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# Contract talks heat up for ice arena

By JEREMY MCBAIN  
Staff Writer

Following a four-hour debate, the Novi City Council approved contract negotiations with Suburban Arena Management of Farmington Hills Monday night as the new management firm for the Novi Ice Arena.

Some council members seemed skeptical of Suburban at the start

of the meeting and were extremely displeased with the process. Community Clubs undertook in recommending them to council. Their concerns were met head-on with matter-of-fact answers from Suburban's President Tom Anastos, a former Montreal Canadiens, who said the arena needs "tough love" but could be pulled out of the red in a year.

■ Novi Ice Arena has building flaws. The story appears on page 9A.

"Your facility has an artery that is cut open. It is bleeding severely...." Anastos said. "I have seen the budget created for this (arena) in (Center Ice's)

business plan, in my opinion, it was fictitious."

Currently, the ice arena, now wrapping up the first year of operations, has a deficit pushing \$400,000.

Council members' concerns were centered around Suburban's ice arena in Farmington Hills, the process used to pick Suburban by Community Clubs, the lack of a

new business plan. Suburban's lack of management experience and Suburban's potential ability to bring the Novi Ice Arena out of its current deficit.

"It is frustrating we are being brought forward one nominee. This is trying to back us into a corner. You have already made your mind up and just want a rubber stamp," DeRoche said to

Community Club members and city administrators.

"I feel like I am standing on a golf course trying to hit a ball through the trees and get it on the green. It is a 100-to-one shot.

"I don't have a good feeling this will be successful."

Director of the Novi Parks and Recreation Department Dan Davis

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## Denial eyed for cable TV

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN  
Staff Writer

Negotiations continue, but the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission has recommended the cities of Farmington, Farmington Hills and Novi deny Time Warner's renewal proposal under the current formal process. SWOCC Chairman Hugh Crawford, who is Novi's mayor pro tem, said the formal negotiation process is governed by federal regula-

"We are still meeting informally and negotiations may be resolved."

Caren Collins,  
SWOCC Executive Director

tions and could require courtroom litigation.

The next step in the formal process is for each city to pass a resolution to either accept or tentatively deny Time Warner Inc.'s proposal before Aug. 25.

As negotiations continue, SWOCC members are discussing the possibilities of other cable companies entering the market place. Novi's contract with Time Warner Cable is non-exclusive.

Tom Bjorklund, vice president and regional manager for Time Warner, said his company is negotiating with SWOCC to settle the differences.

"There are legalities (the SWOCC is) concerned about and federal regulations we have to comply with," Bjorklund said. "We have responded with an attractive proposal. In the interim, we have been making good progress during the informal negotiation process."

In February, acknowledging that the informal negotiations process with Time Warner had collapsed, the councils of the three cities issued a formal request for a renewal proposal. This was described as an attempt to force the issue with Time Warner.

According to SWOCC Executive Director Caren Collins, the next step Time Warner may do is request an administrative proceeding to review Time Warner Cable's proposal.

"SWOCC has somewhat limited

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While in Walled Lake, Novi firefighters practice placing a volunteer "victim" on a longboard, carefully supporting his spine.

## Firefighters make waves for training

By JEREMY MCBAIN  
Staff Writer

Novi firefighters took to the water Saturday in Walled Lake to touch up on their aquatic rescue skills.

Tom Johnson, training officer for the department, said this weekend's session was part of the Novi Fire Department's annual rescue training for those firefighters stationed at the Walled Lake area station.

"We practiced the operation of our boats and long-board and use of our cold water suits. These suits are

used for ice rescue and when the water is really cold," he said.

"We don't do (this type of rescue) that often, so we really have to practice it."

Every year, the Novi Fire Department spends at least two training sessions focusing on aiding a victim swamped in the lake. An ice rescue training session is offered in the winter and an open-water rescue session is offered in the summer.

"When it occurs, people need to



Photo by TOM HIBBELN

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## Traffic leads to wear, tear on drivers

By CHRIS C. DAVIS  
Staff Writer

It's not enough that metro Detroit's massive road construction has tested the patience of drivers everywhere, Northville and Novi health professionals agree it's testing drivers' bodies, too.

An allergist and dentist said last week that damage to the body can occur when drivers are faced with a string of orange cones and glowing tail lights.

