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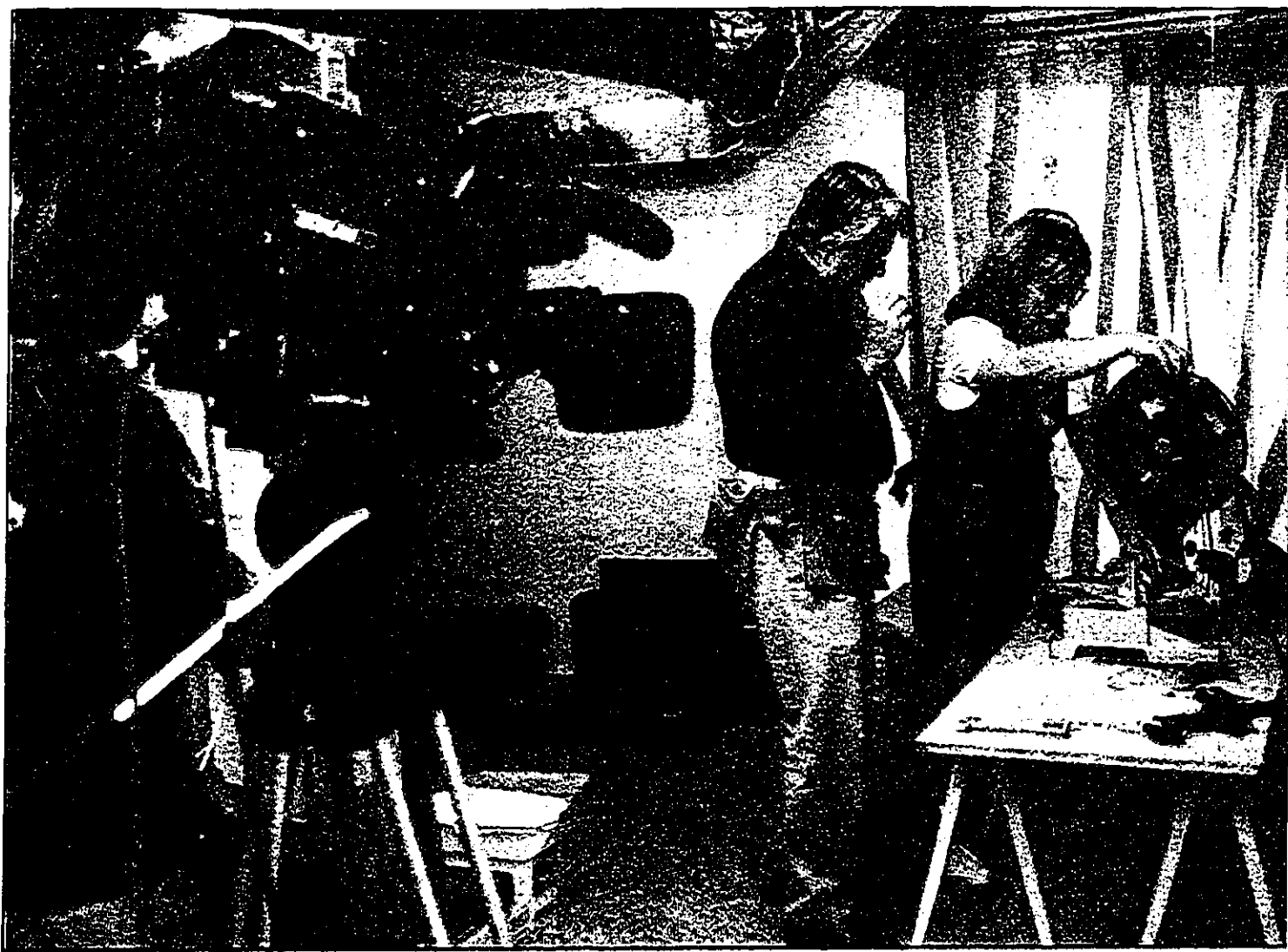


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Susan Coppa gets hands-on experience while working on camera with "House Doctor" Ron Hazelton for a new ABC TV show. Photo by TOM HIBBELN

## City ready to hire arena management

By JEREMY MCBAIN  
 Staff Writer

"Under new management" will soon be the sign that could be posted at the Novi Ice Arena.

Community Clubs will present the Novi City Council with its management recommendation for the arena at a special meeting on Aug. 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the council's chambers at the Novi Civic Center.

According to L. Graham Ward, chairman of Community Clubs, the group will back the Farmington Hills-based Suburban Hockey as the management firm for the Novi Ice Arena.

"Suburban was the unanimous

choice of Community Clubs," Ward said.

Community Clubs is a non-profit group of volunteers appointed by the council to oversee the operations of the rink. A professional management firm is charged with the daily running of the arena.

Four candidates sent proposals to take over operations of the Novi Ice Arena almost as soon as the original management company, Center Ice, was notified by the city of its termination, Ward said.

Of those four, two were selected as finalists. Ward said Suburban was picked basically because

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## A.G.'s office okays charter petition

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN  
 Staff Writer

Ballot language for a Novi city charter amendment that would bar golf courses without voter consent has been approved by the Michigan Attorney General's Office.

The Municipal Affairs Division of the attorney general's office mailed a letter Tuesday to Gov. John Engler's legal counsel indicating that the ballot language is all right. Assistant Attorney General George Elworth said Wednesday.

The governor's office must then approve the language before it appears before Novi voters on Nov. 2.

Started by People About Reserving Kids Space, the petition seeking the charter amendment pro-

posal contained 2,095 signatures when it was filed with the Novi City Clerk's office in July.

Deputy Clerk Nancy Reutter said the clerk's office received a letter from the governor's office stating that the petition was passed on to the Attorney General for an opinion or ruling on whether or not the language of the charter amendment is appropriate.

"Some of the signatures were not valid, but they had enough signatures to get the charter amendment," Reutter said.

The petition was started by the PARKS group in April in opposition to the city's proposed golf course at the 550-acre Novi North park.

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## Interior design 9-1-1

Fortunately, a doctor was in the house

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN  
 Staff Writer

A Novi family received an uncommon house call from a television doctor specializing in home improvements.

The Home and Garden television network's Ron Hazelton, the "House Doctor," recently visited Michigan, and shot video for an upcoming show with Novi's own

Coppa family.

The Coppas family, Mark, Susan and their two children, Brandon, 14, and Missy, 12, participated in the weekend long shoot with Hazelton on Saturday, July 24 and Sunday, July 25.

Hazelton and the Coppas added a new fireplace mantel to their Greenwood Oaks home for "Ron Hazelton's House Calls," the

new home repair program which will be airing Saturday mornings on ABC, beginning during the new fall television season.

"The weekend was a lot of fun and it was also tons of hard work," Susan Coppas said.

"We learned about the process of taping a television show and all of the hard work it takes to make a production."

Coppa said the television show featuring her family will be aired on Sept. 20, during a Michigan-themed program.

She added the television crew visited other families in cities such as Bloomfield Hills and Farmington Hills and locations unique to Michigan as the program is on a cross-country tour of home

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## Asphalt versus concrete: that's the million dollar road question

By JEREMY MCBAIN  
 Staff Writer

For many city, county and state governments, choosing between concrete and asphalt when building a road is like trying to decide if a glass of water is half-full or half-empty.

The issue even confounds Novi City Manager Ed Kriewall, who 30 years ago was a road inspector for the Michigan Department of Transportation.

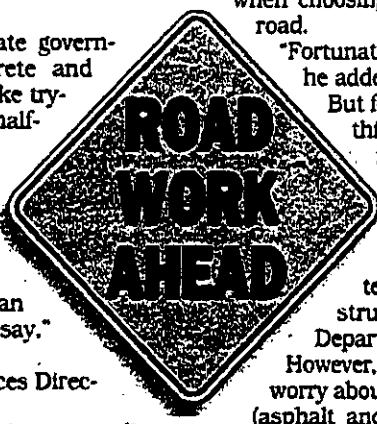
"To say in Novi, one is better than the other, I don't think you could say," Kriewall said.

Novi Department of Public Services Director Anthony Nowicki agreed.

"Unfortunately, in my opinion, there is really no exact science as to which product to pick," he explained.

Nowicki said there are a lot of factors to look at

when choosing between asphalt and concrete for a road.



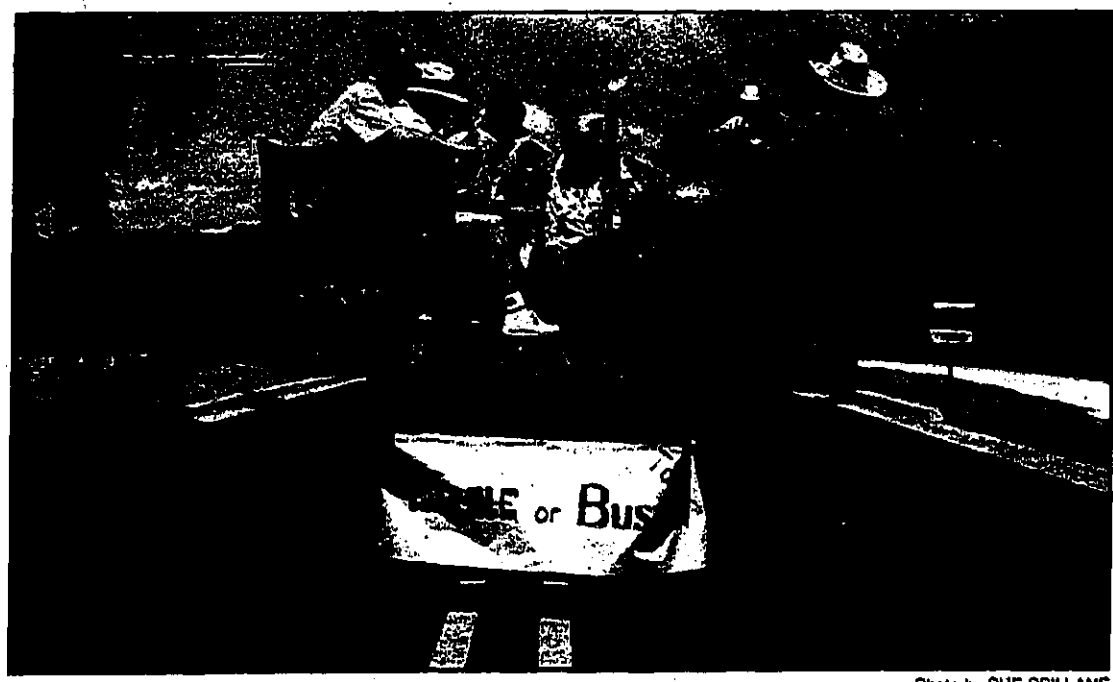
"Fortunately, it is not a one person decision," he added.

But for many local and state governments this decision really comes down to money.

"A lot of the decision making is based on a budget. Governments are driven by how much money you have to spend on a road system," said Dave Wilson, Region Construction Engineer for the Michigan Department of Transportation.

However, Wilson noted, "If we didn't have to worry about budget, we would have to use both (asphalt and concrete). In a perfect world, we would still have two industries. If we picked one product over the other, one would go out of busi-

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Meadowbrook Road between 12 and 13 Mile roads opened last week with new asphalt paving. Photo by SUE SPILLANE

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## A short, but very full life

### Novi High Class of '99 valedictorian dies at 18

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN  
 Staff Writer

Pride and strength exemplified the short life of David Andrew Langham in more ways than many people will ever understand. Langham, 18, was diagnosed with an incurable kidney disease when he was seven years-old, but he never let hospitalization and chronic sickness affect his passion for living, learning and performing.

A 1999 co-valedictorian of Novi High School, Langham appeared in numerous musical and dramatic productions and played trombone with the Novi High School Marching and Symphony bands.

Langham's life ended August 6, when he died of cardiac arrest at Children's Hospital in Detroit. Langham had been hospitalized

"His spirit was strong even if his body wasn't."

