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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Traffic stacks up at at rush hour on Haggerty Road, but gridlock may vanish after August 1.

## Relief on the way M5 to open in August

By JEREMY MCBAIN  
Staff Writer

Thanks to the M5 Connector, the traffic madness on Haggerty Road may calm down, at least for a few years.

When complete, this latest stretch of the M5 Connector will give drivers on I-275 a highway to transfer to when heading for Fourteen Mile Road and Commerce Township, instead of forcing vehicles to exit onto other north and southbound roads.

"It will have a tremendous impact by taking traffic off other roadways such as Haggerty, Novi and Twelve Mile roads," Novi City Manager Ed Kriewall said.

According to Kriewall, the new road is expected to open around August 1. This span of the state-built highway has been under construction for two years and has a price tag of \$23.5 million. The M5 interchange opened in 1994, after two years of construction.



Ultimately, M5 will extend to Pontiac Trail.

Kriewall said a lot of the traffic traveling on Novi roads is headed for Commerce Township. Drivers

aiming for this destination tend to exit I-275 at Eight Mile and Ten Mile roads and head north on Haggerty Road and Novi Road.

"That was the whole argument for the (M5) Connector. People are jamming up our roads trying to get to and from the freeway," he said.

While Kriewall may be excited about having less traffic on Haggerty Road due to the connector, Michigan Department of Transportation Resident Engineer Mark Stucher said this relief will probably only be short-lived.

"We do anticipate a reduction (in traffic) until growth demands catch up," he said.

For example, Stucher said before I-696 was built, Eight Mile Road had a tremendous amount of traffic. After the highway was built, there was a sharp decline in traffic volumes on Eight Mile.

However, due to growth and

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Engineer Doug Pakkala of JCK & Associates stands by a wetland that will be preserved.

## Flood control project leaves acre cleared, neighbor irate

By JEREMY MCBAIN  
Staff Writer

Diana Bull watched the trees next to her home on Glenda Street grow for 20 years.

On June 14, she awoke to find the city cutting down the growth to make way for a drain.

"All these years we watched this little area blossom and now it's gone. All they are going to do is put in a 40-foot culvert," Bull said.

She feels so strongly that she posted a handmade sign notifying passers-by that "The City of Novi rapes again."

The site in question is a one-and-a-half acre chunk of a 5.5 acre parcel owned by the City of Novi.

Workers have stripped the land of all its foliage, making way for



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Work crews chip trees bulldozed for channel.

the 40-foot bypass channel to Monroe Creek.

Bull said most of the trees were ash and maple. The site was home to many animal species, including

a gray heron that would occasionally visit her back-yard.

"I can only wonder how many animals were killed from this," she said.

According to city documents, the clear-cutting was done to improve drainage in the area and partly due to an agreement the City of Novi entered into with Tri-Mount Land Development Company, Inc in 1992.

In the agreement, the developer of Yorkshire Subdivision was to take two home lots and make them into a temporary detention basin, until the city could complete downstream

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## City revs up for \$28 million road bond ballot question

By JEREMY MCBAIN  
Staff Writer

Novi taxpayers will be asked to place an additional 1.4 mill on their tax bill to pay for road improvements in November.

The Novi City Council approved the \$28.5 million road bond package Monday night in a unanimous decision. If approved by voters in the November election, taxes for a home with a state equalized value of \$150,000 would go up by \$200 per year.

"Quite frankly, we wouldn't have to do this is the county and state stepped up the plate," City Manager Ed Kriewall said.

"If we sit here and wait for the county and state to fund our roads, it will be a cold day in hell before we get it."

The roads, with their estimated construction costs, are as follows:

•Beck Road/I-96 interchange improvements — \$6,000,000. Local share towards a Michigan Department of Transportation

project.

•Novi Road Improvements (Grand River to Ten Mile) — \$940,000. Local share to an Oakland County Road Commission project.

•Twelve Mile Road Improvements (west of Dixon to east of Novi Road) — \$1,200,000. City's share, with contributions from Fountain Walk developers, who are building the city's second largest mall on Twelve Mile.

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A special section

## Fowlerville FAIR

## Man tries to entice little girls

By ANDREW DIETDERICH  
Staff Writer

A leisurely summer day's bike ride for one Northville man recently was cut short by the piercing scream of his daughter.

The Northville man's Andover Drive home was one of six in the Northville and Novi area terrorized June 20 by a white male trying to lure young girls to his truck. The females range from ages five to 11.

The man told Northville police he was going for a bike ride with his older daughter and her friend and had left his wife and 5-year-old daughter in the front yard of the home. He was still in ear's length when he heard his youngest daughter screaming, "Mommy stranger!"



Composite drawing of suspect, as released by police.

The man rode his bike back to the house and passed the man as he sped away. The man was able to give police a sketch of the suspect.

Other residents in the area also were able to give a description of the man and his truck, which they released June 22.

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## No blarney this, Irish pub to open doors in Novi's downtown

By JEREMY MCBAIN  
Staff Writer

A wee bit o' Ireland, and all its varied flavors, may soon be coming to Novi's new downtown.

Monday night, the Novi City Council granted a lucky charm to Murray O'Neill, LLC — the liquor license the Ann Arbor-based company needs to bring its traditional Irish pub, Conor O'Neill's, here.

"This is truly going to be something that is unique to Novi," said Council Member Craig DeRoche.

The Irish pub is planning to locate on the corner of Main and Market streets.

Tom Murray, co-owner of Conor O'Neill's, said customers feel as though they are walking into a real pub in Ireland.

Conor O'Neill's offers customers a wide selection of Irish meals, including Shepherd's Pie and traditional fish and chips, as well as a large selection of Irish and Celtic-oriented refreshments.

Along with this, Murray said visitors can hear real Irish musicians and see Irish dancing.

Murray and his partner, Colm O'Neill, are also planning on bringing their Irish culture with them to Novi by setting up an Irish Festival for the downtown area, a St. Patrick's Day parade and forming a Gaelic football team.

All of this is not new to the two Irish entrepreneurs. This is second Conor O'Neill's. Murray and his partner have opened in Michi-

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## Community Calendar

### Thursday, June 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 Limbriht at 390-6596.

**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, June 29

**Novi Concert Band**  
The Novi Concert Band rehearses at 7:30 p.m. at Novi High School, 24062 Tall Road. For information, call (248) 932-9244.

**ZONTA**  
The ZONTA Club of Farmington/Novi meets at 6 p.m. at the Embassy Suites Hotel between Seven and Eight Mile roads, off I-275. ZONTA International is a worldwide classified service organization of executives in business and the professions, working to improve the legal, political, economic and professional status of women. For information and reservations, call (313) 538-9043.

**Civil Air Patrol**  
The Sixgate Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, meets at Novi Middle School, 25299 Taft Rd., from 7-9:30 p.m. Adults and youths who have fin-

ished the sixth grade are welcome. For additional information call 349-2659.

**Youth Assistance**  
Novi Youth Assistance board will meet at 7 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, Mayor's Conference Room, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road.

**F.E.M.A.L.E.**  
The Novi area chapter of F.E.M.A.L.E. (Formerly Employed Mothers at the Leading Edges) meets at Providence Mission Health Center, 39500 W. Ten Mile Rd., Conference Room A. For more information call Janet at (248) 446-0130.

**Camera Club**  
The Novi Camera Club meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center. For more information, call Hugh Crawford at 349-5079.

**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 Sawmiller, 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, June 30

**Business Network International**  
The Novi Business Network International meets at 7 a.m. at the Novi Hilton, 21111 Haggerty Road. For information, call (810) 635-8807.

**Lions Club**  
The Novi Lions Club will meet at Kim's Gardens at 6:30 p.m. for dinner followed by a meeting.

**Seniors business**  
The Novi Senior Social Club will meet at 1 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center for its regular monthly business meeting.

### Thursday, July 1

**Business Network International**  
The Northville Chapter of the Business Network International meets at 7 a.m. at Kerby Koney Island at Eight Mile and Haggerty Roads. For information, call (810) 635-8807.

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# Traffic fatalities declined throughout Michigan last year

The number of Michigan traffic deaths fell significantly in 1998, down nearly six percent from the previous year.

In 1998, 1,367 people died in traffic crashes, compared to 1,446 in 1997, according to the Michigan State Police.

Alcohol-involved deaths declined also, from 544 in 1997 to 514 in 1998. However, the percentage of overall deaths attributed to alcohol increased slightly.

The 1998 record signals some-

thing positive is happening in our state," said Betty J. Mercer, division director of the Michigan State Police, Office of Highway Safety Planning.

"We believe a commitment to establishing community-based traffic safety programs is beginning to pay off."

To Fritz Streff Ph.D., associate research scientist with the University of Michigan Research Institute, fewer highway deaths don't reflect a shift in driver attitudes.

"The nature of the changes observed suggest that people are beginning to take responsibility for their own safety, as well as the safety of others, by buckling up and driving in a more responsible and cooperative manner," Streff said.

Currently, 70 percent of Michigan motorists buckle up. Yet, almost 55 percent of those who died in traffic crashes did not wear a seat belt.

Belt use is expected to increase

dramatically, as more motorists buckle up when the state's new standard enforcement law takes effect in April 2000.

In recent years, the state has stepped up enforcement of the state's safety belt laws and begun development of Safe Community projects in many areas.

In addition, Michigan has strengthened drunk driving laws, enacted a zero tolerance alcohol law for drivers under 21, and instituted a graduated licensing system

for novice drivers. During the past decade, the only year fatalities were lower was 1992 when 1,300 traffic deaths were recorded.

Ten years earlier, in 1988, 1,704 people in the state lost their lives in traffic crashes.

The number of total crashes was down also, from 425,793 in 1997 to 403,766 in 1998, a 5.2 percent decrease. People who were injured declined by 4.5 percent, from 137,546 in 1997 to 131,575 in

1998.

The University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute will continue analyzing three to five years of death and injury information to more closely identify specific trends and their probable causes, looking at the data by age group, road type, type of crash and contributing cause.

# Novi beach closed for health reasons

By JEREMY MCBAIN Staff Writer

Due to high levels of fecal material in Walled Lake, Novi's Lakeshore Park beach was closed most of last week.

The beach, and seven other beaches in Oakland County, closed when Oakland County Health officials found excessive E. Coli counts in the water on June 15. Novi's lakeside park was reopened June 18.

According to Steve Presby, supervising sanitarian of Oakland County Health Services, E. Coli is most prevalent when combined with the proper weather conditions.

Testing of the water along the beach found average bacterial counts of 2,265 out of three water samples. The standard E. Coli bacteria count for lake water is 300.

In last week's situation, Presby said the E. Coli counts were high because of the unseasonably hot weather and heavy rains, creating run-off on the beaches.

The run-off can contain animal and human feces containing the E. Coli bacteria, he said.

On inspection of the site by the Novi News, goose droppings were observed all over the beach. Goose feces can be a cause of the E. Coli bacteria. However, Presby said the exact cause of the bacteria at

Lakeshore Park cannot be determined.

Dan Davis, director of Novi Parks and Recreation, agreed. "I don't know if there is any real way of pinpointing the cause," he said.

Davis added there are no plans to remove geese from the beach. However, Ed Krievall told the Novi City Council at Monday's meeting that the most probable cause for the E. Coli is animal feces.

Even though the E. Coli count can't be directly traced to the geese or ducks on Walled Lake at this time, Presby suggested visitors to the park refrain from feeding the animals.

By feeding them, he said, the animals tend to stay in the area. These concentrations of ducks and geese, Presby said, can contribute to the bacterial count in Walled Lake.

According to Presby, E. Coli bacteria is an indicator organism that alerts the department to water that could contain harmful bacteria. If E. Coli bacteria is ingested by people, it may cause a variety of intestinal disorders, he said.

The three-day shut-down of Lakeshore Park beach was only a minor problem for users, parks and recreation officials say.

Jim Rose, supervisor of the city's day camp at Lakeshore Park,

said the closing of the beach caused only a little problem with the campers.

"Certainly it's disappointing. But, we have enough stuff for them to do," he said.

"If it is hot, (the campers) will be frustrated, but it is our job to keep them busy and not thinking about it."

Marilyn Troshak, deputy director of Novi Parks and Recreation, added that while the beach may have been closed, Lakeshore Park may have actually saved money, thanks to the bacteria.

She said the department cut costs by not having life guards on duty at the beach during the shut-down.

Oakland County Health Services will be conducting weekly tests of the lake water along Lakeshore Park beach and all other public beaches in the county throughout the summer.

Presby said if homeowners along the shore are also concerned about the water in front of their homes, the department can supply them with a collecting kit.

If the homeowner collects the water, the department will test it for them.

To pick up a kit, contact Presby at (248) 858-1322.

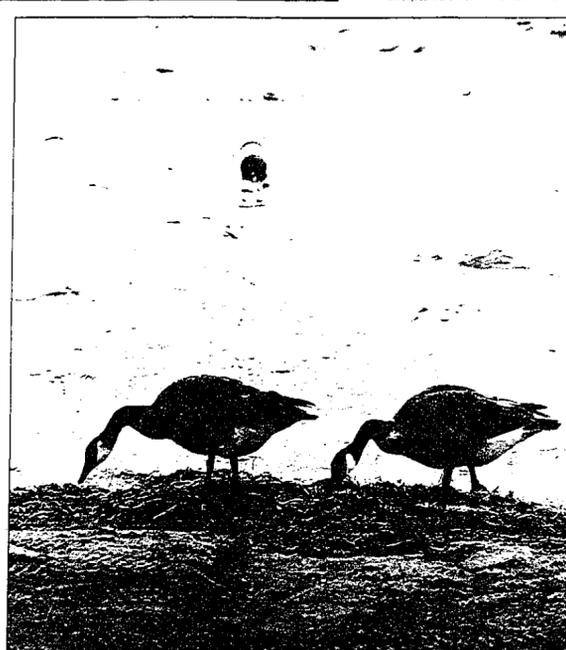


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County health department officials can't say for sure if these park beachcombers are at fault.

