom Sheppard; and keyboard, Mike Vartanian.

We had the chance to speak to a few of the band members and ask them about their history with Baked Potato and their interest in music.

THE DRUMMER

"Those guys playing guitar...if they mess something up, it's just re-record and that's it," Sheppard said. "But me, if I'm the one who's off, everything falls apart."

Sheppard said he genuinely loves playing the drums, though pounding the skins didn't end up being a professional venture. That distinction goes to the violin, the instrument Sheppard first picked up at age 3 and went on to study at Eastern Michigan University. He graduated from EMU last may with a degree in music.

"I still like it, but the drums are great because you just get to beat on things," he said.

Sheppard's history with Baked Potato is one with more turns than an amusement park thrill ride. His first band experience came about while a student in middle school, when along with McClintock and Hyland, the three were in a band called Ardent Spirits.

"I'd describe that style as 'cheese rock' now," Sheppard said. "We played eighth grade dances with cover tunes by bands like Poison and Motley Crue."

Ardent Spirits hit the wall, and the Tom-Bill-Ryan show moved on to a new band,

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 "Little Girl Lost"

Around 25 bands entered the contest.

Department Ten. Sheppard was kicked out of Department Ten but was later reinstated when the final Baked Potato incarnation had been formed.

Sheppard said Baked Potato's entry into the *Novi News/Northville Record* music contest, "The Other Page," is fairly representative of the sort of music Baked Potato plays.

"Ryan wrote 'The Other Page,'" Sheppard said. "I have a tough time explaining what kind of style of music we play."

THE VOICE

Girls.

To Justin Lee, girls in the audience are both the best and worst part of being a lead singer. He didn't provide much explanation to his answer besides a sinister laugh, but it was pretty clear he enjoyed what he was doing.

Originally from Northville, Lee is a 22-year-old senior at Lansing Community College, majoring in music management.

"It made my dad happy because I got into the business world, and it made me happy because I got to continue with music," Lee said.

Lee became the new frontman for Baked Potato in January after keyboardist Mike Vartanian called to tell him the Potatoes were looking for a singer. Lee's audition was actually trial by fire, as the band hauled Lee onstage at Small Planet in East Lansing, where the group belted out a series of

Grateful Dead tunes.

"They gave me some songs I'd know for that first show, and I guess they liked what they'd heard," Lee said. "I'm still learning the original material. Those guys had been together for 10 years. They've probably got 60 original songs."

Lee may have had a premonition of his future calling when, at the age of five, he drew himself with a microphone when he was asked to draw that typical childhood glimpse of adulthood, "What I Want To Be When I Grow Up." Lee began actually singing at school talent shows and family gatherings, and joined his first band, King Edward, when he attended Northville High. In addition to being the band's vocalist, he also provided rhythm guitar backing.

"King Edward started out as grunge and kind of evolved into a groove-funk type sound," Lee said.

Lee actually bumped heads with Baked

Potato early on, when one of his early bands actually opened for Baked Potato.

"I'd always liked their sound," Lee said. "It's weird how things worked out in the end."

Once Lee left for Michigan State University, Lee got distracted by some collegiate-age vices, which ultimately sidelined him from the music scene for a lengthy period of time. Finally, with the bad stuff in the rear view, Lee got back into rock 'n' roll when he signed on with a few other blues guitarists, a keyboardist and a harmonica player to form Harum-Scarum, a mostly-Almond-Brothers cover band.

"I think we had one original song in that band," Lee quipped.

Before too long, Vartanian made the call that got Lee into the band, where he's been ever since.

Lee said Baked Potato appears headed on the right course, working with Pearl Sound in Canton — a studio used by Anita Baker and rap act Eminem.

"We were working in the studio one afternoon and the phone rang...it was Eminem saying he couldn't make it, so we got to use



Top left: John Cooney, Rob Nelson, Justin Lee and Ryan Hyland perform at a recent concert.
 Left: Mike Vartanian and Rob Nelson goof around on their John Deere tractor.



Story by Chris Davis
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the studio, instead," Lee said.

Other plans for the band include a possible trip to California sometime in the near future. That was a prospect that had Lee thinking good thoughts.

"I've never been west of Wisconsin," he joked. "Just getting out of Michigan for me would be a treat."

THE STRINGS

Ryan Hyland's collection of compact discs is, in a word, big. It could probably stock a Top-40 radio station with little effort. Ironically

enough, though, pop music is one of those elements of the musical world that Hyland keeps an eye out for.

"I can't classify what sorts of music I like, because I'm looking for a good song, and you can really find it just about anywhere," Hyland said.

Hyland's arrival into Baked Potato was a long and complicated process, filled with band separations and reunions. But the bottom line is that his participation in the Jerry Garcia-esque group made him happy.

"I really enjoy being in the group," he said. "Playing is a really cool experience."