Kathy Langham,  
 David Langham's mother

since Monday, Aug. 2, receiving dialysis treatment to relieve the symptoms from the failure of the kidney which his mother, Kathy Langham, had donated to him two years earlier.

Although the treatments were working, an unexpected heart malfunction took Langham's life.

"He was diagnosed with the disease since he was in the first grade," said Kathy Langham, a special education teacher in

Northville.

"It was a slow deterioration of the kidneys, but it never seemed to let him down. It was many years before people knew he was sick."

And throughout his life, Langham never did slow down.

Kathy Langham said her son's passion was performance and the entertainment of people. He appeared in 29 dramatic and musical productions.

"He really loved to perform," she said.

"He loved to sing, dance and act. He played trombone with the marching band for four years during high school. His spirit was strong even if his body wasn't."

"In addition to his mother, Langham is survived by his father,

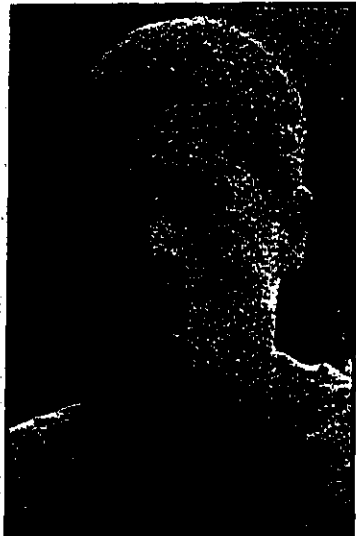


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Firefighters donate a \$2,500 check to the University of Michigan Trauma Burn Center out of Ann Arbor after the volleyball game. Accepting the donation are: (l-r) Jim Morris (vice president of union), Don Christensen (Secretary-treasurer of union), Holli Eaton (representative of the Trauma Burn Center), Bob Carroll (chairman of tournament) and union members Phil Duczynski and Paul Muraco.

## Firefighters hit the net for burn center charity

By JASON SCHMITT Staff Writer  
Any excuse to play is a good excuse. Just ask members of the Novi Professional Firefighters Union Local 3232. They hosted the first-ever Beach Burn Classic sand volleyball tournament during the Michigan 50s Festival and raised more than \$2,500, which was donated to the University of Michigan Trauma Burn Center in Ann Arbor. The four-on-four tournament consisted of eight teams and was played at Mr. B's Goat Farm, off the corner of Novi and Ten Mile roads. Twelve Oaks Security won the championship after defeating the Trauma Burn Center team in the finals. The amount raised by the charity tournament exceeded the expectations of tournament chairman and Union member Bob Carroll. "Going into the weekend, judging the amount of participation we had, we figured on raising about \$2,000," he said. "But we had a few unexpected donations and a few other raffish that helped raise some money." One of those unexpected donations came from Pat Chelnyak, a Novi chiropractor. A burn victim herself after a dirt-bike accident when she was 19, Chelnyak had a fund raiser at her office and raised \$300 for the event. "I probably spent two months at the Trauma Center myself," she said. "I probably wouldn't be able to walk today if it weren't for them." Along with the volleyball action, the firefighters collected money at Mr. B's door throughout the night and sold T-shirts. There was also a 50-50 raffle. Those who donated at the door were eligible to win several donated items, including an autographed photo of the Detroit Red Wings, coupons to area restaurants and a stereo donated by Pioneer. "We were looking for something to do for charity, and one of the ideas we kicked around was a volleyball tournament," Carroll said. "A lot of fire departments around the Detroit area help out the Trauma Center and we wanted to be a part of that." Carroll said the union is looking to make it an annual event. "I think the event worked out well," Carroll said. "It took a lot of work, but next year it will be the simple steps of repeating what we did this year."

## Ask questions about charity phone calls

Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholm issued a Consumer Alert Monday regarding charitable fundraisers. "The smooth-talking, fast-acting caller who interrupts your dinner hour or your family time wants you to believe everything they tell you, but sometimes what they tell you is false," Granholm said. "Jabberjacks, better known today as telephone solicitors, will actually lie to get you to give money, maybe because their job depends on how much money they collect in an evening of calling. "Michigan has many charities that do wonderful work in our communities and around the world. Unfortunately there are many others who jabber and talk about their wonderful work, but do little or nothing that is worthwhile... The donor must beware." Those who receive calls from charities are advised to ask a number of questions: • Is the caller a volunteer or a paid fund raiser? • Does the caller work for a professional fund raiser or the charity? • Where is the organization located? • How much of the donation will go for the charitable cause? • If the charity says it is locating missing children, ask how much money will be used to do that work, specifically how the money is spent and how many children have been located." Granholm said. "Do not simply ask how much will go to the charity; there are too many ways to give you misleading information." Complaints regarding charities should be referred to the Attorney General's Charitable Trust Section at (517) 373-1152. For police or fire organizations, call (800) 769-4315. Written complaints may be mailed to: Charitable Trust Section, Department of Attorney General, P.O. Box 30214, Lansing, MI 48909.

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# Council lowers review fees for developers

By JEREMY MCBAIN  
Staff Writer

The cost of building a business in Novi is going down.

The Novi City Council unanimously approved a plan Monday night that would lower development review fees the Planning and Community Development Department and Building Department assess builders and developers who want to construct in Novi.

"The City of Novi has on more than one occasion been criticized for the high fees paid by developers. In a survey that was sent to developers, the area of fees was an area which the city of Novi did not fare well when compared to other communities," said Director of Developmental Services Kerreen Conley in a letter to city council.

Because of this and a study con-

ducted by the department based on this survey, Conley proposed several changes to the department's fee structure and how it was being applied.

According to Council Member Craig DeRoche, the changes basically take away what is called "re-review fees." These are fees paid to city consultants such as JCK & Associates for projects with changes that need to be looked at for a second time.

In Novi, it has long been a practice that when someone brings a project to the planning department, it is sent through a review process and review fees are charged. If that developer decides to make a change to the design of the project, it must then go through the process once more and all the fees must be paid again.

DeRoche said.

Typically, the re-review fees are the same as the original review fees, he said. Review fees per consultant typically cost \$125 for a project in Novi. To re-review that project, the same consultant would cost another \$125.

Usually projects are reviewed by seven consultants. These consultants look at a woodlands issues and wetlands issues, as well as conduct reviews of architect, engineering, traffic and planning.

"It was crazy and expensive," DeRoche said.

"You can't keep socking it to somebody when all they are trying to do is meet our ordinances and build in Novi."

Because of this re-review fee, Conley said some developers have suggested that the city purposely

rejects some projects just to get more money from fees.

"When you made a mistake (with a project design) it really did not only cost you in time, but money," added Conley.

But, this will change. Now, the cost of everything is placed in a grid, DeRoche said. Developers can find out how much money they have to pay in fees by looking at a grid. This grid maps out project fees according to size and style and list.

However, while some fees have gone down, DeRoche pointed out two of them are going to be increased.

He said woodlands and wetlands review fees will increase because of stricter ordinances requiring more time and energy from city consultants in those areas.

DeRoche added, while most of the money gained from consultant fees goes to the consultants, the city does take a percentage for administrative costs.

Even though the fees will decrease, DeRoche said the city will not lose any money.

Conley agreed, saying the department only takes 15 percent of the consultant review fees.

"It is not a significant amount," she said.

The amount collected by the city on reviews is just enough to cover administrative costs, she added.

"We think it is a much better process and hope to prove it in the next six months," Conley said. Jeremy McBain's email is [jmcbain@ht.homecom.net](mailto:jmcbain@ht.homecom.net).

## Library Notes

### SUMMER LIBRARY HOURS

The Novi public Library is open Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and closed on Sunday during the summer. The library is located at 45245 Ten Mile Road just east of Taft Road. For more information, call (248) 349-0720.

### STORY TIME NOTES

The 1999-2000 Preschool Story Time brochures are now available in the library. Registration for autumn story times begins Sept. 1. Fall 1 Story Times start Oct. 4.

## ZONTA will feature speaker who survived domestic abuse

ZONTA Club of Farmington/Novi area invites guests to join them on Aug. 24 at 7 p.m. to hear LisaKay Wojcik share her success in overcoming domestic abuse.

At the age of 32, LisaKay has endured several abusive relationships, beginning in childhood, including two marriages, both of which ended in divorce, and in the past three years she has lost 210 pounds regaining her self-esteem and proving that LisaKay Does Matter.

LisaKay has appeared on Good Morning America, Sally Jesse Raphael and many other talk shows, as well as speaking engagements with groups such as FIRST STEP and Takeoff Pounds Sensibly.

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### Obituaries

#### THOMAS B. METZLER

Thomas B. Metzler, 75, a resident of Northville Township for the past five years, passed away at St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia on Aug. 4.

Mr. Metzler was born in Detroit on April 1, 1924 to Risto and Alice (Kreger) Metzler. He served in the Army during World War II and then worked for more than 40 years as a tool designer for Brass Craft Manufacturing of Novi. He had retired from the company, but Brass Craft asked Mr. Metzler return because of his expertise, knowledge and love of his work. He continued to work until sickness halted him. Mr. Metzler was also active in Masonic affairs and was a past master of the Elks Lodge No. 489 of Redford. He was a licensed pilot and enjoyed boating.

Mr. Metzler was a devoted husband, father and grandfather to his family and is survived by his wife, Betty, and three daughters, Sherri Lynn Metzler, Lori Sue (Stevell) Mason and Karie Jill (Scott) Kennedy. A grandson, Steven

Brooks Manson, and a granddaughter, Felicia Sue Kennedy, along with brother Risto (Dorothy) Metzler, Jr. also survive, as do his two nieces, Gail (Bruce) Farrell and June (Harvey) Feole. A son-in-law, Randy Smith, preceded Mr. Metzler in death.

A private family memorial service will be held later. Arrangements were handled by the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home. Contributions are suggested to the Michigan Cancer Foundation.

#### THOMAS A. GERMAINE

Thomas A. Germaine, 69, died August 8 at his home.

Mr. Germaine was born on June 20, 1930.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara, and children Thomas M. (Tamar), William (Precious), Michael (Kathleen), Cathy, Mark and Denise (Mike) Perry. He is also survived by his brother William (Evelyn) and 11 grandchildren.

Visitation was Tuesday and Wednesday at the O'Brien

Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi. The service is today at 10:30 a.m. at Holy Family Church in Novi.

Interment is at Oakland Hills Cemetery of Novi.

Memorial contributions may be made to the VNA Hospice, 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600, Oak Park, Mi. 48237.

#### SHIRLEY M. HULBERT

Shirley M. Hulbert, 83, died July 14 at Bay Medical Center in Bay City. A resident of Novi for most of her life, Ms. Hulbert was born Jan. 26, 1916 in Brantford, Ontario to the late Floyd and Gertrude Frankland. Ms. Hulbert was married to Leon Hulbert, who preceded her in death. She was employed at Ford Motor Company as a bookkeeper.

Ms. Hulbert is survived by her two sons, Lawrence A. Hulbert of Bay City, Richard (Wanda) Hulbert of Bakersfield, Calif., sister-in-law Myrtle Rantanen of Lake Worth, Fla., and niece, Linda Evens of Virginia. Ms. Evens was preceded in

death by her sister, Ruth Evens. A memorial service was held at Staphis Funeral Home in Bay City on July 20. Memorials may also be made to the American Diabetes Association, in care of Staphis Funeral Home, 805 E. South Union Street, Bay City, Mich. 48706.

#### WALLACE J. MCKENNA

Wallace J. McKenna, 66, died August 5 at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Mr. McKenna, a Novi resident, was born in 1932.

He is survived by his wife, Betty and children Robert (Anne), Diane (Blake) Roral, Maureen (Richard) DiPaula and Kathleen. He was the grandfather of eight and brother of Margaret Tworosynski. Joseph McKenna, Jr. and Francis McKenna.