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**MONDAY, JUNE 14**  
 Medical, 482-1234, 12:30 p.m., Squad 1.  
 Medical, 482-1234, 1:15 p.m., Squad 2.  
 Fire alarm, 482-1234, 2:00 p.m., Squad 1.  
 Fire alarm, 482-1234, 3:45 p.m., Squad 2.  
 Fire alarm, 482-1234, 4:30 p.m., Squad 1.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 15**  
 Medical, 482-1234, 10:15 a.m., Squad 1.  
 Medical, 482-1234, 11:45 a.m., Squad 2.  
 Medical, 482-1234, 1:30 p.m., Squad 1.  
 Medical, 482-1234, 2:15 p.m., Squad 2.  
 Medical, 482-1234, 3:00 p.m., Squad 1.  
 Medical, 482-1234, 3:45 p.m., Squad 2.  
 Medical, 482-1234, 4:30 p.m., Squad 1.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16**  
 Fire alarm, 482-1234, 10:15 a.m., Squad 1.  
 Fire alarm, 482-1234, 11:45 a.m., Squad 2.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 17**  
 Injury accident, Grand River and Stone Ridge, 6:12 p.m., Squad 4.  
 Fire alarm, 39455 Fourteen Mile Road, 7:14 p.m., Engines 1, 2.  
 Medical, 40169 Eleven Mile Road, 7:32 p.m., Squad 1.  
 Vehicle fire, 24051 Glen Ridge, 10:41 p.m., Engine 3.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 18**  
 Medical, 47250 Ten Mile Road, 9:10 a.m., Squad 4.  
 Medical, 27550 Novi Road, 11:20 a.m., Squad 1.  
 Medical, 45162 West Road, 1:55 p.m., Squad 2.  
 Injury accident, Haggerty and Stone Ridge, 5:58 p.m., Squad 3.  
 Medical, 42843 Potomac, 8:04 p.m., Squad 1.  
 Investigation, 24417 Holyoke, 8:19 p.m., Engine 4.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 19**  
 Injury accident, I-96 and Haggerty, 12:07 a.m., Squad 1.  
 Medical, Ten Mile and Meadowbrook, 11:03 a.m., Squad 1.  
 Medical, Twelve Oaks and Novi Road, 12:37 p.m., Squad 1.  
 Medical, 29615 Le Grand, 6:44 p.m., Squad 2.  
 Car fire, I-96 and Novi Road, 6:56 p.m., Squad 1.  
 Medical, 24575 Border Hill, 9:46 p.m., Squad 1.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 20**  
 Mutual Aid, 306 Pontiac Trail, 6:16 a.m., Engine 2.  
 Medical, 30030 Montgomery, 6:56 a.m., Squad 2.  
 House fire, Nine Mile and Haggerty, 12:30 p.m., Engines 1, 3.  
 Medical, 19241 Twelve Mile Road, 1:39 p.m., Squad 1.  
 Fire alarm, 44700 Grand River, 10:35 p.m., Engines 1, 4.

# Legislators strive to make state first for primary

By Mike Malott  
 HomeTown News Service  
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Trying to be the first state to hold a presidential primary election is like bidding for the Superbowl can't be try, but the competition is tough.

It's more like bidding for the Olympics, quipped one legislative aide, who then chose to remain anonymous.

State senators voted unanimously Wednesday, June 16, to move the date of next year's Republican presidential primary election up from the third Tuesday

in March to the fourth Tuesday in February.

"I'm sure Gov. Engler will like Michigan to be the first state to nominate George W. Bush," Rep. Ruth Ann Jinnick, D-Ypsilanti, said. But it likely will not work out that way.

While the bill would set Michigan's primary on the date of New Hampshire's scheduled election, February 22, New Hampshire law calls for the primary there to be held one full week ahead of every other state.

So that primary will just be moved up. Still Michigan would be first among the larger states to host the Republican primary.

Sen. Ken Sikken, R-Grandville, sponsored Senate Bill 51 to move the primary date ahead of those held in New York, California and the "Super Tuesday" primary elections.

Michigan Democrats too will challenge the traditional dominance of New Hampshire and Iowa in the selection of the nominees. At present, with the Republican primary election held in late March, Michigan is the 26th state to vote.

That's late in the process, and given the nominee has already been decided by that time. Since the election carries a cost of \$6 million, lawmakers want to make the state's preferences known earlier.

But even supporters are skeptical about whether the changed date will bring Michigan the

attention of the national campaigns. They question whether it will have the intended effect of bringing more candidates to the state or that they will spend more of their campaign dollars here.

"You never know when you are going to be important. You never know which state will be important," Sen. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, said. "North Dakota and California would add duties at the same time. Now, are you going to tell me those candidates spent any real time campaigning in North Dakota?"

Regardless, McCotter and all other area senators voted for the

bill.

In the house, all representatives voted to concur, except Rep. Ruth Ann Jinnick, D-Ypsilanti, who expressed her dissent by not voting.

Jinnick, a former Ypsilanti Township clerk, said she objected because of the additional workload it will place on municipal clerks. Clerks opposed the bill because the date change would add duties at a time when they are already busy with other tasks.

Reps. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, and Ruth Johnson, R-Holly, were absent at the time of the vote.

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Over 500 shopping center professionals will gather to network, attend educational programs and participate in a deal making session at this year's International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) Michigan Idea Exchange at the Hyatt Regency Dearborn, June 29-30.

Among those they'll be listening to are Novi Mayor Kathleen McLellan and Catherine M. O'Malley, ICSC Michigan State Operations Chair and General Manager of Twelve Oaks Mall/The Taubman Co. Novi.

McLellan, whose city is known for its proliferation of shopping malls and power centers, will discuss Novi's effort to create a 1.2 million-square-foot traditional downtown called Main Street Novi.

Other topics scheduled for discussion include mixed-use projects, on-line retailing, leasing strategies, tenant bankruptcies and how retailers for the future.

As part of the session, a retailer and developer as the first induction into the Michigan Idea Exchange "Hall of Fame." This event will recognize the lifetime achievements of a retailer and a developer whose contributions have made a significant impact on the Michigan shopping center industry. The first inductees will be A. Alfred Taubman, The Taubman Co., and Floyd Hall, Kmart Corp.

Taubman is the founder and chairman of The Taubman Co., developers of Twelve Oaks Mall. Based out of Bloomfield Hills, Mich., the company is one of America's leading real estate developers and operators of regional centers. A native of the Detroit area, Taubman has been involved in many local activities, such as the program in American Institutions at his alma mater, the University of Michigan. He is also involved with programs outside the area including the Wharton Real Estate Center.

Hall is the chairman, president and CEO of Kmart Corp., Troy, Mich. Under his command, Kmart has improved the financial status of the company by restructuring the balance sheet, reducing debt and putting away \$5 billion in non-core assets. With innovative new merchandising incentives, the company has returned to profitability and has posted ten consecutive quarters of impressive earnings. While under Hall's tutelage, Kmart has contributed \$20 million annually to funds such as Kmart Kids Against Drugs and March of Dimes.

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# Resident angered by city's tree-clearing

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improvements to the water line of the area. These improvements were made. The city would be given permission to develop the site for use as a parking lot for the temporary detouring bus.

To meet this agreement, the city purchased the land in question to create a drainage easement. Laura Pakkala, director of engineering and design for the city's consulting firm JCK & Associates, explained that this work is also part of the city's plan to manage storm water through the creation of "regional pond level detention."

Part of a massive wetlands, part of which is on the city property, this area experiences flooding problems, he said. This was caused by water adjacent to the easement, as well as the presence of several little ponds along Monroe Creek by area residents. Residents damaged the creek to create the ponds.

However, Bull said she has not seen any flooding problems in any of the 20 years she has lived on Florida Street, which runs south of Ten Mile Road but far from the Novi Civic Center.

Pakkala explained the existing wetlands intact and allows the residents to keep their ponds. Pakkala stressed the plan will not harm any portion of the state-protected wetlands in the area, which serves as a wildlife habitat and contains a heron rookery.

Furthermore, he pointed out the city only cut trees on a one-and-a-half-acre of land, out of the 5.5 acres it owns. None of the trees taken down were regulated, he

added.

demanded woodlands," she said to Local 1000, vice president of municipal government for JCK.

Pakker replied there were no city regulated woodlands in the area, due to the absence of any trees over eight inches in diameter.

"We are taking very small-diameter brush," he said.

Novi Director of Public Services Anthony Nowicki added the property is not designated as the city woodlands map, which offers protection to larger trees.

"It is not a woodland," he said.

"Unfortunately we had to sacrifice some scrub trees and someone's view of the property."

Even so, Lorenzo suggested the city and consultants design plans to replant the area that was cleared.

Other council members would not agree to this, saying they had never seen the site and had no idea what Lorenzo was talking about.

In the meantime, the property next to Bull remains under construction and more work might happen in the future.

According to Pakkala, a 50-foot area on the western side of the property, just south of the wetland and right next to Bull's property, might have to be cleared in the future to make way for a sewer pipe.

"My concern is we went in and

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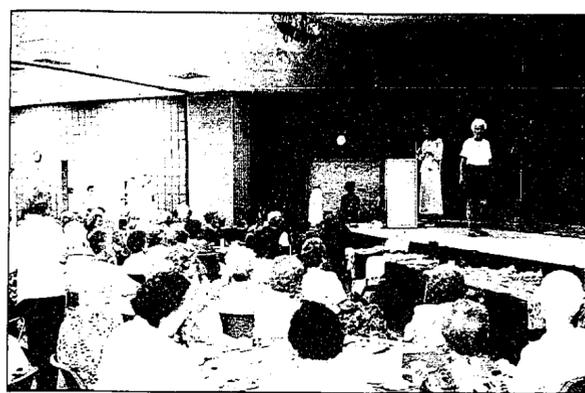
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Above and at left, volunteer models strut the latest in senior style. At right, left to right, Novi Senior Center Manager Jan McAlpine and Special Recreation Coordinator Kathy Crawford are ready for Bikini Beach.



# Model senior citizens

## First-timers take to runway for fashion show

By JAN JEFFRES

Editor

Some say a model's career is washed up after age 30.

Not so in Novi, where local women ranging in age from 50 to 93 recently took to the runway, many for the first time in their lives.

The Novi Senior Center fashion show proved that no matter a woman's age, she can still be a clothes horse.

Irene Fedorka, 71, stepped out for the audience's admiration in a blue chiffon dress. As a member of the senior center's choral group, she was asked to be in the program.

"I just volunteered. It was a lot of fun," said Fedorka, a Wixom resident.

Model Alison Welsh, 63, liked the green three-piece outfit she modeled so well, she couldn't wait to buy it. Unlike most of the others, she had some modeling experience as a teenager.

"But that was so long ago, I don't remember it," the Northville resident said.

The Clothing Cove is owned by Genise Horsley and husband Eric. She did the modeling for the show, with a patter audience members appreciated.

"It's the kind of outfit that hides a multitude of sins," Horsley said, describing one number.

"We love these outfits, because we all have sins."

Trendy butterfly hair barettes can look smashing in white or silver hair. Horsley told the seniors. After the event, the would-be shoppers were dazzled by the store's display of jewelry and scarves.

Women, at least women with full social calendars, are already thinking ahead of 12th

party dresses, she added.

Audience member Margaret Scharz, 75, of Novi, confessed she had her eye on a \$500 evening gown, but for another reason.

"I might go and look at it, that's for sure. I'm going to a wedding," Scharz said.

Okay, the promotional advance man for the fashion show, Novi's Public Information Director Lea Martin, alerted the media that Novi Special Recreation Coordinator Kathy Crawford and Senior Center Manager Jan McAlpine would be modeling bikinis. And they did.

But sometimes hype can be a bit misleading and it was in this case. Crawford and McAlpine did stroll onto the stage in teeny, tiny-bikini bikinis. But they wore the minute bathing costumes pulled over their street clothes.

"It reminds me a lot of when I was pregnant," Crawford said.

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# Police seek man who tries to lure young girls

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The suspect is described as a male between 30 to 50 years old, with blonde, sandy brown to light brown hair, possibly a different color, and dressed in a "hot" style, but a little overcast.

The vehicle is described as possibly an older model, Chevy S-10 pickup truck that's red and possibly blue. A key description of the vehicle is that the driver's side front fender is a different color, possibly dark blue or black.

All of the incidents occurred in the residential areas of Eight Mile Road to 10 Mile Road and between Berk Road and Novi Road. Two of the encounters happened in Northville, on Ardover and Canterbury, and the rest were in Novi.

"I can't impress on the public enough that if they are something that doesn't look right to call us."

Fendel said it's important to say the male was just testing the girls to see if they're something that doesn't look right to call us.

Fendel said the kind of activity demonstrated by the male "happens infrequently" in the area.

"He could have wanted to expose himself to them or he could have abducted them," he said.

Fendel said the kind of activity demonstrated by the male "happens infrequently" in the area.

"That doesn't mean that we're immune to it here though," he said.

Any information on the suspect should be directed to Fendel at (248) 349-1234 or Novi Police Detective Kevin Hebert at (248)348-7100.

# Conor O'Neill's brings Emerald Isle to Main Street

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Murray said the first pub opened in Ann Arbor in 1998 and has become a very popular spot.

The location for the next Conor O'Neill's for a number of reasons. The first of which, according to Murray, is Nov's downtown project.

"A downtown atmosphere is best suited for an Irish pub," Murray said.

In any town you go to in Ireland, Scotland or England, you will find the pub is the central social place in the downtown, he said.

"It is not just a place to eat and

spoke with about the idea were very enthusiastic.

"When talking to people in Novi and the surrounding area, the response was unbelievable," he said.