Novi allergist Dr. Martin Hurwitz said the pollutants in the air around construction zones and the materials that give allergy-sufferers fits are two different elements. But Dr. Hurwitz also said the fumes and dust churned out in places where roads are being worked on amplified problems held by those with

allergies. "Air pollutants, per se, are not healthy things," he said.

"The hot and humid weather we've had this summer has made things even more difficult on people."

Dr. Hurwitz said mild, temporary relief can be found for persons with allergies after a heavy rain, when the air is largely washed

of the dust particles. Air conditioning helps, but drivers who are allergic to molds may not be as happy as they could be, Dr. Hurwitz said.

"In some models of vehicle air conditioners, molds build up and are spread through the interior of the car," he said, adding that for the most part, he nonetheless recommends people with allergies to "use air conditioning liberally"

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## Car crime wave

### North end hit by repeat burglaries

By JEREMY MCBAIN  
Staff Writer

After a string of recent thefts from their vehicles, residents of the Harbor Cove area near Walled Lake are looking for answers.

Resident Ame Kernan said thefts from vehicles have been occurring for the two to three months, but they increased dramatically in the last three to four weeks.

"It is to the point where we make sure we don't have anything in our vehicles at all. They are getting anything they can out of our vehicles," she said.

Even then, Kernan said in one incident the thieves resorted to taking a daily planner, just because there was nothing else inside the vehicle.

Concerned residents will be meeting tonight with representatives of the Novi police department to discuss the north end crime wave.

Kernan said her vehicle had "been hit by the thieves once and her husband's has been broken into four times. Her neighbors have all had similar experiences.

So many items have been stolen, Kernan said, that it was very easy to walk in the woods surrounding the homes and find someone's purse. The thieves steal the purses out of vehicles, get money out of them and throw the purse into the woods, she said.

One neighbor had a trailer full of construction tools hooked onto his truck and in one night the thieves took everything from the trailer, she said. Then they came back the next night and purloined what was left in his truck.

Spotting a trend, the Novi police set up an undercover sting recently and captured an area man in the process of breaking into vehicles. The man was arrested.

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## The Information Age dawns at Novi Civic Center

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN  
Staff Writer

With the touch of a finger, Novi residents and visitors will have a much easier time accessing information about the city.

The stand-alone kiosk computer system, operating in Novi's City Hall since Aug. 2 allows users to scroll through data including Novi city services, information about the city, upcoming meetings and city activities.

"The system allows people to get condensed information quicker than at times when people would have to wait in lines or talk to a city worker," City Manager Ed Kriewall said.

"There are a lot of different services and information readily accessible for people."

Novi Data Management Specialist David Maurice said the \$75,000 information system was developed for the city in July 1998.

"The system is an entertaining and easy way for different people to get general information about the city, the city council, city services and different departments," Maurice said.

"It has taken about a year to put in the different information and we will be constantly updating the information on the computer."

Sitting in the entrance way of City Hall, the kiosk is currently programmed with information about voting, city taxes, permits and licenses, planning and zoning, the hospital, fire department and police departments and a special section for complaints.

A kiosk, the Japanese word for "information", is much like a home computer, but with a touch-tone screen which acts as a mouse, explained Shelton Moore, director of multimedia development for the Sequola Diversified Products Technology Application

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi staffer Dave Maurice explores the new kiosk at city hall.

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## Community Calendar

Thursday, August 19

### Novi Rotary

The Novi Rotary Club meets at noon at the Novi United Methodist Church at 41671 Ten Mile Road. For information, call (248) 344-2167.

### TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly for all ages meets at 7 p.m. at the Novi Meadows Clubhouse on Napier Road. For more information call (248) 344-2167.

### Parks and Recreation Commission

The Novi Parks and Recreation Commission will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road. For information, call (248) 347-0560.

Monday, August 23

The Novi City Council will meet tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road.

Tuesday, August 24

**ZONTA**  
The ZONTA Club of Farmington-Novi meets at 7 p.m. at the Embassy Suites Hotel (between Seven and Eight Mile roads, off I-275).  
The guest speaker is Laska Wojcik on her success of overcoming domestic abuse and obesity.  
ZONTA International is a worldwide classified service organization of executives in business and the professions, working to improve the legal, political, economic and professional status of women. For information and reservations, call (248) 349-6246.