The funeral service was held at Holy Family Church in Novi on August 9. Interment was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Arrangements were made by O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan

Funeral Home of Novi. Memorial contributions may be made to the Capuchins, Holy Family Church or the charity of your choice.

#### WILLIAM J. RAFALO

William J. Rafalo, 68, died August 5 at his Commerce Township home.

Mr. Rafalo was born in 1930. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn and children Marilyn (Charles) Maher, Judi Rafalo (Rurr) Sells, Michael, Daniel, Lori (George) Hulsman. He was the grandfather of nine and great-grandfather of one. He is also survived by his sister, Marguerite Bierschbach.

Mr. Rafalo was a construction manager for Michigan Bell who retired in 1988 after 40 years with the company. He was also a member of the Elks Club of Plymouth.

The funeral service was Tuesday at Holy Family Church in Novi. Interment was at Oakland Hills Cemetery in Novi. Arrangements were made by the O'Brien

Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home. Memorial contributions in Mr. Rafalo's name may be made to the Junior Diabetes Foundation or the Salvation Army.

#### NATALINO SCAPPATICCI

Natalino Scappaticci, 82, died August 5 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills.

Mr. Scappaticci, a Novi resident, was born in 1916. He was preceded in death by his wife, Elvira. He is survived by a son, Antonio (Barbara) and grandchildren Natalino, Antonio and Dominic. He is also survived by a sister, Rosena Scappaticci.

The service was Monday at Holy Family Church in Novi. Interment was at Oakland Hills Cemetery in Novi. Arrangements were made by the O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Parkinson Foundation.



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#### Bubble music

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Registration and orientation has begun at Novi High School for the 1999-2000 school year.

All new students to the district are asked to stop by the high school office before Aug. 16 and register.

The new students will sign-up to see a counselor on Aug. 17 or Aug. 18 to ensure that an accurate schedule is in place for the first day of school.

All 9-12 grade students who attended the Novi Community School District during the 1998-99 school year will register according to the following schedule:

Seniors (A-Z): Aug. 20 from 8 a.m.-11 a.m.  
 Juniors (A-Z): Aug. 20 from 11:45 a.m.-2:45 p.m.  
 Varsity Fall Sports and Marching Band: Aug. 23 from 8 a.m.-11 a.m.  
 Sophomores (A-Z): Aug. 23 from 11:45 a.m.-2:45 p.m.  
 Freshmen (A-K): Aug. 24 from 8 a.m.-11 a.m.  
 Freshmen (L-Z): Aug. 24 from 11:45 a.m.-2:45 p.m.  
 Make-up (All): Aug. 25 from 8 a.m.-11 a.m.

Students will be given their tentative schedules at the conclusion of the registration process. Bring all necessary paperwork and funds to the session assigned.

August packets (paperwork and information) will be mailed out on Aug. 12 for your convenience.

**POT-LUCK PICNIC:** All new students and incoming freshmen are invited to Novi High School's second annual Pot Luck Picnic on Aug. 24 in the school's Taft Road courtyard.

The picnic will begin at 5:45 p.m. School officials ask that attendees please bring a dish in accordance to the following list:

Last names A-I, bring a main dish.  
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# A new Novi house, what's a transferee family to do?



"House Doctor" Ron Hazleton, center, shows Mark and Susan Coppa his plans for their mantle.

## TV home improvement guy answers call for quick help

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 improvement.  
 "The new show is a how-to program for homes — helping with upgrades, designs and the building of specific projects," Coppa said.  
 "We worked on the fireplace mantel, they brought the supplies and built it while we helped."  
 Coppa said her family was chosen to be taped while she was searching for a trailer on the Internet. After filling out a questionnaire about home improvement projects and landscaping, she was contacted by the producers of the show.  
 The next process involved submitting a video tape of the family, allowing the producers to get a feel for their personality and comfort while on camera.  
 She added that a scout was sent out to meet with the family and a decision was made.  
 "The work was kind of tough, and we were working 12 hour days," Coppa said.  
 "It was take-after-take. We would wait around for them to set up a scene and then we would hurry up and shoot it, making sure to get the camera angles and lighting right."  
 "Hazelton was very relaxed and nice. When we were working with him, we didn't even feel like we were on television."  
 Recently relocating to Novi after living in California, the Coppa family said they enjoyed their part in the television show, but is not interested in pursuing a career in the television world.  
 "We saw how things were done, and what it takes to create a television show," Coppa said.  
 "We were tired after the long days of work and I am not interested at all in pursuing an acting career. It is too much for me."

## Community Clubs will recommend new managers for rink

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 Community Clubs was impressed with Suburban's experience and emphasis on promotion of the facility. In addition, the other finalist asked to be removed from consideration because the firm was in the process of opening an ice arena nearby and simply felt like taking on another was too much work.  
 Using their promotional skills, Ward said he feels Suburban will successfully sell the ice time that needs to be sold.  
 The problem with Center Ice was that it failed to provide adult hockey and sell ice time during the day and in the spring, Ward explained.  
 "[Suburban hockey] is gonna sell the ice that needs to be sold," he said.  
 "This would be ice time in the spring and summer, as well as time in the early morning and ice time for adult hockey."  
 "[Suburban] also seemed to be more willing to work with the community," Ward said.  
 He added that Community Clubs did not want the city to retain a management group that comes in and tells the community what to do.  
 But, Ward emphasized, the 12-member Community Clubs is only an advisory committee that has no desire to micro-manage the facility. With a management firm that will listen to the community, Ward said Community Clubs can be assured that if it came down to deciding to let a Novi group use the facility or a group from out-of-town, the management firm would lean more towards the local group.  
 "We felt there should be some community control," he said.  
 "We just didn't want to create a situation with a management company that turns a deaf ear to the community."  
 However, while Community Clubs feels that Suburban Hockey could satisfy these needs, Ward said there is a concern raised about the potential conflict of interest from Suburban's ice rink in Farmington Hills.  
 "But, that is going to be a problem no matter who you pick," Ward said.  
 He pointed out, a company that does not manage another ice arena would not have experience in running one.  
 In further addressing the conflict of interest issue, Ward added: "The Suburban facility in Farmington Hills does not have substantial parking. This means it can't run tournaments. But, it will have the capacity to put together a big tournament using the Novi Ice Arena to do it and the Farmington Hills facility for overflow."  
 Monday's meeting with the city council was originally scheduled to take place in the Activities Room of the Civic Center.  
 But, Council Member Laura

Lorenzo suggested because the Novi Ice Arena is one of great concern to the citizens, it should be televised and take place in the council chambers.  
 Her motion to move it to the council chambers passed in a 5-2 vote. Council Member Kathleen Mutch and Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford voted against this resolution.  
 This meeting is open to the public.  
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## NYA sponsors shopping spree for kids at Mervyn's

**By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN Staff Writer**  
 As the new school year approaches, most children look to revamp their wardrobe and buy new clothes for their classes.  
 But not every child has an open line of credit or an unlimited wardrobe to impress their peers.  
 To help these financially disadvantaged children with their upcoming school year fashion, Novi Youth Assistance and Mervyn's at the Novi Town Center hosted the third annual Back-to-School Shopping Spree.  
 The shopping spree was Aug. 7, with more than 25 kids from Novi, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Birmingham and South Lyon participating.  
 Youth assistance groups from these communities supervised the children as they each went on a \$220 shopping spree through Mervyn's before the store opened to the public Saturday morning.  
 Barbara Holmes, assistant chair for the Novi Board of Youth Assistance, said the children were chosen to participate based on their family income level.  
 "It was a really nice day all around," Holmes said.  
 The children were able to pick out a lot of nice things, so they can feel good about themselves when school begins.  
 Holmes said backpacks were donated to the children by Target, and breakfast was supplied by the Burger King located at Grand River Avenue and Wilcox Road in Wilcox.  
 This year the children were advised on a variety of subjects by Detective Tom Lindberg from the Novi Police Department.  
 The shopping spree program and what (Novi Youth Assistance) are trying to do is help build children's self-esteem," Holmes said.  
 The program is a lot of fun and helps make the kids feel good about themselves."

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## Experts vary on which road surface to take



A worker from DPC Asphalt smooths paving for Taft Road.

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 ness.  
 Wilson added both products are very good products, but there are many variables that are used to decide which to pick for road construction. These variables are: budget, traffic volumes, type of ground under the pavement and life of the pavement.  
 Concrete is made out of four materials: cement, stone, sand and water.  
 All of these materials are mixed together at a concrete plant, after this it is put into trucks to be delivered to a job site where it is placed on prepared ground, Wilson said. The concrete must then remain untouched until it hardens.  
 Sometimes the concrete is placed on top of a wire mesh to prevent shrinkage and cracks. This gives more life to the concrete by making it stronger.  
 According to Bob Risser, executive director of the Michigan Concrete Pavers Association, concrete's strength is its selling point.  
 Concrete simply lasts longer than asphalt, he said. For an example of this, Risser pointed to the concrete Davidson Freeway, which lasted 53 years before it needed to be rebuilt.  
 "That is the kind of longevity we have specifically seen on roads with concrete," he said.  
 Along with longevity, comes the material's ability to hold up well to Michigan weather and traffic weight, Risser said.  
 Due to the Michigan's industrial and agricultural economy, heavy trucks frequently travel many of the state highways and roads.  
 Risser said concrete has been proven to hold up to the weight of these trucks much better than asphalt.  
 In addition to lasting longer than asphalt, Risser said concrete also costs less than asphalt in the long run. Many governments make a decision to spend less money on asphalt today, but the material won't last as long, he said.  
 "They have to (rebuild the road) again and again," Risser said, adding that this ends up costing the taxpayers more money after a long period of time.  
 But ask that the asphalt industry about all this and the response is that asphalt is the better road material.  
 "First off, the biggest advantage to asphalt is it is the best buy for taxpayers," said John Becsey, managing director of the Michigan Asphalt Paving Association.  
 In direct contrast to Risser, Becsey said over asphalt's average life span of 20 to 30 years, it will cost less money to maintain than concrete and requires less care.  
 Unlike concrete, asphalt is made of three materials and does not need time to harden after being put into place.  
 Asphalt is made of liquid asphalt, stone and sand. The liquid asphalt must be heated to about 300 degrees to be mixed with the stone and sand. Even at this temperature, the asphalt can be taken to a job site, put down and used by traffic in much less time than concrete.  
 Because of this, Becsey said asphalt paving crews can work during off-peak hours on a road and have the road open for traffic during peak hours.  
 Becsey added that because of the materials used in asphalt, it is completely recyclable. Material taken from asphalt roads when they are repaired is sometimes taken back to an asphalt plant to be reused.  
 In addition to costing less and providing a road surface to traffic faster, Becsey said asphalt is also quieter than concrete.  
 Because there are no joints in asphalt, traffic traveling on asphalt roads create less noise than on concrete roads.  
 As far as holding up under traffic and weather, Becsey said asphalt still scores better than concrete.  
 He said a properly designed asphalt road can withstand any type of weather and any kind of load. In addition, because asphalt is a dark color, snow melts off of it faster, Becsey said.  
 Even with testimony from each side of the issue, local road engineers and city officials still have a hard time deciding which material is the right choice, especially when it comes to weather.  
 "I think when it gets very bad, Mother Nature has a pretty detrimental effect on each," said MDOT's Wilson.  
 But Kriewald still believes asphalt is better in Michigan weather than concrete. Asphalt is completely resistant to salt and holds up better under freezing and thawing because it is more flexible than concrete, the Novi city manager explained.  
 Kriewald added asphalt looks better in some areas than concrete because of its darker color. For example, asphalt used on Meadowbrook Road between Twelve Mile and Thirteen Mile Roads blends in better to its country surroundings, he said.  
 That road reopened last week, with local officials traveling on a hay wagon from Tollgate Farm to celebrate.  
 But, in some cases, concrete is the better choice, Kriewald added. For example, if the ground under asphalt is bad, the asphalt road could fail. If the ground under concrete is bad, there is less of a chance that it would cause a concrete to fail.  
 Regardless of their differences, Kriewald pointed out that with the right engineering, both asphalt and concrete can be designed to be equal. Thus, in the end, neither can be said to be more beneficial than the other.  
 "We actually brought in both representatives (from asphalt and concrete paving associations) and had a debate. When they got done, I don't think anyone could decide. They both put up good arguments," said Kriewald.  
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## Charter petition in attorney general's hands

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 Chuck Tindall said he and other members of PARKS will be working hard to get the word out about the proposed golf course.  
 "There are quite a few members of the group who will be actively campaigning to get the word and vote out," Tindall said.  
 "We want people to vote for candidates, mayoral or for city council who are opposed to the golf course."  
 Tindall explained that his frustration stems from the lack of sympathy he said came from some council members when he and other residents expressed their opinions about the proposed golf course. They felt they were not listened to, he added.  
 "We are going to campaign because we have nothing to lose," Tindall said.

