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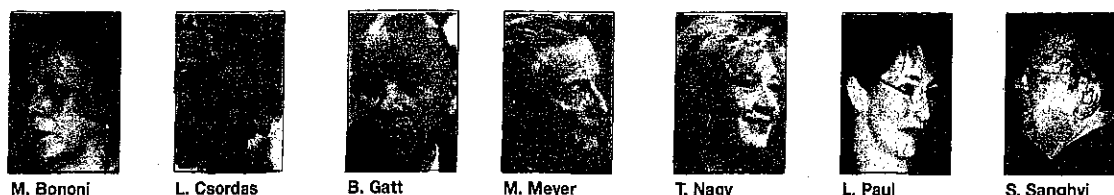
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## DEBATABLE?

### Candidates air views with League of Women Voters

By Phil Foley  
STAFF WRITER

All but one of the eight people running for seats on Novi's city council this fall showed up for the League of Women Voters' Candidates Night last Tuesday at Meadowbrook Commons.

Linda DePooter, the League's state vice president and moderator

for the event, said retired Ford executive Janice Sheridan sent her regrets citing a previous commitment.

However, Shana Thompson, the Novi production specialist for the South West Oakland Cable Commission, was the only candidate to pass on the SWOCC's offer of 10 unscripted minutes of air time to address the voters. The other

eight candidates can be seen at 5 and 11 p.m. Mondays; 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays; and 8:30 a.m. Sundays through the end of the month on BrightHouse Network's Channel 13.

The League's Candidates Night will also air on cable Channel 13 in Novi at 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays and 6:30 p.m. Fridays through the end of the month.

Voters will then choose Nov. 4 between Sheridan and sitting Novi City Council Members Michelle Bononi and Lou Csordas to fill the seat being vacated by retiring Mayor Richard Clark. The electorate will also fill three city council seats from five candidates, including Bob Gatt, Michael Meyer, Toni Nagy, Lynne Paul and Siddharth "Mav" Sanghvi. Sanghvi is trying to

hold onto the seat he was appointed to in January to fill out the term of Craig DeRoche who was elected to the state house of representatives last fall. Paul and Nagy are trying to move up from the Novi Planning Commission.

There were few surprises at the non-partisan League's candidates

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### Businesses support Sen. Cassis' tax package

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Members of the local business community came to Novi Monday to lend their support to legislation that would eliminate employers' tax on health care insurance as part of the state's Single-Business Tax.

A Senate Finance Committee hearing for the Cassis Care and Competitiveness Package, a five-bill package sponsored by State

Sen. Nancy Cassis (R- Novi), took place at 10 a.m. at Providence Park. In the bicameral package, three of the bills are Senate-sponsored and two are House bills.

"It just makes good common sense to reach out to local communities where we can get local input and input from people who are affected. For example, in this case the tax penalty on health care for small businesses," Cassis said.

"Michigan's tax burden places us 18th among the states, which is still too high," Cassis noted.

**Other hearings planned**

Hearings on the bill package will also take place at 10 a.m. Oct. 6 at the Holiday Inn in Bay City and at 10 a.m. Oct. 13 at Grand Valley State University's DeVos Center in Grand Rapids.

Other legislators at the Monday hearing included Rep. Craig DeRoche (R- Novi), Sen. Valde Garcia (R- Howell) and Rep. John Stakoe (R- Highland).

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Photo by John Heider

Novi Meadows' teacher Renee Ruiz, right, gets her kids to go along with a little song and dance as they learn about the earth's climate on a recent Thursday morning. The Novi School District is going about implementing its Reframing curriculum and in doing so is hoping to realign their classes to more accurately reflect what's being tested in the MEAP and in doing so hoping that all kids are being taught in comfortable environment.

### Challenge accepted: Novi Meadows ready for district's reframing theme

#### Principal Falls sees both good and bad in No Child Left Behind

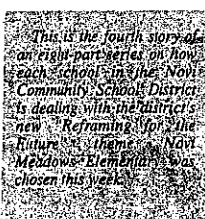
By Ramez Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

Novi Meadows Principal Tim Falls has been involved in public education for more than 30 years, so when he talks people

tend to pay attention. Since he has been at Meadows, the school always had systems in place to analyze data in terms of trying to guide direction. The staff has always looked at data to try to make some informed decisions as to how well the students are doing academically and Falls believes that it is extremely important to continue to do that.

One of the things that the staff is going to do, however, is to look at the school's NCA goals and try to refocus on that.

"That's how we're going to be graded on our annual yearly



progress. And if we're going to be graded that way, I think we need to direct our extra energies towards making sure that we

accomplish that particular stand," Falls said.

Novi Meadows has three NCA goals: A listening goal, a math problem solving goal and a social science investigation goal. Each one is a higher level thinking skill that Falls believes is very well chosen.

"I think we can document how our children develop in those areas, but at the same time we're not being graded on how well our kids do on those particular skills," Falls said. "We're

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### Auto burglars target Novi's eastside neighborhoods

By Phil Foley  
STAFF WRITER

Sept. 19 was a bad night to have your car parked outside if you live between Meadowbrook Lake and Village Oaks subdivision on the city's east side. Novi police are seeking three men in connection with a spate of car burglaries there.

The first call came in to Novi Police at 2:35 a.m. when a 58-year-old Novi man called to report he had been awakened by the sound of the door on his 2000 Ford Aerostar being closed. Over the next two

hours more than a half dozen residents in the neighborhoods flanking Nine Mile between Meadowbrook and Haggerty Roads on Novi's east side called to report their vehicle's burglarized.

Search the neighborhood near Sunrise and Ladene, the site of the first report, Officer Kevin Rhea reported seeing the dome lights on in more than 20 vehicles.

One area resident later told investigators he'd seen three men walking south on Heatherwood as he left for work about 2:15 a.m., but he was unable to give a detailed description.

#### For more police reports, please turn to page 2A.

Most of the people reporting their vehicle burglarized said nothing was taken.

However, a 47-year-old woman said \$35 was taken from her 2000 Chrysler Towne & Country, while a Heatherwood resident said two cell phones and somewhere between 10 and 20 CDs were taken from his 2002 GMC Envoy.

According to Novi Police Detective David Molloy, the biggest

single thing residents can do to foil auto burglars is simply lock their doors and keep valuables out of sight.

He said that with little physical evidence at the crime scenes, the department's surveillance units have increased activity in the area.

Detective Molloy said a large percentage of auto burglaries in the city seem to be the work of juveniles and often the stolen property is found tossed in a yard a few homes away. He said last fall several east side teens were arrested in Meadowbrook Glen following a

rash of car burglaries there.

He said juvenile car burglars most frequently strike between 11 p.m. and 4 a.m., simply opening unlocked vehicles and taking what's in plain sight.

Detective Molloy said Novi residents could cut the auto burglary rate by 90 percent by locking their vehicles and taking their valuables inside at night.

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## POLICE REPORT

### Car burglarized

A Milford woman told Officer Kristie Gruenwald Sept. 26 that her 1998 Ford Escort was burglarized outside Borders Books sometime before 4:09 p.m. She said her cell phone was taken.

### Canadian clubber

Officer Erick Zinser stopped a 2001 Ford Ranger truck eastbound on Grand River Avenue near Meadowbrook Road at 1:10 a.m. Sept. 27 after he reported seeing it driving erratically. He charged the driver, a 39-year-old man from Windsor, Ontario, with operating under the influence of liquor after he failed field sobriety tests. The man initially refused to take a breathalyzer exam, but an hour later relented and registered a blood alcohol content of .20.

### Not me officer...

The driver of a Chevrolet Malibu told Officer Brian Tillman that she hadn't been drinking, but her passenger had, after he stopped them on Grand River Avenue near Novi Road at 1:58 a.m. Sept. 27. However the 21-year-old Milford woman failed a field sobriety test and registered a blood alcohol content of .14. Officer Tillman charged her with operating under the influence of liquor. The woman was later released after posting a \$100 bond.

### Fence vandalized

A 70-year-old Novi man told Officer Erick Tapia Sept. 27 that someone vandalized the fence at his E. Leifost Street home sometime before 10:17 a.m.

### Signs of trouble

Officers Shawn Penzak and Kevin Rhea found the street sign at the corner of Heatherbrae Way and Meridian disassembled and lying on a parked car at 1:22 a.m. Sept. 28. They also found that a mailbox had been knocked from its post at a nearby residence on Heatherbrae Way.

### Erratic driving

Officer Erick Zinser spotted a 1997 Ford Probe driving erratically on northbound Meadowbrook at 1:22 a.m. Sept. 28. After stopping the car on 12 Mile Road, he charged the driver, a 27-year-old Farmington man, with operating under the influence of liquor after the man failed field sobriety tests and registered a blood alcohol content of .15.

### Who? Me?

Officer Brian Tillman starting chasing a Mercury Cougar at 2:30 a.m. Sept. 28 after he watched it turn left off Grand River Avenue onto northbound Novi Road. Officer Tillman said he turned on his emergency lights and siren after the woman pulled onto I-96, but she continued somewhere between half and three-quarters of a mile before stopping. He charged the driver, a 49-year-old Farmington Hills woman, with operating under the influence of liquor after she failed field sobriety tests and registered a blood alcohol content of .18.

### Three... "tops"

A 23-year-old Livonia man told Officer Erick Zinser that he had two, three beers "tops" while playing volleyball with his friends before being stopped in his 2002 GMC truck on the entrance ramp to I-96 at Novi Road. However, the man failed field sobriety tests and registered a blood alcohol content of .207. He was charged with operating under the influence of liquor and later released after posting a \$100 bond.

### Tinted windows

Officer Kristie Gruenwald stopped a 1998 Ford Contour at Crescent and Ingersoll Streets at 2:05 a.m. Sept. 19 because the car's passenger window was tinted. The driver, a 21-year-old Westland man said he'd had a few drinks at the Post Bar, but he failed field sobriety tests and registered a blood alcohol content of .106. He was charged with operating under the influence of liquor and later released after posting a \$100 bond.

### You're right

A 41-year-old Walled Lake woman is being held in lieu of a \$10,000 bond after being charged with operating under the influence of liquor for a third time, driving while license revoked, having open intoxicants in her vehicle and plate violations. According to Officer Kevin Heaney, the woman told him, "I

had a couple of beers and some vodka and shouldn't be driving" after he stopped her driving 55 mph in a 40 mph zone on West Park Drive North of West Pontiac Trail. He arrested the woman after she failed field sobriety tests and registered a blood alcohol content of .27.

### Jacuzzi jacked

A 34-year-old Plymouth man told Officer Paul Leslie that someone stole a Marble Cast Jacuzzi from a home under construction in North Haven Woods sometime before 2:16 p.m. Sept. 19.

### Packages missing

A 41-year-old Novi woman told Officer Louis Bigliardi that several packages had gone missing from her front porch and mailbox since moving into the Island Lake Development. She discovered the latest package had been taken sometime before 4:25 p.m. Sept. 19. The woman said packages left by UPS and FedEx have been taken from her home on Hillside, while packages delivered by the U.S. Postal Service have been pilfered from the mail boxes grouped at the corner of Ravine and Hillside.

### If the shoe fits...

A 30-year-old Lansing man told investigators Sept. 19 that a man paid for a pair of size 9 1/2 Reeboks with what later proved to be four counterfeit \$20 bills at Champs Sports in Twelve Oaks Mall about 8:30 p.m.

### Erratic driving II

Officer Jonathan Zabick stopped a 2002 Lincoln on Novi Road near West Oaks Road after following it from the Post Bar at 12:41 a.m. Sept. 20. Officer Zabick said the car was driving erratically. He charged the driver, a 19-year-old Southfield man, with operating under the influence of liquor after he failed field sobriety tests and registered a blood alcohol content of .10. The man was later released after posting a \$100 bond.

### Credit card stolen

A 22-year-old Walled Lake woman told Officer Paul Leslie Sept. 20 that her credit card was stolen sometime after shopping at Trade Secret on Novi Road Sept. 10. The woman said by the next day someone had run up \$900 in fraudulent charges.

### To fast

Officer Jeremy Stempien stopped a 2002 Jeep Liberty on Novi Road near 12 Mile Road after clocking it as 55 mph in a 40 mph zone at 12:41 a.m. Sept. 20. The driver, a 57-year-old Novi man, said he'd only had three mixed drinks. However, the man failed field sobriety tests

and was charged with operating under the influence of liquor. He was later released after posting a \$100 bond.

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### No, you're not

Asked what he'd had to drink before being stopped on eastbound I-96 at 2:20 a.m. Sept. 20, the 30-year-old Farmington Hills man reportedly told Officer Brian Woloski, "Uh...enough of 'em...but I'm OK to drive." Apparently not since according to reports, the man registered a blood alcohol content of .258 after failing field sobriety tests. The man, who was initially clocked at between 85 and 95 mph in his 2000 Ford Taurus, also reportedly admitted to driving on a suspended license. After refusing to take a second breathalyzer test at the Novi Police Department, investigators obtained a warrant for technicians at Providence Hospital to take blood samples.

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### Sign torched

A 45-year-old Novi woman told Officer Louis Bigliardi that someone set fire to an alarm company sign in the yard of her Acadia street home.

### Listen to mom

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**Correction**  
Last week's article "Entertaining plans hit bump at city council" contained a quote that was mistakenly attributed to Novi City Council member Lou Gordas. It was Council member Kim Capolito who said, "Speaking from experience, it's not gambling. Kids don't view it as gambling; they're addicted to the challenge."



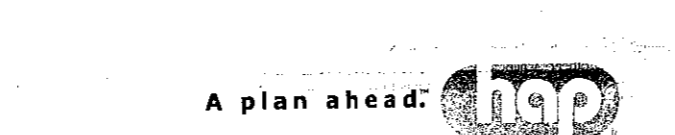
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## Businesses support Cassis' tax package

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"These hearings are designed for small-business people to be able to tell us from a personal standpoint how this Single Business Tax is hurting them and, in particular, the tax penalty on health care," Cassis said.

"With the economy the way it is, they don't want to sacrifice jobs or health care insurance to keep afloat."

"It's considered the most anti-business tax in the country. That's why I'm the author of getting rid of it entirely by 2010."

Charles Owens, state director of the National Federation of Independent Business in Lansing, said, "If you go back in history, one of the impediments to economic growth in the state is this tax. These bills and this concept are a win-win."

**Tax penalizes them**  
Diane Dearing, owner of Display

Structures, Inc., of Troy, said, "As a small-business owner, I have for a very long time been puzzled by the health care costs for my employees. I fully understand that taxes on businesses must exist, but not this one. It's an absurdly complicated tax," she said.

Dearing was an accountant for six years before she started her own business.

"We want to employ people, and we want to give them benefits. When we go beyond payment of wages, we're penalized for that," she noted.

"My biggest single expense is labor. When people ask me how the business is doing, I tell them 'We're just hanging on by our fingernails,'" she said. "I think we'll make it through this difficult economic time, but we need some help. We've cut out vision and dental insurance,

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Michigan State Senator Nancy Cassis, middle, chairs a public hearing Monday morning at Novi's Providence Hospital on a proposal to eliminate the Single Business Tax on employers' health care benefits.