Murray's partner, O'Neill, added another reason Conor O'Neill's is coming to Novi is because "so many establishments claim to be Irish, but don't do it justice."

# Firm tabulating MEAP missed question

**By Mike Malott**  
The Department of Education was set to unveil results from the most recent round of Michigan Education Assessment Program tests on Friday, June 11, when personnel began to notice discrepancies in some of the numbers, according to Public Information Officer Brad Wurfel.

Upon checking, they found the firm hired to contract to tabulate the statewide scores, National Computer Systems of Iowa City, Iowa, had missed one question on the 5th grade science test.

Results have already been issued, sent to students' homes by districts, but those numbers will change slightly for the 5th grade science test as a result of re-tabulation. Wurfel said he anticipates any changes will be minor, since the error occurred only on one question on the test.

Wurfel said, but again only slightly. NCS has been preparing, distributing and tabulating the results of Michigan's MEAP test under contract with the state Department of Education for 12 years. This is the first year of a three-year contract renewal.

Wurfel said, for the last contract renewal, only NCS submitted a bid. Wurfel emphasized that the errors indicated no problems with the test itself, only with the tabulation of the results.

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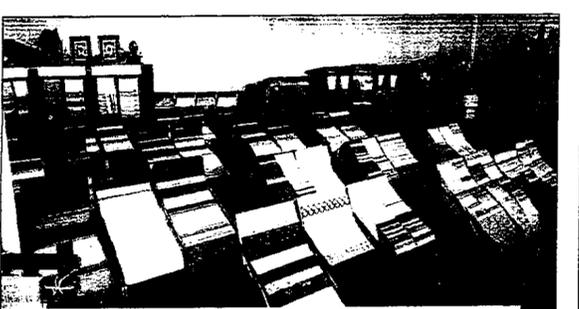
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# M5 may ease Haggerty gridlock

**Continued from 1**  
increased volumes of traffic on all roads in Metro Detroit, traffic on Eight Mile Road gradually came back to the same level as it was before I-696 was built.

Stuehr anticipates that will happen to Haggerty Road. But, he is unsure how long it will take for traffic levels to rise on Haggerty, after the completion of the M5 Connector.

"It will probably take five to seven years," he said.

"But, putting a duration on it is

the hard part."  
In the meantime, drivers must continue fighting heavy congestion until the M5 Connector opens.

"It is the biggest nightmare," said Lynn Peterson, a Novi resident who frequently uses Haggerty Road.

And if the congestion isn't bad enough, Peterson suggests that the attitudes of some other drivers make the situation worse.

"People are so discourteous in this day and age," she said.

Many times she finds herself trying hard to not tailgate the person

in front of her, only to be cut off by another driver who is weaving from lane to lane, she explained.

Peterson found herself a victim of the Haggerty havoc in May, when her car was struck by another vehicle that was cutting between traffic. Peterson was unhurt, but her car was severely damaged.

And, to prove her point on driver disrespect, the car that struck hers drove away from the scene of the accident.

To make matters worse, even though every driver in this traf-

figed section of Haggerty saw the accident, no one stopped to offer help.

Peterson said the afternoon rush hour is the worst.

"I don't know how people can stand it," she said.

When told of the possible opening date of the M5 Connector, Peterson said she wishes officials would open it now. Just having it open at least a month ahead of schedule would alleviate a lot of the problems facing Haggerty Road drivers, she said.



A driver waits to turn left at Haggerty and Nine Mile roads.

# Voters will be asked the \$28 million road question

**Continued from 1**  
•City-wide Pavement Rehabilitation Projects — \$8,500,000.  
•Delmont Paving — \$676,000.  
•Dresser Paving — \$1,245,000.

•Medford Road improvements (Eleven Mile to Twelve Mile) — \$662,000.  
•Nine Mile Road improvements (Novi Road to Venture) — \$779,000. City share towards a county Novi Road project.

•Novi Road Development Fund (widened Grand River between Beck and the CSX Bridge) — \$2,000,000.

•Crescent Road East — \$7,491,000.  
•Main Street West — \$1,322,000.  
•Intersection improvements — \$986,000.

Kriewall said after adding an anticipated five percent bond interest rate, the total cost comes to \$28,141,050. Because these numbers are estimates, Kriewall said the city rounded up to \$28,500,000 in its bond request.

Council members all expressed concern over the cost this will put on taxpayers.

"I wasn't aware it would cost a homeowner of a \$180,000 home

\$200 a year. This is a very substantial bonding issue," said Council Member Robert Schmid.

Kriewall told the council that for the city to get the best deal for its money, it needs to ask for the money to fix all of these roads now, due to inflation and ever worsening conditions.

"I think the community wants to see road improvements right now," he added.

Because it is such a high amount and due to suggestions by citizens, council members expressed their desire to have the ballot language list every road the bond would fix

or improve.

Kriewall said this has historically not been done, but he would talk it over with the bonding attorney.

Council Member Craig DeRoche said by putting this list in the bond language it would build trust with the Novi citizens that the road money will only go to those improvements.

If it is not possible to put this in the language on the ballot, DeRoche said he would support a resolution from council listing the roads the council is to take action.

Council Member Kathleen Mutch agreed saying, "no matter what

comes back, council can pass resolution. We make a commitment to voters every time we open our mouths in a meeting."

Council Member Ed Kramer moved to authorize the city administration to proceed. But, Council Member Laura Lorenzo attempted to amend his motion to include improvements to Ten Mile Road to three lanes.

Lorenzo said she believed the people along Ten Mile deserve to have their road fixed now and urged the council to take action.

However, her amendment did not get support and died.

Mutch explained the amendment failed not because the council did not think Ten Mile needed these improvements, but because council did not have enough time to research the three-lane idea.

Kriewall said the only issue left with the road bond is coming up with the correct wording for the ballot. He said he will meet with the city's bonding attorney to work out this language and present it to the council at the July 12 meeting.

# Northville's construction chuckholes damage cars

**BY ANDREW DIETDERICH**  
Staff Writer  
Ron Myers didn't like it when an 18-inch chuck hole filled with water on Center Street damaged one of his cars.

He said he was absolutely livid, though, when three days later another car he owns was driving was damaged while on one of Northville's main arteries and construction projects for the summer.

Myers experiences prove in all state and municipal road projects designed to fix things, some things — like your cars — are going to get

broken.

"I couldn't believe it," a use it was raining and that ended up getting damaged."

Since Myers works at Hiller's Market he has no choice but to drive down the street, he said.

In Myers' first experience with car damage on Center Street, his car was damaged by a hole apparently caused by a wash out. He said hitting the deep rut in the road caused water pump problems.

"Hard rain hit Thursday night and Friday morning ... and some wash-outs happened," said Jim

Gallopy, director of Northville Public Works, in a claim report.

The following Monday — three days after the rainfall — Myers had a second car damaged while driving down the road. This time it was his second car that was damaged after he had to drive it because of his car being in the shop. The car hit a rut in the road where a tie-rod was knocked loose. The car was damaged so badly it was undrivable...

Today, Myers works for work on his second car to be completed. The cars could already be fixed, but

determining the source of responsibility for the damaged vehicles has become a never-ending game of pinball with Myers as the ball.

The players? The city of Northville, the contractor, the insurance company and the Michigan Department of Education.

Gary Word, Northville city manager, said responsibility depends on who is overseeing the project.

"If you're talking about a project like Center Street, that's a Michigan Department of Transportation project," he said.

Other projects that are city-sponsored would be the responsibility of the city, Word said.

Myers said in his case he's found the responsible party to be the construction company at the site.

"I had to take on the whole burden of trying to get the thing taken care of," he said.

There are some tips to keep in mind if your car is damaged.

"When an accident leads to construction happens, Word said the best thing to do is report it to city

police or the department of public works.

"Once a claim is filed we can get things rolling with the insurance companies," he said.

Jim Rink, spokesman for AAA-Michigan, said it isn't necessary to pull off on the side of the road and file a report immediately, unless the car is undrivable.

"But you don't want to delay too long," he said.

# Class of '69, Novi's first, plans reunion

1969 was one historic year.  
• Forget the moon walk here. Even overlook the fact that the Village of Novi adopted a city charter that year.

Thirty years ago also saw the graduation of the City of Novi's first graduating class, the first also to carry diplomas from the then-New Novi High School.

And if you're a member of that class, your classmates want to find you to plan a 30-year reunion.

"We're looking for our classmates," said Cindy Ortwine Carroll, the class secretary.

Carroll, now a nurse, lives in Farmington.

A committee has been set up to

plan the big event, but more help is needed. So are all those addresses of the 83 members of the Class of 1969.

Joining her in putting the reunion together so far are 1969 class president Gary Boyer, now of South Lyon; Cathy Carr Johnson, now of New Hudson and Bob Kelly.

Call any of them to get involved

or to pass on the whereabouts of that elusive classmate who moved to Arizona, Florida, Timbuktoo, whatever.

Carroll can be reached at (248) 615-0558; Boyer at (248) 437-8253; Johnson at (248) 437-8707 or Kelly at (248) 391-6227.

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# Opinions

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## As We See It

### These voters turned out for school election

Why are we listing these names?

These 68 people were the only ones to vote in the June 14 unopposed Nov. school board election.

Quite a few seem to be relatives of incumbents Carol Elfring, Ann Newton and Bruce Bagdady. However, each one deserves an A-plus in civics and a gold star for good behavior.

#### Precinct 1:

- Bruce Bagdady
- Barbara Walling
- Carol Bagdady
- Corina Ludwig
- Donald Walling
- Norris Hagerty
- Sylvia Ridenour
- Clifford Ridenour
- Sharon Rayburn
- Kathleen Bartlett
- John Skrobo
- Bonnie Threut

#### Precinct 2:

- Ann Newton
- Heather Kortlandt
- Anna Wilson
- Henry Newton
- Ernest Aruffo
- Monica Zak
- Eva Dawn Aruffo
- Beryl Goldfield
- Laree Bell
- Paul Butler
- John Balagna
- Shirley Wilson
- Donald Wilson
- Craig Kortlandt

#### Precinct 3:

- Gretchen Pugsley
- Herb Elfring
- Patricia Kortlandt
- David Brown
- Alison Murray
- Mary Beth Morrison
- Anita Saurer
- Lorraine Thompson
- Carol Elfring
- Margaret Weinert
- Elaine Calce
- Pamela Neville
- Dyanna Martin
- Lois Gdowski
- Karen Capanyola
- Sara Elfring
- Mary Crawford
- Jack Crawford
- Theodore Mech
- Nick Cervi
- George Kortlandt
- Kaye Pugsley
- Yvette Michels
- Lee Collins
- Julia Abrams
- Lynn Zurek
- David Ruyle
- Arthur Cervi
- Suzanne Cervi

#### Absentee voters:

- Ann Newton
- Rita Traylor
- Richard Druschel
- Pauline Druschel
- Betsy Jane Cavanagh
- Sheila Henderson
- Deborah Galloway
- Carol Lee Butler
- Duane Bell
- Clarence Wilson
- Peggy Ann Hoffman
- Ruth Borg
- Judith Overmars

## Bill to combine elections merit close consideration

Out of 19,199 people registered to vote within the Novi school district — and it's safe to assume not each and every eligible voter is registered — a stunning total of 68 people actually showed up at the polls or registered their choice through an absentee ballot for the June 14 election.

True, incumbents Ann Newton, Carol Elfring and Bruce Bagdady were running unopposed. It wasn't much of a race. No heated issues had the crowd stirred up.

However, State Rep. Andrew Raczowski, a Republican from the neighboring Farmington Hills, has introduced HB 4106, a proposal to consolidate school elections with general elections. Raczowski points out that statewide, voter turnout at school elections runs at about one percent. He also suggests money will be saved for the school districts by pairing the elections with the general elections in November.

The bill limits elections to four dates annually, including special elections and millage votes.

These dates are the first Tuesday following the first Monday in February, the first Tuesday following the first Monday in May, the first Tuesday following the first Monday in August and the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November.

In the case of the Novi school district, a whopping \$3,280 would have been saved this year, if the election had been held in November with city elections. Of course, that adds up over the long haul, but financial considerations don't seem particularly key here.

What is crucial is the astoundingly failure of the democratic system when it comes to school elections. And no one is to blame for this but the very people who are blessed to have the chance to vote in a free election and

don't exercise their choice. However, it behooves the school district to do a bit more promoting of the election date next time around.

But June 14 was hardly a fine lesson in American government and local pride for the children who attend the schools that are under the trusteeship of the school board.

While voter turnout isn't great in city general elections, enough people do show up to make the system less of a sham, or is that a shame. And that's a strong argument in favor of consolidation of the elections.

Another point is that as Americans, we've all grown up with the notion that elections fall in November. June elections go against our engrained annual calendar, as Christmas in July would.

In June, people are busy with graduation parties, weddings, family vacations. One hundred other things that typically don't happen as often in November. It's just not a good time of the year for an election. Democracy seemingly works better when it's convenient.

Fair arguments can be made against such legislation. Some cities, such as Novi, are home to several school districts. The possibility of confusion at the polls exists. However, this could be worked out. Most people know what school district they live in, especially because it impacts the property values of their homes.

In a hotly contested school election running at the same time as a controversial city race, voters could become dizzy when staring at their ballots. This dilemma isn't likely to crop up often.

Removing some authority from the local school district does sting a bit, but not too much because the state already regulates elections. The Raczowski bill seems ripe for adoption, if the glitches can be worked out.

## Investigation doesn't add up



Bob Jackson

It all started with a letter. Or did it? We've been following with interest, the Michigan State Police investigation of Northville Township resident Jim Nield, who, according to a complaint filed by the Wayne County Prosecutor's office, used Northville Public School equipment in support of an effort by a citizens' action group to bring an end to a lawsuit filed by Northville Township against the school district.