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# Team Japan

## Novi teachers head to Asia to learn culture

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN  
Staff Writer

In an attempt to merge Eastern traditions and culture with Western teachings and education, a North American team will be visiting Japan for four weeks to learn more about that nation's customs and heritage.

Three members of the team of six are teachers in the Novi school district.

Bridget Barnes Espinosa, 26, is currently teaching Spanish and English as a Second Language at Novi High School.

Jennifer Flodder, 29, is a reading specialist at Parkview Elementary School and Emily Samuels, 30, is an art teacher at Orchard Hills Elementary School.

They'll travel with an experienced team leader and two other teachers to Japan on Sept. 23. The four-week trip will end on Oct. 21.

The two other educators joining the group are Janice Wranich, 26, who teaches chemistry and math at the Lambton-Kent Composite School in Dresden, Ontario and Holly Ward Lamb, 31, who works as a librarian at the Howell Carnegie District Library in Howell.

The educators will be led to Japan by Bill Deyo, 63, a Madison Heights resident who spent nearly three years at the Misawa Air Force Base, located in northern Japan, during World War II.

The trip is part of the 1999-2000 District 6380 Rotary Club Group Study Exchange.

"Our main purpose is to better assist our students from Japan. We want to have a better understanding of our growing community, which includes many students who are from Japan."

Bridget Espinosa,  
Novi teacher

Mike Rambus, group study exchange chair, said the trip is sponsored by the Rotary Foundation, which is the philanthropic arm of Rotary International.

"This is a very serious program where millions are spent annually on different philanthropic projects," Rambus said.

"We are participating with Japan District 2830, where we have sponsored people from their group and now they are going to sponsor people from our group."

Steve Myers, Rotary District 6380 assistant governor, said the group study exchange's purpose is to spread good will and understanding, as well as allowing the

members an opportunity to learn about different cultures, government and educational systems.

"These teams will be shadowing different people in different situations," Myers said.

"As educators, the team will be able to share many of the things they learn in Japan with the students in their classes. The main challenge will be for them to really share their experiences and satisfy their students."

Through a selective application process, the five educators were chosen from a group of candidates that covered more than 60 different school districts.

With many activities and tours scheduled, the visit will center around the northern Japanese city of Aomori.

"This is really exciting," Espinosa said.

"Our main purpose is to better assist our students from Japan. We want to have a better understanding of our growing community, which includes many students who are from Japan."

The group was notified of their selection for the group study exchange in June and have been preparing for their tour by learning more about the Japanese culture, heritage and customs.

As the group met again on Monday, they learned some common phrases in Japanese, trends in education, common misconceptions in language barriers, as well



Photo by B.J. HAMMERSTEIN

The Rotary Club is sponsoring six teachers to go to Japan to learn how to blend Eastern and Western culture. Three are Novi teachers. From left to right standing are: Holly Comb, Bill Deyo

and Emily Samuels. Sitting are: Jennifer Flodder, Bridget Espinosa and Janice Wranich.

as differences in traditional living.

"Japan is not what it seems," Myers said. "Their culture is different than what it is here in America. By going to their country as a professional, that would be giving them a compliment."

As Monday's meeting and learning session at Suzuki, Myers & Associates Ten Mile Road office wound down, the members of the group study exchange anticipated their trip to Japan.

"The school district has been

very supportive and we all just can't wait to go," Espinosa said.

"We might be a little scared, but we are more excited than anything else."

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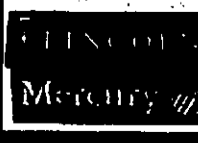
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By CHRIS C. DAVIS  
Staff Writer

When Joe Daly calls it a day and drives home from work, traveling 40 mph seems like the speed of light.

But that's mostly because he rarely touches the gas pedal when he's driving his Penguin ice cream truck through the streets of Northville and Northville Township.

"The only time I really get to hit the accelerator is if there's a hill," said Daly, 23. "Other than that, I let the truck just roll along."

Daly's been trolling the neighborhoods in the white truck with the nonstop summertime jingles blaring since he was 18, due mostly to the fact his father owns Penguin and its fleet of 20 trucks. A recent graduate of the University of Michigan, Daly will be taking on an entirely new vocation as a teacher at Marine City High School in the next couple of months.

This then, is Daly's last summer as the everyday hero to the hot and hungry residents near Novi and Northville.

## THE PENGUINMOBILE

Daly hops inside the converted Ford Econoline van. By any standard, this is a vehicle designed for work.

The seat cushions have been tattered almost beyond recognition. Bubble gum wrappers are scattered on the dashboard and on the floor. Brown carpeting has been installed across the walls and ceiling of the cab. There's no rear bench in the van, but there is a blue folding chair Daly sits on when he's wheeling and dealing the wares.

"We bought this thing used and made the modifications to it," he says. It takes about three or four turns on the starter to get the engine to take over, probably due to the fact the van has logged nearly 100,000 miles so far.

He smiles. "As vans go, this is the Cadillac of the fleet," he says. "This one's got power steering and a stereo. Most of the other ones don't."

He makes his way toward Rayson Street. It's a little after 2 p.m. now, which I later find out isn't the most profitable time of day. The bucks start rolling around 5 or 6 p.m.

It's also near 90 degrees — a temperature Daly tells me is actually too hot to be selling ice cream in.

"Around 70 or 80 degrees is perfect," he says. "When it gets like it is now, a lot of people will just go inside and turn on the air conditioning. They don't want to come out."

As we creep along, I come to find out Daly's first job was as a summer assistant for basketball camps. He played basketball himself during his years at Detroit Catholic Central. He began working for Penguin a few months shy of his 18th birthday and has since worked both as a driver and as a

mechanic.

There's a pause in our conversation, which makes me acutely aware of the neverending cycle of electronic music filling the air outside. Inside, rock music is quietly streaming through the cabin.

If he really wanted to, Daly could change the tune. There's a knob on the dashboard he shows me, flipping through the four selections he has at his disposal.

"Pop Goes The Weasel" drives me nuts," he says, then rolls through the other two — the theme from "The Sting" and monotone chimes. All three have a certain Chinese water torture sort of quality.

"When I first started out, it really got on my nerves," he quips. "You just get used to it after a while."

Most of rear portion of the van is filled with a freezer chest that's been bolted to the floor. I'm surprised to learn that the cooler is actually kept cold through the use of cold plates which are charged overnight, but are not electrically active while the trucks are out on the route.

"They stay frozen through the entire route," he said.

## THE CUSTOMERS

At the very moment when I'm beginning to think no one will buy ice cream from Daly, a boy around age nine or 10 shuffles his way to the curb. Daly kills the music and activates a stop sign that flips out from the side of the truck.

The boy peers at the corn-colored menu of goodies. He's soon joined by another boy about his age and two younger girls wearing swimsuits who tiptoe their way across the hot pavement.

The boys take a few moments to consider their options and come away with the \$1.50 items. The girls, on the other hand, aren't quite as financially well-off.

"What can we get for 40 cents?" they ask Daly.

"Well, you don't have enough right now, but if you get 70 cents you could split one of these," he responds, pointing to a rainbow freezer pop.

The girls look at each other, then dash back to their home, returning moments later with two more quarters. Daly cuts them a deal and gives them a fudge bar and a watermelon frozen treat. The girls take hold of the already-dripping sweets and make their way back to the shade of their front yard.

Daly sits back down behind the driver's seat. A lineup of cars has assembled behind the truck, unaware that cars can pass a stopped ice cream truck, so long as they've stopped and proceed with caution.

"That's the sort of thing that tugs at your heart," he says with a sigh. "You know they've only got a few pieces of change in their pockets and they don't have enough. Sometimes I'll let a nickel slide here and there."

Not five minutes after selling to the kids do we encounter a pair of carpenters, one of whom bears a striking resemblance to former Red Wings defenseman Slava Fetisov.

Using heavy accents, they buy up three or four chocolate items from the menu. Daly strains out the window to



Joe Daly has delivered ice cream to Northville residents for more than five years.

Photo by Tom Hibben

pass them their orders. I notice that he makes change not from some sophisticated-looking cash register, but rather from a red plastic pencil box you'd find in a second grade classroom.

"Construction workers are great, because they're usually stuck on the site and they're hungry as all heck," Daly says.

We round the corner onto Horton Street. I ask about what he does if he springs a flat tire. So far, he hasn't had that misfortune.

"I did have a transmission go on me once, and the chimes died, too," he says. "Our guys in the shop take good care of the trucks, though."

Daly peers almost as much into his mirrors as he does the road in front of him. This, I'm told, is to catch sight of youngsters who try their hand at long-distance running in the hopes of catching him after he's already passed by their house.

"I usually see them, but once in a while I don't," he says, again checking the rear-view. "The worst feeling is when a kid has been chasing you for a block

and you haven't realized it."

We pass by a woman who glances in our direction. She stares at the truck momentarily, then makes her way back into her house. No sale.

"That's a classic example of a head fake," Daly said. "You get a lot of those in the afternoon hours."

But around the next corner Daly's luck is better. It's an older man wearing a Ben Hogan golf hat.

"Ice cream sandwich, please," he says, without hesitation. Daly crawls back to the cooler and extracts the foil-wrapped dessert.

"Seniors are the ones that will almost always buy from you if they see you," Daly says. "I'd say that in 95 percent of the cases when an older person is looking in my direction, it's because they want to buy ice cream."

## MELTING

We make our way back to Northville High School, where Daly starts his runs. I learn more about the ice cream business as we make our way back to Eight

Mile and Center.

There is no bona fide "season." It starts when weather breaks and ends when weather gets lousy.

Routes are still driven in light rain. Torrential showers will cancel a portion of a day, but usually not the whole day.

Those hired at Penguin pass background checks and driving tests. Says Daly, "My boss isn't about to hire criminals." Along those same lines, Daly tells me he still gets inquiries about the 1950s-era white jacket and cap and if it's a standard issue uniform. (It isn't, in case you're wondering. The day I'm with him, Daly is wearing an ash-gray U-M shirt and shorts.)

We pull up near the Northville water tower. I jump out and make my way toward my car. Before I do, I turn and ask Daly one more question.

"Just out of curiosity — do you still like ice cream, even if you're around it all day?" I ask.

He smiles and laughs.

"Yeah...probably too much," he says.

## Northville resident named Michigan Public Servant of the Year

By CHRIS C. DAVIS  
Staff Writer

Maybe they should have given Nancy Darga a set of golf clubs instead of a clock.

After all, she's spent almost her entire professional career in the out-of-doors.

**"Only if you work in the public sector do you really appreciate how much work (public servants) do for the communities they serve."**

Darga was recently named the Michigan Public Servant of the Year by the Public Administration Foundation of Michigan.

A resident of Northville for the last four years, Darga won the award not even knowing such recognitions existed.

"I'd never heard of it, and I've been working in government for the last 21

years," Darga said.

She was presented with the award at the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments general assembly meeting.