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raised co-pays and dissolved our profit-sharing plan. We've done everything we can. Why should we as employees be discouraged from providing health care insurance? I thought this was what we were supposed to do."

Jeffrey Emerson, owner of American Gear & Engineering in Westland, said he spends over \$60,000 a year for the Single Business Tax for his 42 employees. "And I spent \$300,000 for health care insurance with the last 20 percent increase," he said. "The tax is a burden on small business. We're barely making it," he noted.

"Anything you can do to put money back in our pockets would help," he said.

John Kreger, director of public policy for the Detroit Regional Chamber, said, "This legislation will go a long way to helping the state achieve its goals."

James Ralph, owner of James Ralph Insurance Company in Southfield, said, "This will go a long way in helping to raise health insurance more affordable."

Linda Jolicœur, owner of Target Equipment Leasing in Farmington Hills, employs less than 25 people. "I want to offer them full health care coverage and a retirement plan. But with double-digit increases in health care insurance, I can no longer do this," she said.

"Removing this tax would help greatly. It's basically a payroll tax," Jolicœur said.

"Anything you can do to encourage manufacturing jobs is very important," said Frank Kramel of Columbia Marking Tools of Mt. Clemens. "And anything you can do to reduce health care costs would be very helpful, too."

Daryl Rutsney, owner of Melvin's Hardware in Walled Lake, said her family-owned business that she recently purchased from her father is struggling because of high taxes and health insurance costs.

"The costs of doing business are getting greater every year, especially with 25 percent increases in health insurance. We've had a \$50,000 loss over the last three years. And small businesses are the backbone of our community. I think these changes are a first step," she said.

Gary Naezart of the Michigan Road Builders Association also gave his support to the legislation.

"We think the money could be better used for businesses to buy more equipment and hire more staff than in the state budget," Naezart said.

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# Local firefighters mark fire prevention month with open houses

By Phil Foley  
STAFF WRITER

Fire is the leading cause of accidental death for children under the age of five in Michigan. According to statistics gathered by the Center for Disease Control between 1989 and 1998, while children under the age of five represented 7.3 percent of the state's population, they accounted for 21.3 percent of the state's fire fatalities during that same period.

That's why Novi area fire departments focus on children during fire prevention month and the rest of the year. Fire departments in Novi, Wixom and Walled Lake are all planning open houses. Novi and Wixom will hold theirs on Oct. 11, while Walled Lake firefighters hold their open house on Oct. 12.

Wixom will hold the ground first with a free pancake breakfast for area residents starting at 8 a.m. and running to 11 a.m. at the Wixom Fire Station One, 1345 Wixom

Road, just north of Potter Road. The open house itself will continue until noon with demonstrations of vehicle extrication, high angle rescue and rescue dog teams.

In the two weeks leading up to the open house, Wixom firefighters will be touring the city's elementary schools, discussing fire safety and passing out entries for the department's annual fire escape plan contest.

Each year Wixom firefighters award a prize for the best fire escape plan brought to the open house. Last year's winner took home a radio-controlled fire engine, built locally by Newbright Industries, worth \$150. Acting Fire Chief Jeffrey Yachaz said he's working on getting something similar for this year.

He said his department will also hold a random drawing for T-shirts for kids entering the contest.

Chief Yachaz said local youngsters will also get to see up in a water-

ball competition and watch firefighters cutting up cars.

He said it's important for firefighters to work with kids because "Until age 8, they hide from fire. The stop-drop-and-roll training is great, but the chances of being on fire aren't that great. We want them not to be afraid firefighters. We don't want them to hide. We want them to get out and stay out."

Novi's Assistant Fire Chief Jeff Johnson agreed. His department's open house will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Novi's newest fire station, Station Four at the corner of 10 Mile and Wixom roads.

"We're going to have displays and a lot of interactive things," Johnson said. He said activities will include tours of the department's new training tower and demonstrations of its thermal imaging camera, which allows firefighters to locate people in smoke-filled rooms or even total darkness.

Novi firefighters will also be

## Top 5 causes of unintentional death for children under age 5 (1989-1998)

1. Fire/Burn
2. MV traffic
3. Drowning
4. Suffocation
5. Pedestrian Accident

SOURCE: FEMA

neighborhoods to check to make sure their system is working properly.

"People need to have an awareness of checking their smoke detectors," said Johnson, noting that a smoke detector can't save lives if the battery is dead.

According to the National Center for Health Statistics, Michigan ranked 10th nationwide for fire fatalities in 1999 with 17.9 deaths per million population. The national average that year was 11.5 deaths per million. That same report indicated that 80 percent of those deaths occurred in the home.

Walled Lake Fire Chief Ken Van Sparrentak said it's especially important to reach children, since they are among the most vulnerable when it comes to fire. Young children, according to the Center for Disease Control, are 3.5 times more likely to die in a residential fire as the rest of the state's population.

"We want everyone to walk away with a little more know-

edge and have fun," said Chief Van Sparrentak. His department will hold its open house from noon to 4 p.m. at the Walled Lake Fire Station on East West Maple Road next to the Walled Lake City Hall.

Walled Lake's Police Department will also join in to help make local kids safer by offering parents free fingerprinting and DNA kits.

Chief Van Sparrentak said Walled Lake Fire Fighters will be offering a hot dog lunch for \$2.

There will also be police dog demonstrations at 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. and vehicle extrication demonstrations at 1 and 3 p.m.

The department will offer tours of its station and equipment all afternoon and the Oakland County Hazmat Vehicle will be on display.

Phil Foley is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700 ext. 108 or at [pfoley@hcnov.com](mailto:pfoley@hcnov.com).

## Coalition seeks ways to help youth at risk

By Phil Foley  
STAFF WRITER

While Novi's substance abuse rate for youth is lower than the state average, the city's Police Department still handled more than

500 juvenile complaints last year. Novi Police Chief Doug Shaefler told members of the Novi Community That Cares Coalition Sept. 24 that although his agency has an important role in the strategy for dealing with at-risk youth, it takes the entire community to keep youth headed in the right direction.

"We're prepared to be there for enforcement," he said, "but we prefer prevention."

Shaefler said risk for Novi's youth comes in many forms both

internal and external, and it takes the entire community, schools, families, church and more to deal with it.

"Everybody has got to come together to make these things function," he said. "Nobody can point a finger and say 'You do it.' I don't know of any magic formula."

The "magic formula," said Coalition member Tony Musu, is "involvement."

Coalition member Bob Stech said this year his group will be focusing on parents and parenting issues this year.

The group will present a forum

on spring break entitled "Kids in the Sun, Parents in the Dark" from 7-9 p.m. Monday, Oct. 27 at the Novi Middle School Auditorium. The forum will bring together a panel of experts to discuss the issues surrounding spring break and whether parents should consider not letting their teens participate.

Spring break, said Beth Belter, the Coalition's executive director, is "not a right of passage for children."

She said spring break increasingly involves safety concerns for teens and parents need to make informed decisions.

She said parents can find them-

selves falling prey to peer pressure just as easily as their children. "You have to take a stand. You have to know in your gut what's right for your children," she said.

Belter noted that number of people taking parenting classes is relatively low compared to the numbers of children in the system.

Stech said that's why the coalition is looking into ways to bring its parenting class offerings into the workplace.

The Coalition currently offers three pages of parenting classes in Novi Community Schools adult education program catalog.

"It's not easy raising a child today," said Belter.

Chief Shaefler noted there was one incident last year where one student injected himself with a horse tranquilizer and another where two boys stole chemicals in order to make incendiary devices, but were caught before getting them to the school.

"How close did we get to having an incident you read about in other communities?" he asked.

Shaefler added, "As parents, we've got to be parents not friends. We have got to set the standards."

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your favorite HomeTown Newspaper Nov. 13.

Of course, since chefs deserve a day off on occasion, all submissions will be entered in a special drawing to win one of two \$50 gift certificates to a local restaurant.

To submit a recipe, send it along with your name, phone number and address to [cparen@hcnov.com](mailto:cparen@hcnov.com) or to HomeTown Newspapers, 323 E. Grand River, Howell, MI 48843. Attn: Cindy Parnell. Please include a brief history of the recipe, why it is special, who created it or how your family uses it as part of their holiday traditions. Photos of the chef or the finished product are welcome.

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## Lynne Paul announces candidacy

### NOVI CITY BRIEFS

#### Repaving

Residents of Westmont Village can expect a new entrance to their neighborhood by the time the first snow falls. Novi City Council agreed Monday to pay \$32,000 to do the engineering for replacing the first 850 feet of Westmont Drive and \$250,000 for Tesco Brothers Inc to do the construction. The rest of the neighborhood is slated for pavement repairs next year.

#### Parade approved

Novi High School's annual Homecoming Parade has been approved. This year's parade will start at 11 a.m. Oct. 11 at Holy Family Church on Meadowbrook Road and then head south to 10 Mile Road, where it will swing west

#### New signs

Intersections in Bristol Corners Subdivision will soon have a snazzier look to them. City council approved a request by the neighborhood's homeowners

#### New Curtains

Novi's Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department was approved to seek bids for new curtains for the Civic Center theater. According to Randy Auler, the department's director, the curtains are now six years older than their expected useful life. Demmer Automotive has agreed to foot \$3,000 of the expected \$7,500 bill in exchange for a full-page ad in the theater's program book.

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#### Novi city government meetings for October

Oct. 6	City Council	7:30 p.m.	Council Chambers
Oct. 7	Zoning Board of Appeal	7:30 p.m.	Council Chambers
Oct. 9	Parks, Recreations & Forestry	7:30 p.m.	Council Chambers
Oct. 13	Library Board	7:30 p.m.	Council Chambers
Oct. 15	Planning Commission	7:30 p.m.	Council Chambers
Oct. 16	Ordinance Review Committee	7:30 p.m.	Council Chambers
Oct. 16	Parks, Recreations & Forestry	7:30 p.m.	Council Chambers
	Special Meeting		
Oct. 17	Historical Commission	7 p.m.	Civic Center
Oct. 20	City Council	7:30 p.m.	Council Chambers

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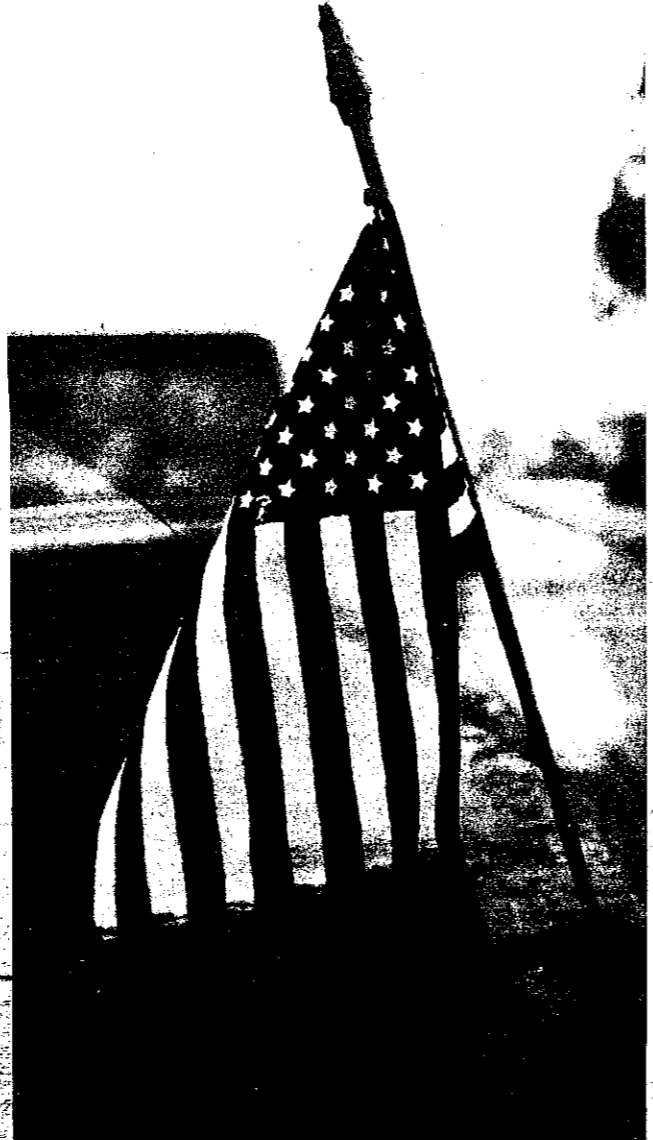
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Five lucky people won \$5,000 gift certificates from a group of three Novi dentists at the Sept. 25 Oakland Chamber Network, a business card exchange with members of 22 chambers, hosted by the Novi Chamber of Commerce at Emagine Theater. Front row, from left, winners Darlene McCutchen, Vicki Gupta, Nancy Solomon and Pam Fleming. Back row, from left, Dr. Joel Toupin, Joe McCoy of Cornerstone Dental Lab, Dr. Stephen Card and Dr. John Toupin. Not pictured: winner Beth Gierada.

## Winners selected for dental makeover prizes

Five people in the Detroit metro area will have a nicer smile thanks to the recent generosity of three Novi dentists and the owner of a Novi dental lab.

Five lucky people won \$5,000 worth of cosmetic or reconstructive dental work from a Novi dental office at the Sept. 25 Oakland Chamber Network, a business card exchange with members of 22 chambers. The Novi Chamber of Commerce hosted the event at Emagine Theater at Fountain Walk shopping center in Novi.

Dr. Joel E. Toupin, John A. Toupin and Stephen Card, who practice at 42430 W. Twelve Mile Road, Suite 201, awarded the gift certificates after drawing business cards from a fish bowl at the Sept. 25 event.

Joe McCoy of Cornerstone Dental Studio located right next door to the dental office has also donated his time to the project.

Winners of the five \$5,000 gift certificates include Darlene McCutchen from Novi Community Credit Union; Vicki Gupta from E-Z Med Billing in Troy; Nancy Solomon from Smart Checks' Consignment of Novi; Beth Gierada of the Novi Express Center; and Pam Fleming of HomeTown Newspapers.

The winners have the option of using the gift certificate themselves, giving it to a member of their immediate family or transferring it to another Chamber of Commerce member or employee.

Since there were members from many different chambers at the event, the dentists decided to allow the prizes to be given to any chamber member in the Oakland Chamber Network, a member of their immediate family or chamber member employee.

The winners have been instructed to contact the dentists about the gift certificates by the end of the year.

## O, Horrors

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## Planning Commission denies plans for new cellular tower

Members say project does not meet ordinance requirements

The requests followed a public hearing July 10, 2002. The commission tabled the matter last summer to allow Cellular Wireless more time to provide additional information on cellular coverage information and other issues.

Cellular Wireless did not offer revised plans or additional information to review before the Sept. 17 meeting.

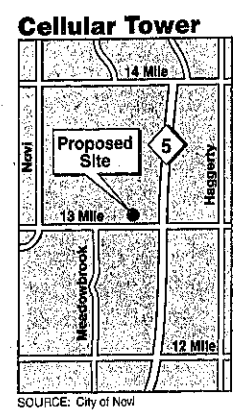
Novi Planning Department staff or consultants did not prepare new reviews because Cellular Wireless's plans were identical to the plans presented last summer.