The group threatened the recall of township supervisor Karen Woodside, who is an assistant prosecutor for Wayne County, and several trustees if the township didn't drop the lawsuit. The investigation was launched by deputy Wayne County prosecutor Ray Walsh, who recently made an unsuccessful bid for one of two vacant school board seats last week.

According to Walsh, a private citizen sent him a letter claiming that Nield improperly used school district equipment to prepare literature for mailing for the group Families for a Better Northville.

When he received the letter, Walsh said he turned it over to Northville Police Chief Jim Petres to investigate.

And herein lies the part that has prompted us to delve further into the investigation.

According to Petres, Walsh never turned over the letter. In an interview, Petres said all of the information he ever received regarding the complaint was obtained in one telephone call from Walsh.

So Petres, aware of the political winds of the moment, opted to turn over the investigation to the Michigan State Police. Detective Heidemann was assigned the case, and he began the investigation in earnest.

Regarding the letter, Heidemann says he, too, has never seen it. Even more interesting is that nobody seems to recall ever interviewing the person who allegedly wrote the letter.

We requested a copy of the letter from the State

Police and Wayne County Prosecutor's office. Aside from Heidemann's assertions that he never saw a letter, State Police officials told us that anything pertaining to the investigation wouldn't be released until the investigation was finished.

The Wayne County Prosecutor's office told us a different story. Richard Pdzieski, chief of operations for the Wayne County Prosecutor's office, told us that complaint letters are always filed in cases like this, and that he "requires a letter or something in writing" for a complaint to be passed on to local authorities for investigation. Same answer from Wayne County Prosecutor John O'Hair, who said his office "certainly would keep a copy" of written complaints.

But when we requested a copy of the letter this week Pdzieski informed us that he isn't 100 percent certain "the letter exists."

That is a very important statement to remember: Because if a letter truly doesn't exist, what exactly prompted the investigation in the first place? Somebody had to approach Walsh — be it by letter, by phone, or in person — and make the claim that Jim Nield was supposedly doing something wrong.

Walsh claims there was a letter Petres and Heidemann say there wasn't, and Pdzieski isn't certain. Without that letter there is no logical starting point, and with no logical starting point there should be no investigation.

One thing's for certain: there was an investigation. State Police knocked on Jim Nield's door, came into his home, requested evidence, interviewed him, and left. And for what purpose?

That's what we want the State Police and prosecutor's office to answer. Did Jim Nield overstep his bounds? Or did someone in the prosecutor's office misuse the power of that office against a Northville resident, who was possibly irritating, but certainly within his constitutional rights to question his local government's actions?

Or is it something else we haven't even considered yet? We believe the path to the truth begins with the letter. Does it exist or not? If it doesn't, we have plenty of questions to follow.

Robert Jackson is the managing editor of the Northville Record and Novi News. Call 349-1700.

## In Focus

### By John Heider



## Beach blues

### Costumer had a local history



Barbara Louise

From "As You Like It" to "Yokohama Maid," an area costume company furnished apparel for stage productions for nearly 10 years.

F. Bruesser & Co., located on Macomb Street in Detroit from 1896 to 1985, furnished costumes for local and national productions of all kinds, including several plays put on by Northville High School.

In the late 1930 and 1940s, at least three plays put on by Northville High were costumed by F. Bruesser & Co. Under the direction of Leslie Lee, a play called "In Old Vienna" appeared in May 1938. Costumes required by the company included four moustaches, two waltzers' coats and one character in a silk shirt and jacket with velvet trousers. The cost for the costumes for the entire show amounted to \$24.50.

In May 1940, the Northville High senior play was "Grl. Sly." Of the six costumes required, two "pijama" costumes cost \$2 each, and two "domino suits of different colors" cost \$1 each. The other two costumes, at the Bruesser Co.'s discretion, were rented for \$3 apiece.

F. Bruesser Masquerade Costumes & Theatrical Makeup began as a brother-sister team. Frank and Sabrina Bruesser began their business in the late 19th century and were proud of being able to remain at the same location on Macomb Street for so many

years. The company eventually involved the entire family, consisting of four other brothers and their father.

At the age of 15, niece Helen was reluctantly made to join the firm. She stayed with it however and took over the business when her aunt and uncle died. In fact, she kept it going through the 1990s, moving the company from its original home in Detroit to Ann Arbor in 1985, when she was 85 years old.

Helen King's creations became known nationwide. The company even supplied costumes for such personages as early radio and television comedian Jack Benny, when they furnished a turban for Eddie "Rochester" Anderson in 1948.

Over the company's 100-year history, the company supplied costumes for plays, minstrel shows, high school musicals, church functions and community theater and opera groups. F. Bruesser & Co. also provided costumes for various holiday appearances, such as for Santa and Mrs. Claus and Hudson's Thanksgiving Day parades.

In a 1990 Ann Arbor magazine, Helen King — at age 90 and still sewing up a storm — was interviewed. According to the article, "Anyone remotely involved in theater, dance or opera in the Detroit area knows King...she has sewn herself into many people's lives and created more than her share of theatrical, fantastic illusions."

The company is no longer in business, but its costumes live on.

Barbara Louise is the author of the book "No. VI on the Trail" as well as other local history books.

## Capital news remains important



Phil Power

There's a disconnect going on in the news business. Increasingly, through a process called "devolution," tax dollars and the authority to spend that money are being transferred from Washington to state capitals around the country, including Lansing. The idea is state governments are closer to the people than far-off federal bureaucrats and, therefore, state governments and legislators will make better decisions about spending priorities.

That's perfectly sensible. And you'd think that the news media, in response, would double and redouble the resources they devote to news coverage from Lansing.

Far from it. Over the past 10 years, the number of reporters assigned to cover goings-on in Lansing has dropped by nearly half. Both the great wire services (Associated Press, for example, the biggest) and the regional daily newspapers (the Detroit Daily News and the Booth Newspapers, for example) have over the years reduced staff assigned to Lansing. Excepting public broadcasting, where Tim Skibic's Off The Record remains essential fare for insiders, TV and radio stations no longer count for day-in, day-out coverage.

The news media cite two factors. Budgets for news coverage are always under pressure. And readers, listeners and viewers supposedly aren't interested in Lansing news.

Be that as it may, HomeTown Communications Network, the company that owns this newspaper, has maintained for years a News Service that specializes in covering stories that my originate in Lansing but which have singular consequence for local communities.

It takes skill and experience to distinguish between the general Lansing story and the one that has concrete meaning in the daily lives of local residents. For years, Tim Richard performed brilliantly in the role. Earlier this year, Tim decided to retire up North, where the fishing is better.

His successor is Mike Malott, who comes to the job with more than 25 years of journalism experience. You'll see his reporting in this newspaper. Watch for his byline; he's good.

An example comes from a piece Mike filed last week. In it, he describes a move in the Legislature to move annual local school board elections from June to November. Chief sponsor is House Majority Floor Leader Andrew Raczowski, R-Farmington Hills.

Raczowski argues consolidating elections would save money for schools, which have to reimburse municipal clerks for running separate school elections in June. And he adds that turnout in local school elections often less than 20 percent — would go up if school boards were elected in November, when voter turnout is higher.

School boards are vehemently opposed to consolidation. Adding local school board candidates to the November ballot — always called a "bedsheet" ballot because of the number of candidates on it — would only insure that the outcome of school board elections would be largely random because nobody would know what the candidates

each and every one of us here in the City of Northville uses Detroit water and they have a water tower in their system. The city of Wixom, which also uses Detroit water, is constructing a brand new water tower in their community.

However, Novi has two water towers — neither of which is being used to boost or maintain sufficient water pressure in our community.

Instead of using the water tower at Twelve Oaks and the water tower at the Novi Expo Center, we are just getting public service announcements asking us to limit our daily use of city water.

Instead of not issuing more permits and not collecting the fat fees for connecting to city water, we are just getting public service announcements asking us to limit our daily use of city water.

This would all be comical if there was no serious side to this matter. What happens when your house is on fire and there isn't enough water to put it out? What happens when there is not enough water pressure to keep the ground water from leaching in and contaminating the system? What happens when a large building has a fire and the water pressure is too low for the water to reach above the first floor?

So in 1969, another 500 or more residential water tap-in permit fees were collected. In fact, more commercial water tap-in permit fees will be collected, and maybe even more industrial water tap-in permit fees will be collected.

And the city staff and the city council will collect and spend the fee money, stick their heads into the proverbial sand about the water pressure problems, and just issue a few more public service announcements about not using city water.

Joseph G. Toth

## Novi High Senior Party a success

To the Editor:

Novi High School's Class of 1999 All Night Party was a glowing success. The Senior All Night Party Committee, on behalf of the students and parents, want to thank the businesses in Novi and the surrounding area for the contributions of cash and goods that truly made this an evening to remember. Our young people are going on to new experiences knowing that they have the encouragement and support of the total Novi community. This party would not have been possible without this support.

Our thanks to: J.R. Atyeh CFP; The Yeoman Group; Suzuki, Myers & Associates Inc.; Cav Tool Co.; John Thomas Floor Covering; O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home; Technical Hot & Cold; Novi Vet Clinic; Novi Police Officers; Prestige Photo; Ramsey Dental; Ceramics; Jette Chiropractic; Novi Yacht Club; O&C Plumbing & Heating; Allstate (Bruce Faber); Varsity Lincoln-Mercury; Linda's Hair & More; Gina Agosta Hair Salon; The Sports Club; Red, Hot & Blue Restaurant; Dr. Kathryn Hoppe; St. James Catholic Church; Novi Fence & Supply; Local Color; Grady's American Grill; Bavarian Village Golf; Koshi's Tavern; Dr. Peter R. Maly; Infinit of Farmington Hills; Dr. Herbert Elfring; President Family Dentistry; Doinidis Chiropractic; Karcorp/Country Cleaners; HealthyCare Consulting; Holy Family Church; Twelve Oaks Mall Office; Jack Anglin Co.; Mary Feldman Chiropractic; Thelen Lane; scapling Clayton Group Services; Novi Expo Center; ERA Rymal Symes; Gynn Travel; JCK Associates; Olga Hontalas; Fendit Transit; Max Links of Novi; Harmony House; Cooper, Shifman, Gave, Quinn & Seymour; Tri-Mount Custom Homes; Maria's Italian Bakery & Deli; Novi Education Foundation; Town & Country Eyecare; Chiffis; On the Border; Novi Pizzeria; Cummins Michigan Inc.; Dr. Kuchiklapp; Dr. Lawrence Spillane;

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The Senior All Night Party Committee  
Lynne Buckman  
Nancy Herdicks  
Co-chairpersons

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We only have to look at our neighboring communities who are planning to see how poor planning — or no planning at all in Novi — is impacting the quality of life for

their customers? Even the postal system, FedEx, and UPS all seem to have no major problems making on-time deliveries to their customers.

Yet when it comes to the delivery of adequate water and water pressure, the suppliers cannot meet the customer's needs and demands.

How long must we continue to hear lame excuses about the water pressure day after day? Do they really think we are that stupid?

For the past decade or so, Novi has been issuing over 500 residential building permits each year. Almost all of these new large expensive homes have gas-fired furnaces, central air conditioning systems, electric appliances, etc. Furthermore, each house is required to have landscaping around the structure that includes trees, grass/sod, etc.

Many of these new homes have very expensive landscaping, costly new cars, and fully automatic underground water-sprinkling systems. These substantial investments in the city require the homeowners to pay a considerable amount of taxes each and every year.

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## Gambling study shows the cards



Mike Malott

"One of the most scandalous features of the gambling industry, engaged in by many of our states, is the fact that governments, is the vigorous promotion of gambling among the poor, less-educated and senior citizens." — James C. Dobson, Ph.D., President of Focus on the Family, wrote in his summary statement for the National Gambling Impact Study Commission.

Released just last Friday, the study is the first look at the gambling industry and its social and economic impacts commissioned by the federal government in 23 years.

Dobson could have been pointing a finger directly at Michigan. The study was particularly critical of the way state governments have crossed the line from being regulators of gambling to active promoters of it. It was especially critical of state lotteries, not only because they whet people's appetites for gambling but because they also target and attract the poor in disproportionate numbers.

"States promote lottery tickets in virtually every corner store while inundating the airwaves with get-rich-quick fantasies," Dobson continued.

The Michigan Lottery's Road to Riches television program is just one fine example — even the name is a get-rich-quick fantasy.

But Dobson wasn't finished. "Clearly, gambling is a destroyer that ruins lives and wrecks families. A mountain of evidence presented to our Commission demonstrates a direct link between problem and pathological gambling

and divorce, child abuse, domestic violence, bankruptcy, crime and suicide."

The commission concluded that 2.5 to 3.2 million adults will become pathological gamblers at some time in their lives. "Especially troubling, 1.1 million adolescents will be pathological gamblers," the study concludes. And the number of youthful gamblers is only expected to grow as wagering becomes more prevalent across the United States.

It is the explosive growth of gambling that spurred Congress in 1996 to commission the study. The NGISC concluded that "gross gambling revenues" had increased tenfold in the last 25 years, now reaching \$50 billion a year. Keep in mind that figure represents only the profits of those who run the games, not the overall amount of bets laid. That figure is estimated to be ten times higher.

The growth of gambling has been startling in the early '70s, only two states allowed casinos and a handful of states had lotteries.

Today, you can lay a legal bet in all but three states. Thirty-seven states have lotteries. Twenty-eight allow some form of casino gambling. Forty-three allow pari-mutuel betting.

For all this expansion of legal wagering, the commission's primary conclusion was that we know precious little about the impact of gambling on our society. We don't even know for sure that legalized gambling boosts the economy. That's the assumption, isn't it? That's what finally led Detroit voters to accept a proposal, after numerous rejections, to bring casinos to town. That what has led Michigan officials to approve compact with nearly two dozen tribal casinos in the northern reaches of the state.

