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## Golf course scores with consultants

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

Not only are there enough golfers in Novi and the surrounding region to enjoy a city golf course, but the business would make money.

That's the conclusion of a \$10,500 feasibility study handed in last week by Don Childs Associates, a Sylvan Lake-based golf facility and consulting firm hired by the city. At the Sept. 28 Novi City Council meeting, the report will be formally presented.

The results come as no surprise to those who think the city should use some 180 of the 550 acres of the North Novi Park for a golf course.

"The land is basically standing fallow. You have 550 acres we spent a lot of money for and it's serving only a very few people," said Pete Headley, a former planning commissioner and an enthusiastic backer of the proposed course.

"I think for one thing it'll be an economic boon to the Parks and Recreation Department. It will bring a considerable amount of money to be used to develop the programs in the future."

The report estimates that in five years, a net profit of \$444,000 would be made by a municipal golf course. That sum would rise to \$891,000 by the tenth year.

An 18-hole golf course for Novi, along with a short driving range, practice area and clubhouse, is in the \$6.5 million price range. The

city would sell revenue bonds for the facility, as was done with the Novi Ice Arena.

Along with the land, the city would need to donate \$780,000 for the initial development and start-up costs.

Don Childs Associates suggests that Novi should target a market within a 15-mile radius of the Twelve Mile Road park.

"We give the site the highest rating available due to the wonderful natural conditions that exist. All of the special elements required for the potential development of a quality golf course are present," the report reads.

"Through the creation of a quality designed golf course that takes advantage of the natural characteristics along with a well-maintained facility, the proposed golf course facility will have no difficulty in attracting golfers from within southeastern Michigan."

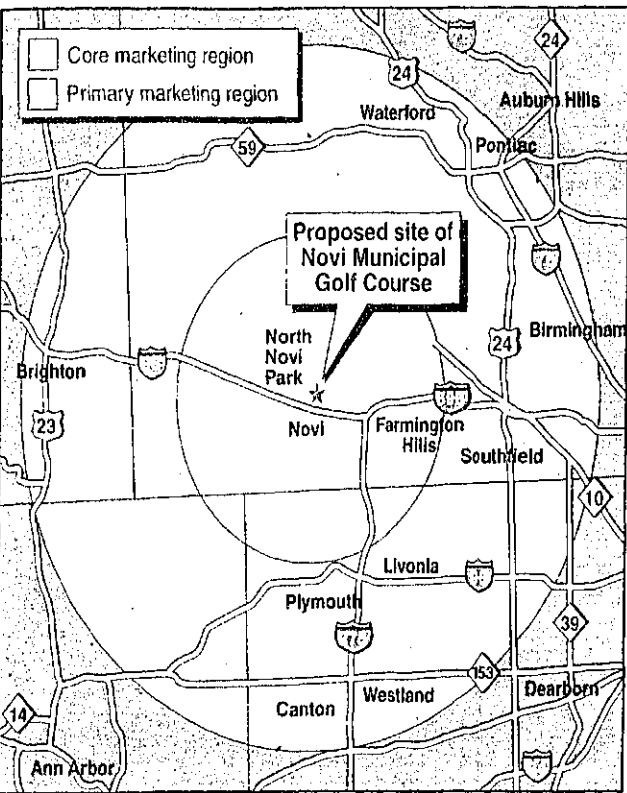
Within an eight-mile radius from the property, 17 private golf courses and 57 public courses exist. The study analyzes only the impact of the public courses on the proposed Novi facility.

A county golf course planned for the 972-acre Lyon Oaks Park, at I-96, Old Plank Road and I-96, "will have strong and direct competition to the proposed City of Novi project," the report noted.

However, within a seven-mile radius, 223,510 golfers and potential golfers live, the study indicates — and that population is

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## Marketing regions for proposed Novi Municipal Golf Course



SOURCE: Don Childs Associates



Christopher Tindall grew this 250 pound pumpkin at his home near Shawood Lake.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

## Attack of the 'killer' pumpkin

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

The Great Pumpkin is alive and well — and living in Christopher Tindall's backyard.

Since April 28, the 14-year-old Novi High School student has nurtured from the seed a pumpkin that's now reached the impressive size of 250 pounds. The weight is calculated by a mathematical formula using the measurements.

"Just about everybody in the neighborhood has been around to see it, not just the kids, but the adults," said Christopher's father, Chuck Tindall.

"It occurred to him he should be charging admission."

Gigantic pumpkin vines billow out from the fence of his parents' backyard garden on Shawood Drive, leaving less room for more plebeian plants such as tomatoes, cucumbers and peppers. Near the orange colossus, a smaller pumpkin has reached the size of 65 pounds.

Christopher got the seeds from Wells Pumpkin Farm in Ann Arbor and was so successful in sprouting them in peat containers that he donated a few seedlings back.

"He (the farmer) had trouble getting some started, so Christopher gave him some of his plants. His biggest pumpkin is growing from Christopher's plant; it was 420 pounds a month ago," Tindall said.

Come Halloween, Christopher plans to make Jack O'Lanterns out of the pumpkins. He'll also be asking his mom, Carleen Tindall, to roast the seeds for a snack. Each seed will be about an inch big.

As for the pumpkin itself, this is not something that even Peter, Peter Pumpkin-eater would likely find appetizing in a pie.

"They don't really taste well," Christopher said.

The variety, Dill's Atlantic Giant, is a pumpkin crossed with

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## Chamber, city prep for Summit meeting

By JEREMY MCBAIN  
Staff Writer

Homework is due today for Novi city officials and representatives of the city's economy.

After seven months of research, city officials and representatives will be presenting the results jobs that were assigned at the Novi Economic Summit last March.

Their results will be presented to the public and opened up for discussion at the Economic Summit II tonight in conference rooms A, B and C in the Novi Civic Center.

The conference will start at 5:30 with light refreshments being

served and it will last until 8 p.m. The public is invited and encouraged to attend the meeting.

Lisa Willard, Executive Director of the Novi Chamber of Commerce, said the meeting will review and update four goals established in the March Economic Summit.

"This is what we were assigned to work with. Our task was to go out and gather specific data," Willard said.

The first goal focuses on empowering city administrators and changing some city policies.

The second goal, Willard said,

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## Air Force Band scheduled for Novi High School Oct. 10

The Air Force Band of Flight — the 60-member concert band that performs for U.S. presidents and visiting heads of state as well as civilian audiences — will perform at the Fuerst Auditorium in Novi High School Saturday, Oct. 10, at 7:30 p.m.

To be sponsored by the Novi

High Band Boosters, The Novi News and HomeTown Newspapers, the performance will feature classical and marching tunes including selections from John Phillip Sousa and themes from Carmen and My Fair Lady. Admission is free, but tickets

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## 52nd District Court judges hold first-of-kind Town Hall meeting

The first event of its kind in the state, the three judges of the 52nd District Court, First Division, will host a Town Hall Meeting Saturday, Oct. 10, to take public input on the operation of

the court. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, on that Saturday.

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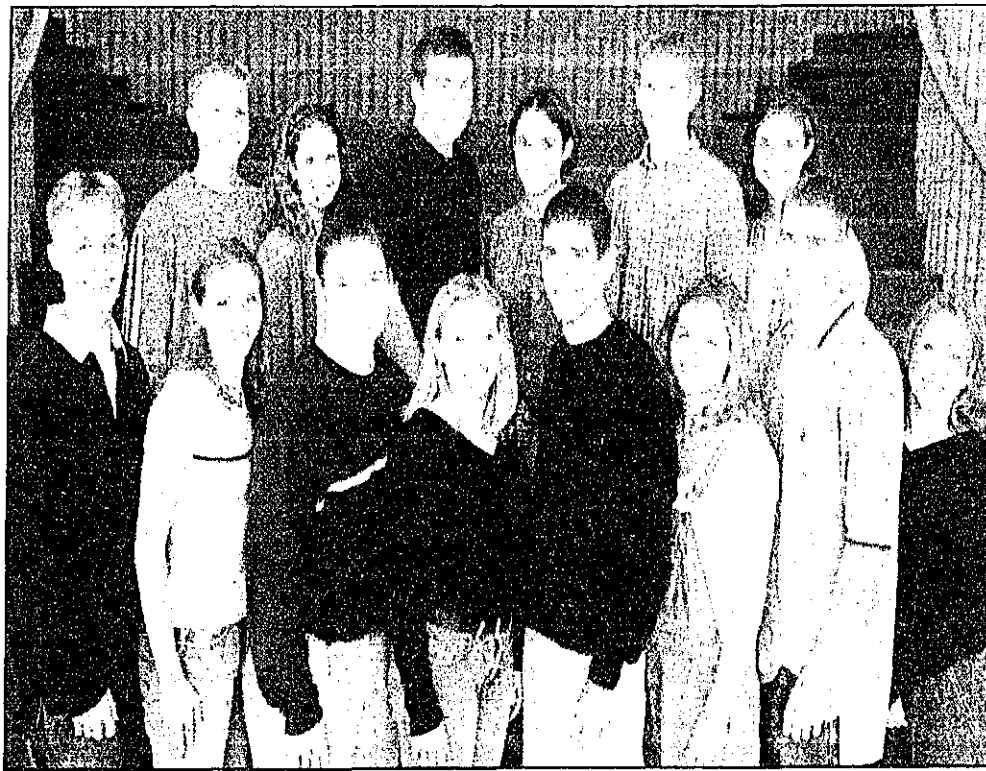


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

The Novi High homecoming court includes (front row) seniors Kevin Avenius, Amber Emme-necker, Matt Hoy, Stacey Smith, Alan Lyskawa, Alaina Chipponeri, Brent Dicken and Meghan Ruhl. Also in the court are (back row, left to right) juniors Ryan Rzepka, Chloe Clark, sophomores Courtney Byron and Melissa Clark, and freshman Geoff Paquette and Melissa Roemer.

## Novi High gears up for homecoming

By JEREMY MCBAIN  
Staff Writer

Don't be surprised if you see your favorite cartoon character marching down Ten Mile Road this Saturday, its just time for Novi High School's Homecoming festivities.

Novi High School will be celebrating its Homecoming football game with various events planned for this week. As with other Homecomings in past years, this year's theme will be cartoons.

Don Crockett, activities coordinator for Homecoming, said this year's cartoon theme was suggested to students, along with other theme ideas, during registration at the start of this school year.

Crockett said students voted for the cartoon theme over a decades theme and an era theme. Because the cartoon theme was the winner.

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## Community Calendar

To have your organization's activities, regular meetings or special events listed in the Community Calendar, send information to Community Calendar, The Novi News, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.

Thursday, September 24

### Novi Rotary

The Novi Rotary Club meets at noon at the Novi United Methodist Church at 41671 Ten Mile Road. For information, contact Bob Lintbright at 380-6500.

Sunday, September 27

### Novi Concert Band

The Novi Concert Band will play at the Novi Historical Society at Ten Mile and Taft roads at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, September 28

### Arts Council

The Novi Arts Council Executive Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

### City Council

Novi City Council meets in regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd.

### TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly for all ages meets at 7 p.m. at the Novi Meadows Clubhouse on Napier Road. For more information, call after 6 p.m. (810) 344-2167.

Tuesday, September 29

### Novi Concert Band rehearsal

No rehearsal for the Novi Concert Band. For information, call (248) 932-9244.

### Business Network International

The Novi chapter of The Business Network International, meets from 7:30 a.m. at Kerby's Honey Island at Eight Mile and Haggerty roads. For information, call the BNI regional office at (734) 397-9939.

Wednesday, September 30

### Business Network International

The Greater Novi Chapter of The Business Network International, meets from 7:30 a.m. at the Novi Hilton, 21111 Haggerty Rd. For information, call the BNI regional office at (734) 397-9939.

Thursday, October 1

### Novi Rotary

The Novi Rotary Club meets at noon at the Novi United Methodist Church at 41671 Ten Mile Road. For information, contact Bob Lintbright at 380-6500.

Monday, October 5

### City Council

The Novi City Council is scheduled to meet in regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

### Last day to register

Today is the last day to register to vote in this year's general election, scheduled for Nov. 3.

### TOPS

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### Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters

The Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters Club meets from 7-9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile. For more information call Tom Labill at 348-6019 (evenings). Visitors are welcome.

Tuesday, October 6

### Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals meets in regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd.

### Novi Concert Band rehearsal

The Novi Concert Band rehearses at 7:30 p.m. in the band room at Novi High School. For information, call (248) 932-9244.

### Seniors meeting

The Novi Center Seniors will hold their general meeting at 11 a.m. in the Community Center of the Novi Civic Center.

### Civil Air Patrol

The Sixgate Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, meets at Novi Middle School, 25299 Tall Rd., from 7:30 p.m. Adults and youths who have finished the sixth grade are welcome. For information call 349-2069.

### Menopause Support Group

Providence Medical Center's Conference Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., hosts a monthly menopause support group from 7:30-9 p.m. for women with concerns about menopause. Call 380-4115 for more information.

### Amateur Radio Club

The Novi Amateur Radio Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. For more information call 348-0009.

### Chess Club

The Novi Chess Club will meet from 7-10 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. There is no charge to attend and all players are welcome. For more information, call Tim Sawciler, 344-4269 evenings after 6 p.m.

### Optimist Club

The Novi Optimist Club meets at 7:30 a.m. at the Big Boy Restaurant on Novi Road, across from the Novi Town Center.

Wednesday, October 7

### Planning Commission

The Novi Planning Commission will meet in regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

Thursday, October 8

### Historical Commission

The Novi Historical Commission will meet in regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

## City sued over billboards nixed because of safety

One reason a Zoning Board appeal by Adams Communications, which is now suing the City of Novi, was denied in August was a concern that billboards at the unguarded railroad crossings might distract motorists.

In addition, a city policy not in favor of billboards was cited. The lawsuit against the city, seeking damages in excess of \$25,000, was recently filed by Adams Communications, which aims to install two billboards near CSX railroad tracks on Novi Road and West Road.

Details of the debate are devalued in the unofficial minutes of the ZBA's Aug. 4 meeting, which were completed and released last week. To become official, the minutes will need approval from the ZBA at an upcoming meeting.

During the session, ZBA Member James Harrington questioned the representative from Adams Communications about the safety of locating billboards near railroad crossings without guardrails.

"Do you have any sense or insight just as a regular driver that the presence of billboard signs which are supposed to contain dramatic advertising and ... have you read as you are operating an automobile, do you have any sense as to whether they increase the risk at these locations that do not have guardrails," Harrington asked Adams representative Melissa Randt.

Randt told the ZBA that, statewide, Adams has billboards near several railroad crossings without rails.

"There hasn't been anything that substantiates the sign being distracting and causing accidents on the road or railroad crossings," she said.

"Naturally, people think that you are going to look at the sign. There hasn't been anything conclusive that says they would cause accidents. We are wanting to build the signs because we have a simple demand for advertising in the area."

Randt explained that before CSX

"There hasn't been anything that substantiates the sign being distracting or causing accidents on the road or railroad crossings"

Melissa Randt, Representative of Adams Communications

agreed to the lease of rights of way to Adams, the railroad reviewed the location "to make sure there aren't any hazards."

The signs need to be 30 feet, rather than the city's regulation 15 feet, to meet the railroad's requirements for clearances for visibility, she told the ZBA.

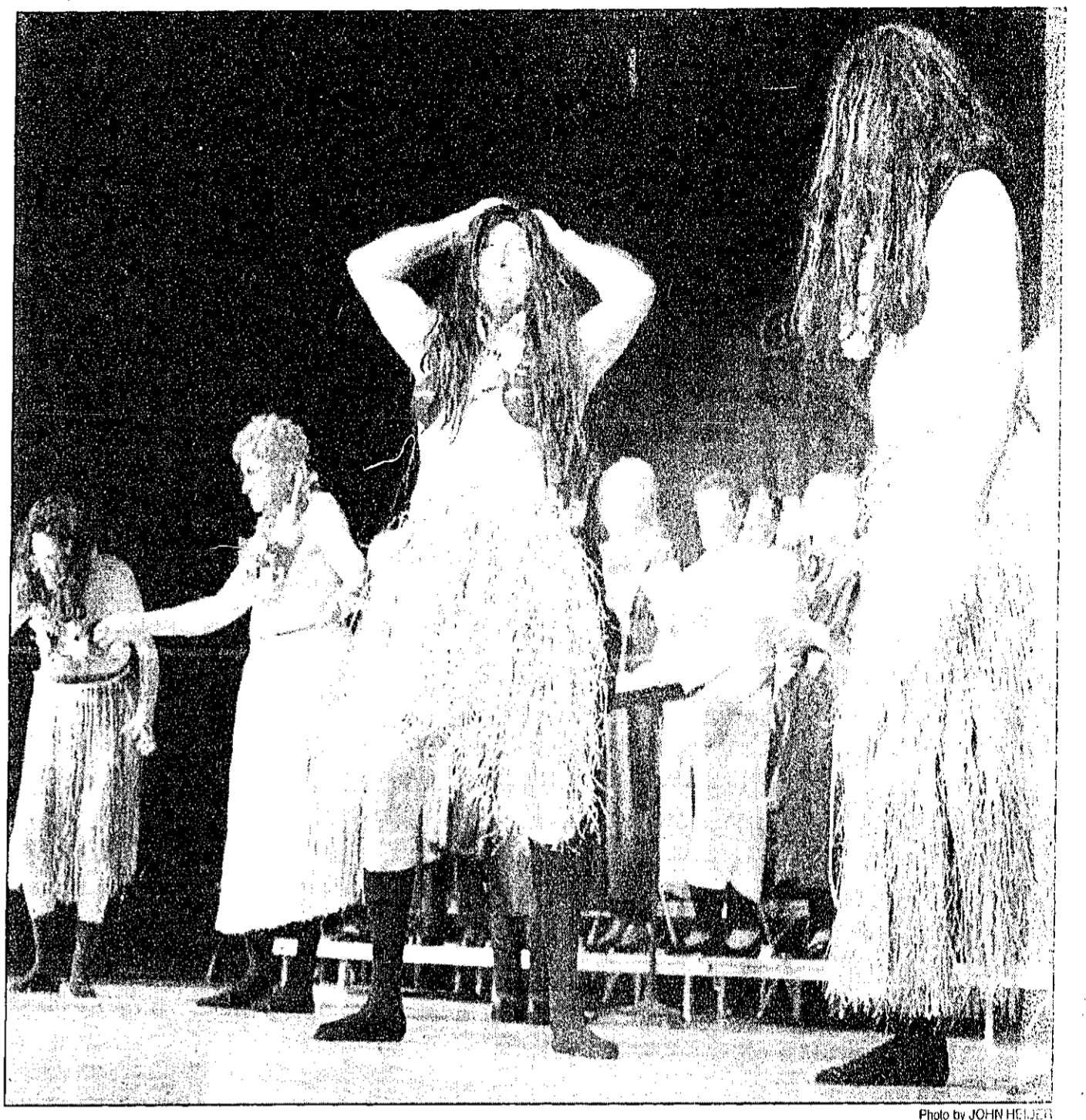
Adams Communications contends that the denial is unconstitutional and is causing the firm to lose money. The company's lawyers seek a court order to bar the city from prohibiting the billboards and a jury trial.