Plus, city ordinances have not changed regarding cellular towers.

Cellular Wireless representatives hoped that Planning Commission members would recommend the plan to Novi City Council.

The property in question is zoned as residential acreage.

One of the reasons the Planning Commission denied the request was that Cellular Wireless did not provide radio frequency reports to show whether or not co-location opportunities within the Detroit Edison corridor to the east were



SOURCE: City of Novi

feasible. Co-location is simply the construction of multiple cellular antennas on the same structure.

Planning Commission members would prefer that Cellular Wireless place their antenna on an existing tower rather than build the new tower.

Steve Wells of Schmelz, Wells, Monaghan & Wells attorneys in Birmingham, attorney for

Cellular Wireless, said the company first filed the proposal for the new cellular tower in October 2001. The company then revised the site plan four times. "We have also worked diligently with Brightmoor Church," he said.

"I think you need to co-locate. I don't think you've done anything to abide by our ordinance," said Commission Member Gwen Markham. In fact, she questioned whether Cellular Wireless was counting on a denial so that the firm could begin the appeal process. "I think you're trying to push this through. But, it's inconsistent with the master plan."

Lynn Kocan, commission member, said she did not think the project was compatible with residential zoning.

"We haven't seen any effort to address our ordinances," Kocan

"I think you need to co-locate. I don't think you've done anything to abide by our ordinance."

Gwen Markham, Novi Planning Commission

for the proposed tower. "It doesn't meet ordinance requirements for a cellular tower," Nagy said.

Tim Shroyer, commission member, believes the tower, which would be shaped like a cross, looks too much like a religious structure. The members unanimously voted to deny plans

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

**Antiques mall opening**  
The Town Peddler Craft and Antique Mall, at 26152 Ingersol Drive (next to the Mervyn's west entrance in the Novi Town Center) is the latest location to be opened by The Town Peddler, Inc., which has operated their 24,000 square foot Craft and Antique Mall in Livonia since 1993. The 3,600-square-foot Novi store has about 95 different "partner dealers" with all kinds of merchandise. For more information, please call 248-347-7712 (Novi) or visit www.townpeddler.com.

**Shiro's hosts fund-raiser**  
Shiro's Restaurant in Novi was the site of a fund-raising fashion show Sept. 24 for Novi mayoral candidate Michelle Bosoni and Novi City Council candidate Lynne Paul. The event netted \$445 for breast cancer research.

The funds will be given to Providence Hospital in Novi and earmarked for breast cancer research.

**WL banner contest set**  
The Walled Lake Downtown Development Authority will have a Banner Design Contest for new spring/summer and fall/winter banners to replace the existing 115 banners currently displayed from streetlights throughout the downtown area.

Local artists will have the opportunity to beautify the city with their winning designs will competing for a \$100 Downtown Walled Lake Gift Certificate.

**Gleto's celebrates one-year**  
Gleto's Salon & Day Spa, 44125 Twelve Mile Road, at Fountain Walk shopping center in Novi will celebrate its one-year anniversary with a special celebration from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday at the salon for its more than 4,000 clients.

Parties are encouraged to bring a friend to the celebration. For more information about the anniversary celebration or other services provide

ed at Gleto's, call (248) 349-9003.

The DDA launched its "Adopt a Banner" program in 1999. The program will conclude this fall.

Business sponsorships are limited to one banner, and the total banner number has been cut from 115 to 58, according to Charlene Long, DDA managing director.

Banners are 30 feet by 60 feet. Artists must submit a colored rendering with the words "Walled Lake" in the design. A six-inch-by-26-inch area must be provided for inscribing the sponsor's name.

The design cannot use more than two colors plus a background color. Entries will be judged by a committee and must be received by the Walled Lake DDA, 500 N. Pontiac Trail, Suite C, Walled Lake, MI 48390 by Oct. 31.

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# CLASS NOTES

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## NEF raffle tickets on sale; prize package valued over \$3,000

By Ramez Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

The Novi Education Foundation annual winner-take-all raffle is up and running, and tickets are starting to go fast. This year's prize package is valued at over \$3,000 and includes donations from many Novi businesses.

According to NEF Board Member May Alice Brunner, since all the prizes are donated, 100 percent of the profits go toward the foundation. Only 1,000 tickets will be sold at \$20 a piece and one lucky person will win the whole package.

"We try to get a wide variety of items to make it interesting for everybody," Brunner said. "This year we have an autographed Lidstrom jersey, which is pretty

nice and several Novi businesses have donated gift certificates and merchandise. It's wonderful that just about everyone we asked donated something. We didn't ask for a lot from everybody; we just tried to get a bunch of little things from all the businesses. It's a really nice prize package."

The raffle is only one of the foundations two major annual fund-raisers. The other is a golf outing, which will be held later on this school year. Tickets for the raffle will be sold at home Novi High School football games and at some school functions such as conferences and open houses. School board members are also selling tickets as well as school administrators.

"The raffle is supported well by the school administration,"

Brunner said. "The drawing is going to be on Friday, Oct. 24 at the last home football game, and that one happens to be the Novi-Northville football game, so we figure it will be well attended. You don't have to be present to win, but we'll just draw it then."

Money raised from the raffle will mostly go towards teacher grants that the foundation gives out. There are many scholarships that are already endowed, but the teacher grants are not.

"This year, I believe the number is around \$15,000 in grants to Novi public school teachers," Brunner said. "They apply for a grant with a specific project or program in mind and sometimes they may need a little extra money to implement it. I believe that all the schools in the district have at

least one teacher receive some grant money in the spring of 2003 to be used towards the 2003-2004 school calendar year. That's where most of this money will go."

Some of it will also go towards an endowment fund that the foundation is trying to build to continue to support school activities when they come up. Each teacher who's new to the district receives a \$50 check from the NEF just to help them out to get going.

"I really like the teacher grant because it helps to attract teachers who want to be innovative and do something a little extra," Brunner said. "They have the opportunity to do that. I know as we continue to do the grant, we'll get more and

more applications because word is getting around to the teachers that the money is out there to do something special with."

The foundation originally earmarked \$10,000 for teacher grants. But since there were so many coming in, last spring it voted to increase that amount to provide funding.

Raffle tickets are also available at the Educational Services Building. Call (248) 449-1200 for more information.

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## ON CAMPUS

Novi resident Kallyn Duane has been accepted into the Annual Juried Student Exhibition at Adrian College. She is a senior majoring in art.

Wayne R. Beyer of Williamston has joined the incoming fall class of Michigan State University-DCL College of Law as a first year law student. Beyer attended Novi High School and is the son of Frederick and Ruth Ann Beyer.



## Locals march for Sparty

Four Novi High School graduates are members of the Michigan State Spartan Marching Band. They are Jessica Schell (junior), Sarah Buslow (sophomore), Mike McKenna (junior) and Chris Miller (senior). Their instruments are trumpet, cymbals, drumline tenor, and tuba, respectively. This picture was taken after last Saturday's win over Iowa at Michigan State University.

## Challenge accepted: Meadows ready for district's reframing

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English class taught by foreign language teachers. There are many Japanese children at Meadows, so they have been able to offer a class either 24 weeks out of the year or 36 weeks out of the year, one day a week. They tried to address that, but it's still going to be a challenge down the road as they start identifying more of these children.

"We're working cooperatively with (Director of Community Education) Bob Steh, who's working on some after-school tutoring groups in community education and also ELL," Falls said. "We have to identify what level the children can speak in English. There's a placement test that we give, and it has been given by some of Bob Steh's teachers to help support our classroom teachers."

Falls explained that there are many real positives to the "No Child Left Behind" issue, but he still has some reservations about it as well. He said that one of the positives is that it has enabled the Novi Community School District to sit down and say, "We're going to have a focus, and that focus is to make sure that our children have adequate yearly progress." He explained that in the past there was an overall umbrella of long-range goals, which were a collaborative process with community. "Sometimes those goals would crumble because we didn't have a certain goal. But honestly, for the first time this district now has a true focus in terms of trying to make sure that we're working towards adequate yearly progress," Falls said.

Meadows has two reading specialists who have done before-school and after-school programs over the years.

"We always measure our growth and we also take a look at ways of identifying children who need additional support," Falls said. "They work with them in class, they do pull out groups and it is a challenge, especially with ELL children, our English Language Learners. We have foreign language teachers who do an outstanding job working with these children and we are very fortunate that they have been willing to offer a class for our ELL children who have no English skills what so ever."

The staff has tried to support its ELL kids through the regular foreign language program as an

"We have to socialize them and we want to make sure they are productive citizens and I think that gets lost in 'No Child Left Behind.' Where do we talk about that? Schools were originally designed to make sure that we were all democratic participants, but that is getting lost in the whole process of math and reading. Schools were designed to make sure that we would survive as a democracy, and I get worried that that is being lost."

Falls is also very concerned that some of the other attempts to change public education will in fact lead to some aspects being lost. "I truly think that 'No Child Left Behind' is set up in such a fashion that no school can be successful," he said. "Therefore, by 2012, my best guess, if they make no changes in the law and keep it the way it's set up now, that there will not be a public school in the nation that will be satisfactory."

Falls explained that a child has to score 70 percent to have a passing grade on the MEAP test, so all children, whether a special education child, or an ELL child who doesn't speak any English, have to get 70 percent on the MEAP or his school is not going to be proficient.

"The other criteria is, 95 percent of the students have to take the test," Falls said. "But let's say I have 30 ELL children and three don't take the test for whatever reason. Then I don't meet the annual yearly progress. How much control do I have over that? Not very much. The bottom line is, I think there are a lot of positive aspects of No Child Left Behind. There's no question that our schools have to do a better job with our low-achievers. There's no question that our schools have to do a better job with our high-achievers. This is all part of our accountability and we will do the best we can, but I will be the first to tell you, I think Novi Schools are fantastic. The learning and the teachers and the dedication that we see here are by far the best."

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Autumn Scarecrows

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VO holds training session for Book Buddy volunteers

By Ramez Khuri STAFF WRITER

Phase one started last school year when Village Oaks Reading Specialist Jane Fungfeld introduced a brand new reading program designed to help beginning student readers to improve their skills. The program, called "Book Buddies," was small at the school at the time with only a few kids using it.

two weeks of in-depth training to teach it," Fungfeld said. "They're reading teachers and they get extensive certified training in every little nuance. They know how to do their own plans and how to assess students and how to teach exactly where they are. This program is like that, but Book Buddies has trained professionals that do all of the academic parts that the teachers do in Reading Recovery for you already."

Three a little later on in the school year. "Our goal is to see if we can do this training session again and get some community members involved next," she said. "If this program shows success then, maybe it can be something that all the schools in Novi can adopt. If there are people in the community who are willing to give two hours a week to help a child learn to read, that's wonderful. That is our goal."

NOVI COMMUNITY EDUCATION CORNER

Decorating Colors for Your Every Mood

DATE: Monday, Oct. 13 TIME: 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Middle School, Room 506. DETAILS: Learn how to use color combinations in your home to create eight personal color moods.

Global Positioning Systems (GPS)

DATE: Monday, Oct. 13 - 27 TIME: 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Middle School, Room 518. DETAILS: Global Positioning Satellite Systems (GPS) navigation tools which allow users to determine their location anywhere in the world at any time of day.

Expenses, planning trips, note taking, productivity functions, establishing and using Internet connections, how to get third party applications, add-ons and more.

DATE: Thursday, Oct. 16 TIME: 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Middle School, Room 518. DETAILS: Learn different painting techniques using acrylic paint and a variety of acrylic medium.

Starting Your Own Home-Based Business

DATE: Oct. 15 TIME: 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Middle School, Room 522. DETAILS: This class is a one-step source of basic start-up information and resources for home-based business owners.

Latin Dance

DATE: Oct. 17 TIME: 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Middle School, Room 524. DETAILS: An evening of fun learning all the latest dance steps.

DETAILS

DATE: Sunday, Oct. 5, 2003 TIME: Registration from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Walk begins at 2 p.m. PLACE: St. James Church, 46325 W. Ten Mile Road.

Crop Walk this Sunday

By Jennifer Norris STAFF WRITER This Sunday, residents are invited to grab their most comfortable walking shoes and participate in the 16th annual Novi-Northville CROP Walk.

DETAILS

DATE: Sunday, Oct. 5, 2003 TIME: Registration from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. PLACE: St. James Church, 46325 W. Ten Mile Road.

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Our October selection is "How to Be Good" by Nick Hornby. The group meets Monday, Oct. 6, at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room.

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Preschoolers and their families are invited to the library for 30 minutes of stories on Tuesday, Oct. 7, at 7 p.m. Participants are encouraged to wear their wildest pair of socks to this program.

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Intero to the Net for seniors

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The Chapter Club, our book discussion group for grades 4-6, meets Saturday, Oct. 11, from 11 a.m. to noon. We'll be discussing "When Zachary Beaver Came to Town" by Kimberly Willis Holt.

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Board meeting

The Novi Library Board of Directors meets Monday, Oct. 13, at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room. Community members are welcome.

Chronic pain and arthritis

Betty Prost presents a program on chronic pain and arthritis on Wednesday, Oct. 15, from 6:30-8 p.m. in the library meeting room.

Ancestors on-line for seniors

A class for seniors who want to begin searching the Internet for information on their ancestors will be held Tuesday, Oct. 16, from 1-3 p.m. The program will include general background on genealogy research, how to use key genealogy web sites and learn effective search techniques for locating genealogy information.

More Internet

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Novi isn't teeming with stands of hardwood, but it is a place where there are homes and people. Fire, being an equal-opportunity killer, is just as happy roaring through a second-story bedroom as it is along a state park nature trail.

October is the perfect month to be reminded of the importance of fire prevention. The trees take on fiery, warm colors and the furnaces get their first workovers of the season. We're returning to our indoor way of life. That's fine, but before we get too cozy this autumn, it's time for a quick but vitally important check to make sure we're protected against fire and we know what to do if one should occur.

Fire isn't something to be feared. Without it, our homes wouldn't stay warm (especially in unseasonable chill like we've got right now),

our food wouldn't cook, and marshmallows...well, watch the satisfaction level just dip right off the charts.

Fire is something to be respected and taken seriously. Used properly, its benefits are many and plentiful. Used carelessly, its destructive and deadly side can cause havoc.

Prevention of fires is obviously the best policy. Even small fires can cause substantial problems. That's why taking a proactive approach means so much. Our local fire departments are here to assist residents in making sure their homes are as safe as they can be. Calling the fire department and scheduling a walk-through of a home may be the most important 60 minutes a family ever makes. Our local fire departments are already paying for their services, why shouldn't you get something out of the deal?

In the newspaper business, we spring into action when we hear of a structural fire underway someplace in our community. That's one part of our jobs we wouldn't mind not having to deal with anytime soon.

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Photos by Phil Foley

**Fallin' for Novi**  
(Left) Tom Marcus serves up one of the Marcus Burgers that made his family famous in Detroit in the kitchen at the Novi Civic Center. Invented by his father in 1927, the Marcus Burger was a favorite of Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig when they played at Navin Field. These days Marcus is best known for his work with the Novi Lions Club and his staunch support of Novi High School football.  
(Right) Novi firefighter Craig Hackett helps some tykes out of the smoke borrowed from the Dearborn Fire Department for Fall for Novi. Scores of area children picked up safety tips from city firefighters and police officers.