Yes, casinos provide jobs, the study

admits, "but there were other factors brought to the attention of the NGISC. In Atlantic City and elsewhere, small business owners testified to the loss of their businesses when casinos came to town."

"Social and economic impacts are not easily severable," it continues. A job and health benefits for one family is a positive. Compulsive gambling and bankruptcy for another is a negative. Tax revenues from legalized gaming may be a positive, but the costs of increased crime and welfare programs has to be considered as a cost.

The study suggests that the costs attendant with legalized gambling "may, in fact, overwhelm the benefits."

That's a rather mild conclusion. One earlier study was a good deal harsher. The U.S. Gambling Study, conducted by Robert Goodman of Hampshire College in Massachusetts and released in 1995, concluded that casinos actually "annihilated" local economies. Casinos draw money away from other leisure time activities like sporting events, concerts, movie houses, the theater, art galleries, etc. Ten years after the arrival of casinos in Atlantic City, that study found, there were fewer restaurants in town than there had been before. Significantly fewer, the number had dropped by a third.

Last Friday, the NGISC called for a nationwide moratorium on new games. On Monday, Michigan's gaming control board held a public hearing and indicated it is likely to hand out next month the first of three licenses for new casinos in downtown Detroit.

It seems to me that before you make a deal with the devil, you ought to make sure the devil is going to keep his part of the bargain.

Mike Malott, occasionally a recreational gambler, likes to lay a bet as much as the next guy. He can be reached by phone at (248) 349-1700 or by e-mail at mmalott@homecom.net

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Cheryl Johnson takes over as Thornton Creek's new principal.

# A matter of principal Johnson takes charge of Thornton Creek Elementary

By CHRIS C. DAVIS  
Staff Writer

On Friday, Cheryl Johnson's co-workers and friends held a going-away party for her at Plymouth-Canton's Bentley Elementary School.

She'll need to enjoy it. Effective July 1, Johnson will begin her new assignment as principal at Northville's Thornton Creek Elementary.

Johnson was the unanimous choice of the Northville school board to replace outgoing principal Mary Najanan. A 19-year-veteran in the district immediately to the south of Northville, Johnson said she was excited about her new position.

"The pull of a smaller district was very attractive to me," she said. "I started out in smaller-sized com-

munities and I eventually wanted to return to them. I feel comfortable in districts like that."

Besides the size of the Northville district, Johnson said she was also lured by a stable labor situation, solid financial status and the physical environment of Thornton Creek. She also said she like the working relationship between administrators and the board.

"The central office has a tradition of supporting the principals and administrators in helping them do their jobs to the best of their ability," she said. "From a principal's standpoint, that's critical."

But above and beyond everything else, Johnson said she was drawn by Northville's reputation for course work.

"Northville's number-one priority has always been establishing a solid curriculum," she said. "I've

had the chance to speak with (Northville school district superintendent) Leonard Reznierski and the one thing I've gotten from those conversations is that he pushes innovation in the classrooms."

Johnson said she felt her strongest suits were in her background with reading education and instruction of students in gifted/talented programs. Through her most recent job has been at the elementary level, she has had experience as an administrator for middle school.

"Obviously, one of the differences is that you're dealing with a lesser amount of serious discipline issues in an elementary school," she said. "One of the most rewarding things about being in an elementary building is being able to see such growth in those early years. There's a real innocence to children at that age."

## PRINCIPAL FACTS

■ Here's the site of incoming Thornton Creek Elementary School principal Cheryl Johnson:

**EDUCATION:** Masters degree, Grand Valley State University; bachelor's degree, Eastern Michigan University; post-graduate studies, Madonna University.

**ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE:** Outgoing principal of Bentley Elementary School in Plymouth-Canton district. Held prior positions as principal of Pioneer Middle School, assistant principal of Field Elementary School.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE:** Reading specialist, gifted & talented coordinator — Comstock Park Public Schools, Rockford Public Schools, adult education teacher — Rockford Public Schools, Reading improvement, adult education teacher — Goodwin Public Schools.

## Obituaries

### MARIE DEVEREAUX

Marie Devereaux of Novi died June 17 at Highland Hospital, Farmington Hills. She was born Sept. 18, 1903. She is survived by son, Patrick F. (Christina) and five grandchildren. Mrs. Devereaux was preceded in death by her husband, Frank; sons, William and Herbert; and daughter, Rita. Services were conducted on Friday, June 18, at O'Brien Chapel/Sullivan Funeral Home in Novi. Interment was in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Detroit.

Memorials to the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan, 2621 Central Park, Suite No. 100, Southfield, MI 48076 would be appreciated.

### FRANCES LORRAINE MCGREGOR

Frances Lorraine Patterson McGregor died June 19, 1999 in West Bloomfield Township.

The Farmington resident was born June 3, 1918 in Bloomington, Wisconsin. She is survived by her husband of 51 years, Edward V. McGregor, son Thomas McGregor of Novi and sons Daniel, Stephen and Joseph McGregor of Texas. She is also survived by two daughters, Ann McGregor of Massachusetts and Jean (James) Kennedy of Walled Lake, as well as five grandchildren. In addition, she is survived by a sister, Rose Ellen Meyer of Texas. A 1935 graduate of Bloomington High, Mrs. McGregor was employed in inventory control by Wilkoms International for ten years. The funeral mass was held Wednesday at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in Farmington. Interment was at North Farmington Cemetery in Farmington Hills. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

## NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 99-028

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Toll Brothers, Inc. is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of one construction trailer and one storage trailer on Lot 20 Chesham Estates from July 12, 1999 through July 11, 2000. Chesham Estates is located on the west side of Beck Road between Nine and Ten Mile Roads.

A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for temporary use permit. This request will be considered at 3:00 p.m. on June 30, 1999, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Official and must be received prior to June 30, 1999.

GERRIE HUBBS PERMIT ADMINISTRATOR (248) 347-0415 (6-24-99 NR, NN 906765)

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Woodlands Review Board, of the City of Novi, will hold a meeting on Monday, June 28, 1999 at 4:00 p.m. at the City of Novi, Community Development Conference Room, Novi, Michigan to review the Woodlands Review Board Permit Application for Sherri Wilson, 2069 Davenport. ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are invited to attend. Any written comments may be sent to the Department of Public Works, Karen Amolsch, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, until 3:00 p.m., Monday, June 28, 1999. KAREN AMOLSCHEM, W & S CUSTOMER SERVICE (6-24-99 NR/NN 906763)

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## CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR PRIMARY ELECTION — TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 1999

To the Qualified Electors of the City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan. Notice is hereby given that Tuesday, July 6, 1999 is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the above election. If you are not currently registered to vote or have changed your address within the City of Novi you may do so at the following locations listed in this notice.

- At the City Clerk's office or at the office of any county clerk during normal business hours.
- At any of the Secretary of State Branch Offices located throughout the State during normal business hours.
- At the specified agency for clients receiving services through the Family Independence Agency, the Department of Community Health, Michigan Jobs Commission and some offices of the Commission for the Blind.
- At the military recruitment offices for persons enlisting in the armed forces.

By Mail: By obtaining and completing a Mail Voter Registration Application and forwarding to the election official listed below by the close of registration deadline, July 6, 1999. Mail voter registration application may be obtained by contacting:

Torri L. Bartholomew, City Clerk  
45175 West Ten Mile Road  
Novi, MI 48375  
(248) 347-0456  
Notice: 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.  
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**MONDAY, MONDAY, JUNE 28**  
10:00 a.m. — Building Scene  
10:30 a.m. — The Cutting Room  
11:00 a.m. — Harvest Ministries  
11:30 p.m. — Cosby and Company: Kids and Mexico  
12:00 p.m. — Intercessions Word Ministry  
12:30 p.m. — (con't)  
1:00 p.m. — Adventures With Pirate Pete  
1:30 p.m. — Your Real Estate Connection: Brian Welland  
2:00 p.m. — Financial Strategies: Mortgages  
2:30 p.m. — Walled Lake Western: Novi High School Induction Ceremony, Hickory Woods Art Show  
3:00 p.m. — Hickory Woods Granny Awards  
3:30 p.m. — (con't)  
4:00 p.m. — (con't)  
4:30 p.m. — Chamber Spotlight  
5:00 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y  
5:30 p.m. — Up Close Today  
6:00 p.m. — Personal Safety in the '90s: Fire Prevention  
8:30 p.m. — Bagels and Talk With Tracy

7:00 p.m. — Critter Connection  
7:30 p.m. — Aviation Journal  
8:00 p.m. — Choral Cavalcade  
8:30 p.m. — Dance With Virginia: Showtime  
9:00 p.m. — Community Connection  
9:30 p.m. — Step 'n' Move to the Groove: Argentine Tango

**TUESDAY, JUNE 28**  
10:00 a.m. — Legislative Forum  
10:30 a.m. — Good News for Living Healthy: Classical Homoeopathy  
11:00 a.m. — Law Talk: David Soverby  
11:30 a.m. — (con't)  
12:00 p.m. — Summit University  
12:30 p.m. — (con't)  
1:00 p.m. — A Day of Remembrance  
1:30 p.m. — (con't)  
2:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection  
2:30 p.m. — The Good, The Bad, The Chummy  
3:00 p.m. — (con't)  
3:30 p.m. — (con't)  
4:00 p.m. — (con't)  
4:30 p.m. — A Culinary Adventure: Pireland  
5:00 p.m. — The Way, The Truth,

and The Life  
5:30 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen: Joe Knollenberg  
6:00 p.m. — Salon Glamour and Etiquette With Gloria: Electrolysis  
8:30 p.m. — (con't)  
9:00 p.m. — Let's Talk With Ben Marks: Richard Posthumus  
9:30 p.m. — (con't)

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30**  
10:00 a.m. — Reading With Taisiana  
10:30 a.m. — MDOT Today  
11:00 a.m. — Tri-City Producers Alliance  
11:30 a.m. — (con't)  
12:00 p.m. — Legally Speaking  
12:30 p.m. — Age of Aquarius  
1:00 p.m. — Study in Scripture  
1:30 p.m. — AMVETS

2:00 p.m. — Restoration Now  
2:30 p.m. — Harvest Ministries  
3:00 p.m. — The Show Me Show: Recycle  
3:30 p.m. — Step 'n' Move to the Groove: Argentine Tango  
4:00 p.m. — Critter Connection  
4:30 p.m. — Community Connection  
5:00 p.m. — Aviation Journal  
5:30 p.m. — Choral Cavalcade  
6:00 p.m. — The Anthropologist and the Santera Priestess  
6:30 p.m. — (con't)  
7:00 p.m. — Adventures With Pirate Pete  
7:30 p.m. — Cosby and Company: Kids and Mexico  
8:00 p.m. — Novi Street Beat  
8:30 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y  
9:00 p.m. — Chamber Spotlight  
9:30 p.m. — Where Do We Go From Here: A Post Graduate Documentary

**THURSDAY, JULY 1**  
10:00 a.m. — Fitness Motivators: Aerobics Body Toning  
11:00 a.m. — Abundant Life Arabic

11:30 a.m. — People Who Make Things Happen: Joe Knollenberg  
12:00 p.m. — Bagels and Talk With Tracy  
12:30 p.m. — Storytime With Sandy  
1:00 p.m. — Special Blend: Patriotic Music  
1:30 p.m. — That's Italian  
2:00 p.m. — Battle of the Books  
2:30 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y  
3:00 p.m. — Potpourri: Miss Michigan  
3:30 p.m. — Adventures With Pirate Pete  
4:00 p.m. — Law Talk: David Soverby  
4:30 p.m. — (con't)  
5:00 p.m. — Shaarey Zedek  
5:30 p.m. — (con't)  
6:00 p.m. — The Elegant Life: Aroma Therapy  
6:30 p.m. — Building Scene  
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8:30 p.m. — Harvest Ministries  
9:00 p.m. — Law Talk: David Soverby  
9:30 p.m. — (con't)

**FRIDAY, JULY 2**  
10:00 a.m. — Let's Talk With Ben Marks  
10:30 a.m. — (con't)  
11:00 a.m. — Harvest Ministries  
11:30 a.m. — Lumen Christi  
12:00 p.m. — 3:30 p.m. — To Be Announced  
4:00 p.m. — Fitness Motivators  
4:30 p.m. — 5:30 p.m. — To Be Announced  
6:00 p.m. — Community Connection  
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# Northville ready for annual Fourth of July parade

By CHRIS C. DAVIS  
Staff Writer

It won't be long now. The Fourth of July is only two weeks away, and event organizers in Northville are making their final preparations for the Independence Day festivities.

Leading the charge is parade publicity director Annette Findley. She said those working on the parade committee were meeting weekly to fine-tune the coordination for the march — one of the oldest in Michigan.

Findley had few words of wisdom as to where would be the best spots to catch a glimpse of the parade, but did suggest that picking a vantage point early was the best bet.

"Come early," she said. "I've been told this thing gets pretty packed and gets that way in a hurry."

Some 40,000 persons jammed Northville's streets last summer. The event gets underway at 10 a.m. One important note: the Fourth of July parade will actually take

place on the third of July, as Independence Day falls on a Sunday this year. For marchers and organizers, that means getting up early on Saturday.

"We're making plans to convene at 7:30 a.m. to direct traffic, line people up and begin sending them out when it's their turn to march," she said. "It's going to be a long morning."

Findley suggested that bringing water and sunscreen were two must-haves for parade watchers. Lawn chairs certainly help, but

Findley said that because of the attendance at the parade, it may be difficult to locate an area open enough to provide ample space for chairs.

"The way these things go, you may end up standing anyway," she said.

Small changes are being made in the organizational end of the parade, but for spectators, the parade will have one very different twist — candy will be handed out, but not thrown into the crowds.

"We wanted to stop the mad rush of kids going out into the street during the parade," she said. "It can be dangerous with the marchers and kids running to get the candies."