Darga said winning the award was a rare opportunity for persons in the public sector like herself to receive recognition, rather than public scorn, which she said has been popularized by the media as of late.

"Most of the time, the media wants to make public servants look bad," she said. "Only if you work in the public sector do you really appreciate how much work they do for the communities they serve."

Darga has been the chief of design for the parks and recreation service for more than two decades.

Among her responsibilities:

- Coordinating all construction projects for the recreation department, including communicating with contractors and project managers;

- Designing and overseeing installation of new signage, a good portion of which can be seen in Hines Park;
- Applying for grants, and
- Establishing environmental programs for the parks.

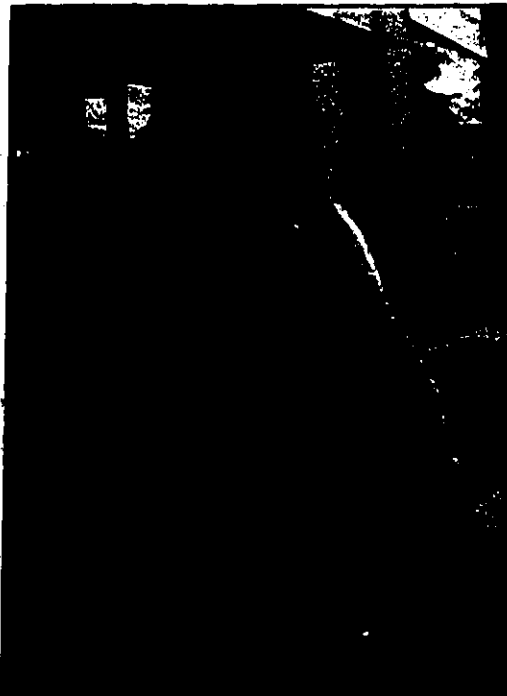
In addition to her assigned duties, Darga said she has also worked as the Wayne County coordinator for the Southeast Michigan Greenways program and helped organize the initial Rouge Rescue program.

But the accomplishment that made Darga most proud was the passage of federal legislation last November that

designated certain portions of southeast Michigan as automotive historic districts. The laws helped provide the incentive for old auto plants — like the former Ford Valve Plant in Northville — to be spared the wrecking ball and instead converted into other projects.

"What was wild about that was that when we came up with the idea, people were telling me that it would never happen," Darga said. "Then President Clinton signed it into law after (U.S. Representative) Joe Knollenberg put on the boxing gloves and got it done."

Darga is a graduate of Michigan State University and mother to her children, Alex and Anna. She is married to Wayne County engineer Michael Darga.



Darga was pleasantly surprised that she had won an award.

Business Briefs

Carol Dipple, president of the Novi Chamber of Commerce, is pictured with other members.



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Chamber has busy month ahead

NOVI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

This coming Friday is the deadline for paid registrations for the chamber luncheon on Aug. 17 at 11:30 a.m. at the Novi Hilton. Tickets are \$15 for guaranteed reservations, \$20 at the door. The special guest speaker will be Rep. Joe Rostenberg, R-Farmington Hills, who is currently serving his fourth term in office in Michigan's 11th Congressional district. He will be updating the chamber of current legislation. August is a busy month for chamber members. On Aug. 19, the 12th annual Tycoon Tee-off will be held at the Links of Novi with registration at 9 a.m. and a shotgun start at 10 a.m. Volunteers are needed for the event, one of which is the special events committee, which has organized several chamber events in the past few months, including the Main Street rock dedication, the Chamber Challenge golf mixer, the Morning Mixer and Gorman Record Storage, an after-work mixer at Wyndham Garden Hotel, participation at the Bluesfest International, and the Michigan '50s Festival. Many programs are on the chamber's September calendar, including one on home-based businesses, Chamber Economic Summit III, an employment forum, a morning mixer at Folgate Farms and a candidate's forum. For more information, call the chamber office at (248) 349-3743.

NOVI PUBLIC LIBRARY

The summer reading program came to a close last Friday with more than 650 in attendance for the ice cream sundae being served by several of the 98 youth volunteers who assisted these workers with the summer program. Also in attendance and visiting with the children and their parents was Markie Karpopper, head of the Novi youth department. Working with Oppener in the department is Mindy Schaller and Jennifer Taggart, youth librarian. The volunteers needed to be in seventh grade and be able to work two hours a week for six weeks. Attendance was very good in many of the special events with 320 children enjoying the "Lizard Lady," Teresa Killen, and her traveling live reptiles. Approximately 90 youths participated in craft classes, while Stories and Fun for children ages four to seven and around 70 kids signed up.

Novi Highlights

Around 250 participated in special program on "Bean Mama." "Do You Believe In Magic?" tie-dyeing, and an "Outback Adventure Wing Ding," hosted by Dennis Grzesiak and his young.

When visiting the children's section of the library, be sure to look for the wall-hanging quilt that was made by the Novi Needleers of the Novi Senior Center, just for children. The various squares represented various children's stories such as "The Cat In The Hat," "Winnie The Pooh," "The Very Amazing Caterpillar," and "Corduroy The Bear." In the showcases are several collections, one of which was created by Carly Wilhelm, a fifth-grader from Novi Meadows with "Dolls Around the World." The items were from Holland, Germany, Belgium, Brazil and Mexico. Mason Carnie, age three, had a display of Pokemon trading cards.

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH Plans are being made for the start of a new program, "Children's Church," that will begin Sept. 19 at 11:15 a.m., as well as a new adult Bible study at the same time. A staffed nursery is available for children ages four and under. Volunteers are needed to staff the programs. Each team will be responsible for one Sunday each month and the fifth team will take the fifth Sunday.

The program will contain a worship message on a children's level, songs, an offering and a snack. The final 25 minutes will include art and games based on a scripture for the week. Other plans for the autumn include an open house by the music department on Aug. 29 between 9:15 a.m. and 10 a.m. with a light breakfast snack being served. There are many opportunities to serve in the music ministry, including several choir contacts and instrumentals. Several programs are coming up at the church, including the church picnic Aug. 15 following the 9:45 a.m. service. An autumn co-ed softball league is being planned, and the FRIENDS group of adults age 20 to 40 who are single and without children will be going to the Michigan State Fair on Aug. 27.

The golf group will be at Glen Oaks on Aug. 21 for an early tee-off. Woman-to-Woman will be meeting on Aug. 18 at 7 p.m. "Service Saturday" is a group of people who sign up to help community groups with various projects. They are interested in giving one day's service to a deserving facility. They'll be at the Wayne Family Center on Aug. 21.

NOVI GIRL SCOUTS The correct date for the first leader's meeting of the Scouting year is Aug. 18 at 7:30 p.m., and will be under the leadership of Janice Church. Another new troop organizer has been added to Church's staff — Jill Smith, who will be working with the troops at Orchard Hills Elementary School. At the meeting, troop round-up dates for each school will be planned if school calendars are available.

This is a time when girls new to Scouting and their parents can come to register, or returning girls can re-register. In addition, leaders will be needed for the new Daisy troops who are the youngest girls in the troops. Training schedules are already available and this information will be at the meeting. A report will be given regarding the donation to the "Summer Dreams" program, started by Neal Shine, former publisher of the Detroit Free Press. The fund helps disadvantaged children have a summer camp experience. Monies that are donated to the fund are matched with identical funds from the Skillman Foundation. Novi Neighborhood made a donation that was matched, making it possible for many girls to spend time at camp Innsfree.

Troop No. 530, lead by Diane Torres-Perreault, is planning a trip to Space Camp in Huntsville, Ala. A seventh-grade cadet troop has already raised money with one bottle drive. Another one is planned Aug. 28. Troop No. 2315, lead by Anne Wehrth, Kathy Schulte and Joan Thimm made several trips, including one to Chicago and another to Greenfield Village. They also visited to the music for Middle Eastern Culture in Dearborn and paid a visit to the Mexican Village.

For information on these or any other Hope Lutheran events, call the church office at (248) 553-7170.

Novi Highlights are compiled by Novi resident Jeanne Clarke.

Weddings



Kulha-Sieradski

Lisa Kulha and Steven Sieradski were married Nov. 28 at St. Agnes Church in Dearborn.

The bride is the daughter of Frank and Sue Kulha of Northville. She is a graduate of the University of Michigan and works as an engineer at General Motors. The groom is the son of John and Theresa Sieradski of Shelby Township. He is a graduate of Kettering University and is also an engineer at General Motors. Craig Wilbert, the groom's best man, was born in Novi. Christine Kangas, the bride's sister, served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Dailyn Matthews and Diane Reed, sisters of the bride, and Anne Grout, Sheryl Eriks and Sharon Fox, friends of the brides. Flower girls were Elizabeth Kangas, Larissa Beard and Bronie Schmitt, friends of the bride. Ushers were Scott Kulas, Dave Huskwick, Matt Blair, Dave Elwood and Chris Howe. The wedding was officiated by Rev. Eugene Wietzwick and a reception followed at Meadowbrook Country Club. The couple honeymooned in St. Lucia and currently reside in Clarkston.



Old gold

The Marquis Theater children will be performing the fairy tale "Rumpelstiltskin" through Sept. 26. The story tells the tale of a mischievous gnome who turns straw into gold for a very high price. The show runs weekdays Tuesday through Friday at 10:30 a.m. and Saturday and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$6. For more information, call (248) 349-8110.

Church News

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church will be hosting a father-son canoe trip down the Belle River Sept. 17-19. The cost is \$45 per person. Registration forms, available at the church office, must be submitted by Sept. 12. For more information, call (248) 374-7400.

"Resurrected Oldies Car Show" is on deck for Northville Christian on Aug. 15 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission for visitors is free, while those interested in showing cars of their own will need to submit a registration form and \$10 registration fee to Northville Christian. For more information, call (734) 462-2805.

Clothes for the needy are accepted at Holy Family Catholic Church in Novi every Monday from 9 a.m. to noon and then from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. On Thursday, the church accepts donations from 9 a.m. to noon. Drop-offs outside of the prescribed hours cannot be accepted. Low-income persons needing to shop for clothes must call to schedule an appointment. For more information, call (248) 349-8553.

Also at Holy Family — the "Friends In Faith" group, a meeting on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. For both married couples and single people, Friends is an opportunity for spiritually-minded persons to socialize and discuss their religion. For more information, call (248) 544-3385 or (248) 349-8553.

The group Moms Offering Moms Support, part of First United Methodist Church of Novi, will meet Aug. 11 at Kensington Metropark in Brighton at the park's farm. MOMS will meet again Aug. 18 at Island Lake Recreation Center in Brighton at Spring Red Pond for swimming and lunch. For more information, call (734) 425-2634.

In Service

Navy fireman recruit Cory Webb, a 1990 graduate of Walled Lake Central High School completing U.S. Navy basic training and Great Lakes III. Well completed a variety of training, including classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival and shipboard and aircraft safety.

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### Community Events

The Michigan Anti-Cruelty Society hosts pet adoptions at a monthly event. The event is held every third Saturday of the month between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. The next event will be held on Sept. 19. For more information, call (248) 461-2741.

Waterford Bend - Hines Park of Michigan is holding a "20th Anniversary" celebration. The event is held on Aug. 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25 at 7:30 p.m. The celebration will feature a variety of activities, including a parade, fireworks, and a concert. For more information, call (313) 241-1100.

The Michigan Renaissance Festival will host a "Dinner & Show" party on Aug. 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25 at 7:30 p.m. The event will feature a variety of activities, including a parade, fireworks, and a concert. For more information, call (313) 241-1100.

The Novi Theaters will be taking auditions for parts in "Anne of Green Gables" which will be staged Oct. 22 through Oct. 24. The play will be performed Nov. 12 through 14. Auditions for "Anne of Green Gables" on Aug. 24 and 25 at 7:30 p.m. while auditions for "The Golden Goose" are slated for Aug. 23 and 25 at 4 p.m. All auditions must pay a participation fee of \$125 once cast. For more information, call (248) 417-0100.