"I think that the structure of the Novi ordinance to billboard signs is very specific and very direct and it's clear that the city has taken a position as to the fact that it strictly wants to limit the location of billboard signs within the city," ZBA Member Jim Antosiak said.

"I think that our granting of a variance in cases like this is in direct conflict with the ordinance and I think that Mr. Harrington has pointed out some particular things public safety issues also with the respect of granting this variance."

Adam hopes to place one sign in the CSX railroad easement on the east side of Novi Road, between Grand River Avenue and Ten Mile Road. The second site is on the south side of West Road between Beck Road and Thirteen Mile Road.

Each billboard would have available for lease 300 feet of display area.



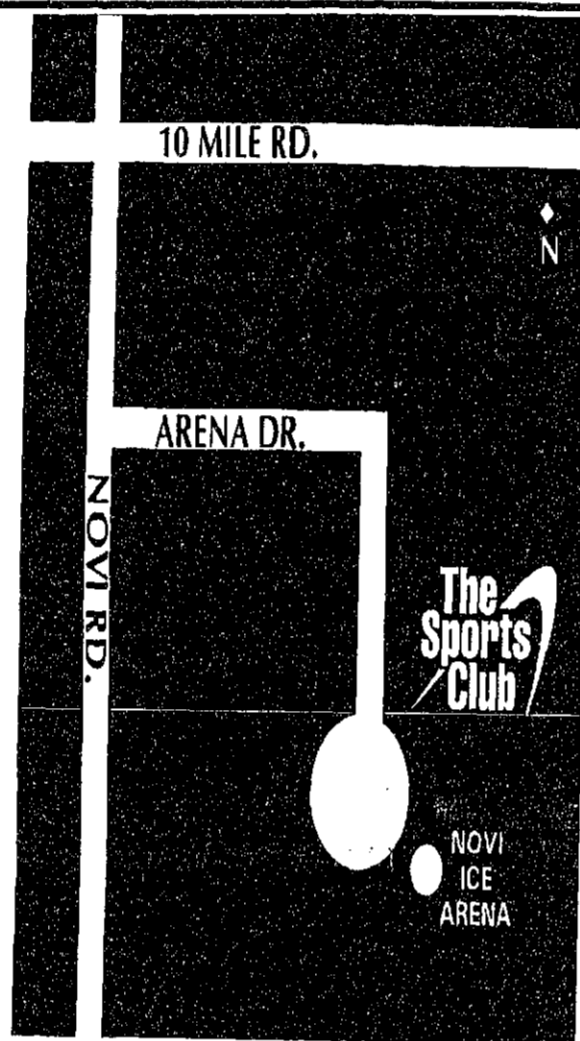
### Lets do the Hula

Dressed in grass skirts and complete with coconut-shell bras, Jim Breen, Alvin Goldstein and Albert Weiss perform a number inspired by the musical "South Pacific" during Friday after-

noon's performance of the Novi Senior Center's "Broadway Babes and Bullies" musical in the Novi Civic Center, one of programs of the Novi Parks department.

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by Dennis Engwer, PT, and Patricia Westerman, PT.

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# Commission changes adult daycare zoning rules

## Size of the facility and backyard mentality discussed

By JEREMY McBAN  
Staff Writer

The Novi City Planning Commission passed a proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance allowing an adult daycare to be built in Novi, but not before addressing concerns on the size and need for the facility.

The zoning amendment that was requested, would amend Section 302, subsection 7 of the zoning ordinance to include requirements of a adult day care center.

According to the amendment, an adult day care center and site shall be no more than five acres in size, not operate between 8 p.m. and 6

a.m. and provide supervised activities.

The amendment also states there will be no retail commercial sales permitted on the site and non incidental medical treatment and acute physical rehabilitation are prohibited.

While the amendment received the support of James Wold, director of Novi Planning and Community Development, commissioners questioned sections of the amendment.

Commissioner Robert Ciarella said he was in support of the amendment but had concerns

about the section that states, "The facility provides not less than 35 square feet per person of usable, accessible indoor space..."

Ciarella said 35 square feet did not seem like enough room for the facility and he proposed 90 square feet. Other commissioners agreed, but 100 even 90 square feet was to little, and 150 square feet was suggested.

However, Commissioner Michael Wata said he was unhappy with the entire amendment.

"I'm not a fan of this whole idea. We're going to be parking them into this place. I don't think anyone sit-

ting on this board would want a facility like this to be stepped down in the residential subdivision."

Wata also suggested the facility was nothing more than a front for the insurance industry to save costs. He said according to no-fault insurance, the insurance industry must pay for in-home care for a person with brain damage.

By piecing them all in one place, he said, the insurance industry is saving money.

However, Commissioner Ciarella disagreed.

He said he felt it was better to have someone with brain damage

spending their days in a group home with other people like themselves, rather than spending their entire day sitting at home watching television.

A motion was made to pass the request with changes to the minimum size of the facility to 150 square feet per person.

The motion passed 8 to 1, with Commissioner Andrew March voting against it.

The zoning request must now go before the City Council for final approval.

The zoning will pave the way for the construction of an adult day

# Granholm hopes bill will protect children

By TIM RICHARD  
Staff Writer

Little girls would be safer from predators if a bill advocated Democratic attorney general candidate Jennifer Granholm becomes law.

"Criminals and big corporations have lots of lawyers," Granholm told a State Capitol news conference, saying she would protect children.

But in Michigan today, "it's not a crime to watch a child be abused and stand by," said the Wayne County corporation counsel and Northville Township resident who hopes to succeed Frank Kelley in the Nov. 3 election.

Sen. Debbie Byron, D-Okemos, and Rep. Mark Schauer, D-Battle Creek, promised to introduce her "Bystander Bill" in this session of the Legislature, though there's virtually no chance it will even receive a hearing. The bill would provide for a four-year felony sentence for bystanders who failed to help children under attack.

"Why only children?" asked a reporter. "What if I see my neighbor beat his wife?"

"It's a first step to protect the most vulnerable in society," Granholm replied.

"What if a parent abuses a child?"

"Sen. (Mike) Bouchard (R-Birmingham) has a bill on that," Granholm replied.

"I'm not aware of any Michigan cases," she said after relating a 1997 story about the murder of a 7-year-old girl in the restroom of a casino in Primm, Nevada. A 19-year-old man received a life sentence after pleading guilty. But a friend named David Cash Jr. witnessed the killer mugging the girl's screams and walked away.

Michigan requires certain professionals — physicians, social workers, school personnel — to report child abuse to Child Protective Services. Anyone else may make such reports but there's no requirement.

"They would have a duty to act. To do nothing makes us an accomplice," Granholm said.

Granholm, 39, worked in the U.S. attorney's office before being appointed Wayne County's top civil lawyer. The Democratic State Convention nominated her to succeed Kelley, who will leave office Dec. 31 after 36 years.

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# Tire thieves strike Hewlett Packard

Someone stole the rear tires off of seven trucks parked in the north parking lot sometime between Sunday and Monday at Hewlett-Packard, located at 39550 Orchard Hill Road.

Police said the thieves jacked up the vehicles and placed under blocks under them to keep the wheels in the air, while they took off the tires.

There is no video surveillance available of the theft and there are no suspects.

**PURSE STOLEN**

A 54-year-old Novi woman reported her purse was stolen from the trunk of her car sometime around 8 and 9 p.m. Sunday as she parked outside her home on the 40000 block of Heatherbrook Lane.

The woman said she had returned to her home and was unloading items from her vehicle. She said she placed her purse in the trunk of her car as she carried some items into her home.

The woman said she returned to her car and shut the trunk of her car, but failed to lock her purse at this time.

The next day the woman went to look for her purse, but she could not find it in the trunk on her car.

She did not find any damage to her vehicle and said she believes it was taken while the truck was open the previous day.

**NECKLACE FISHING**

A 14-year-old Novi boy reported his gold necklace with cross was stolen from his locker sometime between 4:30 and 10:30 p.m. September 10 in the Athletic Locker Room at Novi High School.

Police said the boy placed his necklace, valued at \$400, in his pants pocket and then placed them in his locker.

He is a member of the Novi JV football team.

# Police News

The boy then placed a lock on the locker and the athlete room was supposedly locked.

After returning to his locker, the boy found his necklace was gone but the lock on the locker was still in place and unharmed. There were three to four other lockers around the boy's that were also entered.

It is believed someone used a wire of coat hanger to fish the necklace out of the locker, which is made of a fish-net type of metal.

**THE RECEIPT IS IN THE CAR**

An unknown black male attempted to take two computers Sept. 16 from CompUSA located at 43135 Crescent Boulevard.

The store said he observed the man enter the store around 3 p.m. A short time later, he noticed the man walking toward the front of the store with a shopping cart containing two computers.

The man walked past the checkout area and proceeded to exit the store with the computers when he was stopped by the employee.

The employee asked the man for a receipt, to which man said he had the receipt in his car.

The 20-year-old employee stayed in the store as a 38-year-old employee followed the man out to his car and continued to ask for a receipt.

The man grabbed a computer from the cart and told the employee he would show him his receipt after the employee helped him load the computers into his vehicle.

The employee then grabbed the cart and the man entered his vehicle and drove away. The employee was unable to get a license plate number off of the vehicle, because

the residents came home Saturday and used their keys to open their front door. However, upon entering their home, it became painfully obvious someone had entered it.

The man and wife found their living room in disarray and their stereo speakers, as well as various CDs and a Polaroid camera missing. They entered their bedroom and found all of their dresser drawers had been pulled out and gone through.

The man then checked his spare bedroom and found all of his tools in the bedroom were missing, along with a Remington 870 20 gauge shotgun and a set of truck speakers.

The couple had reported one night earlier that their bedroom window was broken up by a rock. The man had used some plastic to cover the window temporarily, however, the plastic was moved to the side.

Police determined the window was too small for anyone to enter or exit through, but suggested the suspects may have used the window to get items out.

This was because the couple's stereo speakers were found outside of the window and some CDs were found on a trail leading straight back from the home to some woods.

There were no signs of forced entry on the door, but the man said he is unsure if he locked the door or not.

A neighbor to the couple, told police he noticed a couple of men standing outside of the home two weeks earlier, staring into the window while the couple were away. He said he believes they were casing the home.

**BREAKING AND ENTERING**

A 23-year-old Novi man and his wife, came home from a one-day trip Saturday only to find someone had broken into their residence on the 29000 block of Montmorency Drive.

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# Novi Briefs

**Stepping out**

Want to learn Country-Western line dancing but Friday nights at the Novi Civic Center isn't a good time for you?

Teacher Jean Rowe is now offering the classes on Monday nights at the Novi Ice Arena as well, starting Sept. 28.

The beginning lessons are from 6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m., intermediate classes are 7:15 p.m. to 9 p.m. Open dancing commences at 9 p.m. to 10 p.m.

"That's when we practice what we learn," Rowe said. The fee is \$5. \$4 for Novi residents and seniors 55 and older. For that sum, you can stay all session.

And not to worry, the line dancing will not be done on ice. The arena has a room set aside for the lessons.

At the Novi Civic Center, the Friday classes are still offered. For information, call Rowe at 348-9116 or the Novi Parks and Recreation Department at 347-0400.

**Speak out**

Do you have a beef? A compliment? A suggestion? Let your voice be heard at the Novi City Council's Town Hall Meeting on Oct. 1, 7 p.m. in the council chambers at the Novi Civic Center.

The City Novi hasn't held a Town Hall Meeting for a number of years. Public Information Director Lou Martin said, "It's for people to discuss just about everything," Martin added. "It'll be really an interesting meeting, it'll be something different."

A council communications committee came up with the idea of inviting Novi citizens for such a session.

That night, residents will be able to submit their queries on three by five cards.

Former mayor Matt Quinn will moderate the session, while members of the city administration and council will be on hand to answer questions.

**Best face forward**

Now a new look? The University of Michigan Medical Center's Center for Facial Cosmetic Surgery is hosting a free seminar on Thursday, Sept. 24, 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Hilton.

Dr. Shan Baker and Dr. Charles Krause will offer information to the public on forehead lifts, face lifts, eyelid surgery, laser resurfacing, facial peels, nose surgery, facial implants, otoplasty and facial liposculpting.

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## Local Realtor of the Year named

By JEREMY MCGAIN  
Staff Writer

"Is anybody happier because you passed this way?"  
Every day, Fil Superfisky, realtor for E&A Rymal Synes on Novi Road, looks into his day planner and reads these words. They are the start of his favorite poem, which he has written on a piece of paper in his day planner.

Superfisky said the poem is a guide for him, telling him how to live. Perhaps it was because of this thinking he was named Local Realtor of the Year by the Western Wayne Oakland County Realtors. Local Realtor of the year is a contest given for members of the Association of Realtors, in which members nominate a local Realtor of the Year.

Those nominated must meet a set of criteria in order to be named Realtor of the Year. These are community service, business accomplishments, member board activity, state association activity and national association activity.

Betsy Bjornesen, chair of the Realtor of the Year Committee, said the criteria to be named Local Realtor of the Year, is not determined by just how much a person sells or what he does for the Association of

"If something is happening in town I am typically involved in it"

By Superfisky  
Local Realtor of the Year

Realtors, but what a person does for his community as well.

Bjornesen said Superfisky really stood out for not only his professionalism and ethical business practices, but for his contributions to the community.

Superfisky has many accomplishments that meet or even exceed this set of criteria. He has been the number one sales agent for his office for 20 years, he has a great deal of committee service at the local, state and national levels of the Association of Realtors and he is extremely active in his community.

"It is an honor to be selected as Local Realtor of the Year and it makes me very proud," Superfisky said.

Superfisky said he is very involved with his community, especially the schools. He presently serves on the Novi Education

Foundation as a trustee and he has just finished a five year stay as a member of the building quality team for the Novi Middle School. He is also involved with the Novi High School Band Boosters and the High School Athletic Boosters.

Plus, Superfisky has helped out in various elections, from mayor to bond issues.

"If something is happening in town I am typically involved in it," he said.

With all of his community service and accomplishments as a Realtor, Superfisky is humble about his busy life and said he is always ready to do more.

"Somebody always said, if you want something done you give it to a busy person," he said.

Superfisky said he takes on all these tasks because he wants to give back to his community. "I think you have to. You can't just sit back and watch life go by," he said.

Superfisky was notified about the award around two weeks ago. He will be honored, along with 47 other Local Realtors of the Year, at a dinner during the state convention for the Association of Realtors in October in Traverse City.

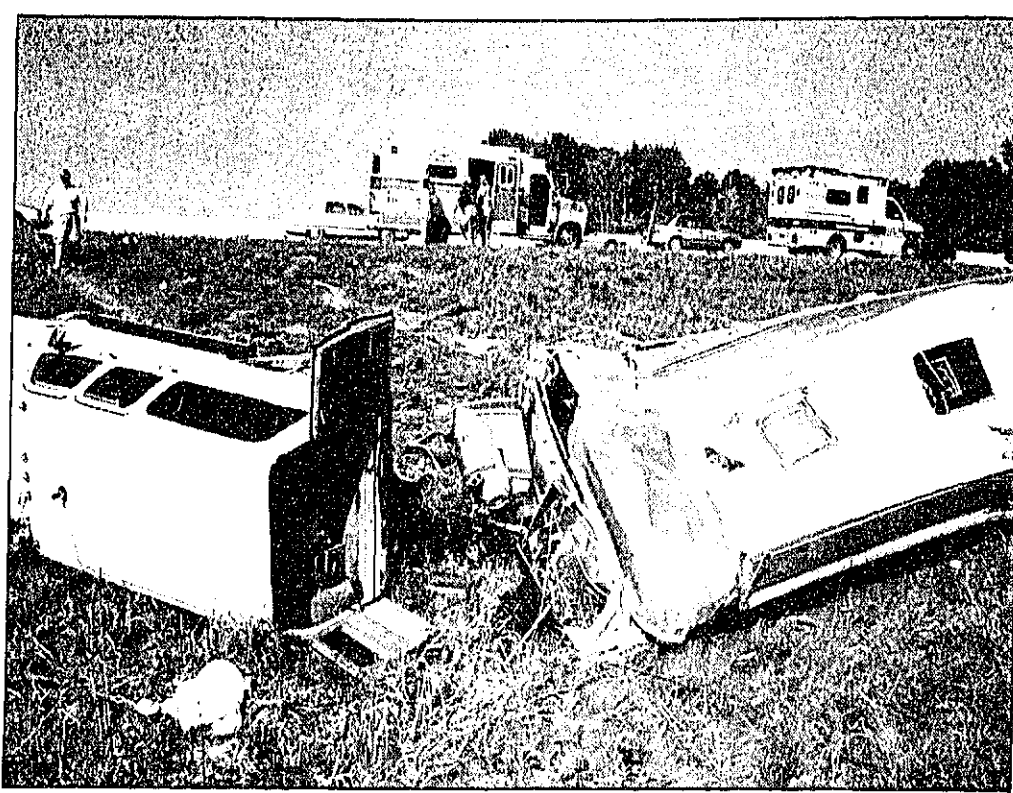


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### Rough ride home

Roger Armitage (top, left) of Novi was on his way home Friday from Grand Rapids where earlier that day he and his parents took delivery of this new Airstream trailer. On the way

home along eastbound I-96, he had to swerve to avoid a piece of lumber that flew off a truck in front of him. The result was rollover accident. No one was injured.

## Bicycle safety rules

More than 1,200 bicyclists are killed and another half million are injured in bicycle-related accidents in the United States each year. According to the Michigan State Medical Society, bicycle helmets are the most effective way to ride safely.

Although bicycle helmets protect the body's most vital organ, there is no federal law in the United States requiring them. East Grand Rapids is the only Michigan city that requires children under 18 to wear a helmet.

Along with bicycle helmets, several key rules should be followed to ensure safety.

- Make sure the bicycle is the right size for the rider. If the bike is too big, the child will not have control of it.
- Bicyclists should ride with the flow of traffic.
- Always stop at all intersections, stops signs and traffic lights.
- Use hand signals and look in all directions when turning.
- Ride in a single file.
- Allow pedestrians the right of way.
- Never carry a passenger, unless they are in an approved baby seat.
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## Novi police officer awarded MADD Lifesaver award

By JEREMY MCGAIN  
Staff Writer

In the battle to keep the streets safe from drunk drivers, one Novi police officer has been honored for his help.

Patrolman Craig Chismar of the Novi Police Department received a Mothers' Against Drunk Driving Lifesaver Award Aug. 23 for his contributions to keeping the streets of Novi free from drunk drivers.

JoAnna Lucas, treasurer of the Oakland County Chapter of MADD, said Chismar was one of 40 officers in Oakland County who received awards for their efforts against drunk driving in 1997.

