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Above, Motown legend Martha Reeves urged her audience to dance at a July 23 concert with her sisters, the Vandellas.

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## Dancin' in the streets

**Fest rocked in spite of heat wave**

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN  
Staff Writer

The hair was slicked back, the jeans were rolled up, and the upcoming millennium time-warped back to the fifties as Novi presented the 12th annual Michigan 50's Festival at the Novi Expo Center.

The event began July 21 and concluded July 25 with a classic car show and cruise for all who were feeling nostalgic for those good old happy days.

The festival had fun for the entire family with arts and crafts, commercial exhibits, dog shows, the Motorsports Hall of Fame Museum, live entertainment, a softball tournament, the RibCrackers Model Airplane Show and the Omnipoint Grand Prix



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

These folks weren't about to stay in their seats when the Vandellas worked through their hits.

Race. "With all of the different events, on-site and off-site, I believe we had about 300,000 people attend

this year's festival," said festival manager Jane Thomas. "It was a very successful festival."

Although the weather wasn't cooperative for an outdoor event with 90-degree heat and periodic

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## Mayor's race will be cut to two hopefuls

August 3, smack in the middle of summer vacation time, may or not be draw a good showing of Novi voters to the polls for the mayoral primary.

"It's the million dollar question," City Clerk Tonni Bartholomew said.

Next week, Novi voters will have a chance to pick their single favorite candidate of four. Mayor Kathleen McLallen, who is seeking a fourth term, is competing with former city council member Richard Clark, Zoning Board of Appeals Member Michael Meyer and recent Novi High graduate Craig Kortlandt.

The two highest vote-getters will then face-off in the November race.

Bartholomew said she's got enough ballots for a 25 percent voter turn-out, but expects to see

far less than that. While some 1,070 voters have turned in absentee ballots already as of Monday, a total of 1,700 voters are on a list to get the ballots for each election mailed to their homes.

"Is it merely because they get a ballot automatically? I believe so," Bartholomew said.

People stopping by the city clerk's office to pick up absentee ballots have been few, she added.

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Due to construction at Novi Middle School, voters from Precinct 12 have been shifted to the nearby Novi Meadows cafeteria.

For our election coverage, see pages 14 and 15.

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## Senior housing to go up this season

By JEREMY MCBAIN  
Staff Writer

Senior housing in Novi is getting closer to becoming a reality.

The Novi City Council unanimously passed a proposal approving the contract of lease for the Senior Housing project at its Monday night meeting.

"By doing so, the city pledges its full-faith and credit of our millage to sell bonds (for the construction of the complex)," said City Manager Ed Kriewall.

Kriewall said the Novi Building Authority was put in place to construct the complex, but needed

the financial backing of the city council to sell the bonds. By approving this lease, council is giving that backing.

Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford made the motion to approve the lease saying, "I would like to point out this process has been going on since the early 1980s. I said then, I would like to at least get it up for my grandchildren. If we don't act soon, we may not even get my grandchildren in this."

According to Kriewall, the main problem that delayed this project

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## City drives ahead with road bond

By JEREMY MCBAIN  
Staff Writer

If road work is ahead, the choice is up to Novi voters.

In a resolution passed Monday night, the Novi City Council put in writing its intended uses for the \$28 million road package headed for the November ballot.

Councilmembers stressed the resolution did not list the projects in order of priority,

but only by their appropriate construction time frame. If a project needed to be moved up or back for any opportunity that comes up, it would be.

"The primary reason (for this resolution) is to reassure the voters how the money will be spent," said Council Member Kathleen Mutch.

During the discussion for the resolution, Department of Public

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## New rules protect smaller wetlands

By JEREMY MCBAIN  
Staff Writer

Novi City Council strengthened the city's wetland ordinance recently, requiring any wetland under two acres, that is determined essential, to be protected.

But, this new ordinance wasn't without its controversy and passed through city council in a close four-to-three vote. Council Members Hugh Crawford, Ed Kramer, Laura Lorenzo and Robert Schmidt voted in favor of the ordinance changes and Council Members Craig DeRoche and Kathleen Mutch along with Mayor Kathleen McLallen voted no.

"I just wanted to put it to bed," said Crawford. While he said he had some concerns about the ordinance, because council has been talking about this regulation for two years he felt it was time to move on.

"I'd like to get it on the books and see how it works out," he said.

If changes are needed then the

council can take a look at it again, Crawford added.

DeRoche said he could not support the ordinance because it does not solve problems the city has with the old ordinance and because every portion of the ordinance received some sort of criticism from one group or another.

"The last thing we want to do is pull the trigger when it is half-baked," he said.

Under the new ordinance, a developer with a two-acre wetland who is proposing to impact one-quarter of a acre or more of that wetland, must mitigate the loss. The mitigation is only called for if the wetland is next to a lake, pond, river or stream or meets any one of the following ten criteria of essentiality:

- The site supports state of federal endangered or threatened plants, fish or wildlife.
- The site represents what is identified as a locally rare or unique ecosystem.

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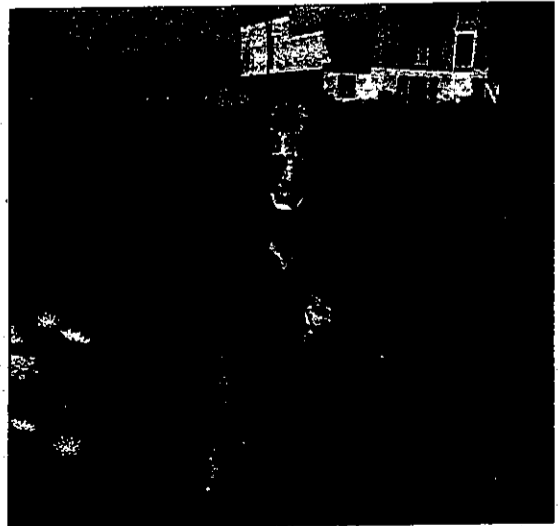


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Council Member Laura Lorenzo checks out a local wetland.

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# The 1999 Michigan Fifties Festival

## Hot Chicks, Cool Cats



Rainy weather forced the Novi Tollgate Cloggers inside the Novi Expo Center Friday evening. Here dancers including Shane Gruber, far right, work out some steps to 1950's tunes.



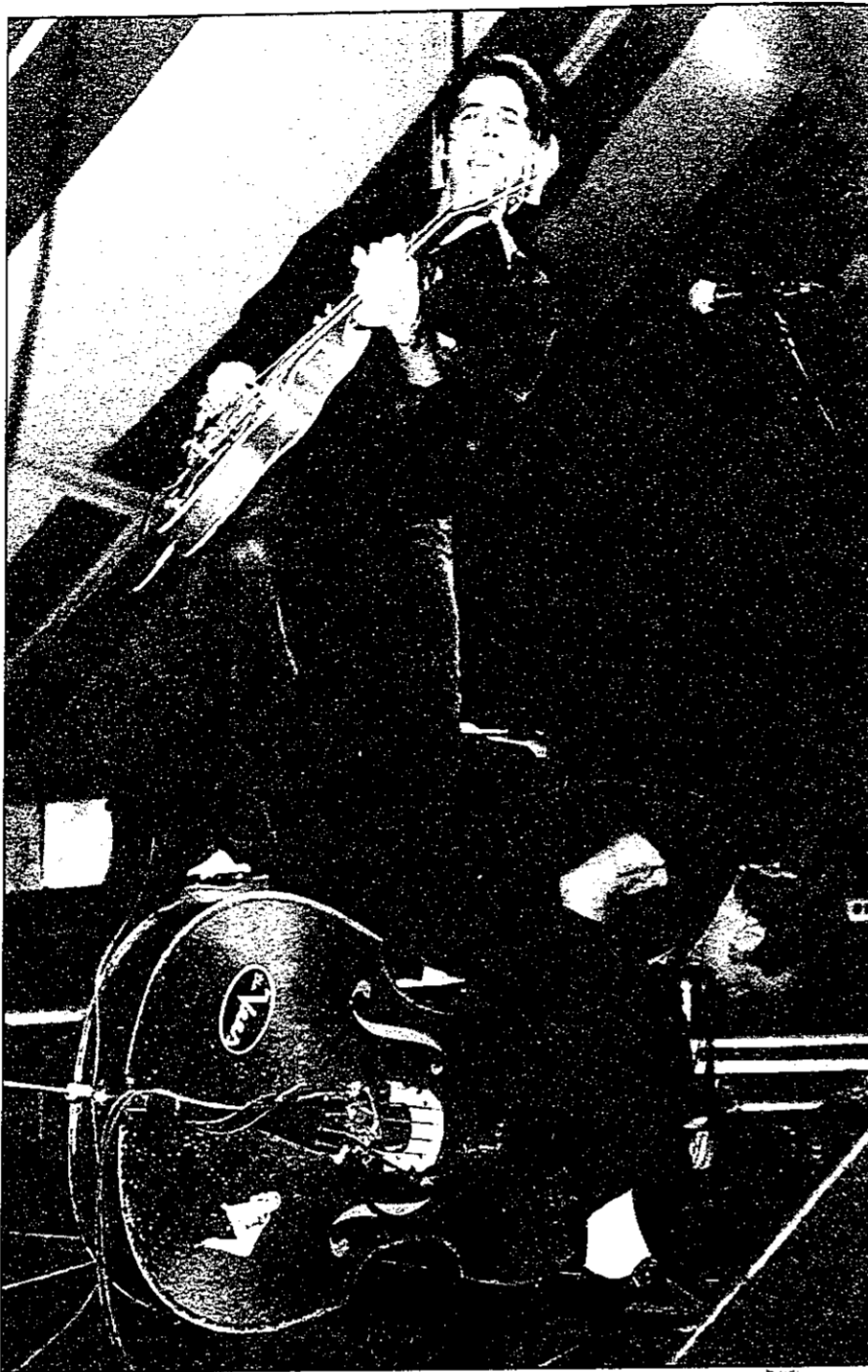
Gamblers hit the Blackjack tables Friday night at the Michigan Fifties Fest Vegas tent.