The Plymouth Community Fall Festival is slated for Sept. 10, 11, and 12 in downtown Plymouth. The event is a cooperative effort of the school board, city, and church groups of the Plymouth Community. Funds raised in the festival will support a number of community projects. For more information, including specific dates and time information, call (734) 453-1540.

St. Mary's College will be hosting jazz musician Chuck Mangione as part of the campus "Jazz On The Lake" festival Sept. 12. Mangione will be on stage alongside Detroit jazz artist Alexander Zappa. The event begins with a silent auction at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$65. For more information, call (248) 683-1750.

The Schoolcraft College Culinary Extravaganza is slated for Sept. 26 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. The gourmet feast raises scholarship funds for Schoolcraft students. Many of the restaurants which will be participating have Schoolcraft alumni now working for them. A luncheon and raffle will accompany the event. One of the auction items being planned is a gourmet dinner for eight prepared at the bidder's home. Tickets to the event are \$40 per person or \$75 per couple. For more information, call (734) 462-1417.

Auditions for new members of the Schoolcraft College Community Choir will be held Sept. 14 in Room 530 of the Forum Building on Sept. 7 and 14. Auditions begin at 7:30 p.m. The choir's membership is made up of both Schoolcraft students and non-students. Participants must meet to receive regular academic credit through the college. This year's musical repertoire includes pieces by Bach, Mozart, Brahms and Rachmaninoff. For more information, call (248) 349-8175 or (734) 462-4435.

### Engagements



Dan and Kathy Shaw of Granville, Ohio, announce the engagement of their daughter, Angela Shaw, to Kevin Mizel, son of Ray and Linda Mizel of Nov.

The bride-elect is a 1993 graduate of Spring Hill School in Salem, Ore. She received dual bachelor's degrees in civil engineering and policy from Washington University in 1997. She is employed as an information technology consultant with Deloitte Consulting in Chicago.

The groom-elect is a 1991 graduate of Novi High School. He received a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Washington University in 1995 and a master's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Illinois in 1997. He is employed with Motorola in Arlington Heights, Ill. The couple plans a Sept. 25 wedding in Granville.



Mr. and Mrs. Donald Warner of Milford and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bruckman of Novi announce the engagement of Sara Ann Warner to Dave Bruckman.

The bride-elect is a 1994 graduate of Milford High School and is currently pursuing an elementary education degree from the University of Michigan. The groom-elect is a 1987 business graduate of Western Michigan University.

The bride-elect is a 1994 graduate of Novi High School. He received a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Washington University in 1995 and a master's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Illinois in 1997. He is employed with Motorola in Arlington Heights, Ill. The couple plans a Sept. 25 wedding in Granville.

### Births



Melissa Bruckman

Melissa Lynn Bruckman was born to Northville residents Marilyn and Dean Bruckman on July 14. She weighed 8 pounds 9 ounces at birth. Melissa is the granddaughter of Jack and Lynn Bruckman of Brighton and Paul and Catherine Molenda of Harrison Township.

She is also the great-granddaughter to Joe and Fran Romano of Chesterfield, Eileen and Rocco D'Alessandro of South Lyon, Bernie and Lucille Molendo of Cape Coral, Fla., and Grace Bruckman of Plymouth.

### On Campus

The Detroit College of Business has announced the names of local students who have made the dean's list for the spring 1999 quarter.

**NORTHVILLE:** Rose O'Reilly and Tanya Rouse.  
**NOVI:** Mark Ashley and Charles Hawthorn.

Adrian College announced former Novi student Charles Spolsky was named to the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association's honor roll. Spolsky plays football for the college.

Western Michigan University announced Northville student Amy Thelen received a President's Scholarship for Study Abroad, awarded to a foreign language student for one semester of international learning. Thelen is a French major. WMC also announced Novi student Bryan Hill received a \$1,400 Ruth Kirby Scholarship. The award is given to Spanish majors.

Novi resident Megan Dougherty graduated from Keene State College in Keene, N.H., with a bachelor's degree.

The National Society of Collegiate Scholars inducted Novi resident Kristin M. Calandro at the University of Michigan. She will be honored in a ceremony this fall at the campus's Stubnitz Gallery.

Northville High School graduate Jack Sprauer will display a two-dimensional design entitled "Depicting Tears" and two drawings - "The Eyes of My Pain" and "Distance Attached" as part of Adrian College's exhibition of art in the campus's Stubnitz Gallery.

Spring Arbor College announced two Northville students had made the spring semester 1999 dean's list: Amber Hines and Daniel Milnes. Hines is the daughter of Robert and Julie Hines, while Milnes is the son of Gordon and Charlotte Milnes.

Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio, announced 1999 Northville High School graduate and incoming BGSU freshman Kristin Schwartz received the Tampa Bay Alumni Scholarship on the basis of grade point average and extracurricular involvement in high school. Schwartz is planning on studying visual communication technology.

Calvin College announced Novi High School graduate Natalie Jewell was the recipient of a Calvin Honors scholarship.

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The First Presbyterian Church of Northville is offering the following workshops and social events:

• Divorce Recovery Workshop  
Aug. 19-Sept. 30 at 7 p.m. Various speakers will attend, the cost is \$20.  
• Getting It Right: The Next Time  
Featured will be Jacque Martin Downs and Lynn Vaughn.  
A five-week series, Aug. 26, Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23, from 7:30-9 p.m. A charge of \$40 for the complete series.

**Weekend Social Events**  
• July 31  
Dinner: 6:30 p.m., McVe's Restaurant, 23380 Telegraph Road, Southfield. RSVP to John Shewell, (248) 471-4828 by noon. At your own expense.  
Bethany Together Dance, 8 p.m.-12:30 a.m., Divine Providence Church, Nine Mile and Beech Daly, Southfield - Cost \$8, no reservations are needed.

• Aug. 6  
T.G.I.F., 5:30-7 p.m., Box Bar and Grille, 777 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Cost on your own.  
Concert in the Park Jazz Night, 7-9 p.m. This outdoor concert takes place every Friday evening in the park in downtown Plymouth.

• Aug. 7  
Dinner: 6:30 p.m., Mama Mia Restaurant, 27770 Plymouth Road, Livonia. RSVP John Shewell, (248) 471-4828 by noon. All cost on your own.

Bethany Dance, 8 p.m.-12:30 a.m., St. Robert Bellarmine, 27201 W. Chicago, Redford. Cost: \$8 includes admission and refreshments. No reservations needed.

• Aug. 14  
Cornwell's Professional Dinner Theater, Turkeyville, Mich., (near Marshall, Mich.), for turkey dinner at 6 p.m. and "Hello Dolly" at 8 p.m. Car pool from First Presbyterian Church at 4 p.m. Cost: \$29.50/person.



### Anniversaries



Cummins 50th

Ken and June Cummins will celebrate their 50th anniversary at a Mass at Holy Family Catholic Church in Novi. A party celebrating the anniversary will take place at Stephenson Haus in Royal Oak following the Mass.

The Cummins were married Sept. 10, 1949 at St. Cecilia Church. Mr. Cummins is a former professor of civil engineering at the University of Detroit and Seatco Graduate School in Bangkok, Thailand. He is currently the senior staff consultant at Testing Engineers & Consultants and a member of Knights of Columbus. Mrs. Cummins is a lifelong homemaker and is active as a religious minister and is Right-To-Life Lifespan member of Holy Family. Both Mr. and Mrs. Cummins were born in Detroit.

The Cummins have lived in Detroit, Thailand and Novi during their marriage. Their children are Joan and Bill Rogers of Canton, Michael and Suzan of Alexandria, Va., Patricia and Dennis Hollenbeck of Westland, Tim and Atsuko Cummins of Toledo, Ohio, Peggy and Craig Polinski of Plymouth, and Kathi Cummins of Farmington Hills.

### Runaround

A guest at the Michigan '50s Festival takes a trip on a carnival ride in between stops at the other attractions of the Novi celebration. The festival has quickly scaled the ranks

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## Shrouded in mystery and legend



Domino's Farms displays ancient artifact replica through Sept. 23

The only life-sized replica of the Holy Shroud of Turin will be on display at Domino's Farms from Aug. 17 through Sept. 23.

The exhibit features a replica of the famous religious artifact, but a historical interpretation of the crucifixion of Christ as reported in the gospel of John. There is also a life-sized replica of the crucifixion as well as more than 100 photos, charts and results of the scientific and forensic study of the shroud. The exhibit is free of charge.

The shroud, believed to be the burial cloth of Jesus Christ, has for centuries been the source of debate and controversy. It is roughly 15 feet by 4 feet and is thought to have been brought to Europe during the Crusades. It first came to the Catholic Church in 1353.

The full-length image of the front and back of a human figure bearing the signs of crucifixion is imprinted on one surface of the cloth. In 1898, the church in Turin was ready to relegate the shroud to a museum. A picture was taken of the cloth for cataloging purposes by Secondo Pia. Though it seems impossible, the image on the shroud turned out to be a negative. It appears similar to a negative of a black and white photo. When a photograph is taken of the shroud and is developed into a photographic negative, the image is reversed and one now sees a positive picture of Jesus. Scientists are in general agreement that they would be unable to produce an image of the shroud's likeness with today's technology.

The replica of the Shroud of Turin will be on display Tuesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 6 p.m. For more information, call (734) 930-7777.

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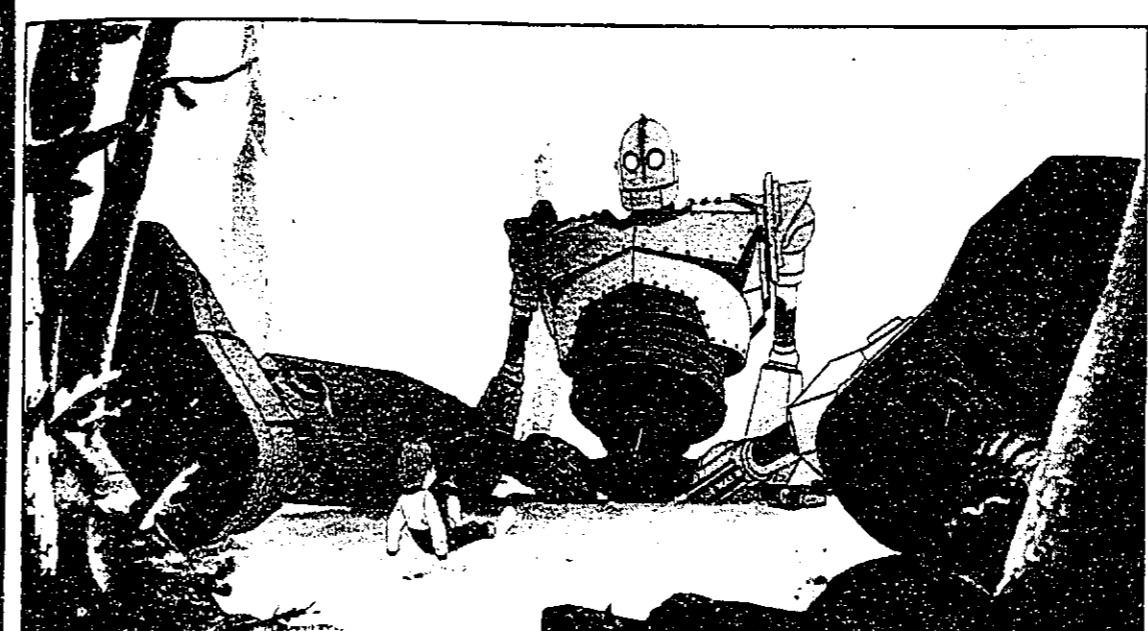
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# Movies

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## 'The Iron Giant' has insatiable appetite for metal



Hogarth and The Iron Giant in Warner Bros.' new animated adventure, "The Iron Giant."

October of 1957. America had plenty to be worried about. Rock 'n' roll. Television. The bomb. And on the fourth day of that month, the Soviets successfully launched the first manmade satellite. Sputnik, into orbit.