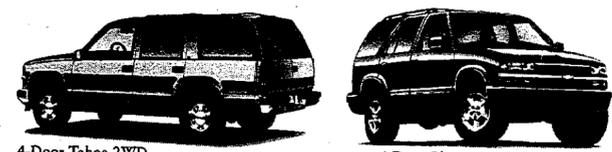
Findley said persons in yellow outfits will hand candy out to children along the parade route.

Long-range weather forecasts suggested sunny skies for the Fourth. If that forecast didn't hold, Findley did offer a piece of advice for a good vantage point for the parade.

"Any place inside would probably be good," she joked.

Lack of volunteer help threatened to end the parade's tradition this year, but a last-minute push by the Northville Township Foundation helped sustain the event.

Persons interested in contributing to or helping with the Northville Independence Day parade should call the Northville Township Foundation at (248) 374-0200.



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# They're off

## But not in Novi, when race track plans were unharnessed

Novi Township may have harness racing by next year, a spokesman for the proposed Novi race track said this week.

B.F. Gregoric, a leading figure in the syndicate which hopes to build the track, said ground for the structure would probably be broken next month, unless unforeseen complications develop.

The \$5.5 million race track and sports center would be located at Grand River and Meadowbrook. It would feature an elaborate grandstand with an all-weather sliding roof to allow for use of facilities throughout the year.

Gregoric said the sports center could host boat shows, conventions, automobile panoramas, polo games and other sports events and exhibitions.

—from the Northville Record  
June 27, 1957  
By CHRIS C. DAVIS  
Staff Writer

Taking a tour around the intersection of Grand River and Meadowbrook...

Trees. Bushes. A soccer facility. More trees.

So where are the horses? Answer: In downtown Northville, where they always were and have remained to this day.

But back in 1957, the little town south of Eight Mile was scrambling to figure out how it would compete with a behemoth of a racing facility in Novi Township — which was back then a rural pitstop on the

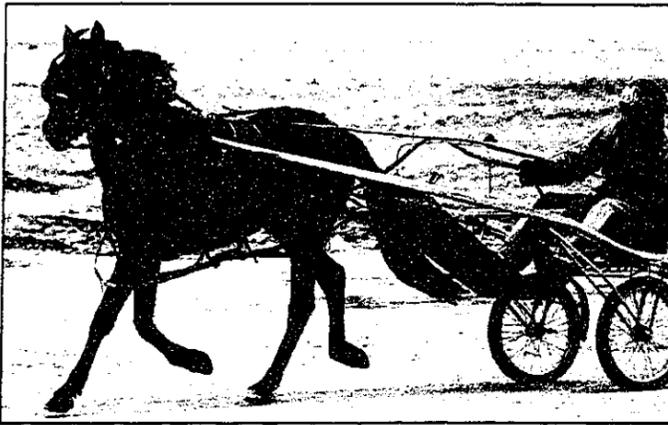
way to Lansing. Investors were poised to create a multimillion dollar complex at the intersection, which had many in Northville wondering what would happen to their trusty Downs.

If all of this comes as a surprise, don't feel alone — documentation from the Michigan Racing Commission doesn't cast much light on the issue, either.

The Commission's 1956 report to the governor only made passing comments about the development, as a proposal for a sportsplex didn't appear before the organization for review.

"Although the...proposal has never been officially before the Racing Commission and we have no accurate detailed knowledge about it, it is nevertheless worth mentioning because it stirred up so much activity and controversy among the residents of the communities that would be affected," the report said.

Beyond that, little evidence or memories of the proposed megaplex could be found. Even for-



This old "Northville Record" file photo shows a high-stepping horse on the track.

mer Novi Township supervisor Fraser Stamen, who served from 1953 to 1963, had only a handful of recollections of Novi Downs.

"It didn't have that much support, as I remember things," Stamen said. "A lot of people back then looked to Northville and saw how much success they were having with Northville Downs and thought that they should get into the action."

Northville Downs got its start in 1944 after investors from Buffalo,

N.Y. convinced the community that a horse racing facility was a sound investment for Northville. Prior to that, it had long served as the site of Wayne County Fairgrounds.

Downs' executive manager Margaret Zayti said the Downs' filed applications to be a host for thoroughbred racing, but was turned down because the track size was too small.

The impact of the Downs' in Northville, in anyone's estimation, was dramatic. Some have even

suggested that a substantial reason for Northville's incorporation into a city from a village in 1960 was due in no small part to the additional revenue a city would obtain.

Since that time, Zayti said the Downs' financial contributions to Northville have been big.

"There have been a number of building projects in Northville that Downs' money has helped to finance," she said.

Knowing what sorts of dollars and cents could be wrought from a race track, interest was apparently spawned in bringing a similar venue to Novi. And though it was a big deal back in the late 1950s, memories of the topic apparently had faded through the years.

About the only long-time Novi resident who had a clear memory of the event was former Novi Township police chief Lee Begole, now chief of police for Green Oak Township. Begole acknowledged that the plan didn't have much in the way of public backing, but had a different opinion about its viability in the infant community.

"It was a well thought-out development," Begole said. "It probably would have jumpstarted Novi in

much the same way Twelve Oaks ultimately did."

Begole said developers' interest in the tollgate town was likely connected to the development of the Ford Wixom plant. Novi city leaders, Begole said, had looked to the construction of the facility as a sure sign the western suburbs were the place of the future.

"Grand River and Meadowbrook was completely unused at the time," Begole said. "It would have been ideal at the time."

Lack of public support for the track may have played a role in the ultimate demise of the project, but Racing Commission spokesperson Kenn Christopher said that changes in the law brought about in the late 1950s may have also contributed.

Christopher said laws passed around the same time the Novi Downs proposal came to light limited the number of race tracks that could be established in a given geographic area. Since the area already was home to horse tracks in Northville, Hazel Park and Livonia, Christopher said there may very well have been legal implications preventing the complex from being developed.

And even though the land at Meadowbrook and Grand River sits mostly vacant now, Stamen was convinced it wouldn't stay that forever.

"It won't be very long before something goes in there," he said.

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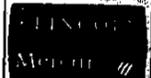
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A scout uses his mouth to properly fold his neckerchief. Right: Troop #777 gets into marching formation. The troop was established in February.

Photos by JOHN HEIDER



## scouting about

Trio of troops attests that boy scouting is alive and well in Northville

BY ANDREW DIETDERICH  
Staff Writer

Joe Retzbach thought his latest endeavor would attract 10, maybe 12, kids.

But the scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 777 said he got more than he bargained for when three times as many boys signed up for a brand new Boy Scout troop in Northville.

It's part of a plan to bring scouting to as many boys as possible in the area.

"Anyone who wants to get involved in scouting now has three alternatives within the community," Retzbach said.

With the addition of the newest group last February, Troop 777, there are three troops in the community. The other two are Troop 755, which meets Mondays at First Presbyterian Church, and Troop 903, which meets Wednesdays at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall. Troop 777 is sponsored by the First United Methodist Church Men's Club.

So with two troops already in town, why add another one?

"We looked at the potential figure for boys with the growth of the community and figured we ultimately would have an audience of 65 kids for the new troop," Retzbach said. "There was no way that number of new boys could be absorbed between the two troops."

Boys may join any troop they choose to after they've completed their time in the Cub Scouts. About 160 boys are Boy Scouts in the three Northville troops.

Retzbach said during his 10-year involvement with Boy Scouts the number of boys involved has increased annually.

Retzbach said there are a number of reasons for the continued growth of Boy Scouting.

For example, a strong desire to acquire leadership skills "through a solid weekly program that allows for the opportunity to experience skills and learn values first hand."

"Everyone has the opportunity to get involved with scouting," Retzbach said.

Additionally, he said, scouts get the oppor-



Boy Scout Troop #777 practices marching for the Memorial Day Parade outside the United Methodist Church in Northville recently.

tunity to meet students from other schools and interact with kids from their own schools they might otherwise not have.

Perhaps the biggest key to success with a Boy Scout troop is planning, Retzbach said.

"You have to have a lot of forward planning," he said. "It's very important to keeping a viable program going."

For example, Troop 777 started meeting last February and already a summercamp trip to Paul Bunyan Camp in northern Michigan is planned.

Nancy Czerwinski's son Daniel, 11, is in the new troop. She said she's pleased with how many activities the group already has taken part in.

"Every month they go on a camp trip and they've already done some community service projects," she said.

Many of the boys already have earned their first Boy Scout badge, she said, including her son.

"It's good for his (Daniel's) character," Czerwinski said. "He's learning a lot about disci-

pline plus the ideals that are behind Boy Scouts are what I want instilled in him."

But with the success in the number of boys joining Troop 777, there are also some problems.

"The biggest challenge with a brand new troop is the need to get equipment," Retzbach said. "We need a trailer, tents, patrol boxes and cooking gear."

More information about making a donation or to find out more about Troop 777 please call Retzbach at (248) 347-0064.

## Just heavenly

### Township resident releases debut jazz CD

By CHRIS C. DAVIS  
Staff Writer

Take one part John Coltrane, two parts angel music, add a few smooth drum fills and a subtle bass line, and stir. What you get is Northville Township resident Christa Grix' harp-driven interpretations of soft jazz tunes on her debut seven-track CD, "Freefall."

And in case you think jazz and harp just can't get along, you're not alone — but you're wrong in thinking so. Grix, who's been playing the harp since she was a student at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills, has been struggling to get the blend just right.

"Every day I wake up and I wish I could swing more, because it isn't an instrument that swings easily," Grix said. "There aren't any jazz harpists to learn from, so you have to almost teach yourself."

Grix said there's a saying among harpists: you don't choose to play the harp. Rather, the harp chooses you. Grix said that seemed to be the case in her own life.

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Trained in concert piano performance at Mercy, there was also a harp in the highly-touted music department. After experimenting with the instrument on a casual basis, Grix gradually shifted gears from the piano to its upright cousin.

"The harp really is the inside of a piano," she said. "It's really the white keys on a piano. We use pedals to mimic the black keys. You've seen the Groucho Marx shorts where he tears open a piano and starts playing the strings."

Grix set sail for Michigan State University to study the instrument and took graduate courses at Boston University. She returned to the Detroit area in the early 1980s

and began taking additional lessons from Wayne State University faculty member Matt Michaels.

But the lure of jazz made Grix hungry. A harp player at heart who loved the sound of jazz, Grix needed to find a way to merge the two sounds. Enter bass player Bruce Dondero.

The first song the two played together

was Duke Ellington's "Satin Doll." The sound, Grix said, was magic to her ears.

"It was like a dream come true," she said. "I was finally getting the chance to hear what I'd been waiting for, for so long."

Dondero and Grix soon merged with Ann Arbor drummer Pete Siers and formed The Christa Grix Trio, recording "Freefall" in 1996. All but one of the tracks is a cover tune, but whether it's Mancini or Mandel, each of the arrangements was done by Grix.

Now she's warming up for a July 22 date in Prague, Czech Republic. It's in the centuries-old city she'll be performing before harpists from around the world for the 1999 World Harp Congress.

Grix was selected as one of 300 or so from thousands of applicants from around the world. She sent in a copy of "Freefall" to help win her a spot.

Grix will be putting on a benefit performance of her jazz harp music at Our Lady of Providence. It's slated for June 29 at 7:30 p.m. at the OLP chapel, Northville's Gardenview is sponsoring the show. All proceeds from the \$10 ticket price go to the organization. For more information, call Lisa Barlow at (248) 347-6881 or Grix at (248) 347-6881.



Jazz harpist Christa Grix plays her instrument in her Northville home.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER



# Gonzo development

## Toll Brothers looks to build an upscale community

By CHRIS C. DAVIS



The development project in Northville Township for 1999 are among the most exciting. The Wayne County Executive placed the development in the Township.

The big share of the 600-plus acres of land slated for construction this spring, summer and fall goes to Pennsylvania-based Toll Brothers, who will be transforming much of the land into a residential development, golf course and park area.

Toll Brothers vice president Doug Heppie said Toll Brothers purchased the land for development from the Wayne County Executive Development Corporation.

The residential portion of the Toll Brothers project, Heppie said, will have around 650 single-family homes, whose prices will start around \$300,000. Lot widths of the homes will range from 85 to 125 feet, he said.

Residents of homes in the development will have access to a fitness center and swimming club.

Heppie said it was hoped to have the first homes in the Northville Hills subdivision begun being sold in 2000.

In the middle of the homes, an

"We had people already out on the site earlier this year to drive and walk around to get a feel for the land. They're excited to get going on that portion of the project."

opposite the under-construction Northville High School. Access to the park will be available via footbridge, while parking would provide road access to the remainder of car commuters.

The park, approximately 50 acres in size, will have three soccer fields, four baseball fields, a picnic area and a community stand, as well as ample parking for players and spectators.

"There's a huge demand for soccer fields not only in Northville Township, but also across the country," Heppie said. The sport has really caught on in the last few years.

Like the golf course, Heppie said he expected to begin excavation for the park sometime in the spring or summer and to have the substantial portion of

# 'Camp Borders' begins summer programming

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# Engagements & Weddings



William Patrick Garrett and Jennifer Lynn Beetler

## Beetler - Garrett

Dan and Sybil Beetler of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Lynn, to William Patrick Garrett, son of Bill and Claudia Garrett of Canton, Mich. The bride-elect was awarded a



Stacey Hanson and Greg Molenda

## Hanson - Molenda

Denny and Michaelyn Hanson of Novi are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Stacey, to Greg Molenda, son of Patti Valo of Sarasota, Fla., and the late Mark Molenda.



Juscha Elizabeth Robinson and Christian Neil Vannier

## Robinson - Vannier

Juscha Elizabeth Robinson and Christian Neil Vannier were married June 19 in Mill Race Historical Village. The Rev. Melissa J. Caulkett officiated the double ring ceremony; the bride was given in marriage by her father. A reception for 100 guests followed at the Vannier's home in Northville.