Rocker Bobby Vee performs the "hand-jive" along with audience members during his Saturday night gig.

Photos by John Heider

Left: Friday night in the Entertainment Tent, Martha Reeves enthusiastically sings her hit "Heat Wave." Below, Steve Geiger of Plymouth preps his '55 Chevy Bel Air at the Michigan Fifties Fest classic car show area.



A lead guitarist finds a convenient perch atop the bass player's instrument during an Intro song to Bobby Vee's set.



Dressed in 50's-era Sock-hop fashions, a couple hits the dance floor Friday at the Fifties Festival.



After a brief shower, the sun begins to set on Saturday's midway activities at the 50's Fest.

# Campaign signs stolen from yard

## Novi Briefs

### Police News

Someone took a campaign sign sometime before 7:30 p.m. July 21 from the front yard of a residence on the 46000 block of Nine Mile Road.

#### FESTIVAL FOLLY

A 28-year-old Southfield man and a 29-year-old Lincoln Park man were arrested around 11 p.m. July 24 at the Novi Expo Center during the Michigan 50's Festival.

An officer at the festival observed a group of five to six men and women walking near the festival being very loud. The officer also saw one of the men drinking a bottle of beer.

When the man saw the officer, he put in down. The officer ordered the man to pick it up and dump out its contents.

While he was doing this, a security guard at the event told the officer the group had parked their vehicle in a restricted area. When the guard told the group to move the vehicle, they did so, then surrounded him and began to make trouble.

Before they could actually start trouble, the group saw the police officer and began to walk away.

Officers ordered the group to leave because of their behavior. However, the two men arrested and an unidentified woman were caught trying to get back in.

When officers told them to leave again, the two men began to swear loudly. The men were arrested for disorderly conduct.

#### TEEN BUST

Several Novi teenagers were arrested for being minors in possession of alcohol around 12 a.m. July 23 at a residence on the 25000 block of Birch Woods Drive.

Officers were dispatched to the home in reference to a loud music complaint and found two men sitting on the porch. Neither of the men were residents of the home.

When the underage resident of the home was contacted by police, officers smelled a strong odor of alcohol on his breath.

The boy had a poor demeanor with the officers and demanded a warrant. He also demanded that the officers leave.

While talking with him, two officers entered the residence from a back door and discovered several minors drinking.

Seven minors were arrested, taken to the Novi police department and booked. They were all later released to their parents.

#### CELEBRATION GONE BAD

A 16-year-old Novi boy was

accused of felonious assault around 7 p.m. July 23 during a roller hockey game at the Soccer Zone on Grand River Avenue.

According to the mother of the 16-year-old male victim from Livonia, the incident occurred after the 16-year-old scored a goal.

She said her son was the goalie for the team scored on, and the Novi boy pushed him down, raised his stick in the air and hit her son in the face with the stick.

According to the Novi boy, he did not intentionally hit the Livonia man with his stick.

He said he had just scored a goal and raised his stick in the air to celebrate when he was pushed into the goalie, who was lying on the ground.

He added, the Livonia man's mother then chased him across the floor and was screaming for the police.

Several witnesses were interviewed by the police. All of them said it did not seem as though the Novi boy intentionally hit the man.

However, the Livonia man and his mother said they wanted to press charges. The Livonia man was transported to the hospital for treatment.

#### CUJIL

A 19-year-old Novi man was arrested around 2:30 a.m. July 25 near on Ten Mile Road for drunk driving.

An officer on patrol observed the man's vehicle traveling east on the road at a very slow rate of speed. The vehicle also had only one headlight.

The officer stopped the vehicle and on contact with the driver, they found him highly intoxicated.

The driver was very lethargic and had slow slurred speech.

He also had lost the ability to answer the officer's questions and reportedly just stared at the officer.

When the man opened his car door, a beer can fell out. Furthermore, once he stepped out of the car, another beer can fell out of his pants pocket.

He was taken to the Novi police department and given a chemical breath test which indicated he had a blood alcohol concentration of 0.180 percent.

Citizens with information about the above incidents are urged to call the Novi Police Department at (248) 346-7100.

### Campaign Chatter

Novi mayor Kathleen McLallen appeared to thank the large number of people in the audience at Monday night's city council meeting was not a coincidence.

After several audience members gave their views on issues ranging from the condition of parks in Novi to the large lawsuit awarded to a developer on Novi's behalf during the audience participation part of the meeting, McLallen publicly linked audience members to one of her opponents for mayor, Richard Clark.

"I would like to thank the Clark campaign for a well-orchestrated program," she said.

After the meeting, McLallen said she was impressed with the Clark campaign's organization and commended them on their tactics at the meeting.

She said she knew it was his campaign by the nature of some of the speeches and because each had a written statement.

McLallen stressed that she understood not everyone who spoke during audience participation was from Clark's campaign.

As for her outburst, McLallen said it was simply because the speeches had taken almost 90 minutes.

"It was probably juvenile of me and I will probably pay for it in the future," she said.

### Rev your engines

The ribbon-cutting for the next segment of the Haggerty Connector is scheduled to take place Monday at 12 noon at M-5 and Twelve Noon. The stretch runs north from the interchange and ends at Fourteen Mile Road.

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## Obituaries

### DELPHINE J. THOMAS

Delphine Jean Haves, Thomas, 76, of Cape Cod, Fla., died July 25 in Boston Hospital. She was born May 24, 1923, in Buffalo, N.Y. Before her retirement in 1967, Mrs. Thomas was employed as a sales clerk in the National Department of Stores. She was a former resident of Farmington and had just moved back to the area after her husband's death.

Mrs. Thomas was survived by sons, David R. of Novi and Richard W. (Mardell) of Northville; daughter, Pamela (Steve) Talarner of Rochester; and seven grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles H., who died in Florida May 29. They were married for 51 years.

### ANN PALERMO

Ann Palermo, 84, died July 21 in Providence Hospital, Southfield. She was born May 21, 1915, in Detroit to Peter and Josephine Rappi.

Mrs. Palermo had been a resident of Northville since 1989. She was also an active parishioner at St. Kenneth Catholic Church. She is survived by her husband of 34 years, Gaetano L. of Northville; son, Richard (Desiree) of Grand Ledge; daughter, Carolyn (William) McGuire of Novi; and six grandchildren, William, Jennifer, Karen (Tony), Juliette, Chad and Ryan. A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Kenneth Catholic Church on Saturday, July 24 with the Rev. Joseph Mallo officiating. Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

### JAMES R. HALM

James R. Halm of Novi died July 22 in Huron Valley Hospital, Commerce Township. He was born Oct. 11, 1915.