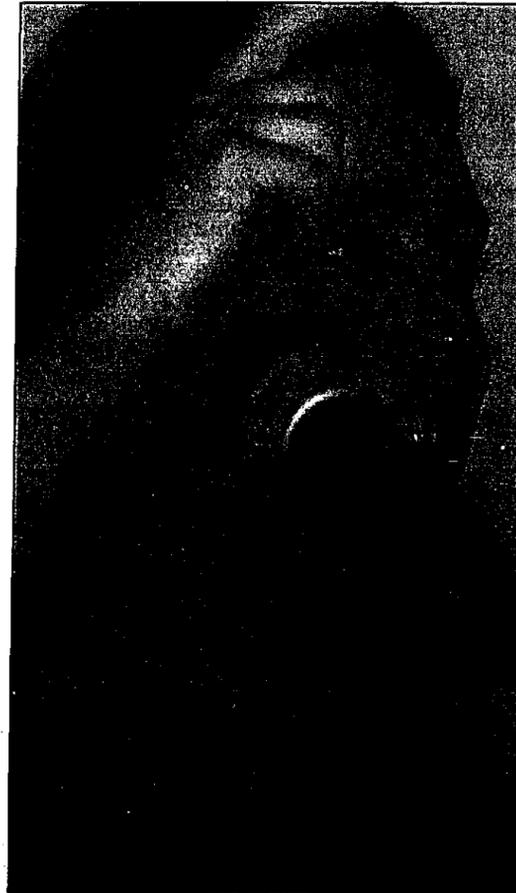
Hyland's first opportunity with guitar happened at around age 12, while living in California. It was a "beat-up Yamaha acoustic thing" that nonetheless taught Hyland the essentials of playing the instrument.

It wasn't until four years later, however, that he happened upon the Mother of All Guitars.

"It was a '79 Ibanez Artist Hardboard," Hyland said. "I just loved it."

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Left: Rob Nelson hams it up on the mike.
 Below: Baked Potato in rare form. (Back) Mike Vartanian, Justin Lee and Bill McClintock. (Front) Ryan Hyland, Tom Sheppard, Rob Nelson and John Cooney.



Handling affairs of the deceased

What Should You Do After A Loved One Dies?

After the death of a loved one, it is often helpful to make a checklist of items that need to be taken care of. Depending on the particular circumstances of the deceased, the following is a list of subject topics to consider when planning the estate and completing the affairs of the deceased on a post-mortem basis. Many aspects of the list have relevance for estate planning prior to death, because the scope of estate planning is far broader than after death planning. Many of these items obviously have no applicability in all situations.



Fred Hoops

• You should notify and retain a properly licensed attorney knowledgeable in the area of estates promptly after death. Have the attorney help you prepare a list of all legal liabilities to make claims. Have him list someone as necessary court proceedings.

• You should collect approximately 25 certified copies of the death certificate for legal purposes. These will be used to handle the deceased's death to agencies such as the Department of Veterans Affairs, banks, insurance companies, social security administration, etc. All require certified copies. If you require additional copies in the future, the funeral director may obtain them for you or you can get them from the city or county clerk where the death certificate was originally filed.

• Financial institutions where the deceased did business should be notified as to the fact and date of death of the deceased. These include banks, savings institutions or credit unions with which the deceased may have had accounts or safe deposit boxes. Replace the deceased's name from any accounts with that of his or her estate as soon as possible. Your lawyer and/or the financial institution with which you do business should be able to advise you what type of change would be best suited to your situation.

• The deceased's employer or previous employer (if he or she was retired at the time of his or her death) should be notified as to his/her death and the time thereof. Ask the personnel department whether or not there are any insurance policies in effect, as well as who owned the policies, what loans and claims are thereon, who the beneficiaries are, what death benefits are available and to whom and what pension monies are due and other employee benefits are due to the deceased or any survivor.

• Check for applicable automobile liability insurance. Obtain the policies and read them or have them read and reported upon to you by your attorney in writing. If the deceased was killed in an automobile accident, ascertain whether any insurance benefits exist concerning all parties, including both drivers and both vehicles owners, whether the policies were in effect with all premiums paid at the time of death and whether any unused portion of the insurance premium is refundable and to whom will it be payable. If the deceased was a member of an organization, obtain the statements of account from those institutions. Investigate the surviving spouse or his or her children.

• Inquire as to the existence of any health insurance coverage for you and your family, including what coverage was paid for and by whom and was in effect at the time of death or injury that gave rise to death. Find out the date any benefit of this nature expires and whether it can be extended to certain events.

• Go to a local Social Security Administration office and survey any benefits due to the surviving spouse or his or her children. Apply for them promptly to avoid expiration deadlines.

• In the event that the deceased was a veteran, call the Department of Veterans Affairs and obtain instructions and forms listing their requirements to process, along with the location of the closest Veterans' Administration or Soldiers and Sailors Relief Fund. Apply for them promptly to avoid expiration deadlines.

• Keep an up-to-date accounting of all income and expenses pertaining to the deceased after death.

• Review the relevant present financial circumstances pertaining to the deceased. Were any debts owed to the deceased? If so, make sure an effort is made to collect them as soon as possible. The

harder it will be to collect them and the cost of collecting them will keep going up.

• In a situation where no assets exist and income or monies are due to the deceased or you presently, you might also see if you or the deceased qualify for emergency aid from the Department of Social Services.

• Ascertain who owns the assets that were used or available to the deceased, what monies or obligations were owed by the deceased at death, and where the source of funds to pay liabilities will come from after death.