## Voters have tough choices to make

Well, it wasn't really a debate—but, then again, it wasn't billed as one either. Seven of the eight candidates running for mayor and city council seats participated in a forum Thursday night at the senior center.

A quick head count tallied around 70 spectators on hand. I would've hoped for a better turnout, but I think those who did show up walked away better informed than they were before they came.

I heard positive thoughts from each candidate, even though their views are much varied.

I take my hat off to anybody who runs for office, especially at this level. It is literally a thankless position with long hours and little reward—except the knowledge that you've

made an effort to improve your community, whether your constituents back you or not.

I think each and every one of these candidates—at least the ones who showed up—have something to offer this city. Their motives are genuine, and voters are going to have a tough time choosing their next leaders.

If you didn't make it out to the forum, don't fret. Our front page story gives a good summary, and you can catch the whole shebang on the local cable channel for the next few weeks. Also, the Novi News will be publishing an in-depth look at the candidates in our Oct. 30 edition, just prior to the Nov. 4 election.

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Cal Stone

was a pretty impressive gathering of about 20 area chambers of commerce members at the equally-impressive Imagine Theaters in Fountain Walk.

Having Novi host this business card exchange says a lot about our community. A funky little trio laying down some cool tunes, fine finger foods, great prizes and a fine crowd—what more could you want?

How about those Novi boys tearing up the gridiron of late? Knocking off state-ranked South Lyon Friday leads me to believe the 'Cats are going to make a major statement this season not only in their conference, but all of Michigan.

I caught their game a couple of weeks ago against Lakeland and quickly realized that coach Tom Kellepporey has put together one tough, talented team.

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## LETTERS

**Where is the city support for Novi High School?**  
Is there something more important going on in Novi at 7 a.m. and 2 p.m. than the safety of a few thousand students and citizens? Grand River is closed, forcing traffic onto 10 Mile Rd. Novi High School has construction forcing all student drop offs at the 10 Mile Road entrance only. Students within a one-mile radius of the high school are not bused. High School Construction traffic. Inexperienced student drivers. Impatient, often angry, drivers trying to get to work. Students walking to school. Watching them attempt to cross the road reminds me of the old frogger game. Everyone is running red lights and turning on red, expecting pedestrians to give cars the right of way. No traffic light at the high school entrance. High school staff attempting to direct traffic. Winter snow and ice coming sooner than we want it. Walking would become impossible since sidewalks are not maintained, thus more parents driving students to school. No city assistance from the police? City and School Board administration—don't you see that if it wasn't so dangerous it would be funny? If you are not aware of this situation, then I fear you are not aware of what is going on in your city.

The reality of the situation is that the traffic, students and parents are here; now find a solution to deal with it—traffic control from the police sounds like the natural solution. Please, help the high school administration now. They could use a little support.

Kathy Martin  
Novi

**Just doing their jobs**  
I wish to say to some individual (to whom those barricades and tear down that wall)  
I believe that city administration and police have taken that action of blocking roads in front of city hall and police station after careful consideration of the safety. The city hall belongs to the citizen of Novi and the administration is to see that it is well protected. The terrorists have uncanny minds. Who would ever think that one day two towers at New York would be attacked? Recently we read that terrorist attacked a UN building and killed many people in Iraq. We should be thankful to the city administration for taking pro-active steps.

Last week, I inquired from Mayor Pro Tem Bononi and Planning Commissioner Lynne Paul about the handicapped spaces. I was advised that there is a plan to construct new handicapped spaces on the south side of city hall building. I think it is a positive move and we should give accolades to the people for their foresight.

Let's believe in our administration and elected person and be careful about complainers.

Ramesh Verma  
Novi

**Candidates forum went well**  
I want to thank the League of Women Voters for hosting the "debate" between the candidates for City Council and Mayor. It was the first time that all the candidates had the opportunity to confer together and address the issues facing our great City. My hopes are that we can do again before the November election to provide our citizens with another opportunity to hear the different views on important topics. Thanks also to Meadowbrook Commons for

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# OTHER OPINIONS

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## Cultures key to success in transforming state's economy

I'm a member of the Executive Committee of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, so I was pleased when Gov. Jennifer Granholm met with us back in February.

We discussed how best to encourage high-tech start-up companies, entrepreneurs and venture capitalists here in Michigan by commercializing discoveries made in labs at state universities. We all agreed it's likely that Michigan's economic future will emerge from this sort of technology transfer, but how to accelerate this process has been a vexing problem for some time.

The governor urged the MEDC to sponsor a summit conference on technology transfer to bring together the universities, the entrepreneurs and the folks from state government. And lo and behold, around 200 folks took part last Wednesday in the "Governor's University Summit on Economic Development and Collaboration."

At first blush, the conference could have been a train wreck. The universities have been feeling put upon because the state over the past three years has cut percent in real terms, yet folks in Lansing also want them to be doing a lot more to move discoveries out of their labs into the private sector. Entrepreneurs and venture capitalists grump that the best thing for state government to do is just stay out of the way. And entrepreneurs, venture capitalists and universities all consider the apparatus of state government to be clumsy, bureaucratic and ill-suited to this task.

Gov. Granholm spoke, pointing out that creating new high-tech jobs will help replace the thousands of jobs being lost in manufacturing and other industries.

Four work groups (each consisting of representatives from universities, the business community and state government) had led up a series of perfectly sensible recommendations: Look around the country for the best university by-laws and policies to promote technology transfer; figure out how best to match the supply (of technology) at universities with the demand (for technology) from entrepreneurs and venture capitalists. So far, so good.

But an underlying assumption, at least by some folks from state government, is that technology transfer can be called forth more or less on demand. That just isn't so.

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Technology transfer is not top-down; it's a bottom-up process. It is not something that can be called forth by bureaucratic dictate or by the command of even the most sympathetic policy-maker. It is slow, and somewhat risk-averse. Although there are some researchers who are champing at the bit to commercialize their discoveries. The culture of state government is hardly academic, but even more risk-averse. And it tends to be top-down, bureaucratic and slow. Changing these cultures is not easy, although most agreed that the universities—especially the University of

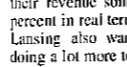
Michigan and Wayne State—had made real progress over the past few years.

By contrast, the culture of the entrepreneurial community is entirely different. Risk is not only something to be grudgingly accepted; it is welcomed as the great spur to success. Tasks that state governments or university administrations would chew on for months are for entrepreneurs in the flush of creation a matter of a few days. Impatient, energetic, driven, demanding, self-absorbed, passionate—all these words characterize that strange and wonderfully creative minority of people. Their mantra is, "Live by the sword, die by the sword," and the fact is that they love it.

Finding a way to encourage this culture and not strangle it is tough, especially when one considers how utterly different are the cultures of the automobile industry here in Michigan and the high-tech firms in Silicon Valley.

To illustrate, as the conference drew to a close, most participants felt pretty good—maybe even slightly self-satisfied—that it represented the first step in what would become a regular dialogue. But then Bill Orabone, a quintessential entrepreneur type from Ann Arbor, got up. "What are you people talking about when you say 'study this' or 'consider that'?" Who's really going to drive this process? Where's the action? Much of what this conference has considered is essentially mediocre.

There could not have been a better illustration of the gap between the cultures. Bridging this gap is the most difficult problem we face in Michigan if we are to accelerate technology transfer and foster a thriving entrepreneurial sector.



Phil Power

Phil Power is the Chairman of the Board of the company that sponsored the summit. He would be pleased to get your reactions to this column either at (248) 953-2147 or at ppower@homecomm.net.

## Shooting Oswald was the ultimate publicity stunt

Forty years later, he sprawls in a comfortable chair in his suite in an assisted living center in Southfield, looking bleary across the room at the framed collage of family pictures, several showing his famous brother and himself together.

Earl knows, without asking, that I saw his brother's murder. So did millions of other people. He wasn't there. He had just

left his dry cleaning plant on Livenorris when word came on the radio that Lee Harvey Oswald had been shot.

"And they said the fellow that did the shooting is Jack Ruby, owner of the Carousel Night Club in Dallas, and I immediately knew it was my brother because that was the name of the club he owned," Earl Ruby, now 88, told the Warren Commission.

What he didn't tell them was that Jack called him later that day, from the Dallas jail. "I was surprised he could call me. I thought you only got one call," he responded in his usual slightly affecting speech.

What did he say? The answer seems startling. "Earl, I think we're going to get a lot of good publicity out of this," Jack said. "Which is exactly what Earl thought too. He thought they'd book his brother, maybe keep him overnight, and that he would be released as a hero. "I was naive; we were naive," he said.

There have been a lot of books speculating about Dallas's second most famous murder. Some believe Jack Ruby was ordered by the Mafia to wipe out the president's assassin. Others think he was tied to other conspiracies. Earl Ruby is sure he knows. After all, he knew his brother better than anyone else. "We did everything we could together. We were the closest in the family," he

says in an old smoker's voice. "I loved him. He owed me \$16,000, you know. When the FBI asked why I gave him the money, I said 'I loved Jack.' I didn't care if I got it back."

One feels that he is telling the truth. They had grown up in Chicago, in a broken home and in rough neighborhoods. Earl bought a dry cleaning business in Detroit in 1960. Jack went to Dallas, to join a sister and open some nightclubs.

He was, by all accounts, emotional, flamboyant, and occasionally violent. And everyone who knew him said he became unhinged by the assassination.

"Jack just did it on impulse," Earl says, closing his eyes. "He loved President Kennedy. He said he felt worse when he was shot than he did when our parents died."

What happened that day, he said, was that Jack, who owned a couple seedy nightclubs, went to Western Union to wire some money to one of his strippers who needed rent money. He saw a fuss over at the police department, and walked over and went in. He wasn't supposed to be there, but he knew all the cops.

They came into his nightclub; Jack was a notorious street brawler, who, not long before, helped a couple cops out of a jam with his fists. Besides, he liked cops and liked to hang around the police station. Nobody questioned his being there...

Until he blasted a shot into Oswald's abdomen, ripping apart his internal organs from his stomach to his spleen, killing him within an hour. "You killed him wrong, you rat!" Ruby screamed before he was hustled off to a cell of his own.

"Jack never meant to kill Oswald," Earl said. "He just wanted to make him suffer." The historical record, however, doesn't bear that out. Ruby told the Dallas police immediately afterwards that he hoped Oswald died, and that he wanted to spare Jackie Kennedy the horror of having to testify during any trial.

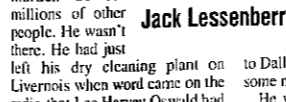
Instead, Jack Ruby fired a shot that gave birth, and eternal life, to a million conspiracy theories. Earl Ruby hired famous attorney Melvin Belli to defend him. "He was a bum. I despised him in the end," Earl says. "Most experts, indeed, feel that Belli did a terrible job, and should have gotten a second-degree murder conviction.

Instead, it was murder one, and the chair. But Jack Ruby never reached it. His body and mind quickly deteriorated. His jailers belatedly discovered he was full of cancer. Barely three years after he killed Oswald, Jack Ruby died, with the faithful Earl at his side.

Now, his brother doesn't have much to say. He has been negotiating with an author who wants to write a book called "My Brother and Me," but Earl wants money, and the proposed author wants him to turn over all his papers first.

What does he want the book to say? "To tell the story of the real Jack Ruby, and me, how we grew up together, and that he was not a rotten guy." Never will be, not to an old man whose life itself has been defined by a single bullet.

By the way, does it bother Earl that he will forever be remembered as the brother of the man who... Earl smiles. Not at all. One part of Jack's prediction that he shot Oswald came true. "It was very good for business. People came in to see me because of it, came in to my place so they could talk to me." Pause. "Like you are doing now."



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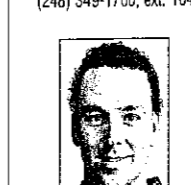
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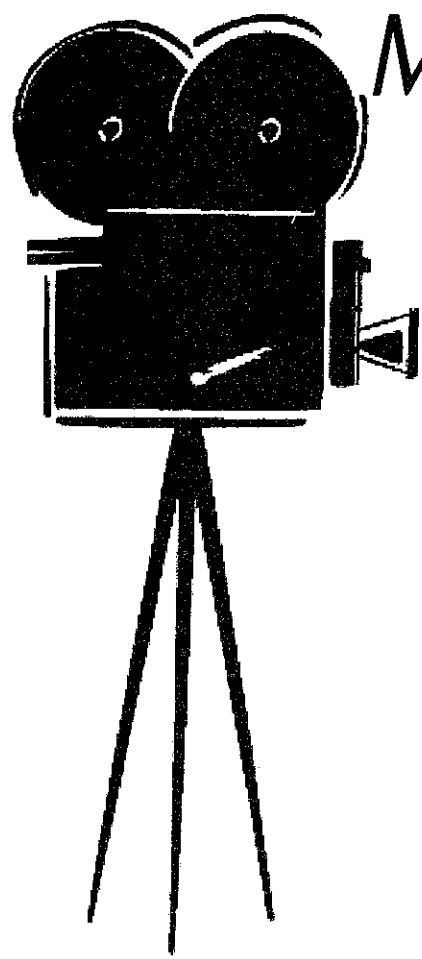
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**LET'S TALK**  
Jewelry  
WITH GARY S. WEINSTEIN GEMOLOGIST  
A FIERY MIX  
Opal, October's birthstone, traces its origins back 100 million years when central Australian deserts were a great inland sea with siliceous sediment deposited around its shoreline. As the sea receded, silica was forced into the cracks in the rocks. Gold miners in Australia found the first few pieces of precious opal in 1863, and mines began production in 1890. Only opal with a perfectly aligned grid of silica spheres will show color play, created through diffraction. The brilliance of the colors also depends on the background body color and the transparency of the stone. Black opal has the most brilliant colors and is the most valuable.  
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**Bettie Page Uncensored**  
The First ever unauthorized biography of the controversial Bettie Page.

**Melvin Goes to Dinner**  
A crude comedy about a time in life when everything that you thought was in the past comes back to the present.

**Robot Stories**  
Set in the near future, "Robot Stories" tells the stories of human beings struggling to connect with each other in a world of mechanical office workers and robot babies.

**The Decline of Western Civilization Part III**  
The first film "Decline..." showed the birth of punk. This film shows almost 20 yrs. later, what's happened to it. Basically the film is about homeless teenagers who are into punk living off the street in L.A. It's harrowing to watch and hear what these kids go through each day.

**Starwoids**  
Tells the stranger than fiction detail of Star Wars fans and their six week long waiting quest to be the first to see THE PHANTOM MENACE on opening day. On April 7, 1999, two lines formed at the Mann's Village and Chinese Theaters in L.A., each building their own laws, rules and even government while waiting to see the film.

**Hitler's Hat**  
12 men of the I&R were ordered to search Adolph Hitler's Munich apartment for military intelligence. Jewish-American G.I. Richard Marowitz stormed into Hitler's bedroom looking for anything he could bring back to headquarters. All he found was a black top hat.