He is survived by sons, James A. (Marylin) and William (Lucky) daughter, Marianne (Larry) Forezick; four grandchildren, seven great grandchildren and one great great grandchild. Mr. Halm was preceded in death by his wife, Mary. Services were held on Monday, July 26 at Holy Family Church in Novi. Interment was in Oakland Hills Cemetery, Novi. Arrangements were made by O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home. Memorials to Angela Hospice would be appreciated by the family.

### JOHN LABBY

John "Jack" Labby of Novi died July 12 in Providence Park Hospital, Novi. He was born July 28, 1928.

Mr. Labby is survived by his wife, Dolores; daughters, Linda Falzon, Patricia Campbell, Lorraine Hlebs, Laura Minne, and Mary Singer; sons, Paul Mosley, Michael Mosley and Thomas Mosley; brother, William and 10 grandchildren. Services were held on Thursday, July 15 at Our Lady of Victory Church in Northville. Arrangements were made by O'Brien Chapel/Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi. Memorials to Make-a-Wish Foundation of Michigan would be appreciated.

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# Local kids get picked for Japan exchange



Jesse Mannisto, Annahita Amireskandari and Elizabeth Bovair along with 17 other girls from Michigan, were picked to go to Japan for two weeks.

By MELANIE PLENDIA Staff Writer

For most kids, the age-old "What I Did For Summer Vacation" question entails making their little brother or sister cry or visiting the world's biggest ball of twine. However, for three local high school girls, things got a little more interesting.

Elizabeth Bovair of Novi High School and Annahita Amireskandari and Jesse Mannisto of Northville High School were chosen along with 17 other girls from Michigan to go to Shiga, Japan for two weeks.

The girls, who will be staying with host families, are going to experience the world's biggest ball of twine. This is the only two-way exchange program in the state.

However, this experience was more than just the prestige of being chosen for the program. The girls got the opportunity to know what it was like to be a foreigner.

"American culture is not how everything is," Mannisto said.

For two weeks the girls soaked up the Japanese culture and realized how different and how similar they really were, Bovair said.

"When you dive head first into another culture it's a big learning experience," Bovair said.

At first, the girls said the biggest challenge was to learn how to communicate. Bovair's host sister, while she wrote and read very well in English, could not communicate verbally much beyond simple sentences.

"We used a lot of gestures to indicate things," Bovair said. "A lot of times it was frustrating if I had a more complex thought." However, it did not keep them from being friends and finding ways around the communication gap. The other girls concurred, saying that they remedied the language barrier by writing down what they were trying to say in order to be understood.

In Mannisto's case, she noticed the Japanese students' eagerness to learn about the American culture and to learn their language. She said that the Japanese students often wanted her to help them practice their English.

"They made me an honorary member of their English speaking society," Mannisto said.

Quite often, Mannisto said, the Japanese hosts would ask her about American pop culture, inundating her with questions about Jay-Z, Britney and whether Obi Wan Kenobi was a robot or not.

"But not everything American was golden, she said.

"There is a balance," she said. "While they have an interest in stuff that is American, they have their own stuff too."

Amireskandari said the fashion guru of her household, with kids asking her what she thought of their socks and whether they were fashionable where she was from. She said the questions forced her to find a polite way to say "no" in Japanese.

Furthermore, karaoke seemed to be the shortest distance between two cultures. Mannisto said she was queen of the karaoke machine at her going-away party.

"They couldn't believe that I knew the English songs and some of the Japanese ones," Amireskandari said.

On the other hand, Bovair was introduced to the music scene of Shiga, saying that the band the "Kinki Kids" was one of the ones that she was particularly into.

Another adjustment the girls said that they had to make was their very obvious difference in color.

Bovair referred to a photograph of her with her gym class in which she "stuck out like a sore thumb" with her long blonde hair and clear height difference. "They used to want me to take my hair down even though it was so hot there so they could touch it," Bovair said.

The physical differences between American and Japanese students also stood out in Amireskandari's mind.

"It would make me feel weird to get on a bus because everyone stares," she said.

But the girls made the distinction that they were not judged on the basis of their differences.

"In this culture, if someone didn't like you, you wouldn't even know it," Bovair said. "They treat everyone with respect."

This respect was even evident in the high schools that the girls attended. The girls said they noticed that divisions based on class and musical preference did not seem to exist there.

"They were a lot more unified at my school," Amireskandari said. Mannisto added, "The kids there were so nice, and and are much more able to like certain things and not get picked on."

Aside from some minor social differences, the girls learned that not all the stereotypes about Japan are true. While it was true that school and education is very important in their culture, the girls said it became much more than just learning for the students there.

"(The teachers) are more personal with their students, even though there's more of them," Bovair said. She attributed this to the fact that so much of students' social life is tied to their education and the teachers spend more time of the day, year-round, with their students. As an example, Amireskandari related a story in which one of her teachers actually called her student on a cell phone just to chat.

The girls also speculated that this is a relatively new thing in education. They thought that it may have been spurred by the uncommonly high suicide rate among students in Japan.

Overall, the trio said they survived two weeks of high humidity, squatter toilets and close quarters but came out of it with a new understanding of a very different culture and a better understanding of their own.

"My host family didn't have very much," Bovair said. "But what they had they gave to me. It made me realize how much we take for granted and how much of a culture we really have. In a way feel a lot older than my friends now."

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# Lakes area residents fight developer over condo plan

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN Staff Writer

Novi residents and members of the Lakes Area Homeowners Association are upset about the proposed plans for the Morgan Creek Estates. The development, located in the north end of Novi, east of East Lake Drive and south of New Court.

"Our main problem is to preserve and protect our lifestyle," said Lakes Area Homeowners Association vice-president Sarah Gray.

"Lake living is different, and it is our main concern to protect the lake."

The Walled Lake area association is concerned with the proposed roadway access to East Lake Drive and wetland and storm water management issues.

Leo Soave, owner of the property, has requested from the Novi Planning Commission preliminary site plan approval and wetlands permit approval for a 12-home condominium site.

Soave said he has heard concerns from neighbors regarding the approach to the proposed subdivision and said the approach will be changed to avoid the headlight of cars entering and leaving.

The frustration for the homeowners association stems back to the Feb. 17 planning commission meeting, when members of the association and neighboring community expressed concerns about the proposed project. The preliminary site approval and wetlands permit approval were postponed to allow an investigation of the legal-

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ty of the proposed roadway access and to allow Soave to modify designs to meet the criteria the planning commission negotiates.

At the July 21 planning commission meeting, Soave presented the same site plan to the commission without addressing changes by the residents and separate issues of commission members.

Without enough information from the developer, the planning commission tabled Soave's request for approval to the next earliest planning commission meeting.

"Our job is to follow the advice of consultants, the master plan and zoning," said Planning Commission Chairman Lou Csordas.

"We didn't have enough information to approve it, so in fairness to the developer we tabled it to the next earliest planning commission meeting."

Csordas said the commission always tried to follow guidelines as closely as possible.

"We try to do the right thing for the citizens and property owners," Csordas said.

"The property owners are citizens as well and they have an equal right, too. The planning commission is bound to make hard decisions but when a plan is in ac-

cordance to our ordinances, it gets approved and goes before council."

Gray's objection to the project had to do with the site's storm water which will go through a "detention" basin, directly into Morgan Creek, which is subsequently sent into Walled Lake.

Csordas said the wetlands behind the site are protected, and therefore according to ordinance, the project was designed accordingly.

"The creek at the site is a large culvert that runs under East Lake and directly into Walled Lake — the regional detention basin," Gray said.

"We can protect the wetlands, but not the lake?"

As questions about the proposed project arise, more frustration stems from the group as alternatives to the site are sought.

"We may not want development, but we understand that it does happen," Gray said.

"What we are asking for is what is best for the area. We want the developer to look at alternatives to his designs and do what is best for the quality of wetlands and the lake."

Soave could not be reached for comment by press-time.

Sarah Gray

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Bored because Novi's two major festivals of the summer are over? Then why not catch a bit of local theater this weekend. The Novi Theatres are presenting "Beauty and the Beast" on Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Novi Civic Center.

Based on the original version of "Beauty and the Beast," this adaptation written by Mary Kay Davis and Shelley Dawonkowski is filled with more comedy than romance. The play begins with a group of fairy tale witches pondering over their next "victim" to cast a spell upon. After "window shopping" in

their caudron, they choose an arrogant prince played by Matt Wickert, whose character is extremely conceited and self-absorbed.