• Consistent with the requirements to probate the estate, devise a plan to pay all bills and taxes due with your attorney as soon as possible (e.g., funeral expenses, real estate maintenance, home mortgage bills, hospital bills, prepare final income tax return, etc.). Review whether any credit life insurance policies that were current at death which could have been carried against major loans. Arrange to collect on any insurance policies as soon as possible through your attorney.

• If the deceased had been in a hospital or a hospice, obtain the statements of account from those institutions. Investigate the surviving spouse or his or her children.

• Retitle stocks, bonds and other securities in appropriate names of the beneficiaries using Probate Court orders as necessary.

• Figure out whether any disclaimers of bequests or gifts are advisable after death and arrange to have them made.

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Engagement



Buck-Caulford

Wedding



Sheng-Zumbrunnen

Birth



Jacob Grimmer

Gordon and Rosemary Buck of Southfield announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Lynn, to Michael James Caulford, son of Leslie and Lucille Caulford of Detroit.

The bride-elect is a 1991 graduate of Novi High School. She received her degree in 1995 from Eastern Michigan University and is currently employed as a controller for Harold's Frame Shop in Novi.

The groom-elect graduated in 1989 from South Lyon High School and is employed at Ford Motor Co. in Wixom.

David and Carol Grimmer of Northville announce the birth of their son, Jacob Paul, born April 28 at 10:42 p.m. in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor. He weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

The bride is the daughter of Sheng Shil Cheng and Jing Shu Xian of KungMing, China, and a graduate of KungMing University.

The bride wore a floor-length gown of ivory chiffon, with a pleated bodice trimmed with lace appliques of pink and white roses that had been the wedding dress of the groom's mother. She changed to a traditional Chinese dress of red silk to attend the oriental themed reception held at the Plymouth Hilton Garden Inn.

The bride was attended by Heather Ma of Monaca, Pa., formerly of KungMing, China.

The groom is the son of Ronald Zumbrunnen of Northville and a graduate of Michigan State University. The bride and groom met while attending graduate school in Beijing, China.

Attending as best man was Benjamin Zumbrunnen, brother of the groom. Following a honeymoon in northern Michigan, the newlyweds will reside in East Lansing, where the groom attends law school at MSU.

Also awaiting his arrival were his sisters, Michelle, Angela and Rachel and brothers, Daniel, Stephen and Brian.

Jacob's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Yeno of Leroy, Ohio, and the late Melvin Prasse of Mentor, Ohio, and Mrs. Phillip Grimmer of Wisconsin and the late Phillip Grimmer.

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Novi Seniors

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• **"Remember the Depression," Tuesday, October 3, from 12:30-2:30 p.m.** Join in with this discussion about the Depression, which shaped our history in many ways.

• **Dinner with Dorothy and the Tin Man, Friday, October 13 at 5:30 p.m.**

Northville Seniors

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SERVICES
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• **Senior Services Directory**
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Novi Seniors

• **Ballroom dancing/live band, from 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, August**

MOVIES

Karl Kling, Editor 248-685-1507

Thursday, July 27, 2000

Daring film demeaned by presence of man-child

MPAA Rating: R
Now Playing
Not Recommended

By Ken Marten
STAFF WRITER

Whoa! *Chuck & Buck* isn't your borderline R-rated film, with just a hint of foul language and implied sexual situations. This isn't the kind of film with a rating designed to convince young teens that they need to sneak into theater to see it. Rather, *Chuck & Buck* is that wayward sort of film that meanders from mild comedy to serious drama, with lots of blank space in between. It also fits into the growing "stalker" subgenre, although in this case the predator and the prey are the same gender.

Chuck, or Charlie, a seemingly normal twenty-something living in Los Angeles with a job and a fiancée, is played by non-actor Chris Weitz (cowriter of *Antz*, and director of *American Pie*).

Buck, played by non-actor Mike White (cowriter of *Dead Man on Campus*, and supervising producer of NBC's *Freaky & Geeks*) was Chuck's childhood best friend, and is not so well-adjusted. In fact, he hasn't adjusted to adulthood at all. No job, and he still lives with his mom. He dresses like an eleven-year-old, and his room is decorated with toys, model airplanes, and photos of his family and Chuck. Favorite food: Blow Pops. Favorite game: homosexual experimentation with Chuck.

When Chuck's family moved away, the childhood friendship ended. Chuck moved on in his life, made new friends, and became an adult. But Buck stopped dead in the tracks of human development.

After Chuck and his fiancée, Carlyn, played by Beth Colt, attend the funeral for Buck's mom, the two pals meet again. Chuck, now Charlie,

extends Buck a half-hearted invitation to visit Los Angeles. Instead, Buck moves there (toys and all) and begins stalking Charlie and Carlyn, spying in windows and appearing at their work places. When Charlie rejects Buck's sexual advances, Buck manages to write a play about their relationship with the (thinly disguised) title, *Hank & Frank*. Charlie is not amused with the play. Buck becomes threatening, and the film takes on a frightening tone.

The film's humor involves Buck's man-child character. But this is not *Big* or *Freaky Friday*, and director Miguel Arteta (*Star Maps*) wants viewers to take Buck's developmental disability seriously.

But when it's convenient for the film, Buck has adult characteristics. In one scene he's playing with action figures, the next he's drinking beer or driving to Los Angeles.