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**14th Annual Fall Detroit Camper & RV Show**  
DATE: Oct. 1-5  
LOCATION: Novi Expo Center  
DETAILS: The Michigan Association of Recreation Vehicles and Campgrounds (MARVAC) is sponsoring the 14th Annual Fall Detroit Camper & RV Show. New, year 2004 recreation vehicles will be on display, including folding campers, motor homes, travel trailers, truck campers, park models and fifth-wheel travel trailers. The cost for adult admission (age 13 and up) is \$8; children age 12 and under are admitted free! Seniors admitted for just \$5 on Wednesday, Oct. 1, and Thursday, Oct. 2 (two coupon necessary).  
PHONE: (248) 349-8881

**Rose Society Meeting**  
DATE: Friday, Oct. 3  
TIME: 7:30 p.m.  
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile, Novi (248/347-0400)  
DETAILS: Roses in England and Scotland. A slide program of 2003 rose show and gardens by Tom Kressbach of Grosse Pointe. Social hour, free and open to the public.  
PHONE: CALL (248) 449-4626

**Auditions for CBS' "Amazing Race" TV Show**  
DATE: Monday, Oct. 6  
TIME: 4 to 7 p.m.  
LOCATION: Galyan's Sports and Outdoor Adventure, north end of Fountain Walk shopping center, south of Twelve Mile Road, west of Novi Road  
DETAILS: Auditions to appear on the next "Amazing Race" television show on CBS  
PHONE: (248) 348-8762, Ext. 106

**Meatloaf Photography Exhibition**  
DATE: thru October 11  
TIME: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
LOCATION: Meadowbrook Art Center, 41200 Ten Mile Rd., Novi  
DETAILS: black and white photographs of various subjects displayed in the new gallery.  
PHONE: (248) 477-6620

**Lakes Baptist Church Marriage Video Series**  
DATE: Beginning Sunday, September 21  
TIME: 6 p.m.  
LOCATION: Lakes Baptist Church, 3099 Decker Rd., Walled Lake  
DETAILS: "A Biblical Portrait of Marriage" by Bruce H. Wilkinson, a video series on marriage. Child care available, children's choir-musicians-makers grades 1-6.  
PHONE: (248) 624-2900

**Preventing Diabetes**  
DATE: Thursday, Oct. 2  
TIME: 9:10-10 a.m.  
LOCATION: Providence Medical Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., Conference Room B, Novi  
DETAILS: This one-time class offers effective communication techniques, focusing strategies and much more to help you deal a stressful work environment.  
PHONE: Registration (248) 477-6100

**Meadowbrook Congregational Church Women's Service Club Nominating Sale**  
DATE: Friday, October 10 and Saturday, October 11  
TIME: Friday: 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.  
LOCATION: 21355 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi, between 8 and 9 Mile Rds.  
DETAILS: Low cost screening for stroke, peripheral arterial disease and osteoporosis and other testing. Also, physicians and

**Grand Court, Novi, Annual Health Fair**  
DATE: Friday, October 24  
TIME: 9 a.m.-2 p.m.  
LOCATION: Grand Court, Novi  
DETAILS: Low cost screening for stroke, peripheral arterial disease and osteoporosis and other testing. Also, physicians and

**Walled Lake Central High School "The New Drug Culture" presentation**  
DATE: Monday, November 3  
TIME: 7 p.m.-9 p.m.  
LOCATION: Walled Lake Central High School, 1600 Oakley Park Rd., Walled Lake  
DETAILS: Featuring Kenneth Krygel, a drug recognition expert from the Macomb Community College Criminal Justice Training Center. For parents, teachers, administrators and community members covering topics on current drugs of choice, signs and symptoms of drug use with new trendy drugs, displays of drug paraphernalia, an overview of rave culture and a question and answer period. Free program.  
PHONE: Donna Camardese, 248-681-8836

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**Court offers probate seminar**  
The Oakland County Circuit and Probate Courts' Citizens' Alliance will be bringing its "Removing The Mysteries of Probate Court" program to Novi on Monday, Oct. 27. The free seminar will be offered from 1-3 p.m. at the Novi Senior Center, 25075 Meadowbrook Road. Attorney Jill Koney Daily, chief of probate, estates and mental health for Oakland County, will lead a panel of trust officers from local banks and private practice attorneys specializing in wills and estate planning in a discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of avoiding probate. Additional seminars will be offered from 7 to 9 p.m. Sept. 15 at the William M. Costick Activities Center, 28600 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington and from 10 a.m. to noon Dec. 8 at the Orion Senior Center, 21 East Church Street, Orion. To register for the Novi seminar, call (248) 347-0421. For the Farmington event, call (248) 473-1830. To register in Orion, call (248) 693-2066. Oakland County Probate Court has been offering the seminar series for a dozen years and is planning another series for the spring. Organizations interested in hosting a seminar should call Karen MacKenzie at (248) 858-0053.

**NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 03-036**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Margaret Kenny is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow the sale of firewood at 40695 West Thornley Mile Road from the sale of the property until January 10, 2004. 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.

This request will be considered at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 08, 2003 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Department and must be received prior to October 08, 2003.

LISA McDONALD  
TEMPORARY USE PERMIT SECRETARY  
(248) 347-0415  
(10-2-03 NN 87898)

**CITY OF NOVI**

NOTICE OF ENACTMENT - ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.624  
THE CITY OF NOVI ORDAINS:  
Part I. That Ordinance No. 97-718, known as the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Novi is hereby amended as indicated on ZONING MAP NO. 18.624.  
Part II. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED. Any Ordinance or parts of any Ordinance in conflict with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.  
Part III. WHEN EFFECTIVE. The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety and is hereby ordered to take effect fifteen (15) days after final enactment. The effective date of this Ordinance is October 7, 2003.

MADE AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Novi, Michigan, this 22nd day of September, 2003. Copies of the Ordinance Amendment may be purchased or inspected at the office of the City Clerk, Novi, Michigan, weekdays between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, local time.

ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 629  
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7:00 - 8:30 p.m. - Lecture  
8:30 - 9:30 p.m. - Experts answer attendees questions  
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2:00 PM	Buttleman	Smartoons	Mossman Prgm	Shorts Prgm 2	Shorts Prgm 3	By Hook or By	Shorts Prgm 1
				Spider Baby	Foxy Brown	Decline of	Spider Baby
				Greater	By Hook or By	Love & Loathing	Starwoids
4:00 PM	P.I. Blues	Decline of Western Civ. 1	Decline of Western Civ. 3	Swithblade Sisters	Buttleman	Open Mic	Jeff Krulick Prgm
				Lethal Force	Route 666	Mossman Prgm	Swithblade Sisters
				12	Shorts	Shorts Program	The Passage
6:00 PM	Love & Loathing At	Starwoids	A Day on the Force	Starwoids	Shorts Program 1	Decline of Western Civ. 1	Cowards Bend at the Knee
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			Greater Southbridge	Coffy	By Hook or By Crook	Bettie Page Uncensored	Melvin goes to Dinner
10:00 PM			Jeff Krulick Prgm	Shorts Program 4	A Day in The Force	Torneo and Juliet	Rock & Roll High School
			Dinner Music	Hitler's Hat	SmartToons	Melvin Goes to	Dinner Music
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## King of the hill

### Novi tops South Lyon, looks to hold on to KVC top spot

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

The crowd poured from the stands and the teams gathered in the endzones at the Novi High School football stadium, and the rain started to come down about the fans and players as the Wildcats began chanting their fight song.

One could have thought, at that very moment, that the rain was a perfect symbol of the tears of agony for the South Lyon Lions, or tears of joy for the Novi Wildcats.

The Novi football team, under the guidance of Tab Kellepourey, kept their record unblemished and took their destiny in their own hands with a 17-15 victory over the Lions Friday. The loss for South Lyon, however, was their first of the year and knocked them into second place in the conference standings.

"It was sweet," said Josh Woods, a junior running back with Novi. "We knew South Lyon was going to be a tough team, and you have to respect them for that. But we showed them what kind of team they really are, and we showed everyone what kind of team Novi is."

The Wildcats have prided themselves on being one of the best defensive corps in the Kensington Valley Conference this season, and they proved that to be the truth after holding one of the top quarterbacks in the state to 242 yards on a 21-for-42 passing day.

"We knew they'd let (Dennis) Reedy throw the ball," senior linebacker Trenton Sisson said. "That's what they did on tape, and they weren't going to change what they've been winning with."

Sisson knows the smoothness of Reedy's passing better than any other defender on the Novi squad. With the game-tying conversion on the line and the scoreboard reading 17-15 Novi's advantage, the Lions were forced to throw into the endzone in hopes of finding the scored knotted up when they were through.

Sisson, however, had other ideas.

As Reedy lifted his hand off the ball with his eyes locked on a receiver, Sisson made a break into the path of the throw and snagged it for the only interception of the night for Novi.

"We've been coached to know when the quarterback takes his hand off the ball, he's about to throw," Sisson said. "When I saw his hand come up, I broke towards the direction he was looking and came up with the interception."

And how did it feel to have that ball securely in his hands?

"It's possibly the greatest feeling ever," he said. "My hands just closed around it and I caught it. It was a two-point conversion, so I could have just knocked it down, but I caught it out of instinct I guess."

The interception actually came off of the second attempt at the two-point conversion for South Lyon. The first found a wild pitch that Scooter Curtis had to pull off the grass, being slammed for an 11-yard loss by defensive tackle Ryan Pritchard. The play was aided by an incidental facemask call that found the ball being moved halfway to the goal from the point of the tackle and an automatic replay of the down.

After the interception, the Lions lined up for the onside kick, but found the ball being gobbled up by the sure hands of senior tight end Chris Scott. It

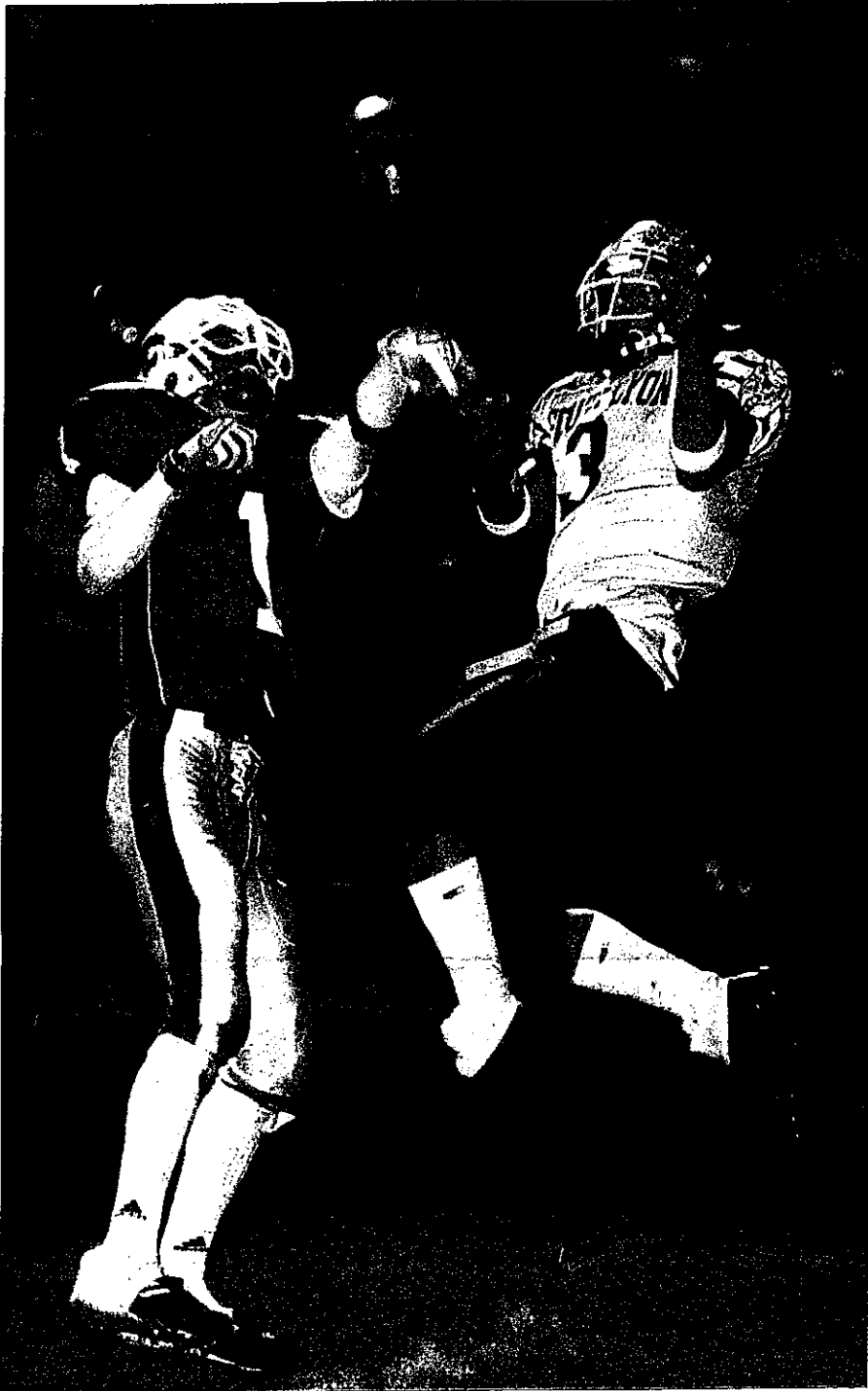


Photo by Hal Gould

Novi senior Kerry Kreutzberg leaps up to knock away a Dennis Reedy pass against South Lyon September 26. Novi won the game to stay undefeated and take the top spot in the Kensington Valley Conference.

took one bounce, and then found the senior curling up around it in a text-book recovery.

"I was happy to see the ball coming my way," Scott said. "I knew better than try to pick it up and move it, so I just fell on it and covered it up."

From there, the Wildcat offense took over. Sophomore David Carnegie took the ball to the right out of the jet wing formation and 16 yards up the field. The Lion defense held the next three plays to two yards each. With fourth and inches, the Wildcats lined up in their familiar jet formation and handed the ball to the 230-pound frame of senior Josh Buck, who made short work of the defense for the first down.

Two plays later, with Novi

knelling on each of them, the clock ran out and Novi was suddenly in the driver's seat for the conference title.

"We know where we stand and what the conference looks like right now," senior quarterback Mike Hart said after the game. "We have to play just one game at a time and treat everyone like it is for the KVC title."

That was the game the 'Cats played for this game as well. The defense was solid, and the offense adjusted when it had to. After a first half with the Wildcats running a solid mix of passes and runs, the Lions made good adjustments and forced the Novi gridders to turn

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## Haggerty will be key in this game

What a better way to start a week than to do it with a win?

The Novi Wildcats girls basketball team will have that chance when they play host to the South Lyon Lions Tuesday at 7 p.m. in a Kensington Valley Conference match-up.

Though the squad started the conference stretch of their season off on the wrong foot, they have a chance to turn all that around with some big wins in the coming weeks. Taking down South Lyon at home in front of a good crowd will no doubt go far in that hunt, and the Wildcats could be quick to show their intentions of making a lot of noise in the Kensington Valley Conference.

Coach Bill Kelp knows exactly what needs to be done to create a successful basketball program, and he's done well in making that happen already this year. He's created an offensive scheme that finds him not only utilizing the strength of his post players, but their speed and aggression as well.