Lucas said the officers were nominated by the police chief at their departments. The nomination is generally based on who made the most arrests or stopped the most drunk drivers.

"We also have a picnic each year to honor those individuals," she said. Oakland's MADD chapter provides the officers with all the picnic supplies and food. Area businesses also donate a dinner for two to each of the officers.

"It's a way of saying thank you for the extra work they do," Lucas said.

Chief Douglas Shaeffer of the Novi Police Department said he nominated Chismar because of his aggressiveness at getting drunk drivers off the roads.

"Drunk drivers have taken a toll on our roads and economy," Shaeffer said. "We're proud of Craig and his efforts he puts into (stopping them)."

But, Chismar was more humble in his acceptance of the award and

"We all work as a team. We are all out there trying to aggressively stop drunk drivers."

Craig Chismar,  
Novi Police Officer and MADD Lifesaver Award winner

said he feels the award belongs not just to him, but to the entire mid-night shift at the police department.

"We all work as a team," he said. "We are all out there trying to aggressively stop drunk drivers."

Chismar said stopping drunk drivers is a very important job for police officers, especially night patrolmen, because most drunk drivers are out at night.

"There is a danger when (drunk drivers) are out there behind the wheel of their automobiles," he said.

Chismar said to find drunk drivers, he watches for bad drivers. Usually, a bad driver at night means the person is a drunk driver, he said.

Because of his dealings with drunk drivers, Chismar has heard a lot of excuses and seen a lot of strange behavior out of the people he has stopped.

"One girl just fell out of her car, right into the road. Then she just stood up and hugged me," he said. "She just wanted to hug and dance."

While some of the people Chismar stops, fight tooth and nail from being caught drunk driving, he said some accept their fate more readily.

"Sometimes the first thing out of their mouth is, 'Boy, I've had too

much to drink. You should take me to jail," Chismar said.

Chismar looks at his efforts to stop drunk drivers as a way of keeping everyone safe on the roads, even the drunk drivers.

He said makes it a point to inform the people he arrests for drunk driving, that while they may resent the idea of going to jail, he may have just saved their life.

"But, that is what we are out there to do," Chismar said. "I have seen plenty of accidents due to drunk driving."

However, officers like Chismar may see many more drunk driving arrests, or worse yet, more accidents.

MADD's Lucas said she thinks drinking and driving cases may be on the rise. But, she added this may be because lately people have not been unwilling to report drunk drivers. So, MADD is seeing more drunk drivers reported that may have not been reported in the past.

Lucas added while more people may be reporting drunk drivers, she believes people still do not take it seriously.

"We see the same thing over and over. People have a couple of drinks on the rise. But, they are," she said. "Even one or two drinks can make you impaired."



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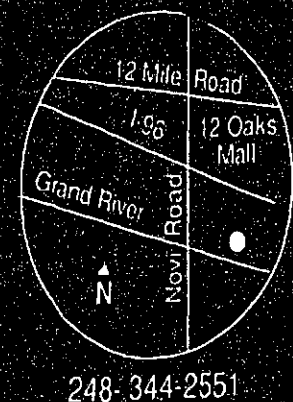
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### Show 'em how it's done

The Sixth Gate Cloggers perform a choreographed dance number to the tune of "You're the One that I Want" during Friday afternoon's Senior Variety Series musical variety show

"Broadway Babes and Bullies." A full house packed the Novi Civic Center auditorium to enjoy lunch and then a musical/comedy variety show.

### Fire Log

The following is a complete list of the emergency runs of the Novi Fire Department for the week ending Sept. 20. Each accident is listed by type, location, time and the Engine and Squad number which responded to the call.

#### MONDAY, SEPT. 14

Medical, 42835 Brookstone, 3:20 a.m., Squad 2.  
Medical, 135 Maudlin, 5:52 a.m., Squad 2.  
Injury accident, Haggerty and Thirteen Mile, 9:11 a.m., Squad 2.  
Medical, Twelve Oaks and Novi Road, 11:47 a.m., Squad 1.  
Medical, 47601 Grand River, 5:05 p.m., Squad 4.  
Injury accident, Twelve Mile and Novi Road, 5:08 p.m., Squad 2.  
Medical, 45182 West Road, 8:35 p.m., Squad 2.  
Fire alarm, 41550 Grand River, 11:19 p.m., Engines 1, 3.

#### TUESDAY, SEPT. 15

Medical, 20830 Woodland Glen, 5:30 a.m., Squad 3.  
Injury accident, Taft Road and Ten Mile, 7:13 a.m., Squad 3.  
Medical, Novi Road-Post Office, 11:14 a.m., Squad 1.  
Medical, 29631 Charleagne,

3:13 p.m., Squad 2.  
Fire alarm, 42005 Twelve Mile, 4:14 p.m., Engine 2.  
Injury accident, Pontiac Trail and Beck Road, 6:13 p.m., Squad 2.

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 16

Medical, 44000 Grand River, 7:07 a.m., Squad 1.  
Medical, 40000 Eight Mile Road, 10:24 a.m., Squad 3.  
Medical, 39750 Grand River, 11:03 a.m., Squad 1.  
Medical, 22242 Commencement, 3:08 p.m., Squad 3.  
Fire alarm, 42100 Crescent, 4:35 p.m., Engines 1, 2.

#### THURSDAY, SEPT. 17

Trash fire, 46593 Grand River, 10:35 a.m., Engine 4.  
Medical, 23206 Sagebrush, 6:57 p.m., Squad 3.

#### FRIDAY, SEPT. 18

Medical, 21555 Haggerty, 5:40 a.m., Squad 3.  
Medical, 43455 Ten Mile, 12:07 p.m., Squad 3.  
Car fire, Nine Mile and Heslip, 12:10 p.m., Engine 3.  
Medical, 43175 Crescent, 2:28 p.m., Squad 1.

Trash fire, 41252 Llewellyn, 2:59 p.m., Engine 3.

#### SATURDAY, SEPT. 19

Fire alarm, 42800 Twelve Mile Road, 3:27 p.m., Engines 1, 2.  
Medical, 22452 Meadowbrook, 4:14 p.m., Engine 3.  
Fire alarm, 21111 Haggerty, 4:39 p.m., Engines 1, 3.  
Fire alarm, 22126 Edgewater, 6:02 p.m., Engine 3.  
Fire alarm, 43155 Nine Mile Road, 8:12 p.m., Engine 3.  
Medical, 150 North Haven, 8:31 p.m., Squad 2.  
Medical, 42750 Grand River, 9:26 p.m., Squad 1.

#### SUNDAY, SEPT. 20

Fire alarm, 42800 Thirteen Mile Road, 1:35 a.m., Engines 1, 2.  
Medical, 41800 Liberte, 11:28 a.m., Squad 2.  
Injury accident, Twelve Mile and M-5, 11:56 a.m., Squad 1.  
Investigation, 44145 Moreau, 12:31 p.m., Engine 1.  
Medical, 45182 West Road, 4:07 p.m., Squad 2.  
Medical, 24239 Hampton, 6:54 p.m., Squad 1.  
Medical, 631 Fleddermorse, 7:54 p.m., Squad 4.

## Poenisch 'outraged' over word change on proposal

By CHRIS C. DAVIS  
Staff Writer

State Senate candidate Carol Poenisch said she was "outraged" at a change made by the Michigan board of canvassers last month to change the ballot wording of a physician aid in dying proposal from "hasten death" to "commit suicide."

The wording came after hours of negotiations between representatives from Merian's Friends, the group seeking to legalize doctor-assisted death in specific cases of terminal illness, and opponents to the legislation.

The state board of elections ultimately drafted the version of the proposal which will appear in November.

The Right-To-Life-backed board of canvassers has twisted the ballot, Poenisch said. "Using terms like 'commit suicide,' 'lethal,' and 'drugs,' they manage to portray the concept the group is promoting to something just short of murder."

The item will be listed as Proposal B on the November 4 ballot. It would allow mentally competent, informed Michigan adults or specific out-of-state relatives to end their lives with the aid of their physician.

Before that could happen, however, Proposal B requires a psychiatrist to determine if the patient is mentally competent and two physicians to decide if the patient has

six months or less to live.

Poenisch said the deal which was struck had less to do with compromise than it did with a take-it-or-leave-it sentiment expressed by the board of canvassers.

"They wrote the ballot proposal, as it is, on their own," Poenisch said. "What it came down to was (Merian's Friends) either accepting the change or the Secretary of State office on this one was going to be even tougher," he said. "We've been told that the courts almost never overturn this sort of thing."

Mocillon said many members of Merian's Friends believed the term "suicide" carried a gloomy stigma and wasn't appropriate for ballot language.

Members of the board of canvassers did not return telephone calls Monday, but Governor Newsome quoted state elections director Christopher Thomas as saying the decision to make use of the word "suicide" was done only after much thought.

"I took a lot of consideration on my part to use that word," Thomas said in the report. "I understand that this is an emotional issue, but I do not believe that 'suicide' is prejudicial."

If it would be approved, Michigan would be only the second state in the U.S. to have such permit physician-assisted death. Oregon, the other state with such a statute in place, includes "suicide" in its language.

## Driver safety tips for school season

Drivers are urged to use extra care and caution now around schools and bus stops, since school has returned to session, by the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration.

According to the NHTSA, in 1996:

- Motor vehicle crashes were the leading cause of death for children from 6 to 14 years old.
- An average of eight children between the ages of 0 and 14 were killed and 980 injured every day in motor vehicle crashes during 1996 in the United States.
- There were 5,412 pedestrian fatalities in 1996. The 0-14 age group accounted for 666 (12 percent) of those fatalities.
- Approximately 26,000 pedestrians under 15 were injured in motor vehicle crashes, accounting for 32

percent of the total number of pedestrians injured in motor vehicle crashes in 1996.

• A total of 761 pedal cyclists were killed in motor vehicle crashes in 1996. Of those fatalities, 223 (29 percent) were children 0-14 years old.

• In 1996, 41 percent of the pedal cyclists injured in motor vehicle crashes were under 15 years old.

• In 1996, nearly 21 percent of the children under 15 who were killed in motor vehicle crashes were killed in alcohol-related crashes. Almost half of these children were passengers in vehicles with drivers who had been drinking.

• During 1996, 9,151 motor vehicle occupants under 15 years old were involved in fatal crashes. For those children whose restraint use was known, 45 percent were unrestrained. Over 62 percent of those fatally injured were unrestrained.

• Infants in a rear-facing safety seat must never be placed in the front seat of a motor vehicle with a passenger-side air bag. During a forward impact, the rapidly inflating air bag could strike the safety seat with enough force to seriously injure or kill the infant.

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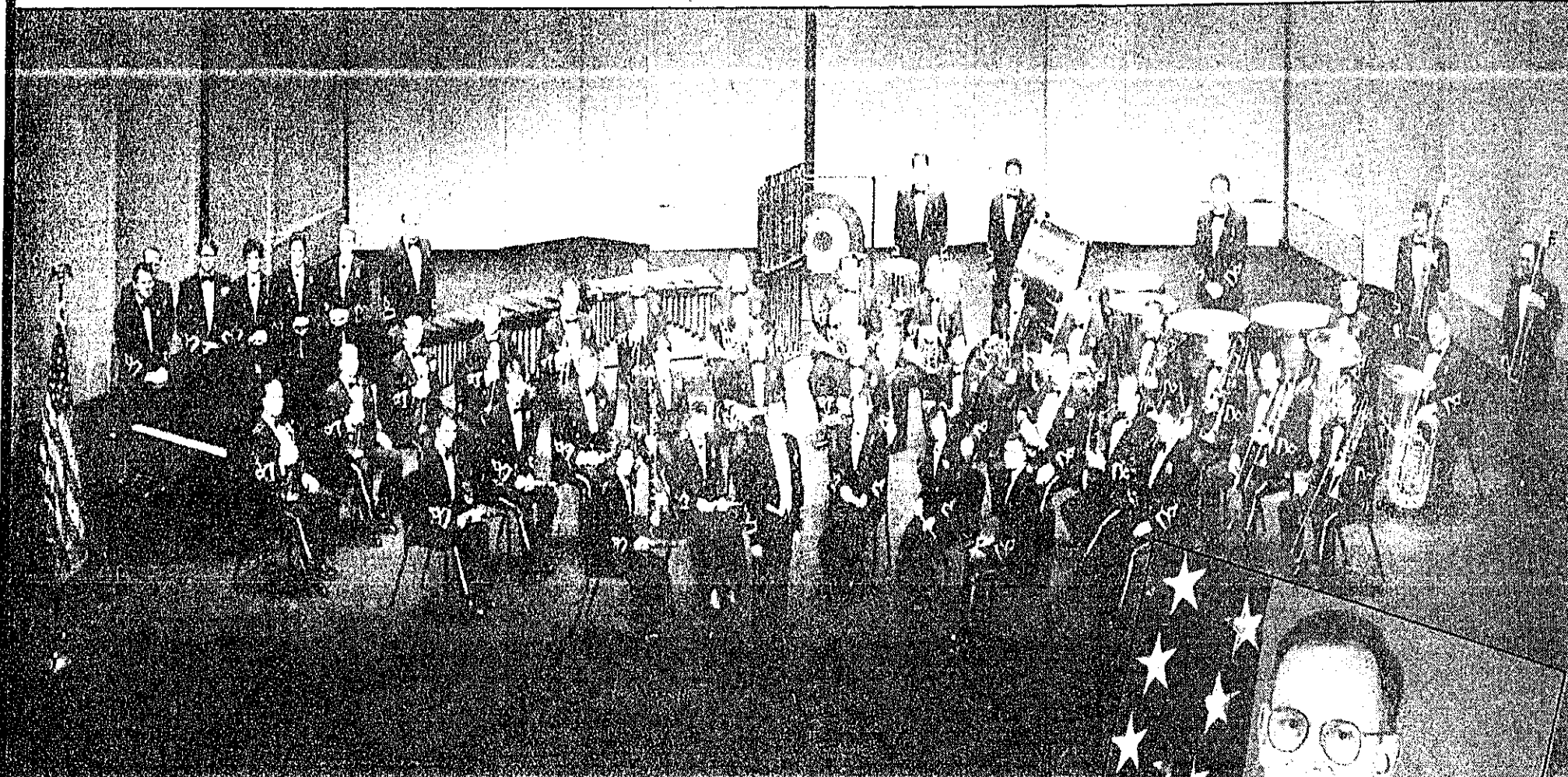
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**MONDAY, SEPT. 28**  
 10:00 a.m. — Fall Harvest  
 10:30 a.m. — The Cutting Room  
 Floor  
 11:00 a.m. — Christian Singles Today  
 11:30 a.m. — Cosby and Company  
 12:00 p.m. — ADL Women of Achievement Awards Dinner  
 12:30 p.m. — (cont'd)  
 1:00 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete  
 1:30 p.m. — Welcome to the New Millennium  
 2:00 p.m. — Financial Strategies  
 2:30 p.m. — A Culinary Adventure: La Stush  
 3:00 p.m. — Farmington Hills Hockey Squirt Tier 1: Devils versus Blazers  
 3:30 p.m. — (cont'd)  
 4:00 p.m. — Farmington Families in Action Managing Middle School Madness  
 4:30 p.m. — (cont'd)  
 5:00 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y  
 5:30 p.m. — Up Close Today: ARC Detroit  
 6:00 p.m. — Community Living Cruisers  
 6:30 p.m. — Bagels and Talk with Tracy  
 7:00 p.m. — Critter Connection  
 7:30 p.m. — Aviation Journal  
 8:00 p.m. — Decisions, Drinking and Driving  
 8:30 p.m. — Community Comments  
 9:00 p.m. — Lausing Connection  
 9:30 p.m. — Groove Session: HUS-IE Aerobics

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 29**  
 10:00 a.m. — Legislative Forum  
 10:30 a.m. — Specs Profile: Hal Miller  
 11:00 a.m. — Law Talk: Elmore Dutch Leonard  
 11:30 a.m. — (cont'd)  
 12:00 p.m. — Summit University  
 12:30 p.m. — (cont'd)  
 1:00 p.m. — Farmington Hills Hockey Squirt Tier 1: Flames versus Blazers

1:30 p.m. — (cont'd)  
 2:00 p.m. — Lausing Connection  
 2:30 p.m. — Center for New Thinking  
 3:00 p.m. — (cont'd)  
 3:30 p.m. — (cont'd)  
 4:00 p.m. — Creature Feature: Science Alive  
 4:30 p.m. — (cont'd)  
 5:00 p.m. — The Way, The Truth, and The Life  
 5:30 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen: David Stever  
 6:00 p.m. — Farmington Hills Hockey Squirt Tier 2: Firebirds versus Raptors  
 6:30 p.m. — (cont'd)  
 7:00 p.m. — Fitness Motivators: Step Aerobics  
 7:30 p.m. — Financial Strategies  
 8:00 p.m. — A New and Improved You: Gift of Life  
 8:30 p.m. — A Culinary Adventure: Canapols on the Grill  
 9:00 p.m. — Let's Talk with Ben Marks

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 30**  
 10:00 a.m. — Personal Safety in the '90s: Home Security  
 10:30 a.m. — MDOT Today  
 11:00 a.m. — Mountain Ski Series: The Continuum  
 11:30 a.m. — Reading with Taffara  
 12:00 p.m. — Exploring Tollgate  
 12:30 p.m. — (cont'd)  
 1:00 p.m. — Study in Scripture  
 1:30 p.m. — AMVETS  
 2:00 p.m. — Restoration Now  
 2:30 p.m. — Christian Singles Today: Rob and Tim Eaton  
 3:00 p.m. — Scary Tales From Novi  
 3:30 p.m. — Groove Session: HUS-IE Aerobics  
 4:00 p.m. — Critter Connection  
 4:30 p.m. — YMCA: Villo Camp  
 5:00 p.m. — Aviation Journal  
 5:30 p.m. — Community Comments: Community Access  
 6:00 p.m. — Farmington Hills Hockey Mini Mite Tier 2: Panthers versus Ice Bats  
 6:30 p.m. — (cont'd)  
 7:00 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete  
 7:30 p.m. — Cosby and Company  
 8:00 p.m. — Novi Street Beat: Novi Senior Center  
 8:30 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y

1:30 p.m. — (cont'd)  
 2:00 p.m. — Lausing Connection  
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**THURSDAY, OCT. 1**  
 10:00 a.m. — Fitness Motivators: Step Aerobics  
 10:30 a.m. — The Happiest People Alive  
 11:00 a.m. — Abundant Life: Arabic Ministries: Thirsty Hearts  
 11:30 a.m. — People Who Make Things Happen: David Stever  
 12:00 p.m. — Bagels and Talk with Tracy  
 12:30 p.m. — Malena Magallanes: How Kids Cope with Divorce  
 1:00 p.m. — Praise, Praise, Praise  
 1:30 p.m. — That's Italian  
 2:00 p.m. — Rock Soup: Eurythmy Squad  
 2:30 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y  
 3:00 p.m. — The Secret Place  
 3:30 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete  
 4:00 p.m. — Law Talk: Elmore Dutch Leonard  
 4:30 p.m. — (cont'd)  
 5:00 p.m. — Sharry Zedek  
 5:30 p.m. — (cont'd)  
 6:00 p.m. — Farmington Hills Hockey Mini Mite Tier 1: Hawks versus Panthers  
 6:30 p.m. — (cont'd)  
 7:00 p.m. — (cont'd)  
 7:30 p.m. — Fall Harvest  
 8:00 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen: David Stever  
 8:30 p.m. — Christian Singles Today: Rob and Tim Eaton  
 9:00 p.m. — Law Talk: Elmore Dutch Leonard

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 2**  
 10:00 a.m. — 3:30 p.m. — To Be Announced  
 4:00 p.m. — Fitness Motivators  
 4:30 p.m. — Let's Talk with Ben Marks  
 5:00 p.m. — (cont'd)  
 5:30 p.m. — Cosby and Company  
 6:00 p.m. — To Be Announced  
 6:30 p.m. — Groove Session  
 7:00 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen  
 7:30 p.m. — Bagels and Talk with Tracy  
 8:00 p.m. — To Be Announced  
 9:00 p.m. — Law Talk

9:00 p.m. — Movie Lovers Guide to Horror Movies

### Let's rumba

Dance students show their stuff at parties

By WENDY WHITE  
 Staff Writer

Whether they come for relaxation, recreation or better communication, couples from around the area swing into Northville Township to rumba, cha-cha, bolero or waltz the night away.