**Civil Air Patrol**  
The Sixtate Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, meets at Novi Middle School, 25299 Taft Rd., from 7-9:30 p.m. Adults and youths who have finished the sixth grade are welcome. For additional information call (248) 349-2669.

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

### F.E.M.A.L.E.

The Novi area chapter of FEMALE (Formerly Employed Mothers at the Leading Edge) meets at Providence Mission Health Center, 39500 Ten Mile Rd., Conference Room A. For more information call (248) 446-0130.

### Camera Club

The Novi Camera Club meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center. For more information, call (248) 349-5079.

### Chess Club

The Novi Chess Club will meet from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. There is no charge to attend and all players are welcome. For more information, call (248) 344-4269 evenings after 6 p.m.

### Optimist Club

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

Wednesday, August 25

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

### Seniors business

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

Thursday, August 26

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Monday, August 30

### Back to school

The first day of school begins within the Novi district for grades one through 12, plus afternoon kindergartners.

Tuesday, August 31

### Property taxes due

This the last day to pay the City of Novi accept property tax payments without incurring a four percent late fee. For information on paying your taxes, call the city treasurer's office at 347-0440.

### Starting school

Today is the first day of school for morning kindergartners in the Novi School District.

Wednesday, September 1

### Planning Commission

The Novi Planning Commission meets tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road.

## Senior housing breaks ground

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN  
Staff Writer

Affordable senior living in Novi is a step closer after Tuesday's ground breaking of the city's first senior housing complex, Meadowbrook Commons.

Located on the west side of Meadowbrook Road, north of Ten Mile Road, the \$16-million independent living complex is finally being constructed. Thirteen years ago, the city formed a Senior Housing Committee to plan the project. "It is a big deal to get the complex built after not being successful in the past," said Novi Special Recreation Coordinator Kathy Crawford, a leader of the project.

"In the past we have asked ourselves — why shouldn't we build something for our residents? It is great to finally get started."

Concerned with the rising cost of living and escalating housing rentals for seniors, different committees spent more than 10 years looking for a site and a facility for a

city-owned complex where rent would be affordable.

More than 600 seniors have contacted the city through the Parks and Recreation Department showing interest in living in Meadowbrook Commons when the project is completed.

City Manager Ed Kriewall said once the actual site was donated by the developing firm Holtzman and Silverman Co., the project was able to move forward.

"The community has been waiting a long time for this," Kriewall said. "We were waiting to find a site where we could keep prices down — now we have that site and the housing will be affordable."

The City of Novi will manage all aspects of construction on the 16-acre, 175-unit complex, which will take about two years to construct. There will be one-bedroom apartments of approximately 565 to 630 square feet and two-bedroom apartments ranging from 770 to 900 square feet.

Also available will be ranch-style units about 950 square feet in size. Crawford said the price range on the different units has not been determined yet, but the rents will pay for the costs of the complex.

She added the city's building authority will issue bonds up to \$16 million to pay for the initial construction and management costs.

A private management company will run the complex, and the city will provide special programs and events for the residents.

Crawford said there will be many on-site amenities, including a home theater area, exercise rooms, laundry facilities, lounges and recreation rooms.

"We have visited many different senior housing projects in a number of different communities," Crawford said.

"We are taking all the good things we have seen and will apply it to the senior living at Meadowbrook Commons."



Mayor Kathleen McLallen, fourth from left, and Parks Special Coordinator Kathy Crawford, seventh from left, city officials and others were at the senior housing groundbreaking.

## Golf course amendment set for Nov. 2 ballot

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN  
Staff Writer

The petition for placing a city charter amendment on the Nov. 2 election ballot has been approved by the governor's office.

"I am glad it has been approved," said Angie Bruder, one of the leaders of the petition. "I hope the people will come out and vote for it."

On Aug. 10, the governor received notification from the Michigan Attorney General's office approving the charter amendment changes," said Susan Shafer, deputy press secretary for Gov. John Engler.

"We made the recommendation for approval and now it will be on the ballot for the voters."

The petition drive, barring any golf course or banquet facilities on land now owned by the city with voter approval, was started in April

by the organization People About Reserving Kids Space.

"I am glad it has been approved," said Angie Bruder, one of the leaders of the petition.

"I hope the people will come out and vote for it."

Needing a minimum of 5 percent of the 31,191 Novi registered voters, or 1,560 votes, PARKS was able to file 2,095 signatures for the charter amendment with the Novi City Clerk's office before the July 20 deadline.