Buck's stalking obsession also presents a predicament. His private torment about Chuck's rejection may evoke sympathy: "The poor man-child can't help it, he doesn't know any better." However, viewers may have less sympathy if Buck were stalking and wanting sex from a woman.

The problem with using non-actors is that, not surprisingly, they usually can't act. At first, the stoic deadpan responses are amusing, sort of a twisted *Dragnet* episode. After an hour or so, the deadpan becomes tiresome.

Arteta and White, who also wrote the *Chuck & Buck* screenplay, should receive credit for tackling the tender and taboo subject of childhood sexual experimentation. It is certainly original, and there aren't many filmmakers who would dare to touch the topic. A certain number of viewers are bound to squirm in their seats during the film.

FILM RATING SYSTEM

Don't Miss! - A must see film; award-winning caliber

Strongly Recommended - Entertaining and/or thought provoking; strong audience interest

Recommended - Film may have some weak spots, but still worth watching

Not Recommended - Only those who are fans of the star or film genre should see this one

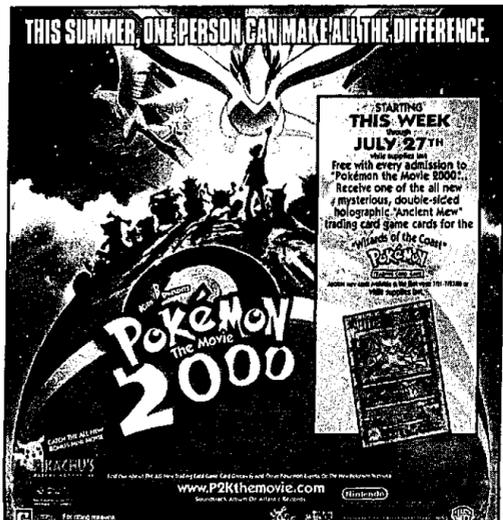
Avoid at all costs! - This film stinks

Note: Recommendations do not reflect film MPAA ratings

However, the presence of the Buck the man-child demeans the serious subject matter.

Ken Marten is a reporter for the *Milford Times*. He can be reached at 248-685-1507, or at kmarten@homecomm.net

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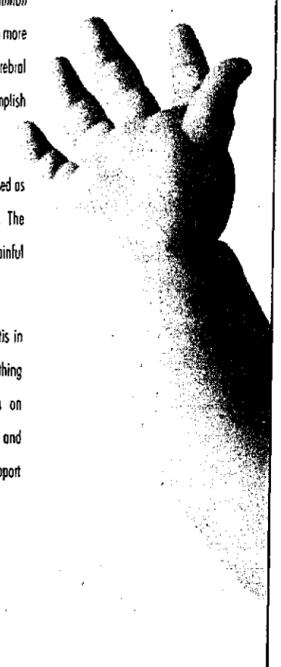
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Links has an up-North feel

In the time I've spent golfing the metro Detroit/Ann Arbor area the last three years, I've seen my share of beautiful courses.

And on those courses have been some majestic holes, no pun intended to the Majestic golf course up in Hartland. Either by beauty or by play, several holes stick out in my mind.

After having visited the Links of Novi a few days ago, I think it's safe to say I can add a few more memorable holes to my memory bank.

The Links course, at least for a few holes, took me back to my days writing golf reviews up in Gaylord. Just out of college, I lived in the golf Mecca of Michigan for eight months, or just long enough to experience some of the best golfing in the country.

I didn't think I'd ever get to experience that kind of golf again. And like I said before, I have had a chance to golf some of southeastern Michigan's nicest courses.

Located a few miles west of Beck Road on Ten Mile, the Links of Novi course looked like it was carved out of land from our north. From Ten Mile, the course looks relatively flat. But within 15-30 minutes of tee time, one will be taken into a completely different

world.

The course has three nines, with the East and West being their featured 18 holes. I began my journey on the East course, which begins along Ten Mile road before finding its way back into the woods.

From there the Northland adventure begins. Hole No. 4 in a

418-yard par four (from the blue tees) which treats the golfer with a glimpse of a Treetops course from

Gaylord. The initial test is an extensive marsh area which the golfer must clear. The rest of the fairway provides tests as well, offering mounds to the right and woods to the left.

The hole really forces the golfer to play honest and keep the ball in the fairway to avoid trouble. Once on the green, you're safe. The Links grounds crew keeps the course in tip-top shape and the greens are flawless.

I guess the thing that caught my eye about this course was the fact that I didn't have to sift through the holes to find good ones. No. 5 on the East course may be the best of the bunch. It's a challenging par three, measuring 205 yards from the back tees. From an elevated tee, golfers must again clear a



Photo by JASON SCHMITT

Hole No. 5 on Links of Novi's East Course is a scenic, challenging 205-yard par three.

massive marsh area while avoiding three greenside bunkers. Add to that a giant mound on the right side of the green and this par three becomes an instant four or five to most. Because of the marsh area, there's no avoiding a good tee shot.

"Don't even come out here," a jokingly frustrated Randy Semonick of Westland said. "This is a really challenging course. It's always in good shape, but man

does it play tough."

Of course those comments came on two of the courses' most challenging holes, and after his tee shot fell a bit short of the green. In fact, none of the four gentlemen playing the hole hit the green.

Of all the holes I encountered on my trip, this one probably stood out because of its beauty and difficulty. My guess is that more balls are lost on this hole than any other on the course.