But you have to be invited to join the fun.

On the guest list are all the students who take classes at Northville's own Arthur Murray Dance Studio, which is tucked away behind a set of office suites at 4200 West Six Mile Road.

The studio's dance parties, held every Friday night, are designed to give students a chance to practice the steps they've learned during private and group lessons at the school.

"They go out and they practice together. There are 40 other couples on the floor so they learn how to dance," said Anne Marie Olson, who owns the studio with her husband, Steven.

A DJ carefully selects songs with rhythms that inspire the guests to begin different steps, including the tango, mambo and foxtrot.

Olson said many couples come to the studio interested in learning dances for an upcoming occasion, often to embark on a hobby that they both can share.

Most find dancing offers an opportunity to forget about the rest of the world, if only for a couple of hours.

"Many people come in because they want to have a good time when they go out, instead of ending up watching other people dance or sitting at home. Others look at it as a date night. This is something they find they can do together and focus on each other," Olson said.

For Northville resident and physician Vijaya Kumar, dance beat golf as a pastime to enjoy with her husband Anil, an engineer. She said dancing has helped their relationship in other ways.

"We're able to relate to each other better. We're able to understand each other's temper," Kumar said.

"It teaches you a lot of grace and confidence."

Vijaya Kumar,  
 Student of Arthur Murray Dance Studio

The Kumars began dancing together during a Latin cruise vacation and have since convinced friends to join them at Arthur Murray.

"It teaches you a lot of grace and confidence. Your self-esteem gets so much better," Kumar said.

For another Arthur Murray couple, ballroom dance has become a competitive art. Gary and Joanne Walters of Novi have traveled as far as Toronto to participate in ballroom dance competitions.

"I think part of the reason I started was I liked the music. I started dancing, I came a couple of years after I saw that, and knowing what we were getting into," Gary Walters said.

Olson's parents met at an Arthur Murray Dance studio and she grew up around the art. Although she went on to study ballet and jazz, she continued ballroom and now owns seven Arthur Murray studios with her husband.

Aside from the one in Northville Township, they are all located in Toronto.

"I really like this because I like dancing with someone. These days it doesn't happen much anymore, just holding someone and dancing," Olson said.

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## Finding an apartment getting tougher in area

By CHRIS C. DAVIS  
Staff Writer

Catching a 62nd floor run hall? Simple.

Avoiding possible impoundment? Piece of cake.

Finding an apartment in south east Michigan? Now there's some thing difficult to do.

The rental business is booming in Southville and Novi, making life awfully tough on those whose addresses include an apartment number. And according to Apartment Search rental consultant Donna Reap, the task has only become more difficult in recent months.

Reap, whose job it is to find apartments for prospective tenants, said her job has become increasingly taxing as a greater number of people make the move to metro Detroit. At least check occupancy rates for apartments in the Wayne/Oakland/Marion areas were lowering at around 95 percent.

It's a pleasant problem generated in part by booming job opportunities in the area, Reap said. Area companies are calling their employees to towns like Novi and Northville, and having them stay long enough so that hotel living isn't cost-effective and purchasing a home is an excessive commitment, she said.

Enter: the apartment lease. "What we're seeing is that there are a lot of people out there who need short-term rentals and aren't interested in purchasing real estate," Reap said. "The market is right for this time, and we've been seeing a lot of cases like that."

There seems to be no specific pattern to the price range of companies in which people want to rent, Reap said. Whether it's the economy units or plush high-rises, Reap said renters are looking for apartments and looking hard.

Prices range from as low as around \$550 a month to as much as \$1,100 in some cases, she said.

The forecast for new complexes in Novi and Northville probably isn't likely because of the expense involved in apartment construction, Reap said.

From a contractor's perspective, apartments can be tough because the materials used to build them can get expensive, she said.

So what to do if you're in the market for a new rental property? Reap said the best advice she has for tenants is to begin looking early and to jump on a waiting list as soon as possible.

"What I've been telling people is that beginning their search as far ahead of when they need an apartment is their best bet," Reap said.

You want to get your name at the top of the waiting lists so when tenants decide to vacate, you'll be the first to get into the unit (you want).

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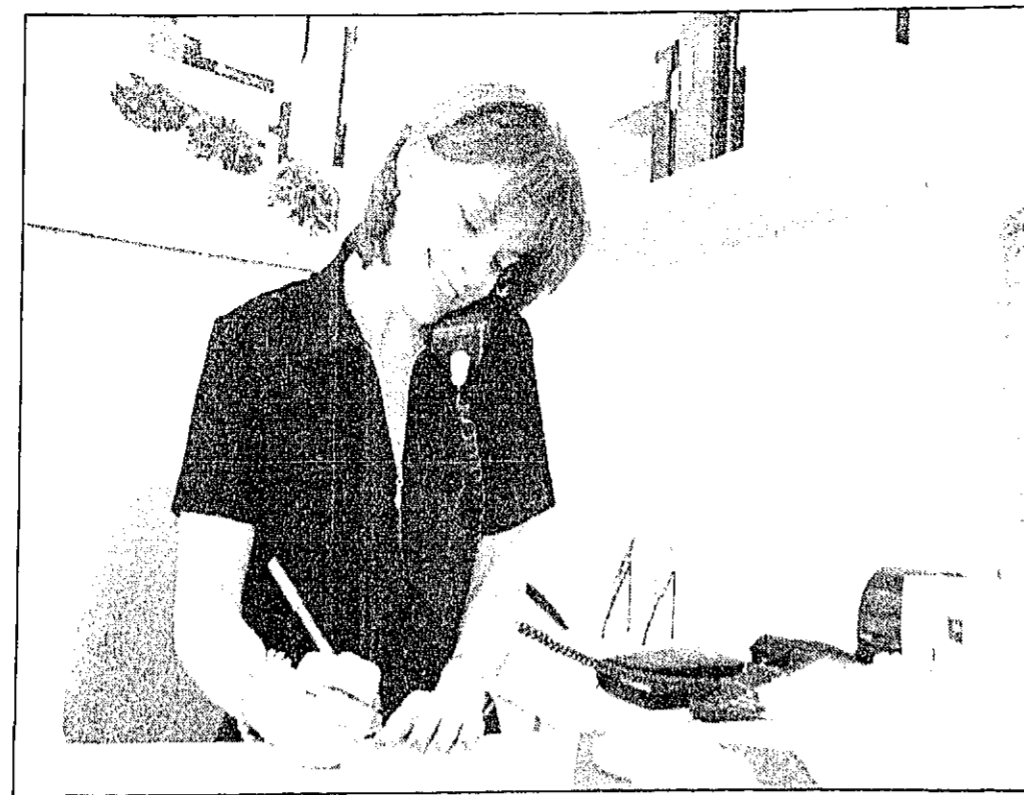


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Apartment Search rental consultant Donna Reap is finding her job more challenging.

## Your rental rights explained

Wondering what your rights are if you rent an apartment? Here's what's important to know:

- Tenants have the right to repair and maintenance of the premises, as provided by law and to the return of the unsecured portion of the security deposit. Tenants also have the right to stay in the property should the landlord decide to sell the property.
- Tenants need to make timely rental payments. Keep the property in good condition and not to engage in illegal or bothersome activities.
- Fees for late payments can be charged by a landlord, but only in the amount to recover the landlord's cost.
- Security deposits may not be more than 150 percent of one month's rent and must be returned within 30 days after the tenant completely vacates an apartment.
- Landlords are required to notify, in writing, within 14 days of taking occupancy of the financial institution where a security deposit is being held.
- After vacating an apartment, a

tenant is required to provide a written forwarding address to the landlord within four days.

- Landlords must provide tenants with two checkbooks spending as provided by law and to the return of the unsecured portion of the security deposit. Tenants also have the right to stay in the property should the landlord decide to sell the property.
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made in writing to the tenant. Tenants are not required to relocate when the eviction notice expires — that date only allows the landlord to file for a court hearing. If a tenant stays beyond the expiration of a "notice to quit," the landlord may request the court to order the tenant to pay court costs, including filing fees and process server fees.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Woodhouse is survived by his maternal grandmother, Flossie M. Snyder of Lowell; brother, Brent A. of Rochester, N.Y.; sister, Kristine M. Woodhouse of Charlotte, N.C.; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services were conducted Sept. 24 at Lowellville Memorial Church, with the Rev. Evan Zehr, pastor, and the Rev. Terry Zehr officiating. Interment was in West Lowellville Cemetery.

## Common questions answered about apartments and renting

There are some commonly-asked questions and answers about apartments and apartment rental.

**Q: What are the advantages to renting? What about the down sides?**

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But apartments don't provide any equity, and since you can't sell them, there's no financial gain to be wrought if you relocate. In some cases, the rental rates are just as much or sometimes more than a mortgaged payment for a house or condominium.

**Q: How can I get a reduction in my rent?**

A: Ask about move-in specials with the complex manager when you visit. The listed price for a unit may not be reflective of what you'll actually pay, you may be able to negotiate. Some developments will waive your first month's rent or offer you a monthly reduction in rate. Also be sure to ask about rental rate increases — if any are pending, and if so, how much.

**Q: What other fees do I need to be made aware of?**

A: You'll want to look out for fees for processing your application, cleaning the apartment, security deposits, trash disposal fees, additional amounts due for additional parking spots and sometimes a fee to be placed on the waiting list. Ask which fees can be applied to your rent should you take occupancy, and which are non-refundable.

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## Obituaries

**NOLAN E. WOODHOUSE**  
Nolan E. Woodhouse, 34, of Novi died on Sept. 19 at the Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills. He was born March 25, 1964, in Lowellville, N.Y., to Bruce W. and Sylvia M. (Snyder) Woodhouse.

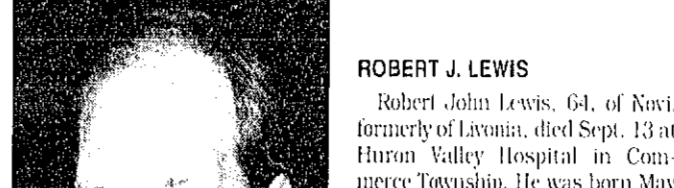
Mr. Woodhouse graduated from Lowellville Academy in 1982 and from Jefferson Community College in 1985, with an associates degree in engineering science. He received his bachelor of technology degree in electrical engineering in 1987 from the State University of New York College of Technology in Utica. Mr. Woodhouse was employed as a technical specialist in telecommunications with Nextlink Communications in Livonia, where he was highly regarded in his field. His prior employments as a technical specialist included Northern Telecom, Conel, GTE, Teledat America, U.S. Signal and Brooks Fiber Communications. Mr. Woodhouse received awards and certificates in digital switching systems and had attended numerous schools for his field of work. His interests included biking, sailing, cross country skiing, and listening to classical music. While living in Livonia, he was a member of the Lowellville Village Band and played clarinet.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Woodhouse is survived by his maternal grandmother, Flossie M. Snyder of Lowell; brother, Brent A. of Rochester, N.Y.; sister, Kristine M. Woodhouse of Charlotte, N.C.; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services were conducted Sept. 24 at Lowellville Memorial Church, with the Rev. Evan Zehr, pastor, and the Rev. Terry Zehr officiating. Interment was in West Lowellville Cemetery.

Arrangements were made by Valdez-Peroski Funeral Home in Lowellville.

Contributions to Botsford General Hospital, Development Department, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills, MI 48336-5933 would be appreciated.



**ROBERT J. LEWIS**  
Robert J. Lewis, 64, of Novi, formerly of Livonia, died Sept. 13 at Huron Valley Hospital in Commerce Township. He was born May 24, 1934.

Mr. Lewis moved to Novi in 1987. He was employed at Ford Motor Co. before retiring in 1990.

Mr. Lewis is survived by his wife, Beverly J., son, Robert J. (Susan); daughter, Beth (Edward) Caspner; and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his children, John and Susan.

Services will be held on Saturday, Sept. 19 at St. James Church in Novi.

Arrangements were made by O'Brien Chapel/Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi.

Memorial contributions to the Knights of Columbus, Daniel Lud Council, 39100 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia MI 48150 would be appreciated.

He is survived by his wife, Douglas J. Carroll

**DOUGLAS J. CARROLL**  
Douglas James Carroll, 47, of Novi died Sept. 21 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. He was born March 27, 1951.

He is survived by his wife, Sheryl; son, Ryan; daughter, Rachel; parents, Fred and Margaret Carroll; brothers, Ron (Lusille) and Craig (Karen); and in-laws, Joe and Arla McNamee.

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## State Police DNA analysis lab opens in Northville

By CHRIS C. DAVIS  
Staff Writer

"There have been some very important cases across Michigan that may have gone unsolved had it not been for DNA testing technology."

Lt. Michael Arrowood  
Michigan State Police forensic laboratory commander

Northville Township joined the ranks of the elite in the detective world by opening up its expanded DNA analysis laboratory in the state police building on Seven Mile Road.

Renovations to the law enforcement building were recently completed, marking the end of six months of reconstruction. Funding for the project was made possible through a federal grant.

The remainder of the facility will continue to be used for other criminal investigations, including polygraphing drug testing, trace evidence, latent print analysis, and will also house a firearms/bomb unit.

State Police Lt. Michael Arrowood, forensic laboratory commander, said DNA testing has become an integral part of crime testing in recent years.

"There have been some very important cases across Michigan that may have gone unsolved had it not been for DNA testing technology," Arrowood said.

Biology superintendent and forensic scientist Lynne Helton said that advances in technology have made the lives of forensic scientists much easier.

"This is still a very sophisticated testing process we need to go through, but the size and amount of sample we need isn't as critical as it once was," she said.

A decade ago, scientists would

sometimes require a sample of bodily fluid usually no smaller than a nickel to do adequate testing on it. Nowadays, that sample can be markedly smaller.

DNA is both a very complex and simple molecule. Though it has only four components, the strings of DNA can run as long as 3 billion units.

To put it in perspective, if each component of DNA was the size of a dollar bill, you could wrap a string of DNA around the Equator a dozen times.

Advancements have made it possible to examine shorter regions of that same DNA molecule to obtain a quality "genetic fingerprint" of a criminal suspect, Helton said.

"We're now able to look at shorter regions of the DNA strand," she said.

Over time, Helton said scientists may have no choice but to look at portions of DNA as portions of the long chain disintegrate.

"By the very nature of our work, the samples we obtain and the sources we take them from are in

something less than pristine condition," she said. "We often have to make the most with what we get, which sometimes isn't much."

The Northville conversion is one of a series of consolidations and conversions going on across the state. Engler encouraged such changes while he served as a state senator.

Visitors on hand for the grand opening were given a rare look inside the state police facility. The Northville post is now one of seven crime labs across Michigan. State labs investigated more than 16,000 cases annually, including drug cases, burglary, sexual assaults, homicide and arson.

The renovated building was reopened to the public in a ceremony attended by Governor John Engler and Detroit police chief Henry Napoleon. The ribbon cutting happened Sept. 9.

The original building was constructed as part of the Second District headquarters in 1976. Last year, post operations moved to the new Metro-North Post in Oak Park.

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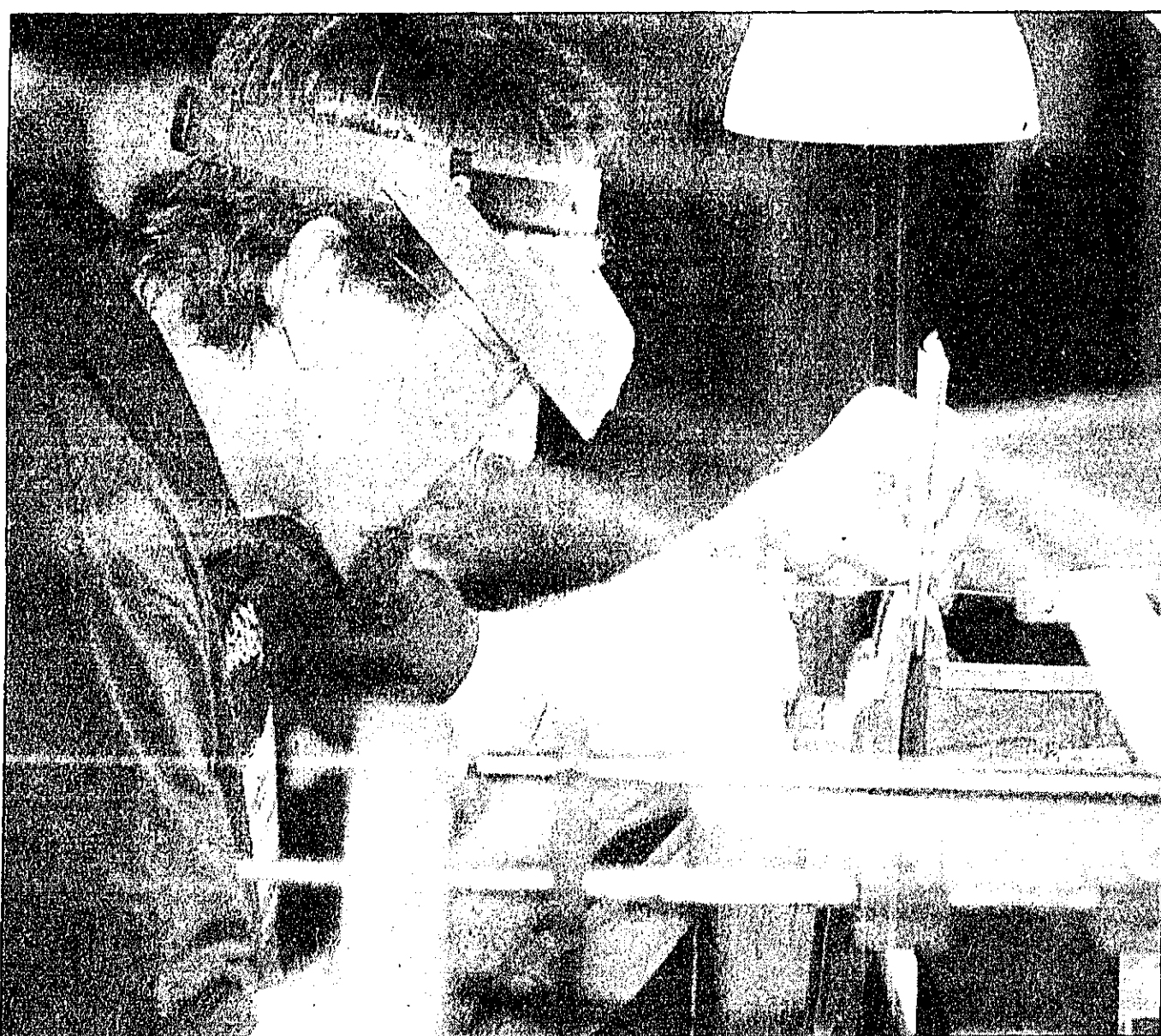


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

### Patience plus ability equals a masterpiece

San Francisco resident Patrick Edwards demonstrates the french woodworking art form known as "Marquetry," or "painting in wood," at Friday afternoon's American Woodworker's

Show at the Novi Expo Center. Marquetry is essentially creating precision pieces of artistic inlay for wood furniture out of substances like brass, copper, silver and wood.