Once in the enchanted but "odd" castle, the Beast, played by Kirk Jones, is surrounded by his furnishings include the Candelabra, played by Ben Landry; Chair, played by Alexandria Blakeney; Clock, played by John McCambridge; and Mirror, played by Beth Durey, who has now become the image of conceit once portrayed by the Prince.

The Beast is faced with a real

beauty, played by Kim Adams, who is compassionate towards the enchanted prince.

Wanting to break the spell upon the castle, the inhabitants host a whirlwind dinner trying to encourage a more serious relationship between Beauty and Beast. This show is directed by Mary Kay Davis. The costuming is designed by Shelley Dawonkowski. Lighting is by Mark Magit of the Hullberry Theater.

Join the fun live on Novi Civic Center stage Friday, July 30 and Saturday, July 31 at 7:30 p.m. or

Sunday, Aug. 1 at 3 p.m. Tickets are available at the Novi parks and Recreation office, from 8-5 p.m. Advance tickets are \$7 and \$8 at the door. All seats reserved.

Cast members include: Kimberly Adams, Erika Albert, Molly Albert, Alison Berent, Alexandria Blakeney, Dan Cash, Mike Cash, Chelsea Cracraft, Abby Cracraft, Ardris Davis, Beth Durey, Grace Dawonkowski, Sara Dawonkowski, Brittney Ermatinger, Meghan Gleason, Kelly Gleason, Carolyn Griffith, Alex Grougan, Rachelle Hadley, Renee Hadley, Emily

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The Novi Theatres begins its ninth season when The Senior and Swipes...Forever, Sept. 15, 16, 17 and 19 and Performance Plus presents "Anne of Green Gables" on Oct. 22, 23 and 24 at the Novi Civic Center stage. +5175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi (248) 347-0400.

# Winning lotto ticket from area

Wasen Lang of Wixom knew she had won something on the Big Game ticket she purchased — she just didn't realize how much.

Lang matched the first five numbers in the July 16 Big Game drawing to win the \$150,000 prize. That day's winning numbers were: 2, 6, 7, 17, 18 and the Big Money Ball number was 1.

"I saw the winning numbers in the newspaper," Lang said. "I knew that I had won something for matching five numbers, but I had no idea it was \$150,000. I was completely surprised and started screaming when I found out how much I had actually won."

The Wixom resident purchased the winning Big Game "easy pick" ticket at Wolverine OK Party Store, 297 Glenary Road in Walled Lake.

Prior to turning the winning ticket in at lottery headquarters in Lansing, Lang placed it in a deck of cards for safe-keeping. The lucky lady said she plans to buy a house with her winnings. She urged other lottery hopefuls to "keep playing."

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# Novi tae kwan do master worked with Norris, Engler

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN  
Staff Writer

The philosophical and physical journey of this master is coming to Novi.

Master Yong S. Kil, who's hoping to share his secrets in Eastern martial arts with Novi residents, is bringing Kil's Tae Kwan Do Fitness Center to Meadowbrook Road and Ten Mile Road in an anticipated Aug. 1 opening.

Tae kwan do is a 2,000 year-old discipline of hand and foot self-defense. It has evolved over time and is considered one of the most highly recognizable systems of martial arts.

"It is very exciting for me to be able to serve in Novi," Kil said.

"I am anxiously looking forward to the opening in the great community of Novi. We have many special events, demonstrations and enrichment programs planned that will be enjoyable for many people."

Kil has gyms located in Canton, Brighton, Farmington and South Lyon. He has taught thousands of students and has been involved in many charities and special events in his 18 years of teaching in the United States.

Kil's experience includes coaching the U.S. national team and the U.S. Olympic Festival Team. He is a former world champion in tae kwan do and has been the U.S. National Collegiate-Referee chair-

man.

From Gov. John Engler to Chuck Norris, Kil has shared experiences and trained with anyone who has shown interest in learning the discipline of tae kwan do.

Kil said tae kwan do is an activity people should take advantage of. It will instill values such as courtesy, integrity, respect, self-control and self-discipline in the people who practice it.

Pam McConeshey, manager of the Brighton gym and black belt instructor, said through the nine years of working with Kil she has learned a lot about herself and other people.

"Tae kwan do goes much farther beyond being just an exercise program," McConeshey said.

"It is a way of life. Both mental, physical and spiritual. The discipline is a great program for self-esteem and building confidence."

The Novi gym will offer tae kwan do, hap ki do, judo, tai chi and cardio-kickboxing to students of all ages who are interested.

"The different disciplines focus on different approaches of self-defense," McConeshey said.

"All ages participate in tae kwan do. We have children who start at age five and we have many students who are participating well into their sixties."

Master Kil is a seventh degree black belt. He has advised many

celebrities in the art of self defense and has worked as a consultant on different movies.

"I have made lots of good friends," Kil said.

"I have worked with mayors, celebrities and the governor. This is a great activity for the mind and the body and it also introduces people who share similar interests."

Excited to begin instructing new students, Kil is even more enthusiastic about the special events and charity work he will share with the Novi community.

"The Kil's Care and Love Foundation has been set up and is out to help needy children," Kil said.

"We are trying to help the suffering youth in our community. We have raised more than \$50,000 for the cause."

Working with organizations like DARE, the foundation's philosophy is to bring out the best in the community's children, he explained.

"We work hard to build the confidence and self-esteem of children," Kil said.

"We are real positive and want to be their role models. We teach them respectful behavior, help them with their concentration, and we encourage them to focus and thrive at school."

As Kil chops his way into the Novi community, he said he hopes local businesses will support his



Photo by B.J. Hammerstein

Master Yong S. Kil will bring martial arts program and charity work to the Novi community.

charity organization and tournament.

Along with his charity work, the emphasis falls back to his school and the exposure of the benefits of tae kwan do.

Kil said his classes are one hour long and will be broken up into a kids' class, an adult class and an

advanced class.

The Novi location will have the kids' class at 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday. The adult classes will begin at 6 p.m. and the advanced class at 7 p.m.

On Friday the kids class will begin at 5 p.m. and the adult class

at 6 p.m. The Novi location will also be open on Saturdays, with a kids class at 10 a.m. and an adult class at 11 a.m.

For further information about Kil's Tae Kwan Do classes call (810) 227-1991.

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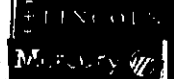
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## Out of the Archives of Memory

Resident's work driven by  
experiences in war-torn era

BY ANDREW DIETDERICH  
Staff Writer

A man can collect many things in 78 years but it's what he holds on to that may be the most telling.

Take Marian Szczepanski for instance, the Northville resident who has spent the last four years in Poland campaigning against what he said is an attempt by Germans to slowly take over Poland.

Among the things he's collected is an old photocopy of a Nazi concentration camp officer about to be hanged for war crimes committed at Auschwitz.

But perhaps the most important things he holds on to are his memories.

Memories of his times in Poland before his mother woke him up one day screaming that the Gestapo had come.

Memories of his days at Auschwitz where he had to wake up next to two corpses one day.

Memories of his times the German guard told him if he ever went against the Germans he would go through the chimney of a crematorium.

Memories of the times he went against the Germans in the Warsaw Uprising.

Memories from the past four years in Poland, during which time he said, he's discovered his country being slowly taken over by Germans once more.

"This time they aren't using bombs and tanks, but marks," Szczepanski said.

He went to Poland originally in 1994 to pay homage to the 50th anniversary of the Warsaw uprising, which he took part in after being saved from Auschwitz.

He quickly became disturbed though when he learned of what was happening to Poland.

"The Germans are using devious methods to buy land in Poland," he said.

Szczepanski's return to Poland was separated by years of living in Northville. He came to the area in the early 1960s after earning three degrees from the University of London in metallurgy and mechanical engineering.

He started his own business, International Diamond Tool Co., in 1962 and wrote the book "The Brittleness of Steel" in 1963.

He lost his wife of 24 years to cancer in 1975.

He's been to 36 countries and 47 states visiting and given lectures on both his war experiences and his work.

Since his wife died, he said nothing has moved him as much as learning what was happening

in Poland.

Szczepanski said Germans will invest in Poland by purchasing land from farmers and subsequently build a factory on the land. The Polish farmer retains 51 percent ownership in the land and building while the Germans own the remaining 49 percent.

Because the Polish farmer owns the majority, little regulation is imposed by Poland's government.