After one more hole the course begins to open up a bit as the golfers come out of the woods. The last three holes on the East course contain few trees, but do make up for it with several sand traps.

The West nine appears to be a bit more wide open, but looks may sometimes be deceiving. Holes two, three and four wind their way through the woods.

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Broncos ready for NABF

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Though the troubles the Northville Broncos had this past weekend in Joliet, Ill. could hinder the team's hopes at this weekend's National Amateur Baseball Federation Junior World Series, coach Carl Galletti believes his team will be ready to play when the nation's best teams come calling.

"I think so," Galletti said. "This team did better in our league than we did last year. We had a 10-8 record this season, which included four one-run losses and two more extra inning games. We could very well be 16-2."

Galletti chose to go with a smaller roster (12) than he did last year (14), citing the fact that this year's team has several members back from last season. He was hoping to add three players from other teams in Northville's league to this weekend's roster. Those players would most likely fill the team's pitching needs.

"This team can hit, we've worked really hard on that," Galletti said. "We're just going to need to throw the ball with authority (on the mound)."

Galletti said his team's defense has also been steady this season.

The Broncos begin the tournament by facing the Lexington Dixie today at noon. Tomorrow's game will also be at noon, against the Staten Island Padres. The team will conclude their round-robin games Saturday against the Madison Mets (noon) and Indiana Bulls (3 p.m.).

Having been a member of last year's World Series team, Brent Habitz said he thinks the team has as good of a chance of winning as it did last year. That team was 0-3, but lost its three games by a combined six runs.

"The experience that this team brings back, we feel that's gonna be a huge advantage for us," Habitz said. "We think the other teams are not going to take us seriously because we get the automatic bid. But we lost by three, two and one runs and the year before that, Northville won two games."

"I think we can do the same or better than last year. Maybe we can close out some of those close games this year."

The tournament will include 10 teams, split into two equal groups. The top two teams from each group will advance out into the semifinals. The semis and championship game will be played Sunday at Northville High School.

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Northville welcomes the nation's best

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

For the first time in six years, there will be a defending champion other than the Bayside Yankees gracing the dugouts at Northville High School (NHS) as the National Amateur Baseball Federation tournament gets underway today.

The Indiana Bulls, the 1999 Junior World Series champions, are set to defend their title. But unlike last year, this year they'll have to deal with an extremely hungry Yankee ball club. Bayside failed to qualify for the national tournament last year after having won the NABF title the previous six seasons.

"That's the one thing we missed out on last year, the opportunity to play Bayside," Bulls coach David Mundy said. "But it feels great just to be going back to Northville. Mr.

(Dave) Jerome and his staff run a great tournament up there and make it a lot of fun for everyone."

The Bulls and Yankees are not alone in the tournament, however, and will be challenged by such veteran programs like the Lexington Dixie along with seven other ball clubs.

The tournament will split the 10 participating teams into two equal groups, which will play a round-robin format to decide the top four teams. Those four teams, two from each group, will advance to the semifinals.

Group A consists of the Yankees, Rawlings Nationals, Spokane Heat, Abolite Braves and the Maryland Orioles. Teams competing in Group B include the Dixie, the Bulls, Madison Mets, Staten Island Padres and the host squad Northville Broncos.

"What you can be assured of is that the

best teams (in the country) are going to be here," Jerome, the tournament director, said. "To get here, these teams had to beat the best teams in their region. So they're all very talented."

Broncos' coach Carl Galletti understands the enormous amount of talent this tournament brings in and believes his team is ready for the challenge.

"I think we're ready, but what you have to remember is that many of these teams are highly-recruited teams," Galletti said. "The Indiana team had a roster of about 32 kids last year, and 29 of them came from different high schools around Indianapolis. That's a lot of schools to draw out your best players from. But I feel we'll be ready."

The tournament begins today with opening round games at both Northville High School (main site) and Madonna College

(located on the corner of Five Mile and Levan roads in Livonia). The Yankees take on the Braves at 9 a.m. at Northville while the Bulls and Mets square off at 9:30 a.m. at Madonna. The host Broncos will be challenged early, taking on the Dixie at noon today (at Northville) while the first day of action comes to a close with the Nationals and Heat playing at Northville High at 3 p.m.

Tomorrow's set action begins with the Heat and Yankees playing at NHS at 9 a.m. At the same time, the Dixie and Mets play at Madonna. At noon, the Broncos play the Padres at NHS while the Braves and Orioles face off at Madonna.

The 3 p.m. games include a Orioles/Heat matchup at Madonna while the Padres and

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Realignment leaves little or no hope

State champs lumped into talented regional

By STEVE BELL
Milford Times Sports Editor

There's no rest for the weary. South Lyon High School has long competed in the toughest cross country regional in the state. With the Michigan High School Athletic Association's realignment of cross country, the Lions regional is even more brutal.

Tougher yet, the criteria to qualify for the state finals as an individual has been narrowed.

Though South Lyon will no longer compete with Lake Orion and Clarkston — the teams which went one-two last fall at Springfield Oaks — they will now be joined in Grand Ledge by two-time defending state champion Novi as well as Lakeland and Milford. Schools representing the last five Class A (which no longer exists, see below) state titles and six of the last seven are at Grand Ledge. Only the top three teams advance to the state finals.