After validating the signatures, the city clerk's office sent the petition to the governor's office in Lansing.

Shafer said upon receiving the letter, the governor's office sent the

petition to the Michigan Attorney General's office, where the legality of the language was approved.

Upon approval of the legality, Shafer said the petition was sent back to the governor's office the same day and was approved for placement on the November general city election ballot.

"The approved charter amendment reads: 'Development of City Property: No property owned by the City as of Nov. 2, 1999 may be used for the purpose of a golf course and/or a banquet facility. The city may develop a golf course and/or a banquet facility only on property acquired after Nov. 2, 1999, specifically for such purpose after voter approval at a general city election.'

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# Roomie's life threatened by man bearing metal pipe

A 31-year-old Novi man was arrested around 2:30 p.m. Aug. 15 in the apartment on the 45000 block of W. 13 Mile Road for threatening to kill a 30-year-old man with a metal pipe. According to the Taylor man, he had been in a fight with the Novi man and the Novi man's roommate. The Novi man threatened to kill the Taylor man with the pipe if he did not leave. The Taylor man called the apartment manager and the Novi man was taken into custody.

On Aug. 15 he was sitting at the dining room table when the Novi man entered the apartment and told him to get up and leave. When the Taylor man asked why, the Novi man lifted up his shirt and showed a metal pipe from his pants. According to the Taylor man, the Novi man threatened to kill him with the pipe if he did not leave. The Taylor man called the apartment manager and the Novi man was taken into custody.

A Novi woman, who also lives in the apartment, said she was in the apartment at the time of this incident and heard someone screaming. When she opened the shower, she saw the Novi man with a pipe threatening to kill the Taylor man. The Novi man admitted he threatened the Taylor man with the pipe and he was taken into custody.

## Police News

**GOOSE GONE**  
Someone took a concrete goose between 5 a.m. Aug. 12 and 4:30 p.m. Aug. 13 from the front yard of a residence on the 29000 block of Sheri.

The goose was unsecured. There are no witnesses or suspects.

**STOLEN VEHICLE**  
Between 10:30 p.m. Aug. 12 and 8:10 a.m. Aug. 13, someone took a vehicle that was parked in the parking lot of Suburban Jeep Chrysler at 24775 Haggerty Road.

The manager of the business said on Aug. 12 he locked up and blocked the driveway with vehicles before leaving for the night.

Around 7:30 a.m. the next day, workers for Thrifty Car Rental moved the vehicles blocking the driveway to pick up some rental vehicles.

When the manager arrived at 8:30 a.m., he noticed a vehicle missing.

The vehicle was a spruce green, 1996 Dodge Intrepid, four-door sedan.

The Novi man admitted he threatened the Taylor man with the pipe and he was taken into custody.

An officer on patrol observed the man's vehicle traveling faster than the posted limit and conducted a traffic stop.

The driver informed the officer he did not have his license on him.

Upon hearing this, the officer ordered the man from the vehicle and asked if he had anything inside that he should not have.

The man replied: "No, but I don't want you going through my truck."

The man was arrested for driving without a license and placed in the officer's patrol vehicle.

After doing this, the officer searched the man's vehicle and found in the center console a cigarette pack that contained marijuana, two packs of rolling paper and a roller device used to make marijuana cigarettes.

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The officer learned the man had three separate Michigan driver's licenses that had all been suspended for numerous reasons.

After the hearing, the officer watched as the Detroit man drove out of the court parking lot.

The officer called the Novi police and informed him the man was driving without a license.

The man pulled his license out of his wallet and put it back inside about four times while the officer watched. The man finally just gave his entire wallet to the officer.

The officer asked the driver where he was traveling and he said he was going home to South Lyon. However, the driver was headed in the wrong direction.

He was given a sobriety test and taken to the Novi police department.

At the department, he was given a chemical breath test which indicated he had a blood alcohol concentration of 0.26 percent.

Citizens with information about the above incidents are urged to call the Novi Police Department at (248) 348-7100.

**DRUNK DRIVER**  
A 34-year-old South Lyon man was arrested around 2:30 a.m. Aug. 14 near the intersection of Grand River Avenue and Lannys Drive for drunk driving.

An officer on patrol observed the man's vehicle speeding and swerving in his lane.