# Divorce recovery workshop scheduled

Divorce Recovery Workshop will be held Aug. 19-Sept. 30, 7 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville. There is a charge of \$30. Various speakers are scheduled.

Weekend Social Events  
• June 19 - Picnic, 3 p.m. at Hines Park, Seven Mile and Northville roads.

If you're on Northville Road, turn into the park at the Northville East sign and follow the dirt road. If you're on Hines Drive, the sign will say Northville West and you come in from the opposite direction. There is a charge of \$2 to help cover cost and a dish to pass. Volleyball or softball to begin at 6:30 p.m.

• June 26 - Tiger Baseball game time 5 p.m. and Dinner at Noehimilco

Cost for tickets for the tiger game is \$15/person; we have a limited number. Meet at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St., Northville to car pool at 3:45 p.m. Dinner in the Mexican Village at Noehimilco, cost is on your own.

• July 2 - DSO and Fireworks at Greenfield Village, Dearborn

Tickets are \$18/person and must be prepaid at First Presbyterian Church by Thursday, June 24. Concert begins at 8:30 p.m. and fireworks will follow. Bring blankets or low lawn chairs as you will be on the ground. Refreshments can be brought in or bought in the village (cost on your own).

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## Joyner - Winlund

Karen Joyner and Ake Winlund were married April 17 at the Stuart Avenue Inn in Kalamazoo. The Rev. Tom Tufts of Westwood Church of God, Kalamazoo officiated the ceremony.

A reception for 50 friends and relatives followed, included were out-of-state guests from Sweden, Germany, Texas, Arkansas, Chicago, and Florida. The bride is the daughter of Jeanne Federspill of Northville and the late John Federspill. She is a graduate of Northville High School and Western Michigan University.

Karen won a full-length white beaded gown designed by Oleg Cassini, and was attended by her sister, Nancy Trivisonno of Milford and her daughter, Jacqueline Joyner.

The groom is a native of Uppala, Sweden. He was attended by the bride's brother, John Federspill of Northville and Christopher Trivisonno. Mr. Winlund attended Sweden's Uppala University and is currently employed as an accounting and finance consultant with the Swedish-American pharmaceutical company, Pharmacia-Upjohn.

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# Diversions

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COSI Toledo visitors will trade in their sunglasses for 3-D glasses beginning July 2 with the world premiere of the new 3-D laser extravaganza, *Quest for Flight*. This amazing show, which runs through Sept. 6, and is sponsored by Toledo Children's Hospital, will show every hour in COSI's Kaleidoscope Gallery. In 1997 COSI hosted "The Illuminated Brain," which drew huge crowds and garnered rave reviews from audiences.

## 3-D mania hits Toledo learning center

### World premier laser show debuts at COSI Toledo this summer

For thousands of area families this summer, sunglasses will be out and ultra cool 3-D glasses will be in as COSI hosts the world premiere of a mesmerizing new 3-D laser extravaganza, *Quest for Flight*, July 2 through Sept. 6. Shows will take place every hour in COSI's Kaleidoscope Gallery, which will be converted to a multi-media theater.

This amazing mind ride into the world of creativity and imagination includes 3-D and laser images that seem to literally leap off the screen. Highlights include a trip on an incredible flying machine and the rush of a ride in a hot air balloon. Your tour guide on this fantastic voyage is Wilbur, an amiable blue character who takes audiences through the process of creativity using light as a backdrop. Wilbur illustrates that creativity is an infinite loop of observation, innovation, trial, error and success as he pursues his own quest for flight. It's in-your-face fun and learning that will delight kids and their parents.

Before each showing of *Quest for Flight*, COSI team members will demonstrate the science concepts behind multi-media 3-D laser theater, which combines advanced technologies of stereoscopic photography, computer-generated drawings and laser imagery to deliver a powerful viewing experience.

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COSI expects to pack the house all season long with *Quest for Flight*, which is a completely new production by Lightspeed Design Group of Seattle. It will premiere at COSI Toledo before traveling on to the Liberty Science Center in Philadelphia among other prestigious venues. Since 1992, Lightspeed has created exciting and educational multi-media experiences for science centers, zoos and attractions throughout the world, as well as special projects for Universal Studios, Nintendo and Sony. Lightspeed productions have received numerous awards in the field of multi-media and animation.

COSI Toledo, during its grand opening months in 1997, hosted another Lightspeed production, *The Illuminated Brain*, which drew huge crowds and garnered rave reviews from area audiences.

The presenting sponsor of *Quest for Flight* is Toledo Children's Hospital, located on the campus of The Toledo Hospital, and a member of ProMedica Health System. ProMedica has a history of sponsoring 3-D Laser Theater at COSI, having underwritten the "Web of Life," a special short-run spring preview which preceded *Quest for Flight* as well as the original *The Illuminated Brain* show in 1997.

Toledo Children's Hospital is pleased to present *Quest for Flight*. "It is an outstanding learning experience and incredible fun for the community," said Jan McBride, president of Toledo Children's Hospital. "We're happy to continue our partnership with COSI and bring education and entertainment to children and families in northwest Ohio. This is another step in Children's history, one that's dedicated to the total health and well-being of the children for whom we care."

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first children's hospital in northwest Ohio with comprehensive health services including family support and home care programs. It is dedicated to serving the acute care hospitalization needs of children and adolescents with expertise and compassion. Toledo Children's Hospital reaches out to everyone in the community through partnerships with numerous local agencies and organizations.

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Walt Disney Pictures' animated adventure, *Tarzan*, traces the story of a human baby who is orphaned in the African jungle and lovingly raised by a family of apes. Tarzan's peaceful and sheltered world is turned upside down by the arrival of a human expedition and the revelation that he is one of them. The film is distributed by Buena Vista Pictures Distribution.

## A swinging superstar

### Disney's 'Tarzan' sure to please folks of all ages

Based on Edgar Rice Burroughs' immortal adventure classic, *Tarzan of the Apes*, and energized by the driving rhythm of five great new songs by Grammy Award-winning singer, songwriter, drummer, Phil Collins, Walt Disney Pictures' new animated feature, *Tarzan*, takes moviegoers on an imaginative fan-filled jungle excursion unlike any other.

Although there have been many previous film versions of the *Tarzan* story, this is the first full-length animated feature ever to focus on the legendary lion-clothed adventurer. Animation allowed the filmmakers to show *Tarzan's* relationship with his animal family as never before and gave them the ability to have him move as Burroughs had envisioned but as no human actor physically could.

Combining humor, breathtaking jungle action and sensational music with powerful emotional themes, the film provides a timeless and contemporary take on the popular tale.

Disney's *Tarzan* follows the extraordinary adventures of an orphaned infant raised by a family of gorillas and ultimately accepted as one of their own. As *Tarzan* matures into a young man with all the instincts of a jungle animal and the physical prowess of an athletic superstar, his life changes forever when he finally meets other humans, with whom he feels an immediate and irresistible bond.

In telling their version of the *Tarzan* story, the Disney creative team chose to explore the lead character's emotional journey as he tries to find his place between two worlds — the animal family that raised him and the human family into which he was born.

While remaining true to the spirit and essence of Burroughs' source material, the filmmakers fashioned a story uniquely suited to a Disney animated feature. They also sought ways to make the character of *Tarzan* interesting and relevant to contemporary audiences.

With 47 previous movie adaptations, *Tarzan* is said to be the second most filmed subject in Hollywood history (exceeded only by *Dracula*) and one of the all-time most popular with moviegoers. By creating the first animated version of the story, Disney is realizing a dream long held by Burroughs himself. As early as 1936, the author gave serious thought to animating *Tarzan* as a means of more faithfully bringing his hero to the screen. In a letter to his son, he wrote, "The cartoon must be good. It must approximate Disney excellence." Several treatments were written but the project never came to fruition.

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**WAITING ON YOU**  
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**TRULY BLESSED**  
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Busy SW mom, 35, 5'8", is looking for adult companionship and a sharing of mutual interests and activities. She seeks a friendly, outgoing SWM, 30-40, whose interests include movies, music, sports and dining out. Ad# 1103

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Kind, loving SWM, 47, 6', with blond hair and blue eyes, who enjoys sports, music and quiet evenings, is in search of a SWF, 35-47. Ad# 5334

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Romantic SWM, 44, 6', 190lbs., who enjoys camping, canoeing, traveling and outdoor activities, is looking to meet an easygoing, slender SWF, for a long-term relationship. Ad# 1078

**LISTEN TO THIS!**  
Never-married SWCM, 29, 5'10", with brown hair and eyes, is looking for a petite to medium-built, never-married SWCF, 22-32, with similar hobbies. His interests include fishing, camping and dining out. Ad# 1969

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Why not get to know this friendly DW dad, 31, 6', today? In his spare time he enjoys the outdoors, riding horses and keeping active with that special someone, a compatible SWF, 26-33, with similar interests. Ad# 8411

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Good-natured, outgoing DWM, 43, 6', who enjoys movies, golf and more, is seeking a kind, caring SWF, 30-46, to share special times with. Ad# 4443

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Gentle, caring DWCM, 50, 6'1", with brown hair and blue eyes, enjoys travel, movies, music, dining out, singing in church choir and Bible study. He seeks an understanding and sweet SWCF, who shares similar interests, without children. Ad# 9255

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# The best of the best

## Mark Churella gets elected into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame

By JASON SCHMITT  
Sports Editor

Five minutes alone with Mark Churella and even the most shallow person would understand just how he got to where he is today.

In his first competitive wrestling season, he was terrible. He won just one match and was pinned most of the time.

"In my first match, I got annihilated," he said. "I didn't have a clue as to what to do out there. I never knew anything about wrestling, and I hadn't ever seen a wrestling match until the seventh grade."

But the next year, a decision made by the Farmington voters changed Churella's life forever, and all for the better. The city millage proposal failed for the first time ever, and the eighth-grade basketball season was canceled due to lack of funding.

"My wrestling coach (Don Detter) told me that I wasn't a basketball player anyway, and that I was really a wrestler," Churella said. "That year wrestling became my number one priority. After that seventh-

grade season, I soon found out that if you work hard at it, spend the time and really make it an important thing, you can experience some success with it."

Some success?  
On June 5, 29 years after being embarrassed on the wrestling mat at Farmington Middle School, Churella was one of four men elected to enter The National Wrestling Hall of Fame in Stillwater, Okla. He joined Olympic champion Jeff Blatnick, Sunkist Kids' founder Art Martori and legendary Wilkes University coach John G. Reese as the four 1999 inductees to join the 112-member Hall.

The Novi resident earned his way to the Hall after an illustrious career that included state and national high schools championships, three NCAA championships and a junior world championship.

"It's a wonderful honor, and it's one of those experiences that you'll most definitely remember the rest of your life," the inductee said. "But it's not one of those things that as a competitor I had expectations of, that someday I'm going to go into the Hall of Fame. As you get older, you start to have a greater appreciation for what it is you were able to accomplish and the contributions other people made for your career. I have a tremendous support system within my family. My parents and my wife have been there for me, my wife for an awful long time. She's been through the whole process."

His parents, Bob and Esther, wife Leslie, his siblings and his three sons, Mark Jr., Ryan and Josh were all on hand to share in the moment.

After Churella's humble beginnings at Farmington Middle School, he went on to finish third in the state his sophomore year at 138 pounds. He one upped that his junior season to finish runnerup at the 155.

His senior year saw him win both the state title and the national crown at 155. He went on to place third at the NCAA tournament his freshman season



Photo courtesy of The National Wrestling Hall of Fame

Mark Churella Sr. (holding plaque) poses with sons Ryan 16, Josh 14, and Mark Jr. 19, at a banquet honoring Churella and three other Hall of Fame inductees in Stillwater, Okla. June 5. Along with his boys, Churella's wife Leslie, his parents Bob and Esther and other family members attended the ceremony.

at the University of Michigan before bettering that the next two seasons.

He won the national title at 150 pounds his sophomore and junior seasons and moved up to 167 pounds to win the title in his final campaign as a Wolverine. He is the only three-time champion at Michigan and his .907 (127-13) winning percentage is tops in school history.

In competing at the Junior World Championships during his sophomore season, he won the Junior World title.

After college, he traveled to what was then the Soviet Union to train for the 1980 Olympics. He would later finish second at the Olympic Trials, but did not attend the wrestleoffs.

"The winners that year went to the White House instead of competing at the Olympics because of the boycott," Churella said. "I decided not to wrestle anymore after that."

He had been an assistant coach at the University

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### CHURELLA BIOGRAPHY

- 1973—3rd place at States (138 pounds)
- 1974—State Runnerup (155 pounds)
- 1974—National Runnerup (155 pounds)
- 1975—Michigan State Champion (155 pounds)
- 1975—National High School Champion (155 pounds)
- 1976—3rd at NCAA Championships (150 pounds)
- 1977—NCAA Champion (150 pounds)
- 1977—Junior World Champion
- 1978—NCAA Champion (150 pounds)
- 1979—NCAA Champion (167 pounds)
- 1979-80—2nd at Olympic Trials
- 1979-84—Assistant and head coach of UNLV
- 1982-present—Director of National wrestling tourney
- 1984-88—Assistant coach at U of M
- Currently President and CEO of FDI Group in Novi

### ALL-AREA BOYS AND GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

## Rzepka proves she's the fastest

True to form, it wasn't Novi, or Milford, or Lakeland or South Lyon providing a stiff challenge to Brighton in the Kensington Valley Conference this year. Nor was it Northville closing in on a Western Lakes crown.

The team achievements were snatched away from these teams, but the individual accomplishments were alive and well.

Novi's Mickie Rzepka swept the 100 and 200 events for the second-straight year. Alaina Chipponeri was the fastest half mile for the second-straight year and Novi's 800 and 1,600 relay teams were top notch.