## 'Deadwood' taken off voter register

By TIM RICHARD  
Staff Writer

Some 550,000 "deadwood" names have been removed from Michigan's voter registration list, Secretary of State Candice Miller announced.

There are 6.35 million registered voters in Michigan, not the 6.9 million reported by local election officials earlier this summer, Miller said.

"Under my administration, we have constructed something called the 'qualified voter file,' which we used in the primary. We have eliminated duplicates and people who have passed away, a factor that created the potential for fraud in our elections process," she said in an interview.

Miller said Michigan has seen an increase in deadwood due to the National Voter Registration Act, which prohibits states from using the lack of voting activity to trigger the cancellation process.

In the early 1960s, Michigan Gov. George Romney signed a law providing for canceling the registration of voters who had been inactive for two years. The courts struck down that law. The 1993 federal law, enacted by a Democratic Congress and signed by President Bill Clinton, kept names on file even when people had moved.

Under the new qualified voter file, the state has a statewide voter registration list. All voter information is transmitted electronically between the Secretary of State's office and local election officials.

It works two ways. When Secretary of State branch offices receive voter information changes, the information is forwarded electronically to the city and township clerks. And when local clerks accept new voter registrations, the information is forwarded to Lansing, and the person's previous registration, if any, is canceled.

The qualified voter file was developed at a cost of \$7.6 million, Miller said. Half the funds went to local units of government.

The qualified voter file helps local officials with many of their duties including petition and candidate tracking, an electronic election calendar, and absentee voter processing.

Bill Ballenger, proprietor of the Inside Michigan Politics newsletter, tells of a petition circulator whose name was found six times on Detroit's voter registration list because of her frequent moves. But to her credit, she voted only once, Ballenger said.

Reader's Digest has made much of the failure of government to cancel the registrations of voters, even when presented evidence the voter has died. In a Baltimore case, a woman said her husband was recorded as having voted months after he actually died, an indication of fraud.

A 1994 book by Sabato and Simpson entitled "Dirty Little Secrets: The Persistence of Corruption in American Politics" argues that the federal law "augments" the potential for fraud. Under the motor-voter law, it has become more difficult to keep the voting rolls clean of deadwood voters who have moved or died, making fraudulent voting easier and therefore more tempting for those so inclined.

The Michigan Legislature attempted to correct a deficiency by requiring a voter to produce a photo identification card at the polls. Attorney General Frank Kelly called it unconstitutional, saying it snatched of the poll tax.

Michigan's new qualified voter file will make voter turnout percentages look better. The 550,000 deadwood names had the effect of swelling the denominator and making it look as if voter participation were declining over the years rather than increasing.

## Consultants say golf course would work, make money

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expected to grow to 238,702 in the next five years.

"There will be a sufficient golfer population to support a new facility," the consultants found.

Parks and Recreation Director Dan Davis said he was pleased with the quality of the report.

"I think it hits the points that we asked for. Right now, we're going to take a wait-and-see approach to see how the council reacts to it," Davis said.

If the council wants to proceed, additional research would be needed to determine how the city would build a course. Options include a city-developed and operated facility, a long-term lease with a developer who would build and operate the course or a city-developed course then managed by a private firm.

For advocates of a public course, cheaper greens fees and raising money for other city programs are top priorities.

Green fees for 18 holes at the Novi course were estimated at \$25 on weekdays and \$35 on weekends.

To Todd Gerhart, general manager of the Maples of Novi golf course, a municipal course is desirable because it makes the sport available to more people, including youngsters and seniors.

"Novi is one of the fastest growing communities in the State of Michigan. There just isn't an affordable golf course around here. You have the Novi Parks and Rec. senior leagues going to South Lyon," Gerhart added.

\$50 to \$55 for a golf round isn't affordable for 99 percent of the population. There's a big need for affordable golf. When you look at the other communities, they all have golf courses — Livonia, Farmington Hills, Plymouth Township."

Not all of the property would be dedicated to golf. A plan recommended by the Parks and Recreation Commission would set aside the northwest portion of the new park, next to Lakeshore Park, for open space, ball fields, playgrounds, picnic areas and nature trails.

Shawood Drive resident Chuck Tindall has been one of the most outspoken critics of the plan to plant the golf course at the North Novi Park. Tindall said he expected the consultants' report would find that golf course was financially feasible. His objection is to the location.

In a recent survey commissioned by the Parks and Recreation Commission, residents ranked a golf course as their fifth choice of eight possible recreation options.

"The interesting thing to me is there doesn't seem to be an overwhelming majority of the city who wants it," Tindall said.

"The thing that tells me is that you put it on the ballot," Supporters say that as a spin-off effect, the golf course would enhance Novi's economy.

A golf course would lure high tech light industries to Novi, especially along the Twelve Mile Road and Haggerty Connector corridors, Haggerty predicts.

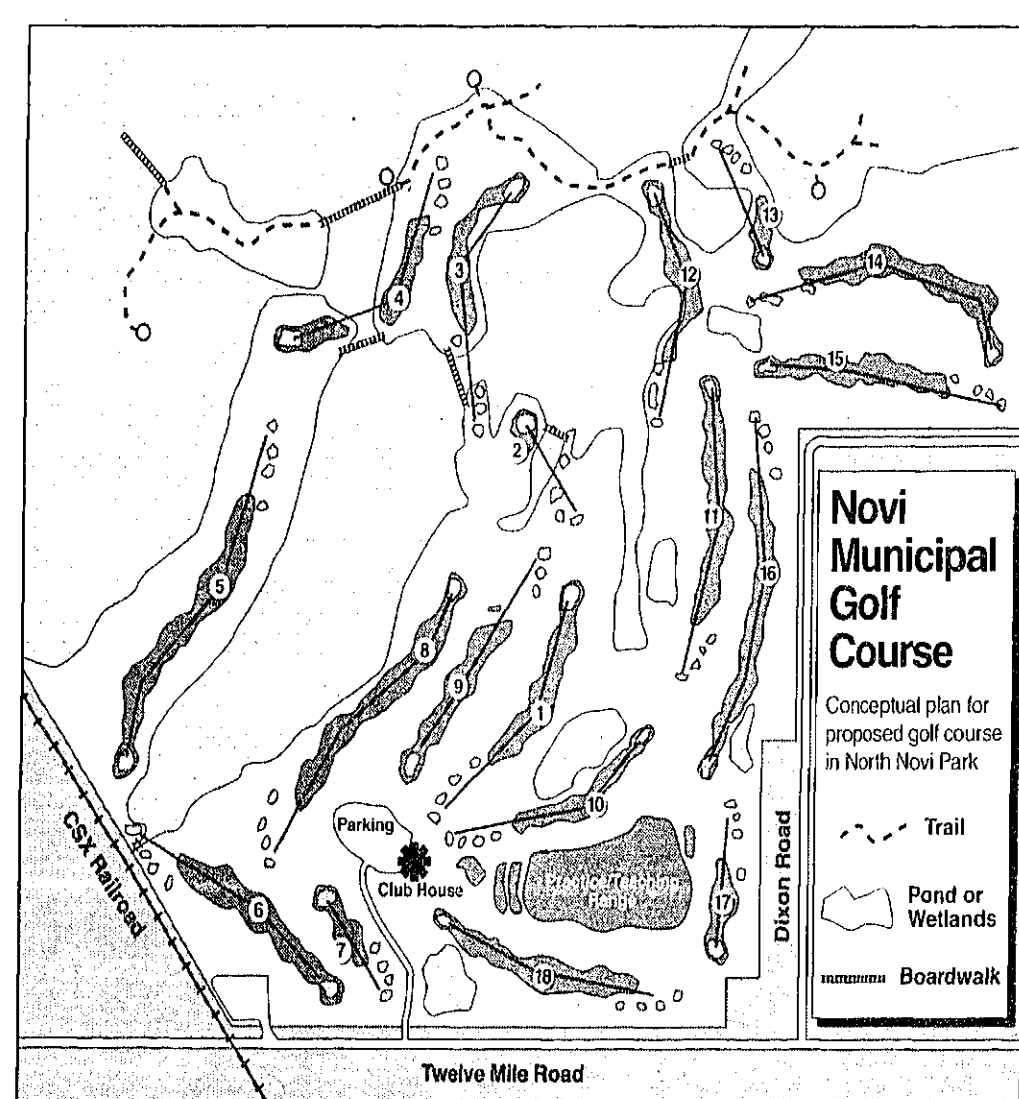
"I've seen nothing in the negative area that can't be overcome with good planning," said Haggerty, a golfer and resident of The Maples.

"If it's done right, it will be an asset. I think it will be a great, great thing to enhance our economic growth."



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Maples management says a Novi course would make golf affordable to more people. Above, pro Herb Schmidt works on his game.



Novi Municipal Golf Course  
Conceptual plan for proposed golf course in North Novi Park  
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Pond or Wetlands  
Boardwalk  
Twelve Mile Road  
Dixie Road  
Map by SCOTT PIPER

### PROFITS

How profitable would a City of Novi golf course, funded by \$6.5 million in revenue bonds, be? A study by consultants Don Childs estimates that the annual net profit at:

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- Year Five: A profit of \$444,600
- Year Eight: A profit of \$758,000
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### GOLFERS

A profile of Michigan golfers:

- 86 percent male
  - 14 percent female
  - 26.8 percent golf with spouse
  - 60 percent are 35 to 54 years old
  - 23 percent are 35 or younger
  - 30 percent earn over \$100,000 annually
  - 52 percent earn over \$75,000 annually
- (Source: City of Novi Golf Feasibility Study)

## Capitol Capsules

### DRUG TESTS STUCK

House Republicans failed to dislodge Gov. John Engler's proposal for drug testing of welfare recipients from the House Committee on Human Services. The vote on Sept. 15 was 50-48 with 56 votes needed for passage.

The vote appeared to be along party lines — Republicans for, Democrats against — but a malfunctioning copy machine was unable to produce the roll call vote.

"Democrats are playing politics," said Rep. Michelle McManus, R-Lakeview, who asked for the discharge vote.

Rep. Ed LaForge, D-Kalamazoo and chair of the committee, said

### another bill would be reported next week, leading Republican Jack Horton of Lowell to comment: "Finally, with a discharge motion, we get a promise of a hearing. That substitute does little."

Rep. Tom Alley, D-West Branch, said Democrats denied the discharge motion "for the same reason you didn't want us to discharge when you (Republicans) were in control." The measure is House Bill 5855.

### WORK FIRST GRANTS

Engler announced a total of \$85 million in Work First grants to 25 agencies trying to move welfare recipients to jobs. Funding comes from the state and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Recipients:

- Lansing Tri-County, \$2.8 million
- Livingston County Job Training Services, \$112,000
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- Southwest Michigan Community Alliance, \$3.25 million

### WATER LOANS

Four Oakland County communities are among 29 that will receive more than \$135 million in low-interest loans from the Department of Environmental Quality to upgrade drinking water and wastewater systems, the governor's office announced.

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All electors of Green Oak Township are hereby given notice that a General Election will be held at all precincts of Green Oak Township on Tuesday, November 3, 1998.

Electors who wish to vote in the election must be registered to vote no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 5, 1998. To register, visit any Secretary of State Branch Office, the County Clerk's Office or the Green Oak Township Clerk's Office. The Clerk will be available for the purpose of receiving registrations at the following times and place:

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South Lyon, Michigan  
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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**CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CITY OF NOVI ROUGE RIVER SOIL EROSION CONTROL BLANKET PROJECT**

The City of Novi, Department of Public Services, in accordance with the Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project requirements, hereby solicits proposals from consulting firms for the development and implementation of a Soil Erosion Control Blanket Project within the Rouge River Watershed in the City of Novi. This project is intended to demonstrate how the innovative use of soil control blankets can be used to "catch" a building site and control erosion during the building process.

Proposal packages are available to any firm desiring to be considered for this project from the Director of Purchasing, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., Novi, Michigan 48375. Proposals shall be submitted to the City of Novi Purchasing Department by 2:00 p.m., prevailing eastern time, Monday, October 5, 1998.

All proposals must be signed by a legally authorized agent of the bidding firm. Envelopes must be plainly marked, "ROUGE RIVER SOIL EROSION CONTROL BLANKET," and must bear the name of the bidder.

The City reserves the right to accept any or all alternative proposals and award the contract to other than the lowest bidder, to waive any irregularities or informatics or to reject any or all proposals, and in general make the award of the contract in any manner deemed by the City, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the City of Novi.

CAROL J. KALINOVIK,  
PURCHASING DIRECTOR  
(248) 347-0446

**NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1998 FOR GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1998**

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF NOVI, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Notice is hereby given that October 5, 1998 is the last day that any qualified elector of the City of Novi, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, who is not already registered to vote may register for the general election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 1998.

Qualified electors who are not currently registered or have changed their address within the City of Novi may register to vote or change their address in the following manner:

In Person:  
— At the City Clerk's Office, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI each regular working day between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing time until and including Monday, October 5, 1998.  
— At any of the Secretary of State Branch offices located throughout the State during normal business hours.

By Mail:  
— By obtaining and completing a Mail Voter Registration Application and forwarding to the Novi City Clerk as directed on the application by the close of registration deadline. Mail voter registration applications may be obtained by contacting:  
Tonni L. Bartholomew, City Clerk  
248-347-0456  
45175 W. Ten Mile Road  
Novi, MI 48375

Note: A person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person in the City of Novi or are at least 60 years of age or are handicapped.

The following proposition will be submitted to the electors at the general election on Tuesday, November 3, 1998:

Police Headquarters Bond Proposal

Shall the City of Novi, County of Oakland, Michigan, borrow a sum of not to exceed Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,500,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor for the purpose of paying the cost of acquiring, constructing, furnishing and equipping additions, alterations and improvements to the existing police headquarters building and all appurtenances and attachments thereto?

The matter is given by order of the City Council of the City of Novi, County of Oakland, Michigan.

TONNI L. BARTHLOMEW, CITY CLERK

**NOTICE OF HEARING TO REVIEW SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL CITY OF NOVI COUNTY OF OAKLAND, MICHIGAN**

TO THE OWNERS OF ALL THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY ABUTTING THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED IMPROVEMENT:

The construction of approximately 1,400 feet of 8" water main in Section 3, within the Idemere Park Subdivision, beginning at South Lake Drive then proceeding south along Eubank Street to a point approximately 230 feet south of LeMay Street, LeMay Street between Eubank and Maudlin, and Maudlin from LeMay to South Lake Drive.

TAKE NOTICE that a special assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of defraying the special assessment district's share of the cost of the following described public improvement:

50-22-03-379-011	50-22-03-380-006
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50-22-03-453-011	50-22-03-453-023
50-22-03-453-015	

The said special assessment roll is on file for public examination with the City Clerk and any objections to said special assessment roll may be made in writing prior to the close of the hearing to review said special assessment roll.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the City Council and the City Assessor will meet at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile, Novi, Michigan, at 7:30 o'clock p.m., Prevaling Eastern Time, on October 5, 1998, for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment roll.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that appearance and protest at such hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the State Tax Tribunal. An appearance and protest may be made by an appearance at the hearing to protest the special assessment or by filing an appearance and protest by letter.

THIS NOTICE is given by order of the City Council of the City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan.

TONNI L. BARTHLOMEW, CITY CLERK  
(9-24-98 NFRNN 852699)

**CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CITY OF NOVI ROUGE RIVER STREAMBANK STABILIZATION PROJECT**

The City of Novi, Department of Public Services, in accordance with the Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project requirements, hereby solicits proposals from consulting firms for the development and implementation of a Streambank Stabilization Project that is intended to demonstrate how the innovative use of multiple "bioengineered" Streambank Stabilization Systems can best be utilized to mitigate and reduce eroding sediments while maintaining natural aesthetics and characteristics.

Proposal packages are available to any firm desiring to be considered for this project from the Director of Purchasing, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., Novi, Michigan 48375. Proposals shall be submitted to the City of Novi Purchasing Department by 4:00 p.m., Monday, October 5, 1998.

All proposals must be signed by a legally authorized agent of the bidding firm. Envelopes must be plainly marked, "STREAMBANK STABILIZATION," and must bear the name of the bidder.

The City reserves the right to accept any or all alternative proposals and award the contract to other than the lowest bidder, to waive any irregularities or informatics or to reject any or all proposals, and in general make the award of the contract in any manner deemed by the City, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the City of Novi.

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The Bates Hamburger restaurant on the corner of Novi and Grand River Avenue. Photo by JOHN HEIDER

## Bates gives way to retail

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

Bates Hamburgers will give way to a Main Street-type building, sitting close to the corner of Grand River Avenue and Novi Road and housing three to four retail tenants.

It'll be another new look for the city's most historic crossroads. The yellow brick building, next door to Bates, and formerly known as the Woot House, will also give way to buildizers.

Reintech Environmental Services is the developer.

"Obviously, with this being a very important corner of the City of Novi, we were trying to get a zoning so we can achieve a development that will give Novi a nice downtown look," said Reintech Vice President Brad Byarski.

Last week, the Novi Planning Commission unanimously approved a rezoning plan that will enable a larger development on the

0.8 acres of land, 7,350 square foot under Town Center One zoning as opposed to 7,200 square feet with the Town Center category.