## 'Drop Dead Gorgeous' offers cheap laughs and slow plot

By Jon M. Gibson  
GUEST MOVIE REVIEW

It's a great concept, and the movie even packs a few laughs, but when seen through to the end, "Drop Dead Gorgeous" is nothing more than your average unmemorable comedy. Effectively crafted through the eyes of a documentary crew, the film delves into the twisted world of teenage beauty pageants, following the same rough guidelines that made Spinal Tap a world-renowned presence in cinema. With backstabbing colorful and ultimately uneducated characters thrown into this dark comedy, you might assume that Christopher Guest had his hands in this kernel of pop culture called a "mockumentary."

er. People were unsure about their neighbors, even questioning their friends.  
In the small town of Rockwell, Maine, Annie Hughes (voice of Jennifer Aniston) is just worried about putting supper on the table for herself and her nine-year-old son, Hogarth (voice of Eli Marienthal).  
A single mother holding down a job at the local diner, Annie has her hands full with Hogarth-headstrong and imaginative, always on the lookout for the latest attempted takeover by mutant aliens or subversive intruders.  
So when a local fisherman comes into the diner with a tall tale about a huge metal man falling into the sea, the only one to pay him much attention is Hogarth, who sets out exploring to find the enormous robot.  
What he does find is a 50-foot giant with an insatiable appetite for metal and a childlike curiosity about his new world.  
Rumors of everything from an alien invasion to a Russian secret weapon bent on destroying Rockwell soon spread through the small town, prompting the arrival of government agent Kent Mansley (voiced by Christopher McDonald).



Kirstie Alley in New Line Cinema's "Drop Dead Gorgeous."

Keeping one step ahead of Mansley, Hogarth convinces his beatnik friend Dean (voiced by Harry Connick, Jr.) to hide the Iron Giant (voiced by Vin Diesel) in Dean's junkyard.  
But it isn't long before the rumors turn into paranoia — the situation escalates and the possi-  
ble destruction of Rockwell looms. Hogarth turns to his friend, the Iron Giant, who ultimately finds its humanity by unselfishly saving the town's residents from their own fears and prejudices.  
In times like these, you really find out what your friends are made of... sometimes, even metal.  
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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

## Practice begins for gridders...

The pads aren't on yet, but the varsity and junior varsity football teams are in full motion after Monday's practice kicked off the 1999 season. Monday's practice began at 7:20 a.m. and concluded at 2 p.m., with a break in the middle.

The Wildcats were 5-4 last season and will open up the regular season August 27 at Farmington. The team will visit Brighton the following week before returning home for their opener Sept. 10 versus South Lyon.

## Novi runners dominate 50s Festival race

They came from communities near and far, but it was a pair of Novi runners who stole the show at the annual Time Warner 5K run at the Michigan Fifties Festival July 22.

Both the men's and women's overall winners were Novi residents.

Chris Toloff, 16, won the men's race in a time of 16 minutes, 11 seconds, edging out fellow Novi High School cross country teammate Tim Moore, 15, by a second. The two were neck and neck with 150 yards to go, before Toloff pulled ahead at the finish. The next finisher was David Watkins, who came in at 16:33.

Nancy Schubring, 38, was the lone female runner to break 20 minutes, clocking in at 19:49.

The next closest female of any age was Stacy Barney, 29, who finished in a time of 21:50.

The annual event was broken down into 10 age divisions beginning at 16 & under and ending at 60-64. Two hundred-twenty five runners and walkers took part in the run, which took place on 11 Mile Road east of the Town Center.

"The course is a nice test for the runners," said Running Fit assistant manager Scott Hubbard. "It's an out and back course, but it's definitely not flat. The course has its rolls."

Running Fit and Time Warner worked together to put on the event, which has been a mainstay at the Fifties Festival in the 1990s.

### TIME WARNER TOP FINISHERS

Men	Place	Runner	Age	Time
	1	Chris Toloff	16	16:11
	2	Tim Moore	15	16:12
	3	David Watkins	38	16:33
	4	John Springer	37	17:30
	5	Doug Gibbons	16	17:33
	6	Eric Walle	16	17:39
	7	Jamie Princo	18	17:48
	8	John Tarkowski	46	17:49
	9	Jeremy Aver	17	18:10
	10	Herman Smith	30	18:15

Women	Place	Runner	Age	Time
	23	Nancy Schubring	38	19:49
	43	Stacy Barney	29	21:50
	52	Katie Chonacas	18	22:16
	53	Kellen Smetana	14	22:22
	54	Maggie Zidar	49	22:23

## The colder weather will bring in the perch



**Jerry Posey**

I know of some fishermen that look upon the perch as being "a little to mess with," or "not worth the effort to catch," but most of these fellows have not done much perch fishing or they wouldn't feel that way.

I realize that to a walleye fisherman, the perch is just another bait snatcher that can be quite a pest if it is stealing minnows meant for the larger and more exiting walleye.

And the bass fisherman isn't happy when he is concentrating on a good fish with a hungry bass of record size and he has to keep throwing back much smaller perch that will sometimes grab a lure or plug that is almost as big as they are. But many fishermen, such as myself, find that a good day of fishing can be had while pulling in a bunch of perch as fast as you can get the line back in the water. It's hard to beat the action one gets when a good sized perch decides to grab the worm on the

line at the end of your canepole.

Perch fishing takes no special kind of equipment and can be done by almost anyone, if the fish are in the mood to bite. They can be taken on canepoles, casting rods, spinning outfits and I've heard of them being taken on flyrods, though I have never caught one in this manner.

Perch will start to bite on the open water as soon as the ice is out in the spring, and it is these early perch, caught in the very cold spring water, that I find to be the best eating. They will be a bit slow at taking the baits offered them early in the season before the waters start to warm, but the wait is worth it if you can get enough for a meal.

As the waters warm up, the perch often move into the shallower areas and those with grassy bottoms, in search of the fathead minnows which make up the bulk of their diet. It is at this time that they become a nuisance to the walleye fishermen, but this is also when, just before the spawning season, that the best catches can be made if you are fishing for perch.

In deeper lakes they will tend to locate close to rock piles or sand bars and if you can locate these loaded spots, you can sometimes pull them in as fast as you can return your bait offering to the

water. Perch can be taken on many kinds of bait if they are in the mood to bite. I have made good catches on redworms, night crawlers, crayfish parts, waxworms, and feathery poppers meant for bass or bluegill, but the best bait I've found is the fathead minnow, the kind sold by most bait dealers.

The trick when using a minnow is to get him securely on the hook and keep him alive. The perch will often shy away from a dead minnow and grab the closest live one it can find. This can make the difference between a successful day of fishing and just another day on the lake.

First of all, keep your minnows in such a way that they will stay alive in your pail. Change the water often and if possible keep the container out of the sun. The pail that submerges in the water off the side of the boat is best, they stay cool and the fresh water keeps them supplied with oxygen.

When placing the hook in the minnow, keep in mind that the perch usually prefer to take the minnow head first, so be hooking the bait in the tail or toward the rear of the minnow in the top of the back, the minnow can be swallowed by the perch to the point that the hook can do its job without interference. A little practice will show you how the min-

now can be hooked securely and still not kill the minnow before it hits the water.

Perch are not big fish but you will usually find that when they decide to bite, they bite in bunches, and if they co-operate you can often get enough for a meal before they move on to another feeding spot. Perch move around the lake in small groups or schools and when you find a "perch hole," get busy, because they are not going to stay in that spot long. As the old timers used to say "Make hay while the sun shines."

The weather plays an important role in perch fishing, just as it does in most other kinds. When the weather fluctuates from warm one day, to cooler the next, then back up again, the perch seem to lay low for awhile. But if it levels off for several days in a row, and stays consistent, the perch fishing seems to improve.

Perch fishing can really be good in the late summer or early fall, it seems like the fish seem to know the cold weather is coming and they want to load-up for the hard times ahead. They will move back in to the shallower waters in search of the fathead minnows and insects found there, and may be willing to grab the one with your hook in it if you are in the right spot.

### NOVI FALL SPORTS TRYOUTS

For those of you who haven't heard, or just can't remember, here is a list of practice and tryout times for Novi High School varsity teams for the upcoming fall season.

**GIRLS VARSITY TENNIS** (Jim Hanson)  
August 16 Tryouts run from 8-11 a.m. at the high school (if raining, go to room 107)

**GIRLS JUNIOR VARSITY TENNIS**  
August 16 Tryouts run from 8-10 a.m. at the high school

**GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY** (Norm Norgren)  
August 16 Meet at Lecture Area A at 8 a.m.

**GIRLS VARSITY SWIM** (Terese Tomanek)  
August 16 Practice at high school pool from 8-11 a.m.

**BOYS CROSS COUNTRY** (Bob Smith)  
August 16 Conditioning begins at 8 a.m. at downstairs visitors' lockerroom

**GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL** (Dennis Cichonski)  
August 16 Practice from 4-6 p.m. in the performance gym

**GIRLS JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL**  
August 16 Practice from 2-4 p.m. in the performance gym

**GIRLS FRESHMEN BASKETBALL**  
August 16 Practice from 12-2 p.m. in the performance gym

**BOYS VARSITY GOLF**  
August 16-18 Tryouts at 7 a.m. at the Links of Novi

**BOYS VARSITY SOCCER**  
August 16 Tryouts at 9 a.m. and again at 2 p.m. at Middle School soccer field



## Sparklers burn the competition...

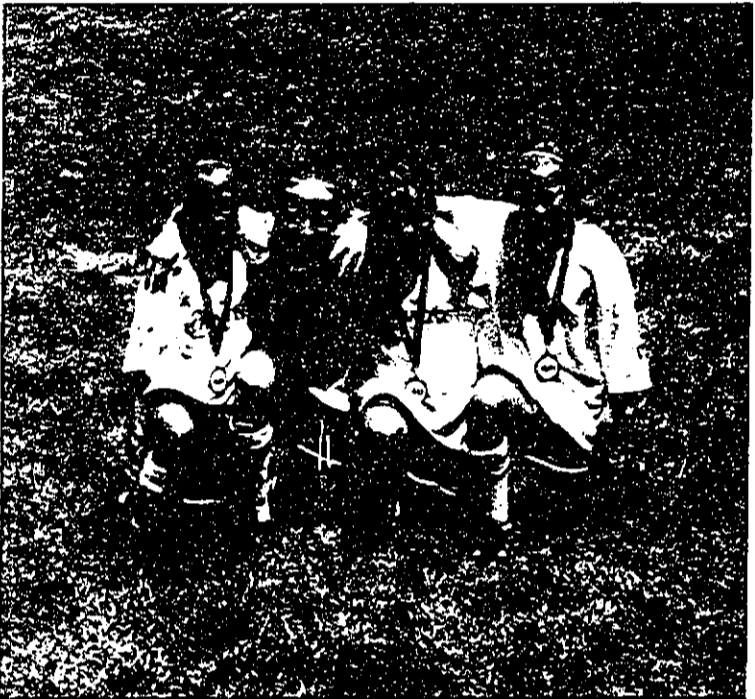
The Novi Sparklers earned the right to advance to the regional finals in Cleveland after winning the 3 on 3 soccer shootout in Birmingham. The Sparklers went undefeated, outscoring their opponents 43-7 in the U-10

division. The team consists of (left to right) Kelly Corless (Novi), Kristine Chaklos (Novi), Stephanie Crawford (Novi) and Courtney Lord (Brighton).



**Butterflies win soccer shootout...**

The Novi Butterflies recently won the 3 on 3 Soccer Shootout in Ann Arbor sponsored by the University of Michigan. The girls stomped their opponents, outscoring them 38-1. The team is made up of top row Kristine Chaklos and Kelli Cor-



**Hawks win shootout...**

The U-9 Michigan Hawks recently won the 3 on 3 Soccer Shootout held in Birmingham July 10-11. The girls advanced to the regional finals to be held in Cleveland August 21-22. All four of the girls play for the Michigan Hawks during the regular season. Team members are left to right Katie Chaklos of Novi, Kathleen Griffith of Livonia, Alyssa Wombwell of Grand Blanc and Kyle Richard of Northville.