The officer conducted a traffic stop.

On contact with the man, the officer smelled a strong odor of intoxicants coming from his vehicle. The man appeared highly intoxicated and had bloodshot and glassy eyes.

The man looked at the officer and said: "What do you want?"

At this point, the officer smelled an odor of alcohol coming from the man's breath.

The officer asked for the man's license and he began slowing looking through his wallet for it.

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## Novi Briefs

### Big spender

Twelve Oaks Mall is the sixth largest taxpayer in Oakland County, according to the Oakland County Department of Community and Economic Development.

The mall has a taxable value of \$94.5 million, which is half the estimated market value of \$189 million. The top taxpayer in the county is the General Motors Corporation, with a taxable value of \$430 million.

GM is followed in order by these members of the top five taxpayers list: Detroit Edison, \$316 million; Chrysler Corporation, \$152.5 million; Consumers Power/Energy, \$144 million and Ford Motor Company, \$110 million.

### Walled Lake reunion

Two Walled Lake High School classes have schedule a joint reunion for August 20 and 21. And you best some of these alumni could remember the glory days of the Walled Lake Casino. They are the Class of 1939, which is celebrating its 60th anniversary and the Class of 1940, which is getting together for a 50th anniversary.

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### For eastbound travel

In November, slated to begin is a long-awaited, \$3.3 million widening of Twelve Mile Road from Inkster Road to Northwestern Highway in Southfield and Farmington Hills. Twelve Mile will remain open during the work.

# In ten years, 13,000 moved to Novi

### By MIKE MALOTT Staff Writer

Oakland News Service  
Oakland has had the largest population gain in the region since 1990 — with 110,000 persons taking up residence in the county — but Livingston County's growth led the pack when the number is calculated by percentage, 27.4.

In Novi alone, the population has grown by 13,057 in ten years.

On the other hand, the fastest growing communities in the metropolitan area are located in Macomb County.

Those are the conclusions of a review of population and household growth issued by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

The report, providing an overview of growth from 1990 through July of 1998, should provide an early indication of what head-counters are likely to find here when they conduct the U.S. Census in April of 2000.

That will affect the flow of money. Many federal and state programs

use population figures as the basis for the distribution of funds, including Community Development Block Grants.

Overall, the southeast Michigan region grew by more than 140,000 people, to 4.73 million persons, an increase of 3.1 percent.

"Though this decade represents the longest period of continued population growth the region has seen since the early 1960s, southeast Michigan's growth rate from 1990 to 1997 was well behind both the overall U.S. rate (7.6 percent) and that of Michigan as a whole (5.1 percent)," the report concluded.

Oakland County was the big gainer in terms of raw numbers. Macomb County was second with an increase of 33,000. Wayne County however showed an offsetting decline in population, losing 82,000 residents.

Nonetheless, the only Oakland County community to make the list of the fastest growing communities was South Lyon and it ranked

third at 60.3 percent.

A number of Oakland County communities showed population declines: Berkley, down 1 percent; Beverly Hills, -1.8; Clawson, -0.7; Farmington, -1.1; Ferndale, -1.4; Huntington Woods, -1.7; Oak Park, -2.2; Pleasant Ridge, -1.7; Royal Oak, -1.2; Royal Oak Township, -2; Southfield, -0.5.

"The number of people in a community is not the most useful indicator of that community's well being," the SEMCOG report pointed out.

"A more useful indicator of stability is the number of households in the community. This indicates a stable housing stock with healthy turnover, including the introduction of young families with children into neighborhoods with older households. Other indicators include rising housing values and a diverse range of income levels and present in the community."

The decline in the size of households is happening throughout the region. The report noted that while

the region's population grew only 3.1 percent, the number of households across southeast Michigan rose 7.1 percent since 1990, growing at more than twice the rate of the population. In fact, since 1950, the population here has grown only 41 percent, but the number of households is up 112 percent, the report concludes.

In Oakland County since 1990, the big population gainers have been Auburn Hills, with 2,257 new residents, or 13.2 percent growth; Farmington Hills, 6,013, 8.1; Highland Township, 2,294, 12.8; Independence Township, 7,392, 31.2; Lyon Township, 1,598, 16.9; Milford, 1,235, 22.4; Milford Township, 1,944, 29.4; Novi, 13,057, 39.4; Oakland Township, 3,425, 41.6; Orion Township, 8,592, 40.9; Oxford Township, 2,934, 32.6; Rochester, 1,646, 23.1; Rochester Hills, 7,033, 11.4; South Lyon, 3,529, 60.3; Springfield Township, 3,812, 38.4; Troy, 8,186, 11.2; Waterford, 6,491, 9.7; West Bloomfield, 7,853, 14.3; and White Lake.