But, that's not the only strength of this program. In my personal opinion, Novi had one of the best point guards in the league in Jessica Haggerty. Anyone who has ever seen her play would probably agree with me when I say she has the ability to control the floor. Since she was a freshman, she has been grooming herself to take control of a ballgame, and she has reached that level in her play.

Haggerty is the kind of player who possesses great vision on the floor. She can see the play unfolding before her, and she makes it come together with her passing ability. Even beyond that, she can shoot too.

Now, I know there are parents and fans out there complaining that Haggerty isn't the only player on the team. I'm well aware of that, but she's the player I thought deserved the highlight this week. She's a top-shelf basketball player, and she's modest too. I've never heard her bragging about her ability, or doing anything more than saying it was her teammates that made it all come together, now that I think about it.

It takes a whole team effort to get a win, and that's going to be the case against a team like South Lyon. Though the Lions are a little down so far this year, they have the capability of surprising a lot of people. So, if the Novi cagers want to notch a win over them, they'll have to come out with their game faces on.

I'm picking the 'Cats to escape with a win over South Lyon, and a big factor in that game is not only going to be Kelp and his coaching, or Haggerty, but how the team plays as a whole.



Sam Eggleston

WHERE DO THE 'CATS STAND? AT THE TOP!				
	CONFERENCE		OVERALL	
	Wins	Losses	Wins	Losses
Novi	4	0	5	0
Brighton	3	1	3	2
South Lyon	3	1	4	1
Howell	2	2	3	2
Milford	2	2	2	3
Hartland	1	3	2	3
Lakeland	1	3	2	3
Pinckney	0	4	0	5

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Brighton 27 — Howell 3    Milford 22 — Hartland 15  
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**GAME OF THE WEEK**

**Novi Wildcats Girls Basketball vs South Lyon**

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Laura Vaughn  
Senior  
Tennis



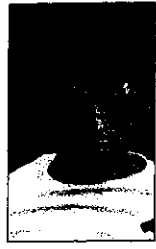
Though Vaughn is a member of a doubles team with the Novi Wildcats tennis team, her play and leadership as a senior are enough to find her singled out. Last week, Vaughn and her doubles partner were undefeated in play, including a major win over their opponents from Ann Arbor Pioneer — the number one team in Michigan. Because Vaughn is such a team player and works so well with her partner, it draws that much more attention to her individual ability. Watch for her to continue her strong play and lead the Novi Wildcats each and every week.



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Brad Simpson  
Senior  
Soccer



When it comes to the game of soccer, there basically are no boundaries for a player like Simpson. He's quick, he's agile and he's probably the best defender in this part of the state. Simpson doesn't just sit back on the defensive end of the field though, and showed that with two goals and an assist over three games to help his Wildcats to two victories and a tie last week. He's one of the best around, and play like that shows it.







(Front row, left to right) Adam Tahraniya, Jordan Selva, Mark Wagner, Mark Zheng, Blake Tschirhart, Andrew Ukrop and Chris Wolin; (back row, left to right) Coach Bob Pavlovic, Tenki Yamada, Anuj Rama, Matt Johnson, Kristian Kalaj, Jon Bauer, Josh Kirby, Chris Song, Craig Demshuk, Nick Kalweit and Asst. Coach Jerod Cummings.

## Novi Jaguars boys win tournament

Despite stiff competition from teams throughout the Detroit area, the Novi Jaguars and their white team came out winners at the Oakland University Global Soccer Tournament held September 13-14 in Rochester, Michigan. The 4-1 decisive victory in the finals against Waza East was a great team effort by all of the players.

The Novi Jaguars U-12 boys white team played with great determination and effort to advance to the finals of the Oakland University Global Soccer Tournament in Rochester, Michigan and defeat Waza East in an exciting 4-1 victory for the championship on Sunday, September 14. The Jaguars earned a trip to the finals by tying the Metros 1-1 in the first game of the tournament with Andrew Ukrop scoring for Novi, Game 2 against Rochester was won 2-1 with Chris Song providing both Jaguar goals. Game 3 was a shut-out against Canton with a 2-0 victory, advancing the team to the finals to face Waza East. Jordan Selva scored the first Novi goal followed by Andrew Ukrop. The rain did not stop the Novi Jaguars from coming out on fire in the finals match to defeat Waza East 4-1 in a decisive victory that left no doubt who was the champion. Jordan Selva, Josh Kirby, Andrew Ukrop, and Blake Tschirhart scored convincingly for the Jaguars. A rock solid defense in Jon Bauer, Anuj Rama, and Nick Kalweit with a solid performance from goalie Matt Johnson helped ensure the victories throughout the tournament. Hard work and great team effort by all of the players provided an incredible, unforgettable performance and a well-deserved victory for the Novi Jaguars U-12 boys. Congratulations Global 2003 Champions!

Novi's Brad Simpson hurdles Canton's Dutch Morrell, left, during a breakaway attempt in their late-August meeting at Novi.

## Novi not missing a beat

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

These guys just aren't missing a beat. Sure, they aren't perfect, but what team is?

The Novi Wildcats soccer team, coached by Brian O'Leary, went 2-0-1 over the week as they followed their team effort to win over Howell and Pinckney in KVC play before tying a very tough Saline squad.

Against the Saline Hornets, the Wildcats ended the night with a scoreless knot against their non-conference foe.

"We had a couple of great chances early in the game," O'Leary said. "Both were saved off the goal line by a Saline defender."

In fact, it was pretty much all defense for the Hornets against the Wildcats.

"They played a very defensive game, dropping back five or six defenders at a time," O'Leary said. "We didn't have too many chances to score, and they didn't have any."

The Wildcats turned to their always-solid goalie to make sure there would be no chances whatsoever, and he made four saves to keep the Hornets out of the back of the net.

Another key player was Trey Love, who was tasked with keeping tabs on the best forward on the Saline squad.

"Trey Love absolutely shut down their best forward," O'Leary commented.

The Wildcats, who are 10-1-1 on the season, play host to the Brighton Bulldogs today in a grudge match this season. The game is slated to start at 7 p.m. today.

The Wildcats are currently ranked third in the state by the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association.

### Novi 3, Pinckney 0

It must be a blessing to have the goal tending the Novi Wildcats have this season. Glinzinski and Jason Ballentyne played another impressive game as they combined for yet another shutout to keep the Pinckney Pirates off the scoreboard in a Kensington Valley Conference match.

Besides the impressive play between the posts, the Wildcats had a great game from Todd Janer, who has been an integral part of the Novi success this season, scored a goal in each half with Nickels and Matt Simpson adding assists to their statistics for the year.

Brad Simpson added the final score of the game in the second half, netting a penalty kick goal for the 3-1 lead.

"We out shot them 20-2," O'Leary said of his offensive pressure.

Another impressive player was that of Jon Sierra.

"He played his best game of the year," O'Leary said.

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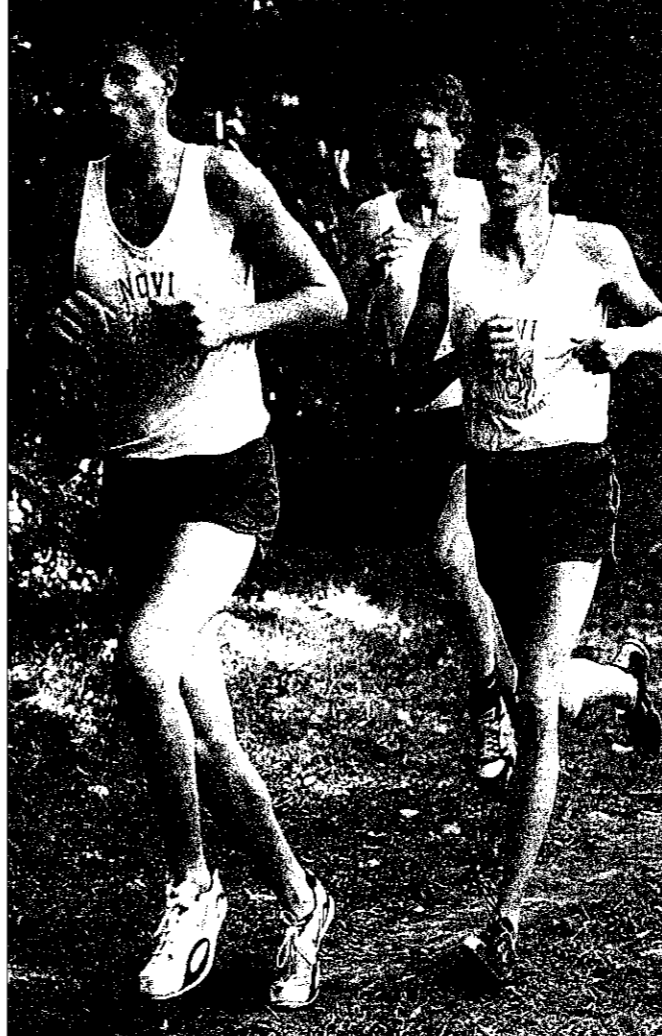
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The Novi cross country trio of (from left) Mark Moore, Eric Joseph and Amol Huprikar finish one, two, three in last week's meet at Cass Benton Park.

## Novi beats South Lyon

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

There, Smith said he is planning on letting his guys break out and run without worrying about pack times.

"They can go all-out without thinking about the pack or keeping together," he said.

Moore will no doubt appreciate that, as he, Joseph and Huprikar have been packing their times throughout the year.

"He may be a little rusty at first," Smith said of Moore. "But, it won't take long and he'll be back in old form."

Novi's biggest difference this in his first race to date so is that they don't have another front runner that has truly challenged him all season as Brian Gilchrist did in 2002. Joseph, however, has been striving to keep strides with his fellow "Cat," and will be looking to take over the role Gilchrist played last year.

"Eric has a lot of potential," Smith said.

"The Wildcats definitely weren't complaining when they had the top three runners cross the line wearing the familiar green-and-white of Novi. Junior sensation Mark Moore and senior Eric Joseph were first, crossing the line side-by-side for a time of 16:45, while junior Amol Huprikar notched a 16:46 for third place and a career-best.

"Amol has really set himself up this year thanks to the work he put in during the summer," Smith said. "He has put the time and energy into making himself a great runner, and I saw that way back in August."

The Wildcat pack was then broken up by South Lyon's Jeff Tschirhart, who ran to a fourth-place finish with a time of 17:14, while Novi's Spencer Ornes finished fifth with a 17:18.

Another South Lyon barrier by the name of Andrew Keller finished sixth in the run, collecting a 17:27 for his efforts, while Justin Namm of Novi took seventh with a 17:32 to set a career-best mark.

"We had some good runs for everyone," Smith said.

The Lions weren't out of contention though, and injuries to the top three runners from Novi could have easily meant a different outcome.

"If we didn't have our top three front runners, we would have lost," Smith said after glancing over the score sheet.

"That's the kind of threat South Lyon is. Anyone who runs against them has to give them the respect they deserve."

The Wildcats are gearing up for the final stretch of their season through October, and the first major test of the Novi barriers' individual abilities will come Saturday at the Oakland County meet.

## Wildcats top Lions

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

When it comes to Kensington Valley Conference cross country, no team can be ignored.

The Novi Wildcats girls cross country team is well aware of that, and made a point out of finishing their opponents off with some fleet-footed barriers as they ran to a 21-38 victory over Kensington Valley Conference rival South Lyon September 23.

Leading the way for Novi was Patti Ramos, who took second-place overall with an impressive run of 20:21. Ramos, who has been solid for the Wildcats all year, outran the third-place finisher by over a minute.

Samantha White was that third runner, coming across the finish line in a time of 21:22 for the Novi squad, while Laura Brunner ran a 21:30 for fourth place.

Novi then found themselves taking a fifth-place position as well, as Meghan Bannatz continued to show her abilities and determination with a run of 21:54. Laine Williams, who is always a strong competitor for Novi, finished in seventh with a run of 21:42 and Andrea Kramer took ninth with a 21:59.

Rounding out the top-10 finishers for the Novi Wildcats was Sarah Schmitt, who recorded a time of 22:09 for 10th place.

"This was an excellent meet for the girls, who had 17 best Cass times of the year," Novi coach Norm Norgren said. "The entire team made large strides with this meet."

The victory put the Novi barriers at 3-1 in the Kensington Valley Conference, and gave them an idea of just how deep their team really is.

Beyond the top-10 finishers in the meet, Novi had a slew of impressive runs from its deep squad. Laura Perlin finished 11th in the race with a time of 22:10, while Erin Haynes was 12th in 22:22 and Allye Sisson was just one second behind her with a 22:23, which was good for 13th.

Finishing in 15th place for the Novi Wildcats was Shannon Wagner, who recorded a 22:32 over the tough Cass Benton course, while teammate Melanie Burchard ran to a finish of 22:48 for a 16th-place finish overall. Lauren Kava was next across the finish line, running a 22:54, and Katie Koss notched a 22:56 for 17th and 18th place respectively.

The Wildcats will return to action when they compete in the always competitive Oakland County meet Saturday. The top talent from across Oakland County meets to participate in the large event, helping runners find their spot against some of the top competition in this part of the state.

## Where's the beef?

Novi coach Bob Smith wants his brother to pay up

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

In a situation that can only be described as disturbing, some harsh allegations have recently surfaced about the boys cross country coach at South Lyon High School — he hasn't opened his wallet in a long, long time.

In the annual Novi High School boys' cross country meet against the Lions, Wildcat coach Bob Smith always extends his hand in a friendly bet with the South Lyon coach — who's name just happens to be Scott Smith.

"He owes me about three years worth of steak dinners," Bob Smith said of the culprit. "He is so cheap that he won't open his wallet and pay what he owes me."

That allegation, however, is in serious doubt by the accused.

"My brother likes to eat," Scott Smith retorted. "He has a serious appetite and it's infamous for being a cheapskate. He always tries to finagle some way to get a free meal out of me."

Scott Smith, however, didn't deny the actual bet of a steak dinner goes to the winner, but responded with a quick complaint.

"It's kind of funny that the time the Avenius and the Moores started arriving was when the steak dinner bet came up," he said. "It definitely comes out of nowhere, it just coincided with the arrival of (Mark) Avenius and (Tim) Moore."

Bob Smith didn't respond on that issue, but noted that he didn't want to resort to such drastic measures as bringing this dirty secret of his brother's into the forefront of media frenzy.

"I wanted to be nice," he said. "But, I told him I would call him out on it pretty soon. I didn't want to go public, but after not getting what was owed to me last year and the year before, I figured I better go to the media."

One thing was for sure after both parties were interviewed — both thought the other was trying to save as much money as possible.

"He will find the cheapest way possible," Bob Smith said when asked how his brother will repay the debt. "I know he is budget conscious, but as long as he ends up paying the bill I'm satisfied."

Scott Smith, on the other hand, felt that perhaps it was because of his brother's age that the confusion of who owed who a steak dinner was being brought out.

"He is my much older brother after all," he said. "When you get old as Bob, your memory has trouble ascertaining the truth."

So, is Scott Smith suggesting it's possible his brother might actually have forgotten the debts were already paid?

"It's more than possible," he answered. "It's definitely probable."