Division I, Region 7 consists of the eight KVC schools — Novi, Lakeland, Milford, South Lyon, Brighton, Hartland, Howell and Pinckney — along with Northville, Pontiac Central, Pontiac Northern, Walled Lake Central, Walled Lake Western, Waterford Kettering and Waterford Mott.

"Of the nine Division I regionals, two of them are very difficult including ours," South Lyon coach Scott Smith said. "There's a preponderance of really good runners. In the seven other regionals, South Lyon would make states. Like last year, Lakeland in any other regional would have qualified. Running in the KVC and the regional has made us a better program. We're competitive everywhere we go and have some tremendous athletes. But frankly, I was looking for some relief from the terribly unbalanced regional, and the change has made the situation much more difficult."

Last fall, Lakeland was fourth at Spring-

Cross Country

field Oaks with 103 points, missing the state finals for the first time in 17 years. Milford, in third place, qualified with 101 points.

How fast are these kids? Teams that now belong to Region 7 produced five of the top 10 and four of the top five finishers at the 1999 Class A meet.

But, according to MHSAA assistant director Nate Hampton who oversaw the cross country realignment, the talent of the teams is irrelevant. The schools are grouped together strictly by geography.

"We do not take into consideration the quality of the teams, not at all," Hampton said. "The crystal ball is not always accurate. When you're trying to seed teams, you can get into some real difficulty."

Given the MHSAA's philosophy, complaints about certain regionals or districts being overloaded certainly aren't unique to cross country. Boys' basketball teams from Flint and Saginaw, for instance, cannibalize each other in district play. Still, there are some differences. Basketball is a sport more prone to upsets. In 1999, Flushing beat Saginaw, a nationally-ranked team, in the first round of districts. Basketball district pairings like volleyball, baseball, softball and soccer are random. So even if, for example, Saginaw High and Flint Northwestern are in the same district, they might not meet each other until the final, meaning each team will still win district games.

There's not even that much post-season success guaranteed to many of the teams in this new cross country regional. The state's crystal ball may not see it, but most others do — Novi will win the regional and finish

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The addition of Novi into the Grand Ledge regional makes life difficult for rivals Milford, South Lyon and Lakeland.



Varsity pom named Grand Champs...

The Novi Varsity Pom Squad recently traveled to Grand Valley State University and came away with the camp's highest honor of "Grand Champions." The Wildcats performed their routine to "You're Invited but Your Friends Can't Come." The team was also awarded a first place for the senior kickline competition and received the prestigious showmanship award. Abigail Saari was awarded the highly-coveted "Sparkle and Shine" award as a result of a vote from the 400 pom members who attended the camp. Sixteen other varsity and junior varsity teams from Michigan attended

the camp. The varsity team includes Lindsay Anan (captain), Laura Brandau, Valerie Caroselli, Erin Chupinsky, Michelle Claverilla, Carmen Deckert, Madeline DiRocco, Dana Dzwonkowski, Kiley Elfring, Marcy Golota, Melissa Gorman, Alyssa Hamblin (captain), Courtney Harfrott, Erin Holmes, Danielle Kazakos, Hillary Kroll, Holly Lloyd, Erin Mellem, Dana Moore, Christina Moriarti, Lauren Powell, Stephanie Regan, Erin Reid, Abigail Saari (captain), Erika Stating, Karrie Smith, Betsy Thelen and Sarah Wilson. The team is coached by Julie Hobbs and Lonnie Watkins.

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New state format has good and bad points

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either first or second with Rockford High School at the Division I final. "A bad draw is one thing. That happens by chance," Smith said. "But when most of the state's top teams are lumped into one regional, and it is perpetuated for a decade, that's troublesome."

Team supersedes the individual

The 2000 season will mark the first in which the state finals are divided by divisions — I through IV — rather than classes — A through D.

Hampton said the change was necessary because the two largest classes, A and B, were being over-loaded at the state finals.

When divided by class, schools are grouped strictly by enrollment — 999 students and up, Class A; 499-997, Class B; 255-498, Class C and 254 and below, Class D. When the state goes to divisions, it takes the number of schools competing in a sport and divides them equally. There are now nine regional, as in each of the four divisions. Each division has 141 teams. Upper Peninsula schools are not included as they have their own state final.

After making the move to divisions, further changes in the final format had to be made, and the MHSAA turned to the Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association for a recommendation

on how to have a feasible number of runners at the Michigan Speedway. The recommendation came out of an ad hoc meeting of 16 coaches held at MITCA's track clinic in January.

MITCA president Greg Miller said under the old system, most coaches viewed the Class C finals with 217 athletes as the ideal size. The Class A and B races each had 279 runners, the Class D race 135. That's a total of 910 boys, then 910 girls.

With the old model, individual qualifiers for the state finals were selected from the top 10 runners at a regional who were not members of the three qualifying teams.

Under the MHSAA's new system, Miller said the MITCA meeting became a philosophical debate over whether, in an attempt to keep a practical number of athletes at the finals, there should be a reduction in the number of teams qualifying or the number of individuals. The team won out. The new rule is that to qualify for the state finals individually, the athlete must medal — that is, place within the top 15 — at the regional. Previously, there were an average of 10 individual qualifiers per regional. Now, Miller estimated that there will be about five. Still, under the new model, there will be more total runners at the final — 234 per division — just fewer at the two highest levels.