Here's a list of HomeTown's Central and West offices' best of the best in girls' track accomplishments.

**Jamie Kuzdek, South Lyon**  
Discus (122-2)

Last year, as a sophomore, Kuzdek set South Lyon's school record in the discus. It didn't even last a month into this season, as Kuzdek went 113-5 at a dual meet in April, and only got better. She placed second at the KVC meet (117-3) and qualified for the state finals with a second-place regional finish (117-3), before establishing the area's best mark of the year — 122-2 — at the Meet of Champions.

**Laurie Eccles, South Lyon**  
Long jump (15-11)

Eccles made this jump, a personal record, to help South Lyon win its first league meet of the season against Howell. She placed sixth at the KVC Championships.

**Erica May, Milford**  
High jump (5-4)

Only a freshman, May was the KVC champion. She placed fifth at the Oakland County Championships, sixth at the regional.

**Mary Tanaki, Northville**  
Shot put (34-11)

Tanaki was the lone Mustang representative at the state meet this season, qualifying by winning the regional meet with a throw of 34-3. She finished fourth at the Clarkston Invitational (33-11). Her personal-best throw came at the conference meet, where she came in second.

**Kellie Kern, South Lyon**  
Pole vault (10-8)

Kern was at her best when it mattered most. 10-8, her career effort, came at the Class A state finals, where she finished second. Prior to that Kern's personal best was 9-11, which afforded her the Oakland County title.

**Milford, 3,200 relay**  
(9:47.8)

The team of Connie Mallinson, Shawn Kemp, Martha Smith, and Sarah Broadway were third at the Oakland County Championships and qualified for the state finals with a fifth-place regional finish.

**Katie Boyer, South Lyon**  
100-meter high hurdles (15.8)

Boyer turned in this time in a KVC dual meet. She was the KVC champion with a time of 16.1. Following a second-place regional finish, Boyer made the semifinals at the Class A state championships.

**Mickie Rzepka, Novi**  
**Kym Horton, Milford**  
**Kellie Kern, South Lyon**

**100-meter dash (12.9)**  
Rzepka followed up a stellar freshman campaign with a tremendous sophomore season. She was the KVC champion in the 100-meter dash and doubled that up with a championship in the pole vault.

Horton was fourth at the KVC Championships.

Better known for her pole vaulting, Kern was still one of the best sprinters in the KVC, as evidenced by her third-place finish at the league championships.

**Novi, 800-meter relay**  
(1:51.5)

Novi's relay, which consisted of Christina Parrish, Chloe Clark, Kate Rose and Erin Quinn, finished third at the KVC meet and set their best time at the Oakland County meet.

**Amanda Lee, South Lyon**  
1,600-meter run (5:13.4)

Lee was a state qualifier in the mile, thanks to her area-best time of 5:13.4 at the regional, where she was second. She also placed second in the KVC.

**Northville, 400-meter relay**  
(52.1)

Different combinations were used on a deep and talented Northville sprinting squad, but the team of Audrey Lin, Emily Howland, Emily Ott and Lindsey Carlson set the pace in the area this year. They were eighth at the regional meet in a time of 52.3 and sixth at the conference meet. Lin, Ott and Carlson are all freshmen.

**Connie Mallinson, Milford**  
400-meter dash (:59.9)

Mallinson earned this time at the regional, where she set the school freshman record and missed the state finals by a mere tenth of a second. She was also the Oakland County champion in the 400.

**Katie Boyer, South Lyon**  
300-meter intermediate hurdles (47.7)

In dual meet competition, Boyer was a double-winner in the hurdles all year long, then backed it up at the KVC Championships, winning both the 100 and 300 hurdles. She qualified for the state finals with a second-place regional finish.

**Alaina Chipponeri, Novi**  
800-meter run (2:26.0)

A four-year letterwinner on the track team, Chipponeri was the most versatile athlete on the track this year for Novi.

The senior was third at the conference meet (2:30.7), and finished sixth at the Oakland County meet in a time of 2:26.3.

## Relay teams lead boys squad

It wasn't much of a year for the sprinters, but Novi's Central and West offices' boys' track teams were the long-distance runners in HomeTown's Central and West offices' boys' track season. Novi's dominance at the Cross-Country state Championships Championships to the track season, but it wasn't quite enough to earn a spot on the state team. That foursome captured the state championship in the 400-meter relay, the best time in the state this season (1:29.9) in the 400-meter relay. The state finals in 7:55.1 and Lakeland — the top time in the 400-meter relay in the event — made it 1-2-3 for the Kensington Valley Conference.

Milford won the Kensington Valley Conference boys' track meet this year.

**Kyle Koller, Milford**  
Discus (148-4)

Koller qualified for the state finals in the discus, but he didn't make the state finals that he set the area's best mark in the discus at the Oakland County Championships.

**Tom Kozicki, Novi**  
Long jump (20-0)

Kozicki was second in the KVC meet in the long jump.

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# Goto, other sprinters gather slots on this year's honor-roll team

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D'Andrea was one of the most versatile runners around. Not only did he turn in the area's fastest time in the 400 — an event in which he was the KVC champion — but he also ran the 200, 1,600-meter relay, and was a member of Milford's state title-winning 3,200-meter relay. For his efforts D'Andrea was chosen to represent Michigan in the Midwest Meet of Champions.

**Brent Pawling, Northville**  
300-meter intermediate hurdles (40.0)  
An emerging hurdler in the Western Lakes Activities Association, Pawling continued his rapid improvements in his junior year. His time of 40 seconds that came at the regional meet, qualifying him for the state meet.

**Tom Greenless, Milford**  
800-meter run (1:53.5)  
Greenless wasn't just the best 800 runner in the area, but one of the state's elite, as evidenced by his number-one seed at the Class A state finals. Greenless' performance at the regional — 1:53.5 — was the best time in the state at that point of the season. In that race Greenless broke Milford's 30-year old track record. At Midland he finished third, within a second of first place.

**Tim Welbaum, Milford**  
Yasuaki Goto, Novi  
200-meter dash (23.3)  
Freshman Oakland County champion a year ago in both the 100 and 200, Goto made his mark in the big meets as a sophomore. He did not run the 200 at regionals, but finished third at the KVC meet and ran his best time in a dual meet against Howell.

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**Eric D'Andrea, Milford**  
400-meter dash (50.7)

**Anthony Sager, Lakeland**  
1,600-meter run (4:21.17)  
Sager was one of the best milers in the state. He was the KVC champion and finished eighth at the Class A finals.

**Novi, 800-meter relay (1:32.97)**  
Novi mixed up the relay team a bit this year, but the foursome of Goto, Kevin Avenius, Pawlak and Justin Stretz posted the area's fastest time at the Oakland County meet. With Eric Schluder in place of Avenius, the team ran a best time of 1:33.1. That same foursome finished third at the KVC meet.

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## Health Column

### Back problems, for young athletes?

Excessive athletic training by young student-athletes may lead to an increase in curvature of the spine.

A study released this week by University of Michigan researchers found an increased potential for curved spines and back pain in young athletes who devote long hours to their sport. Gymnasts, in particular, are at risk for back problems, researchers found.

"We found that training and conditioning is good and, in fact, needed for normal spine development," says Edward M. Wojtys M.D., medical director of the MedSport program at the University of Michigan Health System. "But we also found that at the other end of the spectrum, if you do too much, you can push the spine into a curvature that we think is cosmetically less acceptable and can make you more susceptible for back pain later on in life."

While it's not unusual to see adolescents and teens in slouched positions, those who are extremely active in sports may develop back problems related to too much training. The U-M study determined that up to 300 hours of sports activity per year is usually a safe level of activity.

"Where we're more concerned about kids is when they start getting over 400 hours per year. Or when you start looking at six, eight, ten or more hours per week of hard training and conditioning, that's where we think the problems lie," says Wojtys, who is also a professor of surgery and the team physician for the U-M Athletic Department.

Gymnastics is the sport with the highest risk for spine curvature, researchers found.

U-M researchers studied children ages 8 to 18. Wojtys cautions that more research is needed to determine if other factors, such as diet, affect young athletes' spine formation.

About 7 million high school students nationwide take part in competitive sports. Fifty percent of boys and 25 percent of girls between 8 and 16 participate in organized sports every year.

The spine is made up of vertebrae, a series of blocks held together with disks. Muscles envelope the disks and blocks. If those muscles, which are still growing during adolescence, are used at a higher rate than normal, they may affect the development of the spine, Wojtys says.

"If forces are applied unevenly across the blocks, that's what can alter the normal curvature of the spine," Wojtys says. "We worry that the 2 to 5 percent of individuals at the far end of the spectrum may wind up with significantly rounder spines and may also have a higher chance of back pain throughout their adult life due to this increase in curvature."

The spine has two natural curves: the upper chest area has a curve known as kyphosis, while the lower spine has lordosis, or a sway-back.

Wojtys is quick to note the importance of physical activity for young people. What's important is that parents, coaches, physicians and the athletes themselves monitor their activity.

"There's no doubt physical activity and ath-

letic participation is good for normal spine development," he says.

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#### JUST THE FACTS

Facts about athletic training and spine development:

- Too much physical training - over 400 hours a year - can cause a young athlete's spine to develop improperly.
- One hundred hours of training is an acceptable annual level.
- Gymnasts have the highest risk for developing curved spines.
- About 7 million high school students nationwide participate in organized sports.

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A \$300 fee includes enrollment in the class "ABC of Weight Loss." For more information and to register, call (248) 473-5600.

### Child Health Clinics

Oakland County Health Division's Child Health Clinics provide free ongoing well care for children from birth to school entry. Families who do not have an HMO or Medicaid may be eligible. Clinics are held at 12 locations throughout Oakland County.

Services include: Heights and weights; head-to-toe physical examination; immunizations; vision, hearing and lab testing; growth and developmental screening; and counseling with referrals to physicians and area resources as needed.

Appointment is required. For more information, call: North Oakland, Pontiac, (248) 858-1311 or 858-4001; South Oakland, Southfield: (248) 424-7066 or 424-7067; West Oakland, Walled Lake: (248) 926-3300; and Holly residents: 1-888-350-0900, extension 8-1311 or 8-4001.

### Healthy Solutions Seminar

Healthy Solutions are offering a seminar series over the next few weeks.

All seminars are free and begin at 7:30 p.m. Please call (248) 305-5785 or stop in healthy solutions to reserve a seat (space is limited). You may show up the night of the seminar, however a seat may not be available.

### Hot Flash Study

Women who suffer from multiple daily hot flashes associated with menopause are being sought to participate in a nationwide study to assess the safety and effectiveness of an investigational hormone replacement skin patch to treat hot flashes. Women may be eligible if they are between the ages of 45 and 65, have not had a menstrual period in six months, or a hysterectomy. For more information, call 493-6580.

### Blood pressure checks

Providence Medical Center-Providence Park is offering free blood pressure checks Monday through Friday from 9 to 11 a.m.

Area residents are invited to visit Providence Medical Center-Providence Park, 47601 Grand River Ave., to obtain the service. Screening will take place in Providence's Emergency Care Center located within the center.

For more information call (248) 380-4225.

### Food Allergy Counseling

Individuals with food allergies can receive counseling on food choices and substitutions from a Botsford Hospital professional. The fee is \$30. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (248) 477-6100.

### Prostate Cancer Support Group

Offering knowledgeable speakers each month, this support group provides encouragement and education about prostate cancer, its treatment

and the physical and emotional issues associated with it. It meets the third Monday of every month at 7 p.m. and it's free.

Sessions take place in Botsford's 2 East A-Conference Room, 28050 Grand River Ave., in Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 477-6100.

### Foot and ankle consultations

Experiencing heel pain, bunions, hammertoes, fungus nails, warts, ankle pain, ingrown nails or other foot ailments? The Foot Health Centers offer an initial consultation free of charge, excluding x-rays, lab tests or treatment. The Foot Health Centers, operated by Dr. Ken Poss and Dr. Randy Bernstein, are affiliated with Botsford, Sinal, Oakwood and Kern hospitals. They have two area locations, at 41431 W. Ten Mile Road in the Novi Plaza at Meadowbrook, and 30931 W. Seven Mile Road in Livonia. Call (248) 349-5559 or (248) 478-1166 for more information or to schedule a consultation.

### Menopause Support Group

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

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

For information, call (248) 424-3014.

### Free Foot Screenings

Free foot screenings are offered every Tuesday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Botsford General Hospital, Suite 200, South Professional Building, 28080 Grand River Ave. in Farmington Hills.

For more information or to make an appointment, call (248) 473-1320, weekdays 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

### Heart Disease Risk Reduction Programs

These risk assessment and reduction programs are designed to help modify risk factors associated with heart disease. The fee is dependent on the level of programming.

Call Botsford General Hospital at (248) 471-8870 for more information.

### Health Risk Appraisal

Do you know what your health risks are? Botsford's health risk appraisal includes blood pressure, total cholesterol and hdl readings. There is a \$50 fee and an appointment is required.

For registration and information, call (248) 477-6100.

### Intermediate Water Aerobics

This is a 50-minute water exercise class for postnatal and postphysical therapy patients. There is a \$35 fee for the six-week course and registration is required.

For registration and information, call the Botsford Center at (248) 473-5600.

### Child Clinic

Oakland County Health Division's Child Health Clinics provide free ongoing well care for children from birth to school entry. Families who do not have an HMO or Medicaid may be eligible. Clinics are held at 14 locations throughout Oakland County.

Services include heights and weights; head to toe physical examination; immunizations; vision, hearing and lab testing; growth and developmental screening; and counseling as needed.

Appointments are required. For more information, call: north Oakland, Pontiac: (248) 858-1311 or 858-4001; south Oakland, Southfield: (248) 424-7066 or 424-7067; west Oakland, Walled Lake: (248) 926-3000.

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