According to Bob Smith, the debt has been paid in a rather "spotty" sequence through the past 10 years — all of which the Novi coach has won.

But, there is a solution to all of the confusion and maybe: Bob is willing to accept a meal for his entire family of himself, his wife, Pam, and his daughter, Samantha.

"I'll take his wife and daughter out for that one race and get it. That's how competitive cross country is."

And maybe, one day, that event will take place. But, Bob Smith better be prepared — his brother might just ask to borrow some money to foot the expenses.

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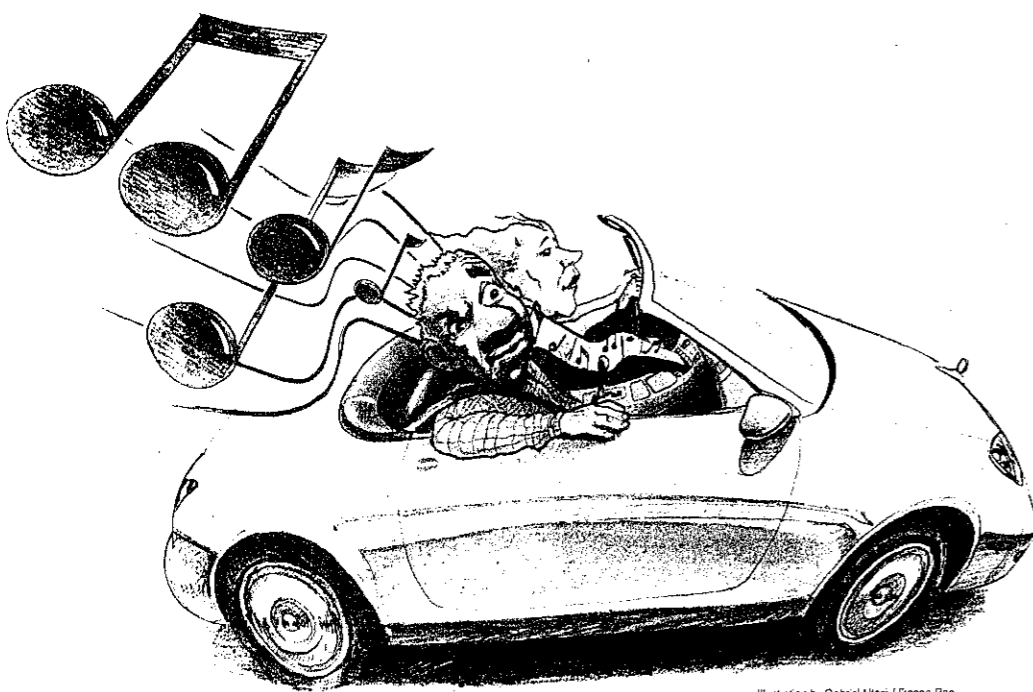


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## Now & clear

Don't touch that volume. Your car stereo does it for you.

By Don Mayhew  
FRESNO BEE

If you're lucky enough to have driven an expensive new car recently, you may have discovered a glow in the windshield.

Specifically in the stereo. Doing unexpected things to the volume of the music or talk show or the latest "Harry Potter" audio story you're hearing.

It's a friendly ghost, trying to be helpful. Maybe you jump onto the freeway, and they've started waiting louder than a wolverine cutting teeth.

Or you come to a red light, and 50 Cent's busts suddenly are muted, almost polite.

OK, maybe not polite. But he's not following the way he was a few moments ago -- and where did the booming beat go?

What's going on?

More than likely, what you have is a car stereo designed to overcome road and other ambient noise and remain audible. You speed up or hit a bumpy stretch of road, it goes louder. You pull into the garage, it gets quiet as a mouse.

Given that it's the 21st century, so one should be surprised that car stereos have begun to anticipate our needs. But the effect can be perplexing.

"People wind down the window, and the radio turns up," says Keith Burnett, an executive with manufacturer Pioneer. "They don't understand the concept of the feature itself. They say, 'Wow,

I bought this new car, and the radio has a mind of its own.'"

Burnett and others say by automatically keeping the volume clearly audible, these stereos allow drivers to focus on the road.

Martin D'Luzansky, an executive with manufacturer Bose, says it's no frivolous matter. "If you're in a car and you get in in the morning, you need to adjust the volume a lot during the drive," D'Luzansky says. "The volume you pick when you get in the car is probably not right when you're going faster and there's road rumble."

Burnett says we take for granted our ability to work the windows up and down while we're driving 65 mph, the air conditioning is on and the cell phone is glued to our left ear.

Until recently, "you always had to go down and readjust the volume of the radio, too."

Noise-sensitive stereos have been around close to 10 years, longer than most people realize. Early versions adjusted volume by working

with the car's voltage meter. Some still do. When the engine revs, the volume peaks.

Newer models are more intricate. They have microphones that measure the noise inside the car. Bose's AudioPilot system doesn't adjust overall volume but specific tonal ranges, as needed.

D'Luzansky offers an example: "If you're on a bumpy road, there's probably a lot of low-frequency energy, and you're not hearing the bass the way you might on a smooth road. So it automatically boosts the bass frequencies."

Stereos that adjust volume by themselves are becoming more prevalent, installed in a wider range of new cars, and not just those at the top of the line.

"The truth is, it's most beneficial in cars that have a lot of noise. And that's not luxury vehicles," D'Luzansky says.

Bose only sells its AudioPilot stereos to auto manufacturers, customizing the product for each car model. You can find stereos with this feature to install in a car you already own, but it can be difficult. Many big chains don't carry them.

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Keith Burnett, executive at Pioneer



Photo by Richard Dufry / Fresno Bee  
Jennifer Wycoff, manager of Womb With a View, performs an ultrasound with soon-to-be mom Brenda Reidd of Oakdale, Calif.

## Ultrasound business gives parents-to-be a closer look

By Tracy Correa  
FRESNO BEE

When Kathryn McTigue-Floyd was pregnant with her first baby a year ago, she longed to see more of her growing son before he was born.

For her, the traditional medical ultrasound wasn't enough. It was difficult to make out facial details, sometimes even distinguishing an arm from a leg.

Then, she discovered three-dimensional ultrasound — sometimes referred to as 3-D imaging — which provides clearer, color, real-life images.

She was so impressed with the technology that she and her husband, Gregory Floyd, spent nearly \$60,000 on the 3-D ultrasound equipment and opened Womb With a View in Fresno, Calif.

The business offers women and their families a longer, closer look at their developing babies.

While some medical offices and hospitals offer the 3-D technology, Womb With a View is not a medical diagnostic center. There are no doctors or nurses. The ultrasound operator, though trained on the equipment, is not a medical professional.

"Think of the business more as a photo studio for unborn babies."

Expectant mothers pay \$150 for a 30-minute imaging session of their unborn baby. They walk away with a CD-ROM, with images they can e-mail to friends and family, a "live 3-D" video or DVD of the session for home viewing, and four color printouts. The business offers women and their families a longer, closer look at their developing babies.

Womb With a View is different from the traditional ultrasound setting. "It's deliberate that we don't look like a clinic or a hospital," said McTigue-Floyd.

Business has been booming since the studio opened. McTigue-Floyd and her small staff had performed 425 ultrasounds in about two months after they opened. "We didn't expect it to be this kind of response," she said.

Clients have included expectant women whose husbands are stationed at Lemoore Naval Air Station and are serving in Iraq. They have used the CD-ROM to e-mail ultrasound photos to their husbands.

Brenda Reidd, seven months pregnant, came in to see her second baby — a girl named Alyssa. She said she's had ultrasounds in the past, including with her now 12-year-old son, but they don't come close to this technology.

"It's just fun to see the different stages and how she's growing," said Reidd, accompanied by her mother, Donna Bandman. Together, they were glued to the monitors that captured Alyssa's every movement.

Womb With a View is careful not to mislead women into thinking that the ultrasound can replace a medically ordered ultrasound. Clients are required to get their doctors to sign off on the elective procedure, which is also a way to ensure customers are getting proper prenatal care, McTigue-Floyd said.

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The Menn home in Corpus Christi, Texas, has a series of landscaping lights that illuminate clusters of flowers.

## Night lights

Properly aimed landscape lighting brings out beauty and creativity of gardens, pools, ponds and homes.

By Cassandra Hinojosa  
SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

Karen Menn doesn't need daylight in order to admire her professionally landscaped yard.

When night falls, Menn's Mediterranean-style home, palm trees and plentiful combinations of pink and purple penta and Mexican petunia are illuminated by her front-yard landscape lighting.

"It really makes it striking at night when someone's driving down the street," said Menn, a real estate appraiser in Corpus Christi, Texas. "I like a lot of light for security."

In Menn's front yard, architectural lighting shines against her tan stucco house; uplighting, which is placed on the ground, rises to highlight her palm trees, and area lights, which are shaped like mushrooms, are placed in her flowerbeds to unveil bursts of color and a large boulder.

So far, Menn has spent \$1,800 on the project, but she's not finished yet. She'll also be furnishing her white area with lighting, a fountain, a flagstone rock patio, potted plants and a bench. During the holidays, she'll switch out her bright white lights for red and green bulbs.

"It's beautiful at night," said Menn. "To me, it's like the icing on the cake. It kind of adds the final touch to your house."

Karen Menn, Real estate appraiser

Homeowners can choose palm trees, flowerbeds and structural arches as focal points, said Chris Thompson, president of Southern Lights of Corpus Christi. The key is to keep the lighting even.

"You want your eye to focus on the house or the landscape; you don't want it to focus on the light," said Thompson. "That's what we try and accomplish. It really gives the landscape a lot of depth."

Thompson recommends solid copper, brass or composite lighting fixtures. Avoid plastic and painted aluminum because they wear down fast, he says.

Techniques include moon lighting, path lighting, shadowing, silhouetting and grazing — just to name a few.

Then there's the issue of safety. Certain lighting can keep decks and steep outside stairs from becoming walking hazards, and security lighting illuminates areas where burglars might hide.

With landscape lighting, folks can bring out columns, rocks, murals or art, according to Andy Perez, landscape designer at C-Scapes Coastal Landscape Specialists of Corpus Christi.

"If you have a nice landscape and are viewing it during the daytime, then you are probably missing out on its real beauty," Perez said. "You can showcase a lot of particular items at night that you would normally overlook during the day."

Perez determines where lights should be placed only after yards have been landscaped.

Landscape lighting can be a simple way to make front and back yards with pools and waterfalls even more appealing.

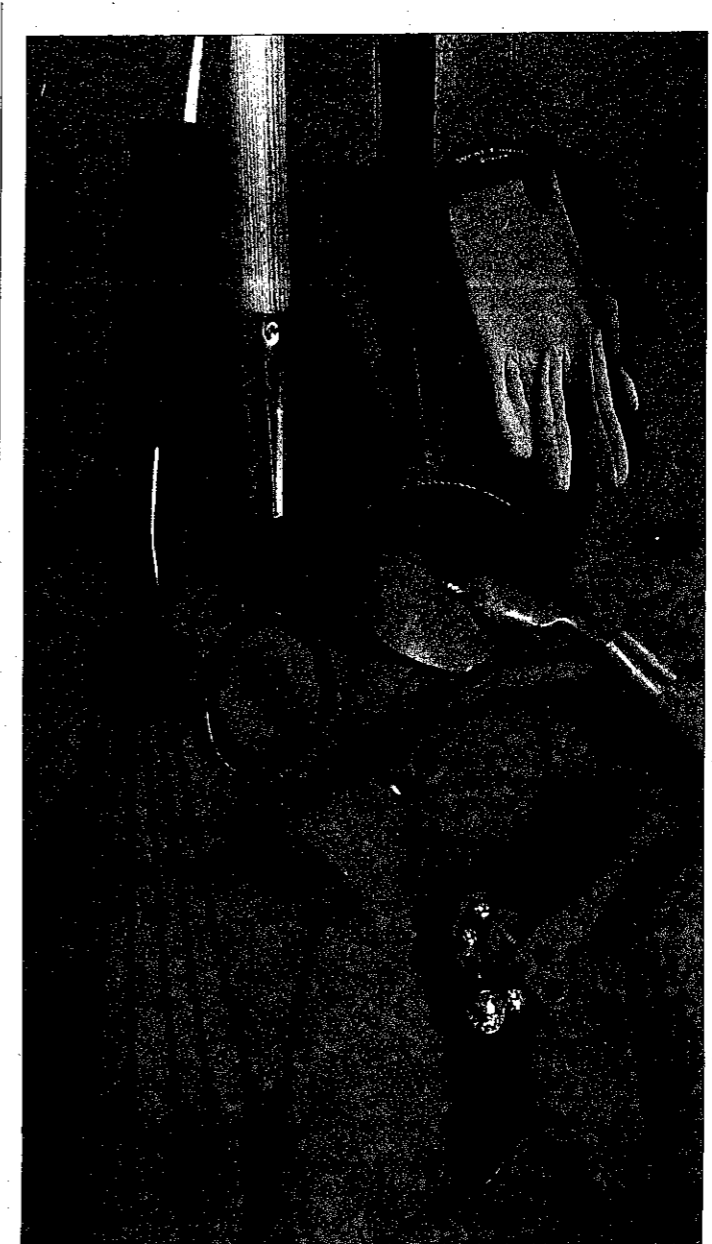
Lights should be placed on steps leading into a pool area, as well as hidden within plants and boulders surrounding the pool.

"Ninety percent of time is spent looking at the pool," Perez said. "We actually design where we want the lights inside the pool. You definitely don't want a light that's going to stare at you in the face."

In some cases, homeowners who'd rather buy and install lighting kits themselves place emphasis on the wrong areas. First, decide what kind of atmosphere you want to create, how many lights you want, what type of lights and how intense a sheet of paper might be a good start.

"Most people just use (landscape lights) to highlight the pathway from the driveway to the front door and around the flower beds," Perez said. "It looks more like an airport landing strip than anything else."

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New garden tools will take the toll out of your tilling.

# TOOLIN' AROUND

Sometimes the right tool has to be invented

By Dan Verrira  
SACRAMENTO BEE

Jim Appleton, a master gardener, describes himself as a "tool junkie." If he can't find a tool that meets his demands, he makes one.

During a meeting of Sacramento, Calif.-area master gardeners last spring, Appleton displayed some of his homemade tools, including a watering wand.

"I created it from commercially available parts," says Appleton, who gardens in Rio Linda.

He cannibalized various products for brass valves, nozzles, necks and flexible hose connectors (which stop kinks) to create his idea of the perfect watering wand.

The secret is to borrow from products with threads so you can assemble the parts. One big improvement in his homemade watering wand was a lever shutoff valve in front of the grip, rather than behind it. It allows one-handed operation as you turn it on and off with your thumb.

"Most watering wands have the shutoff lever behind your hand so you have to use both hands (one to hold it, another to shut it off)," says Appleton.

Among his favorite purchased tools are Felco hand pruners. Serious gardeners use a leather belt holster for onboard storing of hand pruners. Appleton has devised a way to form-fit the holsters to the pruner.

"Soak the leather in rubbing alcohol until it's saturated, then stick your pruner in there good and tight," he says. "Poke and prod the leather to the shape of the pruner and let it sit (pruner too) all night."