The farmer then sells his ownership in the company for a stupid sum of 1,000 marks (\$500 U.S.)," he said.

Szczepanski said the Germans have had an interest

"for thousands of years" in expanding into Poland under *drang nach orten* or "conquest and expansion to the east."

When their efforts failed with muscle in World War II, he said, they turned to other methods, namely the latest method of building factories.

For the last four years he went from TV show to radio station to newspaper speaking against the activity.

He even asked the current president of Poland how he could let that kind of activity take place.

The president told him he didn't see any danger in the practice.

"I told him then that I thought he was stupid and incompetent," he said.

What shocked Szczepanski even more than those deals being made between the Germans and Poles and the president's reaction was the fact he was in a minority opposed to such practices.

He said from the time he started his campaign to the time he left, the number of those opposed to the German deals increased slightly, but was still the minority.

Frustration forced him to head back to his home in Northville.

"I never thought that to fight against domination I would have to fight the majority of the Polish nation," Szczepanski said.

And after all these years, he said, there's no place he'd rather be.

"From my experience and my convictions, I truly believe there is no better place than the United States," he said. "It's the best system ever devised."

I never thought that to fight against domination I would have to fight the majority of the Polish nation."

— Marian Szczepanski



Engineer Marian Szczepanski takes a moment to talk about another passion of his: gardening at his Northville Twp. home.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

## As modern Novi progresses, the mystery of how it got its name remains

Main Street, Novi, may soon be on the map.

The Novi City Council signed off on a series of contracts needed to make the \$50 million project at Grand River Avenue and Novi Road a reality. Construction on the street itself is expected to begin sometime this year. After months of discussion on the project, consensus was reached by the majority on the resolutions with limited discussions.

from the Novi News  
July 27, 1995

By CHRIS C. DAVIS  
Staff Writer

Hardly anyone would dispute the idea that construction a downtown when a city has already existed for nearly 30 years is a bit novel.

And though Novi city leaders and developers are today stumbling over each other trying to get their hands on property along Novi's Main and Market streets, "downtown" Novi took on an entirely different meaning up until 1995 when the Novi city council began inking the deals to create a new downtown.

One person who knows a fair amount about the look of old Novi is Barbara Louie, local historian and occasional columnist for the Novi News and Northville Record.

"Grand River was a very early trail in this part of Michigan that became a very early

road," Louie said. "And Novi Road was originally Northville Road, because it originated in the village of Northville."

Louie said the practice of naming roads after the point of origination was a fairly common practice in early America. Grand River Avenue wound its way along the general course of the Grand River all the way out to Grand Rapids she said.

"Novi was just a little farming community back in the early 1800s," Louie said. "Up until the mid-1970s, the central part of Novi was that Grand River-Novu Road intersection."

Times have changed. Novi public information officer Lou Martin said Monday the city's population is now hovering at around 45,000, and that the city has now turned the corner into being an upscale retail shopping destination for a good portion of the Wayne-Macomb-Oakland county area.

Though much of the earliest days of downtown Novi remains shrouded in mystery, historians have unearthed a few facts about the area's early founders. The greater Grand River Avenue-Novu Road area was first settled in 1830 by John Elmore, and later by Apollos Cudworth and Benjamin Brown. Together, the families eventually established what became Novi Township.

The "Four Corners" were also supposedly occupied by a blacksmith-preacher, whose wife, Vivian, would always ask permission from her husband to go out on the town.

Stingy as he was, the man would constantly be forced to tell his wife, "No, Vi." This became one in a string of unsubstantiated legends as to how Novi got its unusual name.

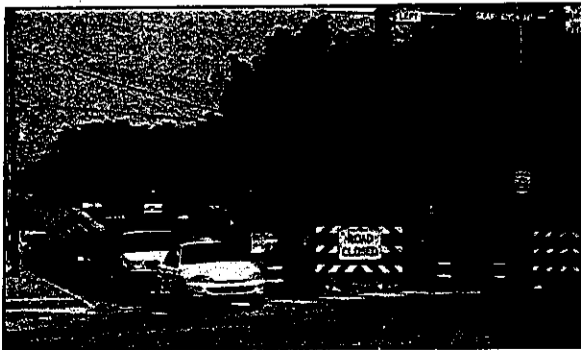
"The name issue is probably one of the best stories about the city," Louie said. "No one really knows how Novi got its name, but anyone who could come up with documented evidence about how it did would solve a great mystery."

Louie said she personally believed the community's name probably evolved out of something involving the Roman numerals for the number six, VI, but wasn't sure in what capacity.

Regardless of name history, Louie said what was certain is that the original downtown Novi became home to one of the oldest hotels in Oakland County before it was torn down in the early 20th century to make way for a gasoline station. The area also contained the Novi Inn — now Rookies & Legends sports memorabilia shop — as well as a general store and a tavern.

Through the years, and up until the time when Novi city leaders moved municipal offices to their present location along Ten Mile near Taft Road, the image held by many was that Novi was Grand River Avenue and Novi Road.

"That was the original downtown," Louie said. "A lot of people I know still call it the Four Corners. It was the center of town for more than 100 years. You can tell someone who's lived in the area a long time if they use the term 'Four Corners.'"



Main Street, Novi then, in the early 1900s (top), and now.



### MSP trooper given award for lifesaving

Trooper Michael J. Mosack is the recipient of the Michigan State Police's highest award, the Silver Star. The award is presented annually to the trooper who has demonstrated exceptional bravery and heroism in the line of duty.



Michael Mosack

Mosack, along with a fellow trooper, discovered the patient had no pulse and was not breathing. They initiated two-man CPR in an effort to revive the victim. After two full cycles of CPR, the victim began breathing and has recovered.

In presenting this award, the Michigan State Police Board of Awards recognized that the troopers performed emergency first aid on a shoulder.

The weather conditions were adverse, with the temperature being about 16 degrees.

Trooper Mosack recently transferred to the Alton North Post. He is assigned to the motorcade unit.

A native of Flint, Trooper Mosack currently resides in Northville with his wife and two children.

### Anniversaries



Stones celebrate 50th

Myra and Robert Stone of Novi celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 19 at a party hosted by their children.

The pair were married June 19, 1949 at Ludlow Methodist Church in Ludlow, Mo. Robert Stone worked for several years in Northville at Bruce Roy Beatty before eventually opening his own real estate office. Myra Stone was employed at Detroit Federal Savings Bank.

The Stone's party was attended by their children, who hail from Oregon, Missouri and Michigan. They include Larry Stone, David (Jean) Stone, and Mary Lusk, wife of Bob Lusk.

The celebration was hosted at the Marion Oaks Golf Club in Holly.

The Stones currently reside in Hi-Land Lake in Pinckney and have a winter home in Stuart, Fla.

### Engagements



### Hryczyk-Telepo

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hryczyk of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Lynn, to John Kevin Telepo, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Telepo of Northville.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Farmington High School and Michigan State University. She is currently teaching in Dearborn Heights.

The groom-elect graduated from Northville High School and Bowling Green State University, and is currently employed as a sales representative in Detroit.

The couple is scheduling a July wedding in the city of Northville.

### Fox-Wilson

Albert and Debbie Fox of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Lynn, to Lawrence Alexander Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Blair Wilson of Farmington Hills.

The bride-elect is a 1994 graduate of Novi High School. She received her bachelor of science in mechanical engineering this year from Michigan Technological University and is currently employed at Cummins Engine Co. in Columbus, Ind.

The groom-elect is a 1991 graduate of Harrison High School. He graduated in 1995 from Oakland Community College and is currently employed at Oakland County.

The couple is planning a September wedding.

### Novi / Northville On Campus

**JASON C. BLACK** of Novi graduated in April from Grand Valley State University with a bachelor of science degree. Former Northville High School student.

**DIANE ROBINSON** graduated in May from Michigan State University's medical school. While at MSU, Robinson majored in physiology and human development.

Northville students **ALISON M. MacHACEK**, **KATHRYN M. MITTMAN** and **LAURA S. RUSSELL** have been named to the Dean's List at Miami University-Oxford, Ohio, for the second semester of 1998-99.

They were recognized for their academic performance of achieving a 3.5 or better grade point average.

**JENNIFER LYNN KLUSKA** and **KRISTEN MARIE KLUSKA** of Northville were named to the Founders Day Honors List at Indiana University for academic excellence for the 1998-99 second semester.