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# Knollenberg keeps chamber posted on Washington news

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN  
Staff Writer

Congressman Joe Knollenberg, R-Bloomfield Hills, spoke Tuesday about securing the future of Social Security and other issues confronting Americans at the Nov Chamber of Commerce.

In his fourth term, Knollenberg, member of the House Appropriation, Budget and Ethics Committees, spoke to local community members during a luncheon coordinated by the Nov Chamber of Commerce.

"This is big news," Knollenberg said. "The House and the Senate have agreed on a package for a tax cut."

Knollenberg, referring to a signed tax cut which will be proposed to the president in September, said the tax cut will not take money away from anyone because there is a surplus in the budget.

Explaining the tax cut, Knollenberg said for every \$1 of surplus, not including Social Security, a

quarter will be returned to the tax payer.

"The rest of the dollar will go into military funds, the Medicare Safe Deposit Act, Social Security and other government programs."

"Social Security needs to be modernized and we will go broke if we don't start now," he said. "By the year 2014, Americans will be taking in less money than what they are paying out."

Knollenberg explained that with increasing life expectancy, as well as funding deteriorating, the government needs to address the issue of Social Security.

Another issue Knollenberg discussed was the importance of American military strength and the nuclear threat posed by foreign nations.

"The military is losing a lot of good people to the private sector," he said. "There are many well-trained, disciplined people and we are losing them. We can't continue to lose the expertise these people

have without our country feeling the pain and suffering as a military power."

"We can't fight two wars at once. We are already drawing from our reserve strength. There aren't enough people in the military."

Knollenberg addressed questions from the crowd about the surplus and tax-cut issues after his speech.

Asked how the United States has a deficit but still has a surplus in the domestic budget, Knollenberg answered by relating the country as a business.

"If you are a business or a household, you are going to want to manage your money, you are not going to want to get rid of the debt all at once," he said.

"There are a lot of folks fighting for a piece of that money. There are plenty of ways for the government to spend the money — the question is, how do we avoid unnecessary spending. We need to take the surplus and put it into new government spending programs."

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# Italian corporation looks at Twelve Mile and Haggerty

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN  
Staff Writer

Fata Automation Inc., an international Italian-based corporation, has filed preliminary site plans with the city of Novi.

The proposed facility for Fata Automation operations, office and research uses, is a 4.5 acre site located on the northwest corner of Twelve Mile Road and Haggerty Road, in the Office Service Technology district of Novi.

The preliminary designs have a proposed building at 60,164 square feet, and a new road being built for access to the office complex.

Fata Automation is a supplier that offers full-service support to world automotive manufacturers, from the installation of machinery and equipment to the design and implementation of integrated systems.

"Bringing in businesses like Fata Automation, Husky and Tower Automotive is the type of development the City of Novi has been seeking," said Novi Economic Development Coordinator Gregory Capote.

"This is the type of project and

business southeastern Michigan is looking for in order to expand."

Representatives from the company will be appearing before the Novi planning commission sometime after Sept. 1.

The OST district expands through Novi by the M-5 Connector/Haggerty corridor area, along Twelve Mile Road to the CSX Railroad, Capote added.

"This is the kind of high-technology, low impact business the OST wants to expand with," Capote said.

Founded in 1936, in Turin, Italy, the Fata Group is a diversified group of companies operating in the industrial field of industrial plant engineering, contracting and manufacturing.

The Fata Group employs 1,200 employees who are skilled technicians in the industrial sector.

The area to be developed along the Haggerty corridor is populated with regulated and dense woodlands. However, city officials have said Fata Automation, Inc. is the type of high-end research facility the city sought to lure with its new Office-Service-Technology zoning.