"TC-1 is the best vehicle of this district," said Planning Commissioner Andrew Mutch.

The Novi Town Center Steering Committee had suggested that the rezoning include Napa Auto Supply further to the west, but the owners weren't interested in tearing down their building, said Planning Commissioner Kim Capello. Capello also sits on the committee.

The hamburger restaurant is expected to move operations to another location.

The land is owned by the Staman family, but Bates has a long-term lease on the property. Reintech optioned the corner in July.

Years ago, the site was the location of the M. J. Moeren General Store. Former Novi Township Supervisor Prozer Staman married the owner's daughter, Irene in the

1930s.

In the early 1900s, Novi had a number of sleep farms and the wood was taken to the old Woot House next to the general store.

Planning Consultant Rod Arroyo said that the proposed retail center will give the corner the look of an old-fashioned downtown.

"The new zoning at the site makes more economic sense," Byarski said.

"We'll work out something," Gary Bates is working with us," he added.

"It's going to be a win for the city. It's going to open up that corner."

Access to the new development will be from the Wonderland Plaza, not Grand River Avenue.

"It's going to be awesome. We have great plans for that area, for the feel of Novi. It'll be like a Main Street. We'll have brick facing and stone," Byarski said.

## Novi High students get ready for Saturday's homecoming

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It will be used in all of the festivities planned for this year's Homecoming.

Part of these festivities leading up to the 1 p.m. football game Saturday against Hartland, include a parade starting at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Holy Family Church on Meadowbrook Road.

The parade will travel south on Meadowbrook to Ten Mile Road, where it will turn west and proceed to the Novi High School.

In keeping with the cartoon theme, senior class members are designing a float that is incorporating Sylvester and Tweety Bird, while the junior class is preparing

a float that is using characters from the cartoon Peanuts.

Witnesses to the parade will also see a sophisticated float with a Flintstones theme and a Freshman class float with a Jetsons theme.

Each of the floats will be on display at the Novi High School parking lot throughout the afternoon and evening.

In addition to the parade, a pep assembly is scheduled to start at 1 p.m. and end at 1:50 p.m. Friday in the Novi High School gymnasium. The public is invited to attend.

Spectators to the Homecoming football matchup are also invited to attend a tailgate gathering before the game. The gathering will start

at 11 a.m. and last right up to the start of the football game.

Food and drinks will be provided at the gathering from the Novi Athletic Boosters for a small cost.

After the game, Novi High School students will be stepping out in style as they attend the Homecoming dance from 8 to 11:30 p.m.

The dance will take place in the Novi High School gymnasium and will follow the cartoon theme set by the students.

"I am looking forward to a great day on Saturday and I know we are going to have great weather. I put in an order," Crockett said.

## Chamber, city launch into Economic Summit today

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came as a result of a lack of proper zoning for some business development in Novi. Because of this, the city started designating some zoning as Office, Service and Technology or OST zoning.

Participants at the meeting will be looking at this new zoning and analyzing its effectiveness.

The third goal to be discussed at the meeting will focus on roads in Novi.

Willard said roads were a very key issue for development in Novi. Bud Scott, chair of the Novi economic development committee and Ed Kriewall, Novi city manager, will present their findings on road

funding and improvements in Novi. Willard said the fourth goal came as a result of various complaints from developers in the area that the city of Novi was very difficult to deal with. Willard said she has gathered a lot of information from developers regarding this and will present her findings at the summit.

In addition to discussing these four goals, the summit will also give the city a chance to introduce various new city staff members in the Building and Planning departments.

Willard said this specifically means the hiring of Kerreen Conley, as Novi's development director and will oversee the Planning and

Community Development and Building departments. The development director position is new to the city of Novi.

Willard said the summit will also look at establishing new goals for the future.

"This is really a check point. It was so wonderful to get together in March and see what we could do to make it better. Now we're going to go from here," Willard said.

Plans for making the summit and annual event will also be discussed at the meeting.

For more information, contact the Novi Chamber of Commerce at (248) 349-3743.

## 52nd District Court hosts first-of-kind Town Hall meeting

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Additional Town Hall Meetings will be held on following Saturdays, in the Milford Civic Center on Oct. 17 and the Wixom Civic Center on Oct. 31.

The meeting will begin with presentations by Judges Michael Batchik, Dennis Powers and Brian MacKenzie as well as county Prosecutor David Goreyca and Under-sheriff Henry Bufla. Then, the meeting will break into small group discussions, led by the League of Women Voters.

The purpose of the Town Hall Meetings is to explore public perception of the court's performance, along with how the court and the community can work together to improve the court and better serve

the public. The specific goals of the meetings are:

- Identify strategies for improving the court and criminal justice system;

- Raise the level of awareness of both the court and the general public for the need to work together;

- Develop goals rooted in local experience, to deal with problems, trends, and issues involving the community and the court;

- Improve public trust and confidence in the criminal justice system.

The Town Hall Meeting agenda will be comprised of two general sessions and three small-group discussions. These discussions with representatives from the court, the prosecutor's office, the

sheriff's office, the defense bar, the police and pretrial services workers will help produce a framework for future steps to promote court improvement and community cooperation.

Sponsors of the Town Hall include the League of Women Voters, the American Judicature Society, the National Center for State Courts, the Judicial Division of the American Bar Association, the National Judicial College, the Michigan Bar Association, the Oakland County Bar Association, Channel 4, WWJ Radio, Oakland Press, The Novi News, The Milford Times, South Lyon Herald and Spinal Column, along with the cities of Novi and South Lyon, and the townships of Lyon and Novi.

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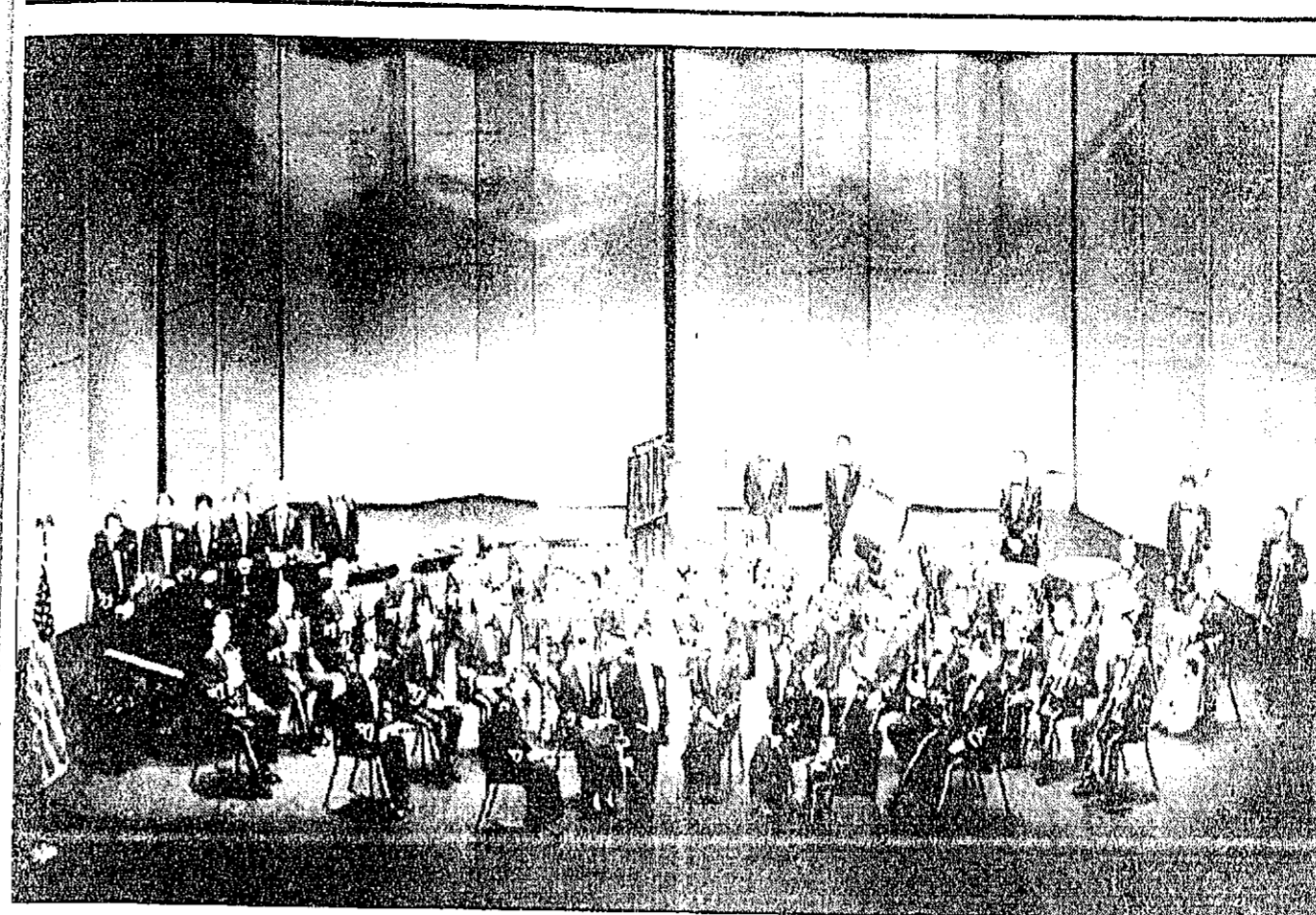
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The Air Force Band of Flight comes to Novi High School's Fuerst Auditorium Oct. 10.

## Band of Flight comes to Novi

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are required. Those who wish to attend should send coupons to request the number of tickets, up to four, they wish receive. Coupons appear on page 10A in today's edition and they should be mailed to The Novi News, 104 W. Main St., Northville, 48167.

The Air Force Band, under the command of Major Kelly G. Bledsoe, is stationed at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio.

Throughout the year, its members put on more than 500 performances for audiences both military and civilian.

The Band of Flight, a court band, also functions as a marching band, and also functions as a marching band, and also functions as a marching band, and also functions as a marching band.

and it plays throughout the Midwest, from Michigan to Kentucky, from Maryland to Indiana. The band estimates it travels 100,000 miles to performances each year.

The band has performed at the Kentucky Derby, the Indianapolis 500 and appears annually at the Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival.

Major Bledsoe has been the com-

mander of the Band of Flight since 1996. Before that, he commanded the Band of the Air Force Reserve, performing in the U.S., Panama and Europe. He marched in the Peace Victory Parks in Moscow in 1992. With that band, he performed before President Bill Clinton three times.

The deadline for requesting tickets is Oct. 2.

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## Giant pumpkin produced in Shawood Lake patch

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a type of squash. The emphasis is size, so the color is not as vibrant and the skin is rougher than the pumpkins that will cropping up at roadside stands in Novi next month.

Each year around Halloween time, it's a Tinsell family tradition to take a group of neighborhood kids out to Wills Pumpkin Farm. The kids pick pumpkins for the farmer, who then lets them keep some of their harvest.

Christopher was considering taking his home-grown special to a pumpkin contest in Monroe, but decided against it. The Novi Jaguar team member is also a Novi Parks

and recreation fee. We soccer coach and the date conflicted with a game.

"He figures he's not going to make anything at the pumpkin weigh-off, but he stands to make \$105 refereeing," Tinsell said.

Christopher's father admits he wasn't at first enthusiastic about the pumpkin planting, but is now impressed with the high school student's good care of his crop.

"The problem is going to be getting out of there without taking my fence down," Tinsell said.

"I think I'm going to have to get four men to lift it up and put it over the fence."

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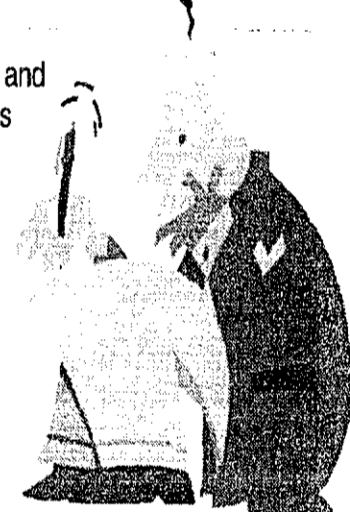
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## HEALTH &amp; LIFESTYLE

# Three new Life Time Fitness sports and recreation megaclubs focus on the family

By KIM KENNEDY

In an age when many families find it difficult to spend quality time together, one Midwest-based company has found a way to make it easy.

Life Time Fitness is one of the fastest growing health and fitness companies in the country and, perhaps, the most forward-thinking company in the industry.

"Our mission," says founder and president, Bahram Akradi, "is to provide an educational, entertaining, friendly and inviting, functional and innovative environment of uncompromising quality that meets the health and fitness needs of the entire family."

The company's three new megaclubs in Novi, Shelby Township and Troy serve as excellent examples of how well they carry out their mission.

## Focus on the family

As part of its commitment to serve the health and fitness needs of the entire family, Life Time Fitness offers its members a variety of children's programs—including free child care services.

"Many of the people in Novi, Livonia, Plymouth, Northville, Troy, Farmington Hills, Shelby Township, Sterling Heights, Macomb, Clinton and all of their surrounding communities have children. We want those children to feel welcome," says Mark Zaebst, Vice President of Development.

The free child care center is staffed seven days a week by certified professionals and features a variety of fun, educational activities for children aged 12 and under. Toddlers are entertained by special games and developmental toys. Preschoolers enjoy space mazes, ball pits and junior sport courts. And older children can exercise their minds through the use of kid-friendly computers and a reading library. There's even a special surround-sound theatre for young members who would like to watch educational shows or family movies.

Another dimension of the company's focus on the family is its Life Time Kids educational program. Designed to provide young members with structured activities and safe instruction, Life Time Kids courses cover everything from swimming and tumbling to karate and rock climbing.

"We're committed to the well-being of the entire family," asserts Zaebst. "The Life Time Kids programs are one more way in which we help kids make early lifestyle choices and develop important skills."

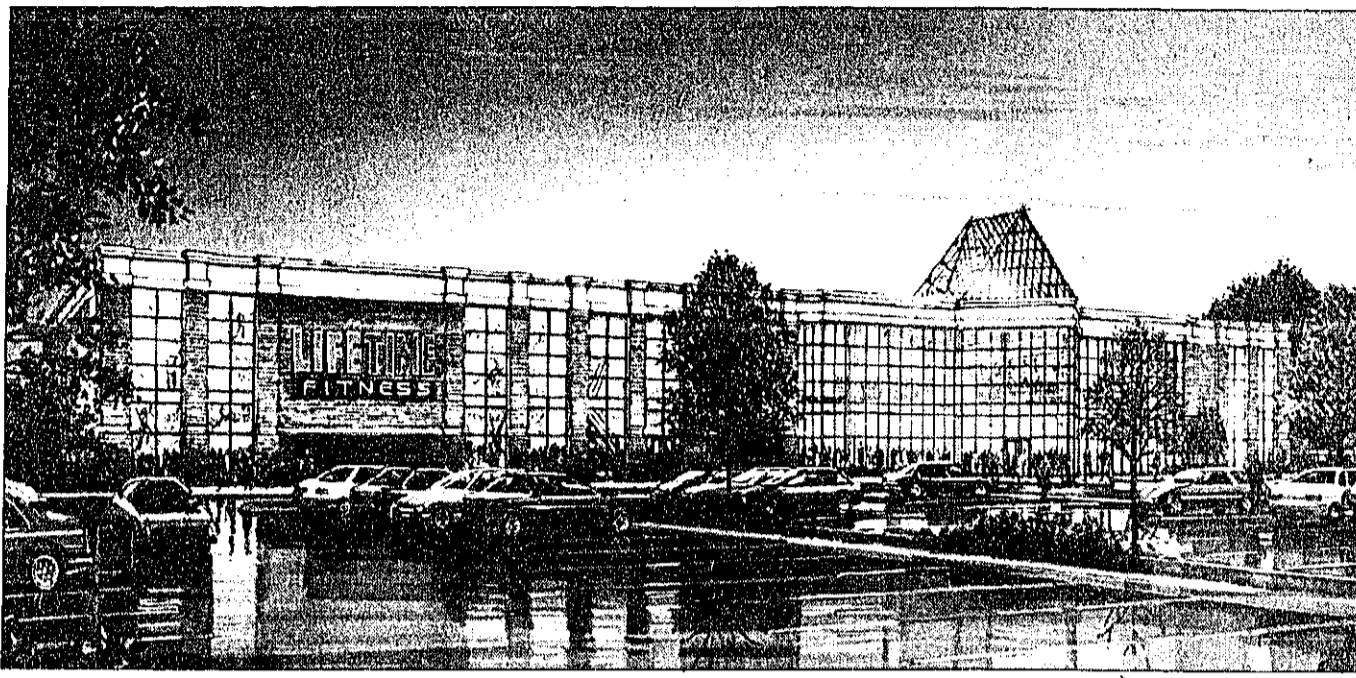
## Fun and entertaining

In their effort to provide fitness that's fun—and something for everyone—the new Life Time Fitness clubs of Troy, Novi and Shelby Township all feature two floors and 95,000 sq. ft. of cutting-edge facilities.

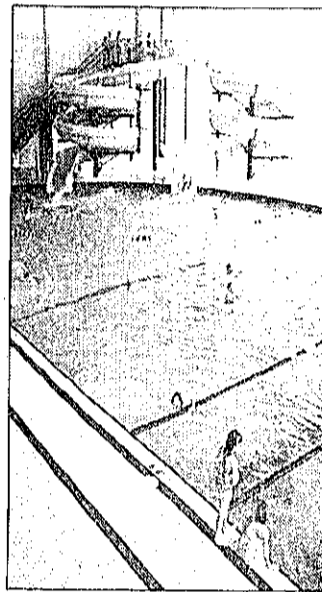
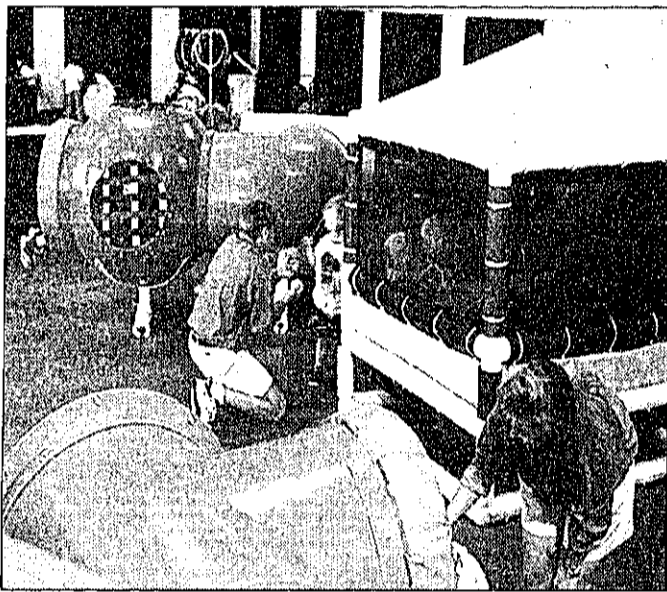
The first floor's glass atrium lobby is surrounded by a variety of large-scale amenities that include indoor/outdoor swimming pools with two-story waterslides, interconnected rock climbing walls, basketball and volleyball courts, racquetball and squash courts, whirlpools, dry saunas and immaculate locker rooms. Each locker room also features its own steam room, tanning room, hair dryers, and a lounge area with large-screen television and courtesy telephone. Every aspect seems dedicated to making each visit as entertaining as possible.