Milford coach Brian Salyers said it was easier to reduce the number of individuals over teams because

the outcry would be significantly less.

Miller doesn't think the reduction of individual qualifiers will affect the quality of the state meet.

"When there were 10 additional qualifiers, they would finish on average at about 20th in the regional," Miller said. "A 20th place time is a good time. But it is also a time which will never put them in contention at the state meet, even for all-state. We decided to keep the same number of teams qualifying from regionals, but reduce the kids with no shot."

But Miller admitted there was at least one regional which didn't conform to this model, one where the next 10 runners are state-caliber — the boys' Division I, number 7. Salyers recalculated the Red-Skies' regional results during his four-year tenure.

"Under the new rule, we would have had only one casualty," Salyers said. "Tom Greenless would not have made it as a freshman. That was a big step in that young man's career."

Greenless went on to become an all-state runner. He finished fourth at the 1999 Class A state meet.

"Some of the state's best runners will be left out," Smith said.

Contact Stephen Bell at (248) 437-2011 or e-mail him at sbell@home.com.net.



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JV pom takes top honors...

The Novi High School junior varsity pom team traveled to Grand Valley State University on July 6 to participate in Mid-American Pom Pom's summer camp program. The team came away as "Grand Champions" after being awarded first place in the categories of speed learning, kickline and original routine. Sixteen other varsity and junior varsity teams from Michigan attended the camp, which included four days of fun, rigorous and educational instruction.

The Novi girls performed a pom routine that they choreographed themselves and had been practicing since May. Members of the JV team include Meredith Anan, Brittany Blxman (captain), Shawn Kalvin, Carrie Capanyola, Ashlee Doster, Kristen Fraser, Christina Hagan, Jessica Hagan (captain), Megan Kemski (captain), Kristen Kern, Liz Kossick, Amanda Kowalski, Gretchen Kroll, Brittany Neville, Julie Perreca, Katie Sloan and Christy Stewart. The team is coached by Jeni Hubenschmidt.

Junior World Series makes it way to Northville today

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Mets face each other at Northville High. The day concludes with 6 p.m. games at Northville (Bulls/Dixie) and Madonna (Nationals/Yankees).

"The action continues into Saturday, when each team will conclude with two games to set up the semi-final matchups. Those semis will take place at 9 a.m. and noon on Sunday with the championship game taking place at 4 p.m. All

three games are at Northville High School. To see a complete list of scheduled games, look to the graphic on this page.

Mundy said for his team to have a chance to repeat, it would need to catch a break in the journey.

"I usually takes one of two breaks to win the tournament and we'll certainly need a break or two this year," he said. "We're just hoping we can keep up the momentum we've had here in the regional tournament."

The excitement this World Series brings to town can not only be seen by the players, but by the coaches, parents and tournament officials alike.

"I have been coaching baseball for 37 years and the most exciting thing for me what when I coached in this tournament and having my team beat a quality opponent," Jerome said. "This is all for the kids."

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Semifinal and final games will be played at Northville High School



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Madness finish runnerup...

The 14 and Under Motor City Madness softball team recently took second place in the state USSSA softball tournament held two weekends ago at the Canton Softball Center. The team lost to Compuware in the state title game on July 16.

Team members pictured include Rachel Bielski, Lauren Carosio, Dana Frantz, Rachel Good, Courtney Kolb, Lauren Lewis, Nicole Lewis, Shannon Shrader, Sarah Thelen, Lindsey Troher and Megan Wainwright. The team is coached by Gar Frantz and Mike Carosio.



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Heat wins Brighton Tourney...

The Novi Heat U-10 baseball team recently won the Brighton Tournament. The team had a tremendously successful season. Among their achievements were 20 wins, runner-up in the WABA Classic Tournament, champions of the Brighton Tournament, league champions for the Washtenaw Amateur Baseball Association Willie Mays Division (10 and

under). Team members pictured above include (front row, l-r) Brandon Rydzewski (batboy), Danny Kilger, Andy Harrington, Patrick Schlenke, Sean Rydzewski, Kennan Hart and Phil Czeski. In the second row are (l-r) Mike Schlenke, Daryl Hart, Doug Harrington, Max Riehl and Jack Kilger.



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Hawks win tourney...

The Michigan Hawks girls won the 3 vs. 3 ABC Warehouse Soccer Tournament on July 8-9. The U-11 girls went undefeated in six-straight games

throughout the weekend. Team members include Jessica Barndt, Courtney Kasab, Katie Trentacosta, Katie Walker and Kellia Walker.

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COLTS STILL NEED PLAYERS

The 2000 Northville/Novi Colts football team is still looking for players for the fall season. As with last year's program, the Colts will be fielding three teams. The Freshman team consists of players who are 8-9 years old and weighing 60-105 pounds. The Junior Varsity squad is for those ages 9-11 and who weigh 105-125 pounds. The Varsity team is 11-13 year olds weighing between 125 and 150 pounds.

For more information regarding these teams, please contact Cathy Thomas at (248) 348-4282.