At least a 3.5 grade point average is required to qualify for recognition.

**MARY HUBERT** and **ERIN M. ROBERTS**, students at St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Ind., have been named to the academic honors list for the 1998-99 spring semester.

To qualify for this academic recognition, students must achieve a 3.4 or higher grade point average for the semester.

Hubert is a senior and the daughter of Urban and Mary Hubert of Northville.

Roberts, a first-year student, is the daughter of Frank and Mary Roberts, also of Northville.

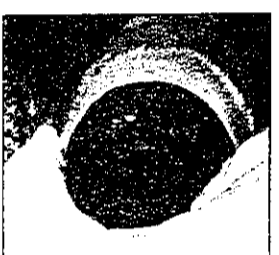


Photo by JOHN HEDER

### G'day, little kitten

Megan Worbs, above, paints a cat's whiskers onto the face of Spencer Rugani during a celebration of the Northville District Library's summer reading program. This summer's theme is "Down Under," playing on the Australian theme, and kids are reading about life in the island nation. Faces were painted like animals of Australia.

### Births



### Colin Rafferty

Chris and Tabi Rafferty of Rochester Hills announce the birth of their son, Colin Christopher, born July 14. He weighed 9 pounds, 7 ounces and was 22 inches in length.

His grandparents are Sue and Rick Gilbert of Novi, Patrick Rafferty of An Gres, Mich., and Gladys Martin of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada; great grandparents are John and Betty Gilbert of Northville and Loretta Bisby of Frutport.

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## Watch out, Wiley E. Coyote

Roadrunner Classic returns to downtown Northville

If there's one thing members of the Redford Roadrunner Club have learned how to do in the past 16 years, it's how to throw a good party. That's what will draw more than 1,200 runners and walkers from throughout the metropolitan Detroit area to Northville the evening of Friday, July 30 for the 16th celebration of the Roadrunner Classic.

This year's Classic comprises an eight kilometer race and a one mile fun run and walk. The fun run and walk begins at 6 p.m.; the 8k begins at 6:30. Both races start and finish in downtown Northville, but the 8k has a different course than in years past. According to Classic Race Director Belinda Lee, the race begins on Main Street and ends on Cady Street in Northville, but much of the course follows Hines Drive out of town and back again. "We wanted to keep the downtown Northville involvement, but this course requires less blocking of neighborhood streets, which was an inconvenience to residents and required large numbers of volunteer course marshals," Lee notes.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Runners make a dash for the finish line in the Northville Roadrunner Classic road race. It's slated for this Friday morning.

Members of the Redford Roadrunner Club, a loosely organized group of runners who meet every Tuesday to run out of St. John's Seminary in Plymouth Township, voted to take a "back to basics" approach to this year's Classic. "That's why we moved back to holding just the two races (prestige years featured a 5k walk)," Lee says. She adds that the after-race party will continue to live up to its reputation as one of the running community's favorite summer gatherings.

Members of the community and visitors to Northville have come to anticipate race night as well, when the downtown gazebo becomes the source of music this year there will be a DJ spinning audience favorites and young and old alike join in dancing under the stars. Thanks to the Classic's newest major sponsor, Busch's Markets, there will be plenty of food for party-goers. Members of the Northville Rotary are pitching in to cook hot dogs for the crowd. Other sponsors include the Great Harvest Bread Co. and Rain Soft Water, who will be keeping race participants hydrated and carb-loaded.

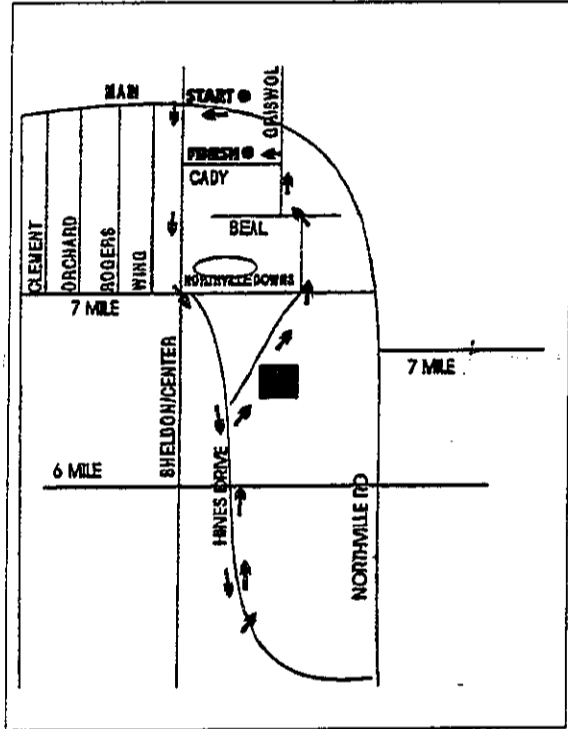
The Classic is being held in conjunction with Northville's Bargain Bazaar, sponsored by the Northville Central Business District, so participants and spectators are urged to come early and shop prior to the race. Registration is being held in the Cady Street parking structure from 4-6 p.m. The 8k costs \$15 on race

day, while the fun run/walk is \$5 for those under the age of 14 and \$8 for everyone else. Those who just want to come for the party can participate for \$5. Tanktop T-shirts cost another \$8 and will be available for sale on race day. The Boon Loot store in Northville also is carrying the shirts for sale.

While the Classic offers no prize money, there will be plenty of awards. The top finishers in age groups incremented every five years from age 18 on will be eligible for awards. "We like to make the race a rewarding experience for runners of all ages. We attract a lot of elite runners who like to do the race because it's such a fun evening, but the large number of age categories means a lot of area runners get to take home some hardware," Lee says.

In addition, many area businesses have donated merchandise that will be raffled off at the post-race party.

The Classic has long been a labor of love for members of the Redford Roadrunners, who use the race as the club's major fund-raising source and a way to bring the running community together for an evening of fun. Most races are held in the morning, so the Classic remains one of the few evening events. It first was held in Livonia in 1984, but in 1993, was moved to Northville. Various club members have taken on the big job of race director over the years. Last year's volunteer director was well-known marathoner Doug Kurus, who since has gone on to act as race director for this year's Detroit Free Press Marathon.



The route for this year's Northville Roadrunner Classic.

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## 'Eyes Wide Shut' presents complex and inspired plot

By Jon M. Gibson  
GUEST REVIEW

As one of cinema's most heavily guarded films, director Stanley Kubrick's "Eyes Wide Shut" stands alone.

The film's surrounding hype caught the world's attention over the past few months, from eager moviegoers to the causal couch potato.

Advertisements flooded the media. Trailers were strategically shown in thousands of theaters. And the legendary director's death on March 7 certainly added to the film's intrigue.

But what began as a quest-to-see-for-movie-fans may ring a bell of disappointment for many. In an avid Kubrick fan, it might be difficult to throw yourself into this engaging yet highly complicated drama.

Surrounded with familiar atmosphere from Kubrick's impressive portfolio of films, the director's whole career seemed to be leading up to something as profound as "Eyes Wide Shut."



Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman star in Stanley Kubrick's "Eyes Wide Shut."

deives into the world of sexual obsession. Thought to be one of the most explicit mainstream movies of all time, this film actually offers a much deeper and tasteful use of nudity, barely living up to its "sex festival" reputation. It is not an erotic piece of cinema. It is moreover a view of mental anguish — a person plagued with thoughts of his wife cheating on him. From here, Kubrick takes the audience into a world so extremely intoxicating. "Eyes Wide Shut" may be offensive to some of the mass audience that has anticipated its arrival.

Due to this, the director's last feature film will receive less than an impressive turnout at the box office, basically because of word-of-mouth criticism aimed toward its many confusing sub-themes. Kubrick's films have always presented layered themes, going deeper than the average Hollywood styling, concentrating more on substance than just plain eroticism. "Eyes Wide Shut" is no exception. It actually presents a much more complex and inspired plot than a majority of his other films.

"Eyes Wide Shut" paints enough mystery and suspense to fuel 50 contemporary movies. Stanley Kubrick has left the film industry with his greatest masterpiece — a lasting, exhilarating collection of moving images: "Eyes Wide Shut."