Upstairs, members will find a variety of aerobic, step aerobic and cycling studios surrounding an extensive selection of free weight systems and more than 400 resistance training and cardiovascular machines—all of which make any workout more enjoyable.

Perhaps most interesting is the company's trademarked Multivision Frequent-Sees entertainment system; an invention that allows members



Life Time Fitness of Novi, Shelby Township and Troy feature 95,000 square feet of facilities including an indoor/outdoor swimming pools with two-story waterslides and free child care services that feature space mazes, sport courts and educational computers.



## Life Time Fitness Novi-Shelby Township-Troy

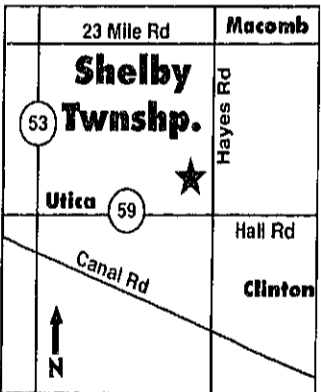
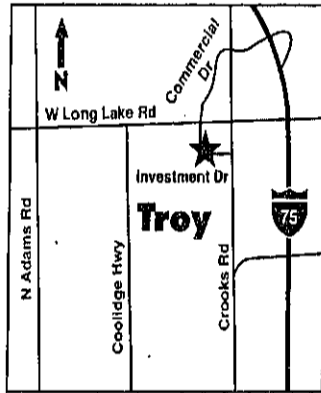
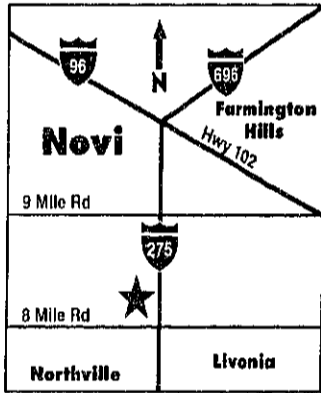
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- Adult athletic leagues
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enrollment fee. "A long-term contract does nothing to protect the customer," claims Akradi. "Most companies with long-term contracts don't have any confidence in their product. At Life Time Fitness, quality is our contract."

The company is so confident in its commitment to customer service that they also offer a 30-day money-back guarantee so new members can fully experience Life Time Fitness to make sure it fits their life.

For further information regarding the new Life Time Fitness Centers of Novi, Shelby Township and Troy, call 248/267-1000 or visit their website at [www.lifetimefitness.com](http://www.lifetimefitness.com).



Located along major thoroughfares, the three new Life Time Fitness centers provide central sports and recreation facilities for all north and northwest suburban communities.

to workout while watching any of twenty 60-inch television screens and listening to the audio portion on the FM band of a personal headset stereo.

"The whole idea is to make the experience more entertaining, less boring, so you get a better workout and better results," says Akradi. "We do whatever we can to provide members with a fun place they really want to go—not just a fitness place they think they ought to go."

## Friendly and inviting

Life Time Fitness takes every step necessary to ensure that all aspects of every club create an environment that is friendly and inviting.

Color psychology, multi-level lighting and ergonomic design are all employed to create an environment of uncompromising quality.

The company also believes that for any environment to be truly inviting, it must also be clean. Custom-designed airflow systems monitor air composition and automated sanitizing systems release a pressurized spray to keep shower rooms safe and spotless.

On a more personal level,

every employee is required to complete a comprehensive training program—through the company's Life Time Fitness University—in order to ensure friendly, professional conduct and superior service.

## Commitment to education

Life Time Fitness places such a high value on education that they now invest more than one-half million dollars each year in special courses for its staff and membership through the company's own Life Time Fitness University (LTFU).

"Education is the single most important element in creating a healthier lifestyle and a key element in our commitment to members," adds Michael Brown, Vice President of Training and Development. "If you'll learn more about how your body works, you'll get more results from your workouts and stay a member much longer. That's why we discount our enrollment fee for new members who'll attend one of our free fitness and nutrition seminars. We want to make a meaningful difference in the quality of people's lives."

## Superior amenities and services

The Life Time Fitness approach to health, sports and fitness facilities resembles that of a high-end department store: Everything you could need or want under one roof. A wide array of amenities includes state-of-the-art cardiovascular and resistance training machines, indoor/outdoor swimming pools, waterslides, indoor rock climbing walls, basketball/volleyball courts, racquetball/squash courts, aerobics and cycling studios, extensive free weight center—plus special family locker rooms for parents with opposite sex children.

Very few boundaries are placed on the array of services provided by Life Time Fitness, as well. Members enjoy free

childcare services, free educational seminars, free locker and towel service and free aerobic instruction. Tanning, therapeutic massage and certified personal trainers are also available.

Furthermore, Life Time Fitness clubs are open 24-hours a day, seven days a week. Adding to the superior level of service are a unique health food cafe and a full-service salon that offers a variety

of hair, nail and spa services. There is truly something for everyone with everything under one roof.

## No long-term contracts

As with everything else at Life Time Fitness, memberships are designed with member convenience in mind. The company offers a unique, month-to-month membership program with no long-term contract and a low, one-time

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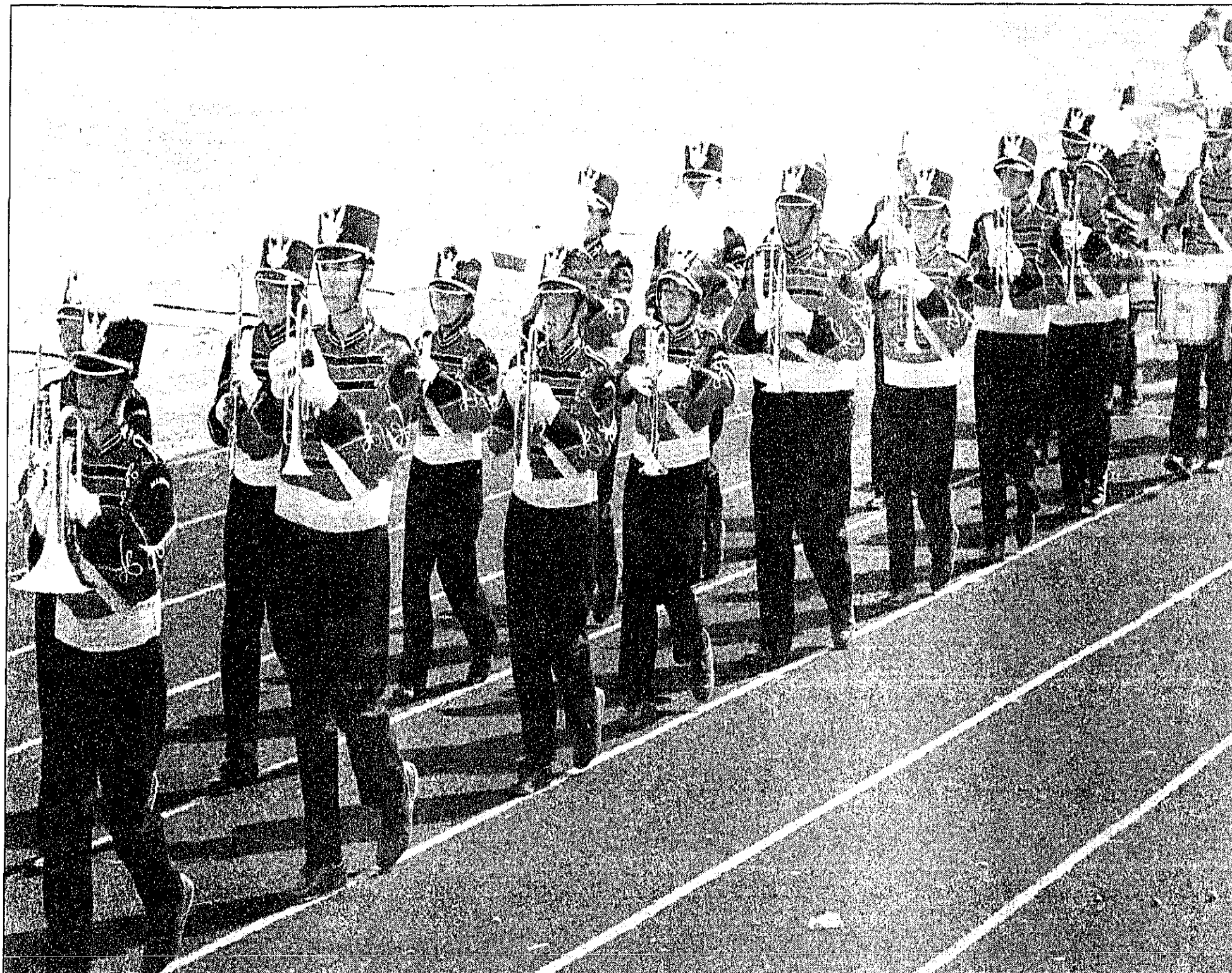
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Band competitions like the one held on Saturday at Novi High School are big fund raisers for the band boosters.

## BIG FANS OF THE BAND

Boosters raise money and donate time to keep their high school band marching strong

Story by Carol Dipple • Photos by John Heider

Their goal is to raise money. Lots of it. High school Band Boosters' main function is fund raising, although it is not their only one. Through bottle drives, home marching band competitions and grocery certificates, the Boosters raise money which goes into a general fund. The band students raise money to help defray the costs of band trips.

The Novi High School Band Boosters raised approximately \$35,000 last year, according to Cheryl Miller, who along with her husband, David, are the co-presidents again this year.

"We are there to support the band in any way whether it's financial, emotional, or an extra set of hands," said Cheryl. "We enhance their educational opportunities and have fun as well."

Since their daughter, Sarah, graduated from Novi High School in June, the Millers are down to one child in band this year, Christopher, who is a junior.

Money from the general fund is used to buy equipment, costumes, uniforms, flags, scholarships, and bring in clinic instructors for band, drum line and color guard. Sometimes there is a need to build trailers to move percussion equipment for the marching band or buy a generator to power up electronic equipment.

"It pretty much takes up everything that is not in the school supplies budget," said Scott Boerma, who has been Novi High School's band director for six years. "Any outside things that we need, the Boosters raise money to do that."

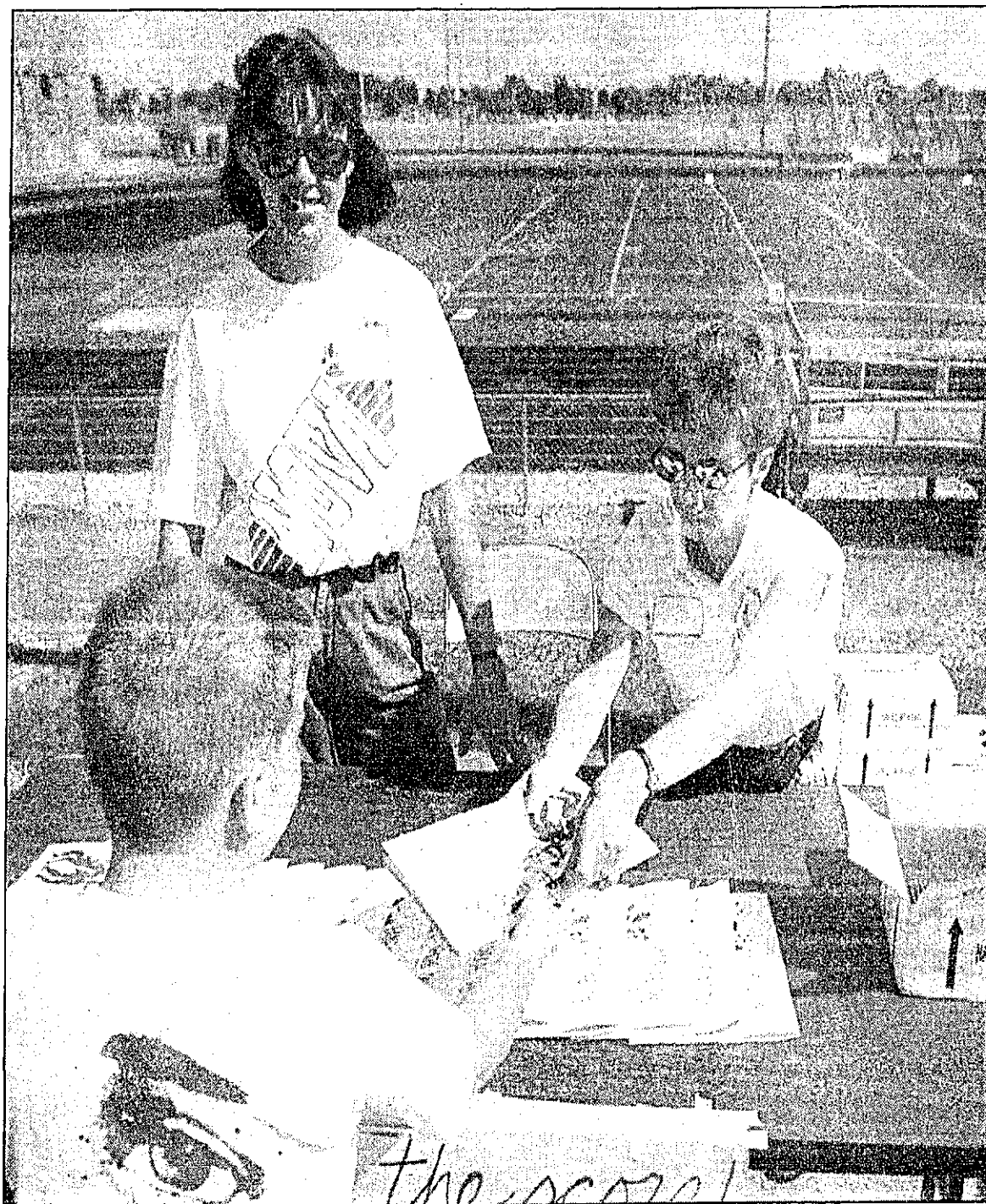
The Novi Boosters have about a dozen committees responsible for band camp, end of the year banquet, trip chaperones, equipment maintenance and repair, taking equipment on and off the field, fund raising, private lesson assistance, public relations, sewing committee for color guard uniforms and flags, transportation, and uniforms, as well as officers.

"It is an incredible organization," Boerma said. "It has grown in the last three years to become a machine."

With the Boosters around, Boerma has more time to devote to teaching.

Being a Booster is a year-round volunteer position.

At Novi High School, if you are a parent of one of the 142 band students, you are automatically a Band Booster. A few parents have stayed on after their



One of the many jobs Novi High School Band Boosters had on Saturday was to distribute programs to participants in the Novi band competition which was held at the high school.

children graduated.

"They have a blast doing it and obviously it is great to be around their kids

doing successful things," Boerma said.

Miller estimates that about 50 parents attend each monthly meeting and two

thirds of the parents will volunteer at some point during the year.

"It is a growing program," Miller said.

"Parental involvement has really gone up in the past couple of years. We have been very fortunate that we have had a great deal of support from the high school administration and the school board and it has made our job easier."

The more proficient the program and students, the more money is needed.

"They are looking for more and more intelligent, non-labor intensive kinds of fund raisers," said Boerma. "We try not to inundate the community with fund raisers."

One fund raiser is grocery certificates for Farmer Jack, Kroger, Meijer, Shopping Center Market and Vic's which are available through a band booster or by calling Pam Coles at (248) 348-0052. There is no cost to the purchaser for the certificates and the Boosters make 5 percent.

The Boosters are currently expanding the number of merchants and businesses who participate in this or similar programs but these certificates have to be ordered through Coles at least a week prior to when they will be used. For example, if you are interested in going to an area restaurant and think you will be spending \$50, you can call Cole and order a \$50 certificate.

"It costs you nothing," said Miller. "You are going to spend \$50 either way."

Coming Oct. 10 is the Novi booster's biggest fund raiser - the bottle drive. Each year, once in the spring and again in the fall, parents and their students collect bottles and cans from established routes throughout the city. A flyer will be inserted into The Novi News prior to the collection date. Each drive makes between \$4,000 and \$6,000.

"We have a very select system that works very well," Miller said. "It is very well organized."

In the fall, all the band students are in the marching band, which placed fifth in the state last year. Twenty from the marching band are in the jazz band. The marching band is split into the symphony and the concert bands by audition following the marching season.

There is also the extracurricular Novi Winter Percussion Ensemble (with color guard) which finished first in the state last year.

"We raise what we need for the year," Boerma said. "There is nothing left over."



### Engagement



Eric Lenski/Sarah Podorsek

Jeffrey and Susan Podorsek of Farmington announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah, to Eric Lenski, son of Gregory and Cheryl Lenski of Milford, formerly of Novi.

The bride-elect is a 1994 graduate of Mercy High School in Farmington. She graduated this year from the University of Illinois and is currently attending graduate school in civil engineering at the University of Cincinnati.

The groom-elect is a 1994 graduate of Novi High School. He graduated this year from Ferris State University and is employed by Chrysler Corp., Cincinnati as a district manager.

An October wedding is planned.

### Wedding



Denise and David McClorren

Denise Michele Stenkonis and David Michael McClorren were wed on May 9 with the Rev. John Buntle officiating the double ring ceremony held at Holy Family Church. The bride was given in marriage by her father. A reception for 210 guests was held at Links at Duneswood in Walled Lake.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Stenkonis of Novi. She graduated in 1993 from Novi High School and is currently attending Oakland University.

Attending as maid of honor was her sister, Renee Stenkonis. Bridesmaids were Mary Rollins, sister of the groom, and Heather Pylor and Chady Hagnus, friends of the bride. Serving as flower girls were Rebecca and Natalie Snavy, cousins of the bride.

The bridal gown was of white satin designed with a V-neck and long sleeves. The bodice was heavily beaded, with lace appliques on the skirt and cathedral length train. She wore a beaded crown-style headpiece with blusher veil and carried a cascading bouquet of white and lilac colored roses, tulips, gardenias and stephanotis.

The groom is the son of Tom McClorren of Holly and Patricia McClorren of Waterford. He is a 1984 graduate of Waterford Mott High School and a 1996 graduate of Lawrence Technological University. The groom is currently employed as a buyer for TRW in Sterling Heights.

Serving as best man was Trace Forman and as groomsmen, Gary Shegira, Dave Pavlish and Bob Gross, all friends of the groom.

The couple went to Sandals Resort in Montego Bay, Jamaica, for their honeymoon.