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Total Baseball will be sponsoring a fall baseball league starting August 12 and running through October 15. Age divisions include (11-12), (13-14), JV and varsity high school. All the games will be

played on the weekends. This is one of the largest fall baseball programs in the country.

All high school rosters will be sent to the Michigan colleges and professional teams. Wood bats are allowed. Registration is \$210 per individual and \$1,350 per team. There will be a \$75 forfeit fee returned. Playoffs and trophies are included to those who qualify. Registration deadline is Aug. 5. Call Total Baseball in Wixom at (248) 668-0166 for more details.

NOVI HIGH LOOKING FOR COACHES

The Novi High School football program is in search for experienced volunteer football coaches for the fall season. Coach Tab Kellepourey and his staff are looking to expand the program and would like to add coaches at all levels. For more information please call Kellepourey at (810) 632-6063.

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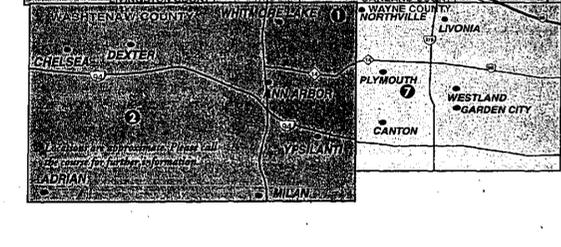
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Health Column

Summertime creates challenges

The weather is warm and sunny. Holiday graduation parties and various barbecues are in full force, the kids are home from school, the lawn and garden is in full bloom, and your vacation time is likely very near. How well are you sticking to your fitness program?

This time of year may seem more challenging to stay consistent with your exercise program. Unfortunately, when you look at many self improvement programs no matter what the time of year, smoking cessation, changing eating patterns, etc., the percentage of people who reach a full lifestyle change is minimal. So while you may be feeling some challenge with the summer season, you are in reality facing the same obstacles that one faces along the journey of achieving any improved lifestyle change. The following suggestions will help you stick with your fitness plan and improve your odds of ending up with a full lifestyle change.

• Set a goal. How many times have we heard this and how many times have many of us dismissed (this as some "positive thinking rhetoric"? If successful, people in all fields have one trait in common, it is goal setting. We in the fitness field regularly see how a wedding or high school reunion can spark a person who has not made any significant progress in their physical appearance goals for maybe a year, suddenly transform their bodies in a fraction of the time. Unfortunately, this person may not maintain these improvements after the significant event. Why? Obviously, we would suggest the goal was driving the person and when the goal was gone, the drive was reduced also. How long can you stay consistent in making your exercise time a priority with a vague goal such as "just to stay in shape?" Statistics prove - not long. Sixty percent of people give up on their real fitness goals in the first 60 days of their plan. Set small, measurable, short term, achievable goals. An example might be to lose five pounds of body fat and add one pound of muscle, or fit into those size 10 or 12 jeans,



Chris Klebba

versus your current 14- or 16-size jeans by Sept. 1. You need to constantly hold that goal in front of you. Let someone close to you know to solidify the commitment. Once the date passes, you need to reset the goal immediately.

• Set the reward. When I reach my goal I will...what? Insert your own answer, e.g., go out to dinner at your favorite place and have your favorite dinner item or buy that new smaller size clothing item you have been looking at. Whatever it is, set a reward. We are humans and we need to reward the behavior we want to instill.

• Set the plan. If I need a plan to remodel my house, I take my rough ideas and collaborate with a professional in that endeavor, in this case, an architect. In the case of fitness, get a fitness professional or a personal fitness instructor. They, like the architect, make sure I am reaching my goals safely and with the least amount of time and effort. Make sure in this new venture you get clearance from your medical doctor who knows your history. A true fitness professional will increase your odds of a lifestyle change that will combine your current lifestyle with the necessary steps. An example might be, if you are busy in the summer or are outdoors more - super. Let's minimize your time in the gym by combining the outdoor

activities in your overall program. Another example might be to set up a home resistance program using tubing as the resistance. A true fitness professional is trying to get you to your goals, not keep you in the gym if that does not work for you. They will also use foods you like in your food intake plan, helping you with your individual, unique situation all as a part of a complete winning plan.

• Prepare the plan for setbacks. Think positively, you can and will win. Preparing for setbacks allows us to be set back not set out of our goals when we face them (and we inevitably will face them). No fitness plan is absolute in today's life. Things will come up. We have many demands on us and you can and will make strides to your goal without being 100 percent perfect. This is no time for perfectionism, in fact, that is one of the top barriers to succeeding in fitness. Many people think they can't devote 100 percent at this time and so the time is never right and probably never will be.

• Be patient. The average person never sticks with a program long enough to see any beginning results and so they join the 60 percent drop-out numbers. Plan your work and work your plan. The first signs of change in terms of feeling better comes pretty quickly, and the first signs of physical appearance changes will start in around 30-60 days, the results do not often come in equal increments. In other words, if I have a 90-day goal, I may not be one-third of the way to my goal in the first month. Everybody and every situation is different, so be patient.

Whatever your current situation, applying the above steps with your commitment will bring you physical improvements. Go Win!

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Menopause Support Group

Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi offers a free monthly support group for women who have concerns about menopause.

The group meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Providence Park Conference Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., at the corner of Grand River and Beck in Novi. The purpose of the support group is to provide women with educational information on topics relating to menopause.

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