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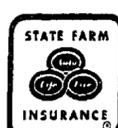
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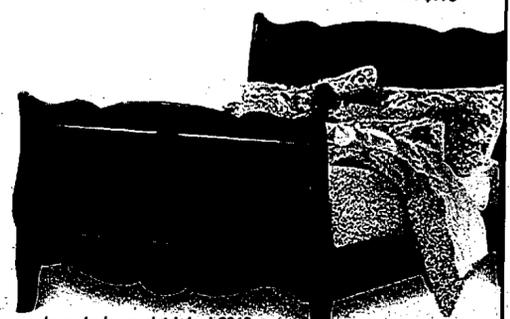
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By JEREMY MCBAIN  
Staff Writer

The Novi Ice Arena more problems than solving close to \$400

According to Summit Management President and other ice management companies entering over the \$8.5 million also has some design

"I don't know of efficiencies yet. Just jump out at me," A



Firefighter Jeremy



# Experts suggest ice facility is beset by problems

**JEREMY MCBAIN**  
 Writer

The Novi Ice Arena may have more problems than a deficit billing close to \$400,000.

According to Suburban Arena Management President Tom Anastos and other ice arena management companies interested in takeover of the \$8.5 million facility, it has some design problems. "I don't know of all of the deficiencies yet. Just the ones that plop out at me," Anastos said.

"The building design presents some challenges," Anastos informed the Novi City Council of these problems at the meeting Monday night.

But Anastos has not been the only one to find flaws with the arena. Mayor Kathleen McLallen said she heard the same complaints from JRV Management, a company that was also being considered for the management position.

It is unknown at this time, who

would pay for the arena's upgrades, if these problems are found to be true.

Anastos said one of the biggest problems of the facility is its traffic flow.

People are constantly having to climb stairs and they are led away from the concession shop, which is a source of revenue, he said.

"This is not a good thing," Anastos said.

In addition, with all these people climbing rather steep stairs, Anastos

said he will need more people to supervise them, costing more money to the facility.

Another blast to profits is the low quality of the arena skate-sharpening machine. "That is a revenue source and is important to skaters," he said.

In addition, Anastos said both of the rinks are built over a sand base, rather than a cement base. This makes it hard for a rink to be shut down in slow months and used for dry-land programs.

If cement was under the ice, the ice could simply be thawed out. With sand, overlays — like those used in Detroit's Joe Louis Arena — would be used. Overlays are more expensive.

Also, Anastos whiffed out some sewer or drainage issue creating a smell, he said. He was unsure what caused it, but added that it needed to be looked into.

Another problem is air circulation in the facility. This is making the air pressure very low, causing

doors to slam shut.

And the landscaping outside the arena has become an issue. Because there is no sprinkler system, the grass and other plants are not very attractive or vibrant, Anastos said.

While he pointed out these problems, Anastos added it is very unfair for him to say if the overall design of the building is good or bad, because he does not know at this point what went into building the facility.



Photo by TOM HIBBELN  
 firefighter Jeremy Tracy gets fitted in a cold water rescue suit.

## Sometimes splashing in lake is for a serious educational purpose

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know what they are doing, set up, get on the water and perform a rescue," Johnson said.

For the ice rescue training, Johnson said firefighters dress in the cold water suits, cut a hole in the ice and practice pulling someone from the water who has fallen through the ice.

During the summer training, firefighters take their boats out onto Walled Lake and practice taking an "injured boater" from the water. The victim is strapped onto a spinal injury long-board in the water and carefully pulled into the rescue boat.

Johnson said because the victim must remain in the water until he or she is strapped to the long board, this type of rescue is very difficult, because the rescuers are floating along with them.

"The object is to get them strapped onto the board and getting them on a boat and transported for treatment," he said.

In each session, firefighters take turns as the "victim." Johnson said this gives them the chance to learn what victims undergo when they are being rescued.

"It is good for the firefighters to see what the patient will experience, so they can explain what they are doing and relieve the patient's worries," Johnson said.

Depending on the type of injuries and weather conditions, Johnson said it takes about five minutes to complete this rescue.

Winter training is essential in Novi, due to the large number of ponds in the city.

"If someone were to venture out onto the ice and fall through, we would have the capability of rescu-

ing them," Johnson said.

He pointed out that while Novi firefighters do train for water rescue, the department can not take part in some rescues because it does not have the correct equipment and may not be the department in charge.

Whether or not a rescue attempt can be made depends on the type of rescue and how far away from the shore the victim is, Johnson said.