### School News

#### COOKE MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

The Sept. 3 meeting of the Cooke PTSA was called to order by President Diane Houren. The PTSA extends a warm invitation to all interested parents to attend its monthly meetings which are held the first Thursday of the month in the Cooke Media Center at 9:15 a.m.

The Cooke Carnival is Cooke's major fund raiser and will be held on Friday, Oct. 9.

The Teacher's Report was presented by teacher representative Christine McDonald. Team 7A sold Little Caesar Pizza kits as a fund raiser through Sept. 11. A field trip was planned for Sept. 18 to YMCA Adventure Challenge. Team 8A has planned a field trip to Lansing to visit the state capital and historical museum. Teams 8A and 8B held a bull sale as their fund raiser from Sept. 3-11. A trip to Bostelle Theater is planned for Dec. 3 to see "Little Women." Barrell is asking families for help to transport cardboard to the high school for recycling and tin cans to BPF. Computer classes are utilizing the new computers and software purchased by bond money.

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Nelson joined the Navy in May 1989.

## ABWA offers workshop for women

What's holding you back?

The Novi Oaks Chapter of American Business Women's Association (ABWA) invites women in the community to a Skill Building Workshop on "How to Give Yourself the Power to Succeed" on Saturday, Oct. 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Wyndham Gardens Hotel, 42100 Crescent Boulevard in Novi.

The featured speaker will be Sharon Michaels, J.D.

In this session, Michaels will help attendees learn how to recognize the things they're doing that keep them from the things they want.

Attendees will discover how to nurture healthy self-esteem in themselves and others; give themselves permission to be happy, successful, and prosperous; use better choices; use their minds to achieve their full potential; and recognize the self-sabotaging and self-limiting behaviors that can rob them of success.

Participants will leave with the empowerment skills to be more productive and make more money, create greater excitement in their careers and find balance between their personal and professional life.

Michaels will share commonsense skills that gives audiences the power to succeed. Degrees in education and law help her speak from an "I've been there" experience. Michaels writes monthly columns which appear in company and association newsletters throughout the United States. She is a full-time speaker and writer.

The cost is \$15 per person and includes a continental breakfast. Seating is limited. For reservations, call (248) 626-8840.

### In Service

Air Force Airman MELLISSA R. DRAFFEN has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

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Lori Hug, shown here with her triplets, recently competed in the Mrs. America Pageant.

## Former resident places in top ten

Michigan America Pageant. Hug, 26, was the youngest mother competing in the pageant. "I always tell my winners, if you make top ten, you are considered a winner," DeGiulio said.

After the pageant Hug, her husband Rick, and their almost two year old triplets, Joseph, Victoria and Hannah moved to Missouri. The Mrs. America Pageant was held at the MGM Grand Theater in Las Vegas on Aug. 11. The show was hosted by Florence Henderson.

### Reunions

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS: All past members are invited to celebrate the chorus's 25th anniversary on Friday, Oct. 2, at Laurel Park Manor in Livonia. There will be a special commemorative program and a display of chorus memorabilia.

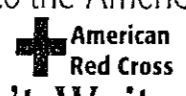
For details, call (734) 459-8829 or write to P.O. Box 700217, Plymouth, MI 48170.

NORTH FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1986, 10-year reunion, Saturday, Oct. 3, at Best Western in Farmington Hills. Call (248) 366-9493.

## News to share?

Have you recently become engaged? Newly betrothed? Or are you proud new parents? Are you celebrating a big anniversary? Send the information and picture if you have one to *The Northville Record/Novi News*, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167, or stop by the office and pick up a birth, engagement or wedding announcement form and we'll see to it that your happy news appears in the paper. The deadline for submitting a wedding announcement and photo is six months after the wedding date.

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## Fall is the time for tulip festivities

The fourth annual Holland Bulb Festival will again celebrate the fall bulb planting ritual with the klomp of Dutch wooden shoes and appearances of bulb experts at Brickscape Gardens Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 26 and 27, in Northville.

For the fourth year in a row, Holland Michigan's Tulip Time Dancers will perform at noon and 3 p.m. on Saturday. Their colorful dances in wooden shoes are always a hit with children as well as grown-ups.

Holland bulb expert Joe Vandevogt of Stubbigen Bulb Company and Observer-Eclectic garden columnist Marty Figley will give advice about bulb care from noon to 3 p.m. on Sunday.

Figley will include advice on indoor forcing of bulbs for winter enjoyment, and give out her complimentary sheet of instructions on how to do it.

Children will be able to plant their own bulb and take it home. Back again this year is the contest to guess the number of bulbs

### HOLLAND BULB FESTIVAL

Sept. 26 and 27

- Tulip Time Dancers noon and 3 p.m., Saturday
- Bulb expert and garden columnist, noon and 3 p.m., Sunday

Brickscape Gardens  
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Tulip Time Dancers will perform at Brickscape on Saturday.

## Train show presents jazz for fall

The Goodtime Oldies Musical Revue is held every Saturday at 7 p.m. on the Michigan Star Clipper Dinner Train.

Rebecca Klier has teamed up with Theater Arts Productions of Farmington Hills for another fine musical show. She is no stranger to opening musical reviews.

As the music director for Theater Arts for over 20 years, she has prepared some 750 vocalists and helped direct over 2000 performances. This is more than any other director in the Metro Detroit area. In addition to all of this, Klier

has also taught music in the Birmingham school district for 28 years. Her choirs have had the honor of performing with Donnie Osmond in "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" here in Detroit. She acted as the musical director for a European tour.

Once again she has stepped out of the classroom and back on stage with Theater Arts Productions musical cabaret "Jazzmatazz," a tribute to the best of jazz. This total evening of entertainment and great jazz can be enjoyed by all. Every Saturday through November you will not only take a train

ride and enjoy a five course meal, but you can also be whisked back in time. Relax and enjoy as the cast of professional singers take you on a musical journey with songs and harmonies. As you follow the cast through familiar tempos and tunes, you will rediscover why jazz has stood the test of time. Theater Arts Productions has put together a fine musical revue and a cast that is second to none.

luncheon and show "Beanie Baby Capers".

GeniH's is located at 108 E. Main Street in Northville. Call (248) 349-0522.

### MUSIC

**LAKEVIEW BAR AND GRILL:** The Lakeview Bar and Grill, located at 4333 West Thirteen Mile Road at the corner of Old Novi Road, is open for business with good food and great entertainment. For details, call (248) 624-2800.

**WAGON WHEEL:** The Wagon Wheel Lounge is located at 212 S. Main in Northville. An open Blues Jam is held every Thursday night beginning at 9 p.m.

Everyone gets to play if they sign up at the door. Call (248) 349-8686.

**CARRIERS RESTAURANT:** Nikki Pearce will be appearing on Friday and Saturday evenings from 8:30 p.m. until 12:30 a.m.

Carvers is located at Grand River and Ten Mile roads in Farmington Hills. Call (248) 476-5333.

**BOGEY'S BAR AND GRILLE:** Bogey's is located at 142 E. Walled Lake Drive in Walled Lake.

Imagine a witch who really doesn't want to be a witch at all. That is Annabelle Brom. She isn't even good at casting spells. She would rather befriend than scare Peter and Judy, two children lost in the woods. A delightful show for the entire family to see. Come enjoy the decorated theater and dress in your favorite Halloween costume.

Performance dates and times are: Fridays, Oct. 9, 16, 23 and 30, at 7 p.m.; Saturdays, Oct. 10, 17, 24 and 31, at 2:30 p.m. and Sundays, Oct. 11, 18 and 25, at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets to all general performances are \$5.50. For general information and group rates, call (248) 349-8110. No children under age three will be permitted.

The Marquis Theatre is located at 135 E. Main Street in Northville.

**GENIHI'S:** The interactive comedy dinner theater at GeniH's Hole-In-The-Wall is "I Do... I Think" which runs through October.

All dinner theater presentations include the restaurant's famous seven-course, family-style Italian dinner.

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**COLUMBUS DAY CELEBRATION:** The Italian American Club of Livonia presents a Columbus Day Celebration on Sunday, Oct. 11, featuring The Gaylords and their special tribute to Francis Sinatra at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft in Livonia. Cocktails begin at 5 p.m.

Tickets are \$55 each. To order tickets, send check payable to IACL to Mr. and Mrs. Doug Polidori, 49800 Nine Mile Road, Novi, MI 48374.

**PLYMOUTH CHORUS:** The Plymouth Community Chorus is raising funds by selling the Entertainment Ultimate Book. Each book contains hundreds of two-for-one and 50 percent discounts on dining, travel, shopping, movies, special events, sports, and more. The books are just \$40, with the proceeds going to help fund the chorus's charitable and educational activities.

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Tickets are \$20. For details, call (248) 553-2955.

**THEATER:** Schoolcraft College will open its season with Lucille Fletcher's suspense drama, "Night Watch" on Oct. 23, 24, Nov. 6 and 7 for dinner theater and Nov. 13 and 14 for theater performance only.

The show is directed by James Symphory Orchestra presents "Sunday Songs and Symphony" at Livonia Mall at Seven Mile and Middlebelt roads on Oct. 4 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. Cash bar and casually elegant attire. Included will be a "Suburban Tastefest" with over 30 restaurants, bakeries and markets, silent auction and raffles. For details call (734) 464-2741.

Performances are in the Liberal Arts Theatre on the college's main campus located at 18600 Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile roads in Livonia.

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## 'Clay Pigeons'

■ Award-winning video director makes directorial debut with darkly comedic thriller

On a sweltering summer day in the sleepy town of Mercer, Montana, a comically hellish odyssey begins for easygoing gas station attendant Clay Bidwell played by Joaquin Phoenix. His best friend, Earl, abruptly confronts Clay, having learned that Clay has been having an affair with Earl's wife, Amanda played by Georgina Cates. With horrified Clay looking on, Earl successfully engineers his own demise and frames Clay for the "murder." Clay manages to cover up the mess and remain in the clear. However, the incident doesn't do Clay and Amanda's relationship much good, and she begins playing mind games with Clay.

To forget Amanda, Clay goes on a date. To forget the ugly business with Earl, Clay goes fishing with his new friend, swaggering cowboy Lester Long played by Vince Vaughn, who "never forgets a friend."

That's when Clay goes from the frying pan into the fire.

The fishing jaunt is spoiled. The date ends dreadfully. Clay soon has the unwanted attention of laser-sharp FBI Agent Dale Shelby (Janeane Garofalo), who believes

he may be responsible for a number of murders in the region.

"Promise you'll stop finding dead people," pleads concerned Sheriff Money (Scott Wilson).

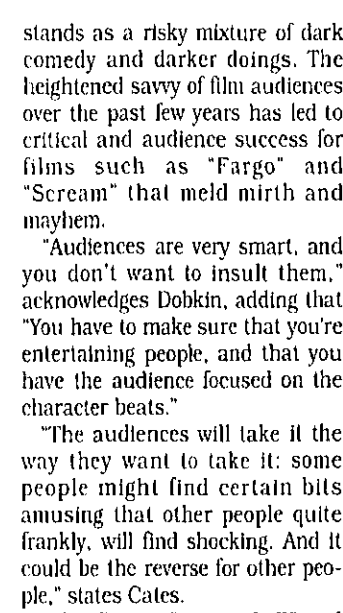
Try though he might, every move he makes only puts Clay in deeper and deeper.

"Clay Pigeons" deftly mixes the dark with the deadly. For any filmmakers, let alone first-time ones, that's easier said than done. The darkly comedic thriller marks the feature film directorial debut of David Dobkin, an award-winning director of music videos and commercials. The original screenplay is the first produced screenplay by Matt Fealy. For both men, making "Clay Pigeons" was both personally and professionally exhilarating.

In "Clay Pigeons," the darkness at the edge of town is pervasive. The film, while shot through with dark humor, is shot through a lens...lightly. "It's a 'daylight noir,'" confirms Dobkin.

Heavily add, "Most noir is urban — it takes place mostly as night in cities. To put noir in a small town, almost by its very nature, it has to have a different feel."

The cast and filmmakers know that the now-completed film



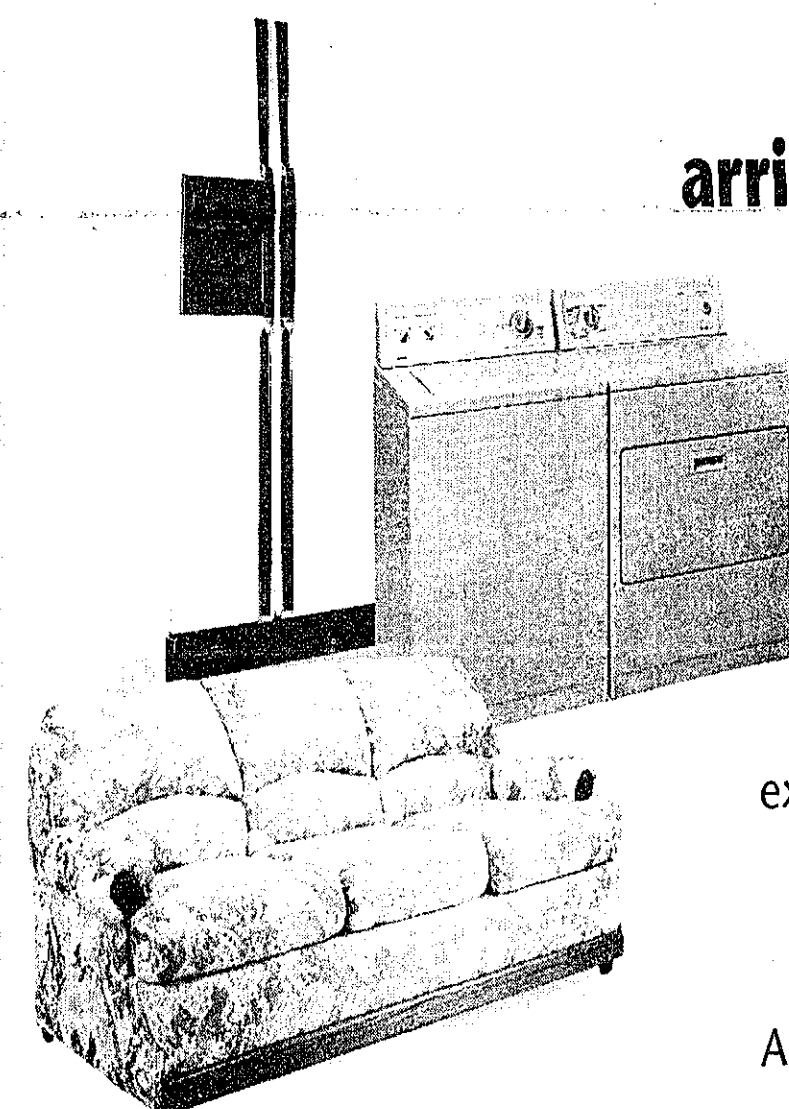
Janeane Garofalo (left) stars with Joaquin Phoenix and Vince Vaughn in "Clay Pigeons."



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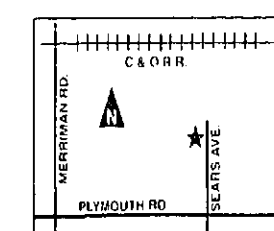
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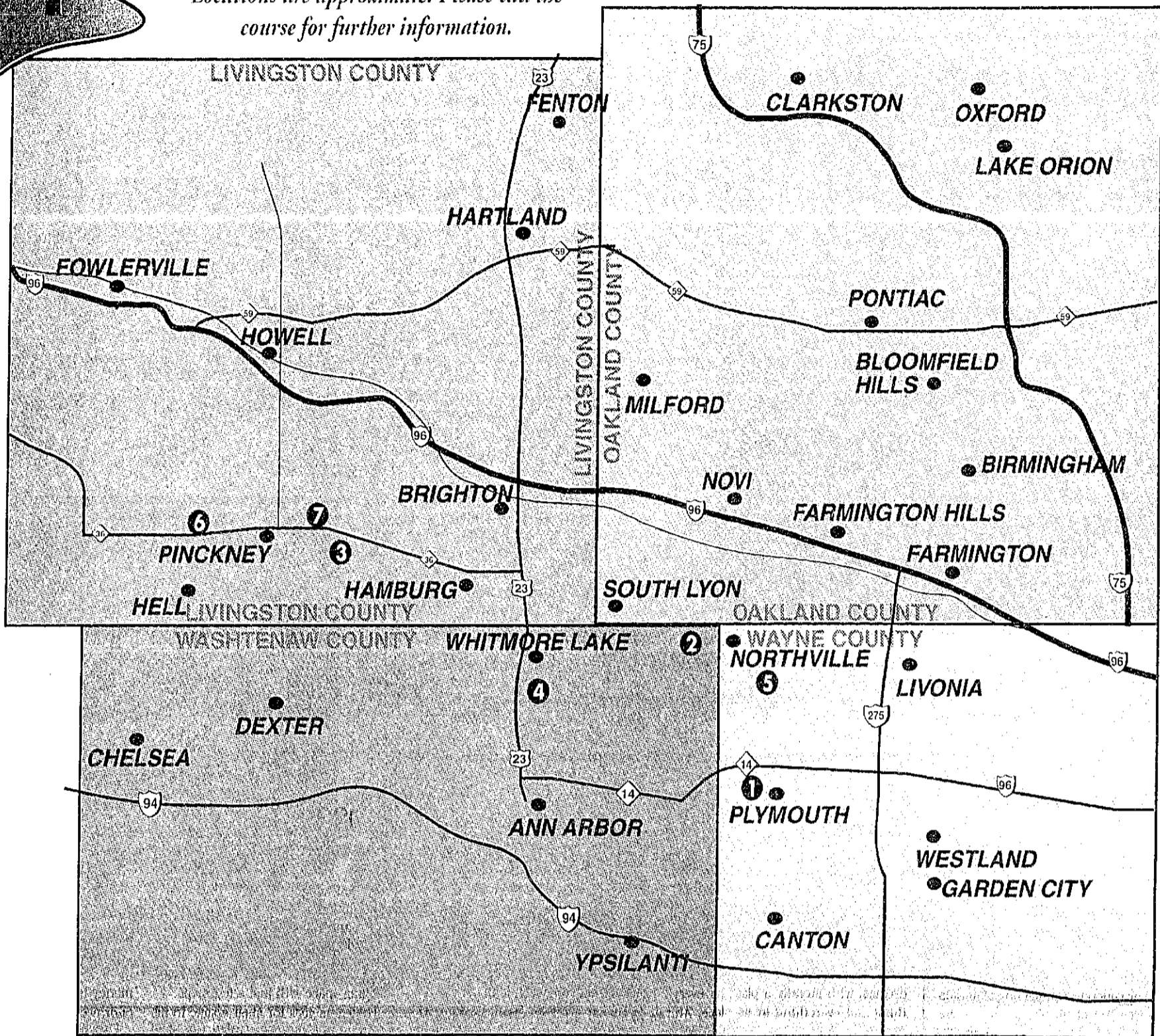




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