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**Local taekwondo athletes compete at national level**

By JASON SCHMITT  
 Sports Editor

It's no secret, and it's not quite at the level of football or basketball. To be honest, it wouldn't even rank in the top 10 participation sports in the City or Township of Northville. But with all the hardware Northville athletes have brought back from national competitions recently, you'd think it was.

Taekwondo continues its growth across the nation, but locally, it's grown into a force which has been displayed by a pair of athletes under the age of 16. Add to that the tremendous achievements of some newcomers and Northville has been well represented across the country in recent years.

Both Steven Wegener and Erica Bivens were recently invited to the Amateur Athletic Union Junior Olympic Games in Cleveland. And both came back with medals for their efforts.

Bivens won a gold medal in Olympic-style sparring and a bronze in forms. Wegener was injured in his first fight, but managed to take home a silver medal in Olympic-style sparring and a bronze in forms.

Both competed at the A.A.U. National Taekwondo Championships in Cedar Rapids, Iowa last month along with seven other medal-winning athletes.

Wegener won a gold medal in sparring and Bivens brought home three medals, a gold in Olympic-style sparring and a bronze in both forms and point sparring.

Four members of the Kevin Eicholtz family made the trek to Iowa and brought home six medals in all, three silver and three bronze.

Kevin competed in his first national championship ever, and brought home a silver medal in the Olympic-style sparring and a bronze in forms. He fought in the

35-year-old senior division. His oldest son Joe, competed in the 10-year-old intermediate division and took home a bronze medal in Olympic-style sparring. Trisha Eicholtz used her three years of training and won a pair of medals, including a silver medal in point sparring and a bronze in forms. The youngest Eicholtz, Harry, took home a silver medal in Olympic-style sparring. He has his yellow belt and has been competing for two years.

Siblings Jessica and Robert Bloom fared considerably as well, winning a combined three medals at nationals.

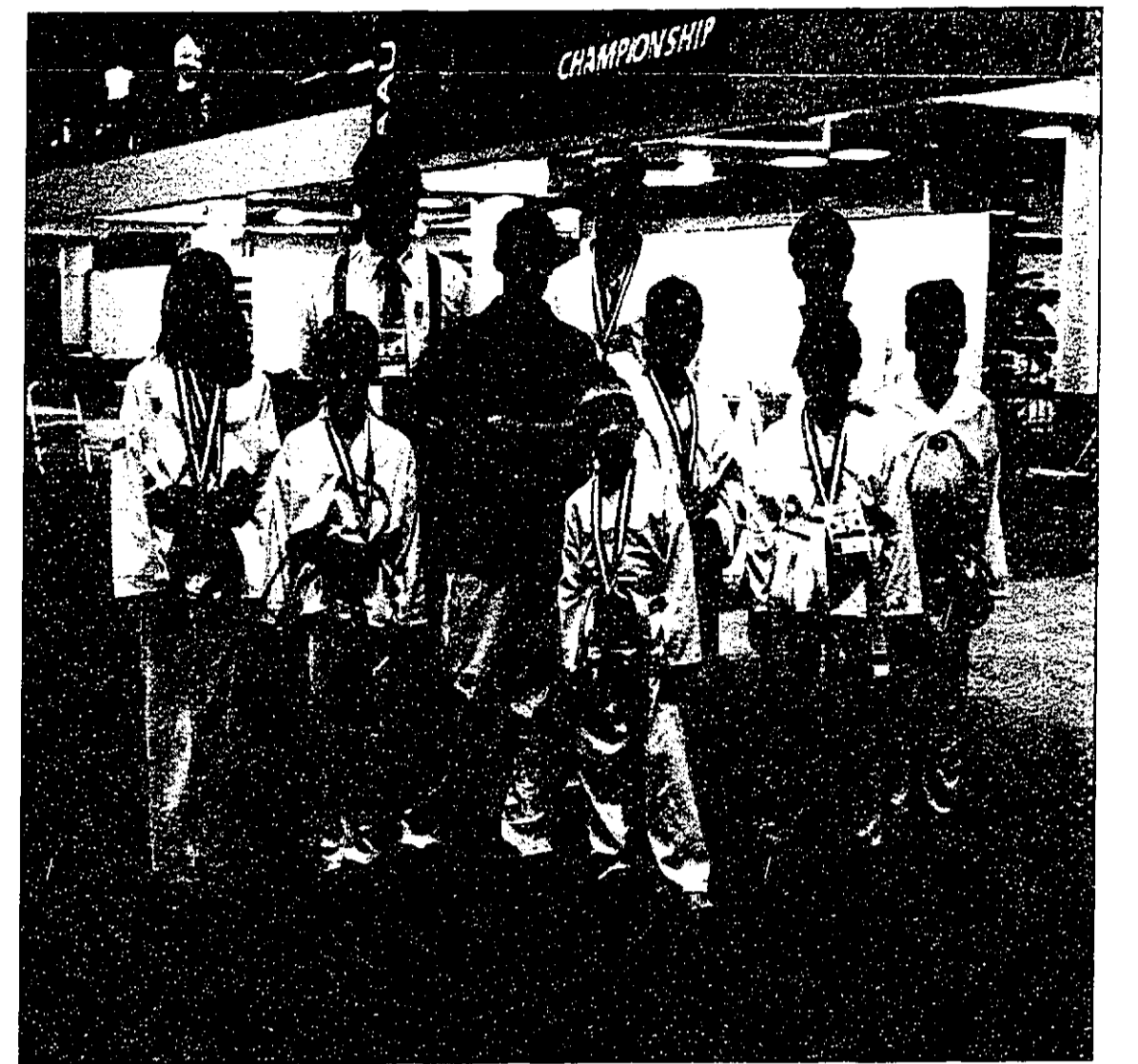
Jessica, competing in the 13-year old division, won gold medals in both Olympic-style sparring and forms. Her brother won a bronze medal in point sparring. Both are blue belts and have been training for five years.

12-year-old Mark Hudson had to defeat a teammate, Joshua Brewer, to win the gold medal in point sparring. The blue belt also won a bronze medal in forms.

Wegener is a freshman at Northville High School while Bivens is an eighth grader at Cooke Middle School. Jessica and Robert Bloom attend Meads Mill Middle School. Jessica is an eighth grader and Robert is in the sixth grade. Mark Hudson is a seventh grader at Meads Mill.

Harry Eicholtz is a second grader at Silver Springs Elementary, where his brother and sister are fifth graders. Kevin Eicholtz is an auto assembler at Ford's Wayne Assembly Plant.

All nine athletes began their karate training through the Northville Recreation department under Master Doug Bourgeois, who runs the Waterford Karate Club. Twenty three of his Waterford athletes competed at



Local members of Master Doug Bourgeois' taekwondo classes pose for a picture at nationals.

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## Health Column

### Balanced guide to nutrition important

The most powerful tool for burning fat is the food we eat. More specifically, the ratio of carbohydrates, protein and fat in your meal. What is the proper ratio we should be aiming for? A diet comprised of 40 percent complex carbohydrates, 30 percent protein and 30 percent fat. It is a balanced guide to nutrition.

Every time we eat, we generate a complex hormonal response in our bodies. These responses determine how much body fat we store and how much fat we burn. Why is this important? In 1980, 26 percent of Americans (5 percent of them children) were obese. In 1996, that number climbed to 55 percent. Obesity is the second-leading cause of death, and it is preventable.

Do diets work? Fifty percent of people that go on a diet fail. To diet means you restrict some nutrient in your diet that your body needs. The body was not designed to restrict nutrients. Most people will only have the willpower to stay on a diet for six weeks. The body sends the message, "It's time to make a change. We need that nutrient."

Most magazines have diets that are for four to six weeks, because that is how long the body can go without the particular nutrient. Ninety-five percent of people on a diet gain the weight back within a year.

We eat to supply nutrients to the body, replace substances lacking and to provide a fuel source. The human body needs all three macronutrients to function: carbohydrates, fat and protein. In 1980 we had the introduction of low-fat diets. Since that time, fat consumption

has gone down while carbohydrate consumption has doubled to nearly 200 percent.

The typical American diet is 60 to 70 percent of carbohydrates, 5 to 10 percent protein and 20 to 30 percent fat.

"High carbohydrate and low-protein diets is the reason our obesity rates are soaring," said Dr. Martin Tamler of Beaumont Hospital. "High carbohydrate diets are not balanced. They can cause blood sugar imbalances and trigger constant hunger with fatigue and mood swings. They raise insulin levels, and this causes our body to store fat and prevent the utilization of body fat."

What happens when we eat? Carbohydrates are the body's most rapid fuel source. It takes 30 to 90 minutes for carbohydrates to be converted to glucose. Everything not burned is converted to fat. Most people can only use about 50 grams of carbohydrates. The remaining is converted to fat.

If you eat a whole bag of air-popped popcorn, it has 300 grams of carbohydrates — your body can only use 50 grams. The next source is protein. This is the body's mid-range fuel source. It takes 90 minutes to eight hours for proteins to be converted to a fuel source. If protein is lacking, cravings will set in within one hour when the brain gets the message, "There is no fuel source — get me some, quick."

The last source of fuel is fat. Fats last up to 12 hours, and coupled with a low glycemic carbohydrate, they keep your blood sugar stable or level. They slow digestion and keep us satisfied for longer periods of time.

It is important to address why protein is so

important.

"Protein is the most abundant organic biomolecule in our cells," said Dr. Martin Tamler a fibromyalgia specialist. "It makes up 50 percent or more of the dry weight of the cell. We use protein to maintain growth and repair of muscle. It is the building block of muscles. Protein is 100 times more prevalent in our blood, yet we eat 22 times more carbohydrates."

Tamler also said that a low-protein diet causes one to lose muscle mass, decrease a metabolic rate, lose muscle tone and shape, cause energy and endurance swings and drop mental focus."

The 40-30-30 diet is comprised of 40 percent complex carbohydrates low on the glycemic index, 30 percent protein and 30 percent fat. Complex carbohydrates include grain, fruit and vegetables. Proteins are made of lean meat, poultry, egg whites, fish and protein powders. Good fats come from nuts, avocados and vegetable oils.

Protein is important for all the reasons listed above. In addition, protein stimulates the hormone glucaagon, which balances blood sugar levels, promotes the burning of stored body fat, releases human growth hormones and increases oxygen transfer.

Dr. Tamler recommends the 40-30-30 diet for those with high blood pressure, sleep disorders, type-2 diabetes, high cholesterol, depression, mood swings hypoglycemia, fibromyalgia and chronic fatigue.

Sharon Ostalecki is a doctor of nutrition and can be reached at (248) 344-0896.

## Health Notes

### 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.

### Diabetes Education

This comprehensive program includes self-monitoring of blood glucose, diet and meal planning, disease management with exercise, potential complications of the disease, and presentations by a pharmacist and a podiatrist.

This is a continuously revolving six-week program held on Monday evenings from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Providence Medical Office Center, Ten Mile and Haggerty roads. There is a \$20 fee.

Call (248) 424-3903 to register.

### Surgical Preparation

Through the Sally the Surgery Star program, children scheduled for surgery are taken on a tour and familiarized with the surgical experience. A variety of educational materials and supportive teaching tools are used to help children deal positively with the idea of a hospital stay.

Admission to the program is by appointment only. There is no charge.

Call the Providence Medical Center-Providence Park at (248) 380-4170 to register.

### Weight on the Run

Conducted by an exercise physiologist and a nutritionist, this 12-week program starts with a fitness assessment and nutritional consultation, followed by three weekly monitored workouts and weekly nutritional support. Day and evening classes are available.

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

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