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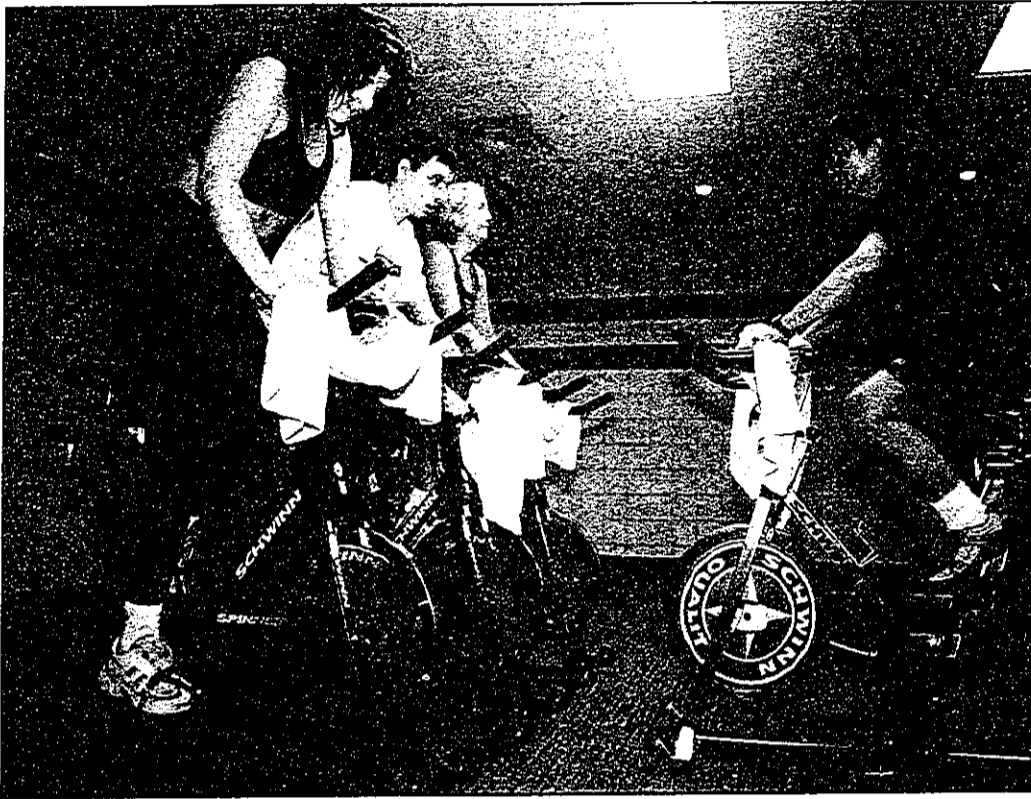
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## It's a new kind of cycling



By DAN KITTLE  
Special writer

When the average reader takes a glance at the adjacent picture, the first thing that comes to mind is a boring session of riding a stationary bike for 20 minutes or so in the corner of some hot, sweaty, rancid-smelling gym. However, what exercise experts have dubbed Spinning is quickly becoming one of the hottest group workouts in the world of modern exercise.

At the Sports Club of Novi, Spinning involves an instructor and up to 20 eager participants who gather themselves in a half-circle in the exercise room. There, all class members perch themselves on a high-tech stationary bicycle and follow a certain path using the resistance knob.

At the booming cries of the instructor, the riders increase resistance to give themselves the feeling of climbing an incredibly steep hill, or decrease the resistance in order to create the feel of rapidly pedaling down a sharp decline.

In addition to the urging words of the intense instructor and the technologically advanced adjustable bikes, the lights are turned off and music blares throughout the room, further motivating the participants to push themselves to the limits.

"It can be very intense," says Linda DeNeen, one of the instructors of the Spinning classes. "It's real muscular interval training and it's great cross-training."

According to DeNeen, the Sports Club was the first to have actual spinning. She says that many clubs offer classes on a stationary bike, but the Sports Club is one of the few to offer the original Spinning.

Basically, a few years back, a man

named Johnny G started a certification company known as Mad Dog. Without the certification of this company and/or the use of Schwinn bicycles, clubs are not allowed to dub their classes "Spinning."

This is the main thing that has given the Sports Club the edge over other clubs. Using their top-notch instructors and stationary bikes, they have been able to create a highly-intense hour-long workout that has grabbed the attention of many of the club's members.

Today, the Sports Club of Novi has 21 Schwinn bikes, and nearly every one is filled at each class. Even at some Spinning classes that take place at 6 a.m., the exercise room is filled to capacity, while other classes offered at the same time are basically empty.

"It's important, I guess, for the people in the community," says DeNeen, "because it's kind of the latest thing and we've got it."

In general, many group exercise classes through the years have been reserved for females. Men have mostly shied away from the world of group exercise, preferring instead to workout on their own while women aerobized their way to physical fitness.

With Spinning, however, the stereotype that men don't show their faces in group exercise rooms has virtually been shattered. Males are stepping up and becoming a big part of the classes offered at Novi's Sports Club.

"It's bringing a lot more men into the group exercise room," comments DeNeen. "Men like it because there's not a whole lot of choreography to follow, like with the other group exercise lessons."

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Linda DeNeen, right, leads an impromptu session of Spinning at the Novi Sports Club with Kelley Albrecht, Julius Feldbaum and Connie Loftus matching her efforts.

## Novi shows it belongs among best

When all was said and done, Novi stood among the elite teams with their two state championships this past school year.

A continued high level of competition was evident in Michigan High School Athletic Association tournaments during the 1998-99 school year.

Eighty-five different schools won titles in the recently-completed school year, two less than the 87 in 1997-98. The continually high number of schools winning championships is primarily due to the competitive environment for high school teams around the state created by equal divisions in nine sports: including boys and girls' Lower Peninsula golf.

The 1998-99 school year saw a total of 113 team champions crowned, an all-time high, which is an increase of three from a year ago. Beginning next year, the minimum number of titles will decrease to 109 when girls volleyball will hold a unified tournament, involving teams from the Upper and Lower Peninsulas, for the first time.

The schools which won their first MHSAA titles in any sport were: Detroit Mumford in Lower Peninsula boys track and field, Morrice in girls basketball, Whittemore-Prescott in team wrestling and Wyoming Rogers in softball. In addition, there were 38 schools that won tournament titles in a given sport for the first time.

### For a list of champs-turn to B-2

Sixteen of the 85 schools winning in 1998-99 took more than one crown. Marquette won five titles, while Ann Arbor Pioneer and East Grand Rapids won four championships apiece. Marquette, Ann Arbor Pioneer and East Grand Rapids each won one unified tournament. Marquette claimed girls skiing, Ann Arbor Pioneer won boys basketball and East Grand Rapids won in boys skiing.

Five schools won at least three championships and eight (including Novi) won at

least two. Detroit Catholic Central led all schools with three championships in unified tournaments and Detroit Country Day claimed two unified tournaments. Eleven of the MHSAA's 24 championship tournaments are unified, involving teams from the Upper and Lower Peninsulas, while separate competition to determine titlists in both Peninsulas is conducted in the other 13 sports.

The uniques in 1998-99 included: Marquette won its ninth consecutive Upper Peninsula boys swimming and diving title, the longest active streak in any sport; there was no repeat champion in any class in the six-year history of the event; and Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett winning its 33rd MHSAA crown in Lower Peninsula boys tennis, surpassing Pickford's mark of total championships in a single sport of 32 in Upper Peninsula boys track and field. Liggett's title total is a national record in boys tennis, while Pickford's 32 boys track crowns ranks second nationally.

## Golf contest coming up

Before the thunder came from the skies Saturday there was thunder coming from the clubs, as the sectional qualifier for the RE/MAX World Long Drive Championship was held at the Highland Golf Center in Highland.

The grid is 50 yards and starts at 250 yards.

Paul Rigsby of Highland was the senior division winner with a drive of 279 yards, two feet, and one inch.

The winners in the open division were Karl Lindh of Canton with a drive of 333 yards, one foot, and nine inches, and Al McFarland of Westland with a drive of 312 yards, one inch.

All three men will advance to the district qualifying event, which will be held September 25 in Hudson, Ohio, which is

just east of Cleveland.

Because of the inclement weather, Saturday's event was cut short. However, there will be another sectional qualifier at the Highland Golf Center on August 14. The entry fee is \$30, which will get you six drives. No preregistration is necessary.

The cost to compete in the district is \$75. District winners advance to the finals in Mesquite, Nevada, October 20 through 23. There is no additional fee for the finals. The total purse is \$250,000, and the winner takes home \$75,000. All finalists will receive a minimum of \$300, or the merchandise equivalent for amateurs.