The alcohol won't hurt the pruner. The next morning the holster will be formed to the shape of the pruner and it will stay that way.

Among his favorite tools are Fiskars gear loppers and the Henningsen Circlehoe. Appleton says Felco, Fiskars, Union-Tool and Corona have been reliable brands. He also prefers some of Garden's tools.

For specialty tools, he often reaches for a "survival maul" from Ontario Knife Co. to divide perennials and a Smith & Hawken digging fork.

With all tool purchases, look for high quality, he says. "Whenever you buy a tool, buy the best you can afford."

## TOUGH AND TOUGHER

The most valuable garden tools make the dirtiest jobs.

All hail garden tools, our trusty helpers and loyal support group when gardening gets tough. Choose hand tools wisely and you may avoid blisters, reduce back pain and muscle aches, and save prized plants from premature death.

Buy tools that suit your specific needs. There may be a half-dozen types of hoes and hand pruners, maybe more, at some nurseries and garden centers.

Gardeners develop a fondness for certain specialty tools and accessories, but those featured here should be standard equipment.

## Old computer parts are given a makeover

By Richard Richtmyer  
ANCHORAGE DAILY NEWS

Two piles of used floppy disk drives lie on the floor of an Anchorage, Alaska, computer shop — one for functional drives, the other for broken ones. Bill Fulton has designs on each.

"These are maybe three years old, and they still work," Fulton said, pointing to the larger pile. They'll be used in refurbished computer systems or sold separately for a few dollars each.

"These ones are dead," he said, pointing to the smaller pile. "I'll turn them into a coffee table once I get enough."

What started out as a hobby of sorts has become a side business for Fulton, an entrepreneur in technology who does computer work for small and medium-sized companies.

Fulton and partner Mark "Cadillac" Jackson, who owns the Cuning Stunt Computers shop, recently started a company called Alaska Computer Recycling.

They aren't full-service electronics recyclers. They'll take only computers — no monitors, printers, mice or any other peripherals.

And what they do with the computers falls outside the bounds of what most peo-

ple might think of when they hear the word "recycling."

First, they get rid of the computer cases — the metal boxes that house the components. They are melted down at a recycling center, which accepts them for about \$10 per pickup load, Fulton said.

As for the rest of it? The circuit boards, hard drives, microprocessors, memory chips and other components? Fulton and Jackson are still figuring that out as they go along.

Circuit boards have become wall and ceiling tiles, covering an ever growing portion of the Cuning Stunt store. Once that's done, they'll start on an order to tile the Vortex Gaming Center down the street, Fulton said.

"Mixing this place look like the Borg is awesome," he said. "It's going to be even better when we've got that center looking that way. Our biggest problem is that we don't have enough broken computers."

Blown hard drives? They make good floor tiles. Obsolete memory modules? Dab on a little paint, tie on files and attach treble hooks and they're becoming fishing lures.

Jackman and Fulton will sell you a fishing lure for a few dollars or trade you one for a six-pack of beer. They say they

don't have fixed prices and often barter in their line of work.

They still haven't quite figured out the marketing plan for Alaska Computer Recycling, but neither is looking to get rich from it.

Nobody has caught anything on a memory chip lure yet. But Jackson, an avid angler known to go missing for weeks or months during the peak season, reckons the first one will be a pike.

"It's either going to be that or a salmon," he said. "But a pike will hit anything."

Jackman credits Fulton for coming up with most of the ideas, including the fishing lures.

"I think all I said was something like 'You know, I'd like to see a fishing lure made out of one' or 'Could you imagine a fireplace lined with hard-drive tiles?' And from that point, the guy turned into Mr. Hyde on me," Jackson said.

The two got together about a year ago, when Fulton needed some computer gear for one of his clients and thought he could get a good deal buying through Cuning Stunt. Soon after that, he started buying most of his equipment there.

That created a fruitful business relationship, and computer recycling was an offshoot.

As their customers upgraded their computer systems, many of them were left with outdated and unwanted computers, many of which ended up taking up space at Cuning Stunt.

"We started stacking these things up with no real way of getting rid of them," Fulton said. "Eventually we started sticking the circuit boards on the walls and the ceiling. Then we started making the fishing lures and the floor tiles. It got to a point where we started to think of it as a business idea."

## Study says drivers distracted

By Vicki Hyman  
RALLIEN NEWS & OBSERVER

Talk on a cell phone while driving, and you may soon be talking to a bumper.

A recent study showed that drivers who talk on the phone are more prone to rear-end collisions than any other type of crash.

Of all crashes involving cell phone users, 45 percent were rear-enders, according to researchers at the University of North Carolina Highway Safety Research Center.

Drivers talking on cell phones cause about 1,500 car crashes a year in North Carolina, researchers estimated.

That's less than 1 percent of all car crashes, but it's still too many, said Jane Stuts, associate director for social and behavior research at the center.

Crashes involving cell phones are less likely to be serious than those not involving phones because most crashes involving cell phones are in urban areas, where low-speed crashes are more common.

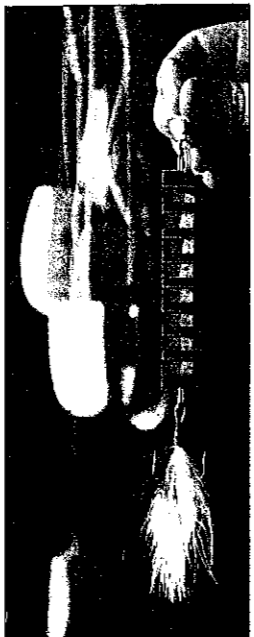
Drivers involved in crashes while talking on cell phones typically failed to reduce speed, ran red lights, followed other cars too closely, failed to yield or went too fast.

The study, based on a review of North Carolina Highway Patrol crash reports, gives new ammunition to supporters of a state ban on cell phone use while driving.

Drivers who used cell phones were less likely than those who don't to perceive talking while driving as a distraction, and they were less supportive of a ban.

The study also found:

- Drivers most often talking on cell phones were between 25 and 39. A higher proportion of users than non-users drove SUVs.
- Drivers spent an average of 14.5 minutes per day talking on the phone while driving. Talk time decreased as the driver's age increased. Men on average talked longer than women.
- One in four users had a hands-free device, although they did not always use it when talking.



A fishing lure made from recycled computer parts at Alaska Computer Recycling.

So far, Fulton estimates they've recycled about 250 computers, and they're prepared to handle as many as 200 a month.





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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Beware the Fluggies and the Snollygosters

America owes a debt of gratitude to columnist William Safire who has preserved some of the most descriptive language ever used to define our political process. Were it not for his dedication, we may have allowed such terms as "fluggie" and "snollygoster" to fade away.

Fluggies are rules designed to aid only the rule-maker. No one uses the term today, but fluggies still exist in the form of pork-barrel amendments to legislation that cater to special interests.

Snollygosters? They're everywhere politics is practiced. Blasting politicians who publicly prayed just to impress potential voters, President Harry Truman once used the term during a holiday address. But it too seems headed for the annals of stump-speaking lore.

American small-business owners might want to consider bringing some of these labels back into current lingo. They certainly fit. Especially snollygoster.

On the stump, small business is beloved by all. Like Mom and apple pie, the nation's entrepreneurs are revered by politicians for their innovation, risk-taking and job-creation abilities.

Some politicians have earned the right to embrace the women and men who have launched more than 22 million small firms. Their voting records provide clear evidence.

But many others should be labeled true snollygosters-publicly proclaiming their support of the American free enterprise system simply to woo entrepreneurs to the ballot box, while in reality, their official votes harm, not help, small firms.

As campaigns are gearing up for the next election cycle, those seeking public office are increasingly filling the air with political promises and great exhortations.

How can small-business owners recognize these snollygosters? It's not that hard. When the voting bells on Capitol Hill ring, they tend to "yea" or "nay" in just the opposite direction of the pleas from small firms.

Taxes? Small-business owners call for fewer, lower and less complicated ones. Snollygosters favor more, higher and fuzziar.

Regulations? Same thing. Labor policy? Guess who always puts the squeeze on employers?

Health care? Just take a look at the U.S. Senate, where a small-business friendly Association Health Plan measure still has not come to a vote.

How about Social Security reform? Small-business owners prefer personal retirement accounts, but the snollygosters aren't about to vote courageously here.

Surely everyone favors protecting small businesses from those frivolous lawsuits that drive up their costs of operating and keep their insurance rates on a never-ending upward spiral. Think again. Many officials who loudly beat their love for small firms are among the first to take political contributions from trial lawyers. So, how do you think they vote when it comes to legal reform?

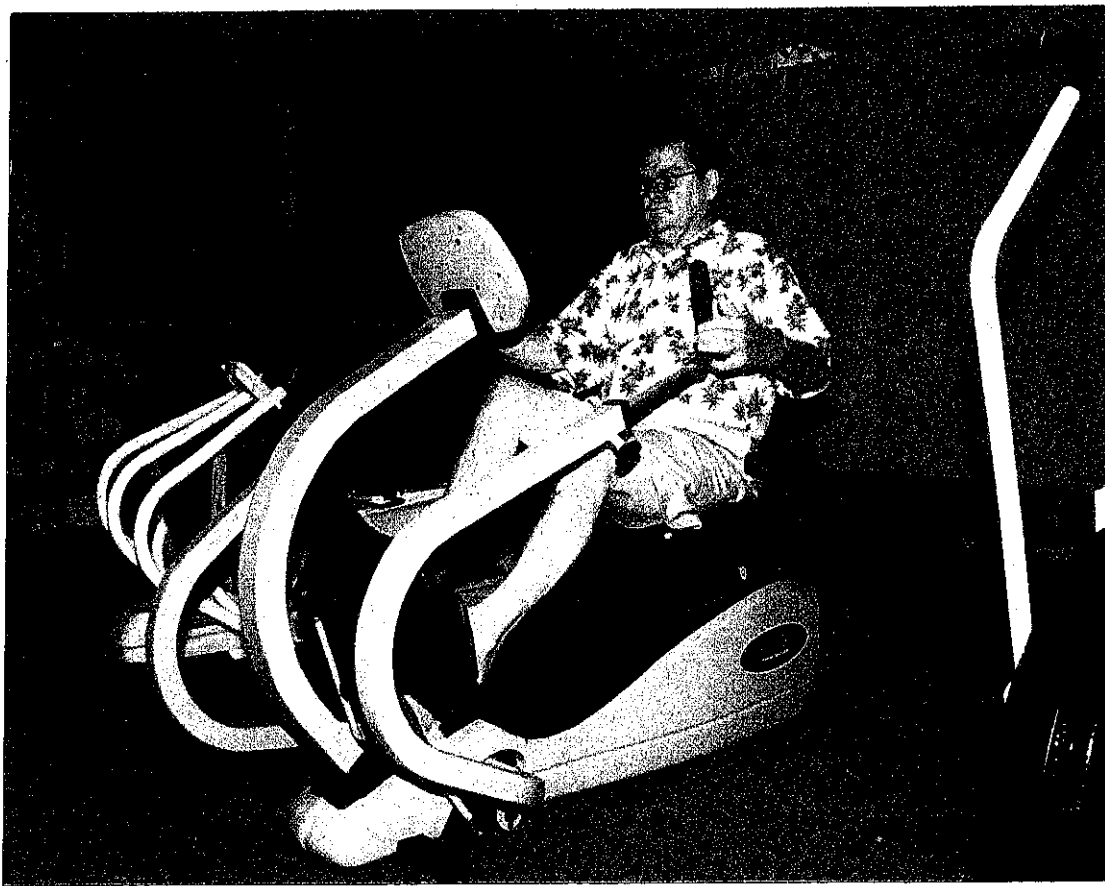
America's business builders have a basic desire to be unfettered by oppressive government and to operate in a free, competitive environment. What they deserve from legislative leaders are the same things their customers demand of them: value, fairness and honesty.

Small-business owners should root out the snollygosters and their fluggies, and vote them into the dustbins of American political history.

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A regular visitor to Healthstyles Health and Wellness Center, Bill Aselyne works up a sweat on a Nu-Step Recumbent Stepper.

## October is National Physical Therapy Month

By Jim Farkas  
 SPECIAL WRITER

Most everyone has a need for health and wellness assistance at some time in their life. Maybe a high school student's athletic injury, or mom's or dad's arthritis. You've been complaining of a lower back pain or headaches brought on by daily stress, or possibly a golfer who wishes to enhance his or her golf game to its maximum potential. Or maybe just to feel better about yourself. For whatever the reason, Healthstyles Health and Wellness Center, located right in the heart of South Lyon, is here to help.

According to proprietor and physical therapist Barbara Herzog, who moved to Michigan in 1981 after earning her degree at St. Scholastica College in

Duluth, Minn., the rehabilitation facility has been serving the community for over 10 years. In 2002 it was expanded to include a "Premier Fitness Center" offering life-long health and wellness services with a variety of fitness activities. The more than 6,000 square foot facility consists of three specific areas to serve your needs. The main floor houses primarily the exercise and cardiovascular equipment, a therapeutic pool, the showers and locker room and front desk. The adjoining room is for physical therapy, and upstairs there is a free weights and the aerobics workout classroom.

You'll find the licensed, professional staff to be pleasant and easy to work with. They are well trained and all have a degree in their field. Some have additional, specialized therapy training and take a personal interest in preparing each individual program starting with an initial assessment and goal-setting session. The program will be specifically tailored to your recovery or needs. Their motto is "designed with you in mind."

"This," said Herzog, "is what sets us apart - the attention to detail, resources available and the outstanding, highly-trained and qualified people that make 'Healthstyles' the choice for health and fitness."

There are two basic categories of programs:

- Rehabilitation services which require a physician or hospital referral and can work in conjunction with your doctor's recommendations as well as with your insurance company.
- The Health and Wellness Center for those looking to improve their health, physical stamina and general well-being

is open to the public and does not require a doctor's referral. Memberships are available.

Rehabilitation serves 40 to 50 patients a day. The caseload varies from children with physical impairments to sports and work-related injuries to neurological conditions, reconstructive surgery, arthritis and joint replacement. Healthstyles is also a center for lymphedema therapy. There's a speech pathologist on staff as well as a hand therapist. Being a certified rehab agency allows it to serve patients with Worker's Compensation, Medicare, Blue Cross Blue Shield and other commercial insurance carriers.

Barbara and her staff are dedicated to helping others attain their maximum health and well-being and will carry their message to schools and other planned, outside activities to speak on the subject of health. Some of the specialized programs and therapies that are available include an exercise program for mature adults, with special attention to lowering blood pressure, strengthening the heart and bones and protecting against adult onset diabetes. There's the Healthy Kids Weight Loss Program that will help your child lose body fat, gain lean body mass, improve self esteem and learn life-long nutritional habits. There is nutritional counseling available as well as massage therapy by appointment.

This being National Physical Therapy Month may motivate you to stop in and visit Healthstyles beautiful and convenient location to pick up their newsletter and monthly class schedule for the Fitness Center. If you have time, allow Herzog



Proprietor and physical therapist Barbara Herzog, right, and fitness director Jennifer Bainton by one of the facilities many pieces of equipment.

or one of her congenial staff to take you for a tour through the facilities and explain the various programs available to you.

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