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## Perfection, and a tie...Devils finish 8-0...

The U-12 Novi Devils finished their indoor soccer season with a perfect 8-0 record. Add to that the team's 7-0-1 record in their previous season and the team ended up 15-0-1 this year. This year's team includes front row (l-r) Brittany Stelanson, Kristen Hayes, Megan Murray, Krista Avantini and Michelle Buelow. Second row (l-r) is Coach Carol Pas-

querelli, Megan Miller, Stacey Pasquerelli, Ashleigh Rainko and Morgan Decker. Third row (l-r) includes Coach Carmine Avantini, Shelley Bethune, Loran Kelly, Jennifer Cyr and coach Dennis Murray. Missing from picture are Laura Brudzinski, Brittany Davis, Casey Healy, Cynthia Kazanis, Beth Mallo, Danielle Duquesnel and Caroline Lampinen.



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## JV pom pon team — Grand Champions...

The Novi High School junior varsity pom pon squad just returned from the Mid-American Pom pon summer camp as grand champions.

The squad traveled to Grand Valley State University on July 6 to participate in four days of fun, rigorous and educational instruction. In addition to learning a safe warm-up, aerobic routine and kickline, the team learned two pom routines and one dance routine that they practiced throughout the day and competed at night.

On the final day in front of a large audience of parents, the girls performed their original routine that they choreographed themselves and had been practicing since the middle of

May.

At the conclusion of the final-day festivities, the girls were awarded firsts in all three categories of speed leaning, kickline and original routine designating them the highest honor of "Grand Champions."

Members of the JV team are Brittany Bixman, Carmen Decker, Ashlee Doster, Khey Elfring, Kristen Fraser, Christina Hagan, Jessica Hagan, Erin Holmes (captain), Danielle Kazakos, Megan Kemski, Kristen Kern, Elizabeth Kosalk, Hillary Kroll, Holly Lloyd, Christina Moranti, Brittany Neville, Lauren Powell, Erin Reid (captain), Erika Slatting, Christy Stewart and Sarah Wilson (captain). The team is coached by Jeni Path.



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## Health Column

### Throw away those antibiotics

The next time your child gets an ear infection or you start to sniffle, you might want to resist the urge to ask your doctor for an antibiotic. And if you have leftover antibiotics from your last infection, throw them away - don't use them for the new flare-up.

By doing so, you could be helping to prevent the development of a new "superbug" bacteria strain, one that can't be stopped by antibiotics. Health experts from the World Health Organization to the Centers for Disease Control are sounding this warning for all to hear.

It's not that you shouldn't use antibiotics if your doctor prescribes them, experts say. Antibiotics are extremely useful drugs for fighting bacterial infection, and pharmaceutical companies have developed specialized ones for different conditions. But it's important to use antibiotics more sparingly and appropriately than in the past, because scientists now know what misuse can lead to: the evolution of drug-resistant bacteria.

Ever since penicillin was developed in the 1940s, certain bacteria have been able to develop resistance as each new antibiotic was developed. In those who take antibiotics, some resistant bacteria survive and multiply, forming a "reservoir" of resistance that can spread to others.

Pharmaceutical companies are constantly developing new antibiotic treatments, new weapons to fight resistance. Still, doctors around the world fear the rise of "superbug" strains of bacteria - ones that can't be controlled by any known drugs.

"We need to be cautious about when we use antibiotics," explains Cary Engleberg M.D., chief of the Division of Infectious Diseases for the University of Michigan Health System. "Bugs are very clever. They stay ahead of us, and they're capable of doing that because they're undergoing a very rapid evolution -

much more rapid than we can keep up with generating new drugs."

That means it's important to understand when antibiotics are - and aren't - the right treatment, Engleberg said.

"Patients tend to view these drugs as 'miracle drugs' and indeed they truly are, but they're really only miracle drugs when they're used for the appropriate indication," Engleberg said. "There are many indications for which antibiotics are given these days, often at the patient's request, where they're not really necessary. And those are the situations we need to avoid."

For example, many parents reflexively ask their pediatricians for antibiotics every time their children develop ear infections. The doctors often comply, no matter how frequently the children come back with the same symptoms, Engleberg said.

"Now, in many cases this is truly justified, and in some cases it may not be," Engleberg said. "There's new evidence to suggest that many ear infections really don't need to be treated with antibiotics," Engleberg said. "But as a result of the drug therapy that we've given in the past, the pneumococcus - which is a bacteria that causes ear infections as well as pneumonia in adults - has emerged resistant. And one of the risk factors for having a resistant pneumococcus is a child with multiple ear infection histories, because that's a reservoir in which this organism can emerge."

With that in mind, Engleberg said it may be best to ride out the infection.

But Engleberg also said it's not just ear infections that account for excess antibiotic use. The Centers for Disease Control estimated that more than one-third of the 150 million antibiotic prescriptions given outside hospitals each year are unnecessary.

Another example is patients who implore

their doctors for antibiotics when they in fact have a disease caused by a virus, such as cold or flu, Engleberg said. Since the drugs won't work, the patients won't help themselves get better, and will only help the bacteria inside their bodies become resistant.

"We have bacteria that live on the surface of our skin, we have bacteria that live in our mouth and our throat and all the way through our intestinal tract," Engleberg said. "And when we take an antibiotic, we're killing off a lot of these friendly bacteria. So now the resistant organism has free reign, and it has a wide-open niche to grow in."

Also putting themselves and others at risk are those who stockpile extra antibiotics from one illness and raid the medicine chest for them when another ailment comes along, without asking a doctor's advice, Engleberg said. Patients should finish their entire prescription as directed to prevent the infection from returning, even after symptoms have gone away.

So are we on the verge of seeing bacteria that outsmart all antibiotics? Not quite, Engleberg said.

"We're not at the point yet where we have superbugs circulating with absolutely no recourse in terms of treatment. But we're not far from that," he cautioned. "If the use of antibiotics doesn't change and the pharmaceutical industry doesn't keep up, we could arrive there soon."

With antibiotics still very much needed to treat conditions like sinusitis, meningitis and some kinds of sexually transmitted diseases and skin infections, public health agencies warn, it's a risk society can't afford to take.

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Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi offers a free monthly support group for women who have concerns about menopause. The group meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Providence Park Conference Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., at the corner of Grand River and Beck in Novi. The purpose of the support group is to provide women with educational information on topics relating to menopause. 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) 424-7065 or 424-7067; west Oakland, Walled Lake: (248) 926-3000.

### ABCs of Weight Loss

A registered dietitian will work with you individually for three months to set up a realistic weight loss plan, organize your appetite and discuss the best strategies for weight loss. A \$95 fee and appointment is required. The class is sponsored by Botsford's Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave. in Novi. For more information and to register, call (248) 477-6100.

### Asthma Education

Individual sessions with a registered nurse can provide the tools to better understand and manage asthma. Day and evening sessions are available. Families are welcome. There is a \$30 fee and an appointment is required. For more information and to register, call (248) 477-6100.

### Breastfeeding Basics

This workshop covers the "how to's" of breastfeeding and answers questions and concerns of women who are already breastfeeding. The fee is \$20, and the classes are held at Botsford's Health Development Network in Novi. For information and registration, call (248) 477-6100.

### Circuit Training

This is a multi-stationed exercise and education program designed for the individual with limited experience using fitness equipment. Participants will be instructed on the proper use of weight and cardiovascular machines. The class meets Mondays and Wednesdays from 7 to 8 p.m. The fee is \$70 and preregistration is required. For registration and information, call the Botsford Center for Health Improvement at (248) 473-5600.

### Martial Arts for Special Children

Conducted by a black-belt martial arts instructor, a physical therapist and an exercise therapist for children ages 5-16 with special needs such as cerebral palsy, add, or sensory integration dysfunction. This is a continuously revolving eight-week course held on Friday evenings from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi. There is a charge of \$100. To register, call 1-800-968-5595.

### Cancer Support Group

"Focus On Living," a self-help group for cancer patients and their families, meets the first Wednesday of each month at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Co-sponsored by the American Cancer Society, "Focus On Living" provides an opportunity to discuss concerns, obtain answers and gain support from others who share the same experiences. Registration is not necessary, and there is no charge to attend. For more information, call (313) 655-2922, or toll free 1-800-494-1650.

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