All water rescues in Oakland County fall under the jurisdiction of the Oakland County Marine Division. This division has a highly-trained dive team and all the equipment necessary for a water rescue.

"We will work with them to effect a rescue," Johnson added.

Jeremy McBain's email is [jmcain@ht.homecomm.net](mailto:jmcain@ht.homecomm.net).

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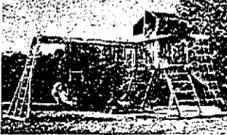
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# Contract for new rink manager now under way

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 and the City of Novi. In a meeting with the Novi Community Clubs, the Novi Ice Arena was the subject of several meetings with the Novi Community Clubs, which was held earlier this summer by the city.

Center Ice's last day in Novi, 26. At that time, a management committee was not chosen by city council, the Novi Ice Arena will not have any management.

These four applicants for the management position were: Honey-Lake Management, ProSlide for Services to a group composed of Center Ice employees, Suburban and JRV Management.

After these meetings, the bid was narrowed down to JRV and Suburban, Davis said. Due to Suburban's emphasis on promotion and marketing, Community Clubs members voted unanimously to recommend them.

"In addition, JRV sent a letter to Community Clubs informing the group it was removing its name from the table, Davis added.

According to the president of JRV, Jack Vitant, due to the company's opening of a facility in Hazel Park its management did not feel they could devote the time necessary to Novi.

But, according to Council Member Laura Lorenz, Vitant still wanted in on the equation. She said she called Vitant Monday and told her he would still be interested in Novi, under certain circumstances.

Davis said this information was new to him, but he stressed that Community Clubs voted unanimously to nominate Suburban before JRV said it was pulling out.

Because of this, Davis started working with the company to draft a contract. This contract was not ready for the Monday night meeting, but will be voted on by council at the Aug. 23 meeting.

This angered Lorenz, who said, "It was not my intention that this go any further than interviewing (Davis) took the ball a little too far to draft a contract with management."

Lorenz, DeRoche and Council Member Robert Schmid said they were very concerned with a potential conflict of interest in choosing Suburban, due to its Farmington Hills facility.

"I don't understand why we would want to see any of his business around here. We should be competing with his business, including taking his customers," said DeRoche.

DeRoche reasoned that if the economy became tough and Anastos were to decide between jobs, if he was a good businessman, he would pick his Farmington Hills facility rather than Novi's arena.

Anastos assured them this was not the case. He said his current operation in Farmington Hills, working with the Novi rinks, would be beneficial to both.

DeRoche said he would like to see a business plan included with the information about Suburban.

Anastos said he hadn't drafted one, because Novi's speed in finding a new manager for the arena didn't leave him time to finalize a plan. However, he said his company is currently working on one.

"I sat down with (parks and recreation) to understand your situation. It is not going to be easy," he said.

Anastos added he will be looking closely at designing the right programs for every hour the building is open, through further talks with the figure skating groups and hockey groups.

To meet these problems, Anastos proposed taking a portion of the profits for a capital fund. This fund would be used only for building improvements.

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Using this meeting and meetings with hockey and figure skating groups, he said he had been working on details of how to pull the arena out of trouble, but "it is still evolving."

He said the Novi Ice Arena's problems that could be a concern to Suburban are the time frame the city expects to be out of the deficit and the condition of the building. The inherent design of the building is challenging, he said. There are problems with air flow and customer traffic. The current design takes visitors to the building away from the concession stands, thus draining potential profits.

"We are very proud of our success. I think we bring a strong name to Novi with strong management," he said.

Schmid said after hearing Anastos' sincere interest in Novi he would support the motion. He stressed this is only the okay for Suburban and the city to draft a contract, not for complete approval of the company.

Lorenz said she was also impressed with Anastos' presentation.

"I commend you for stepping up to the plate," she said.

The motion passed unanimously: six-to-zero, with DeRoche excused due to a family emergency.

After the meeting, Mayor Kathleen McLallen said the clincher for her support was the enthusiasm Anastos showed to the council. She said she seemed to be making a personal commitment to the success of the arena.

"He basically said, 'I am putting my reputation on the line and I am not going to do this if it is going to screw up my reputation,'" McLallen said.

Jeremy McBain's email is jmcba1n@t.homecom.net.

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## The Log Book

The following is a complete list of the emergency runs of the Novi Fire Department for the week ending August 15. Each incident is listed by type, location, time and the Engine and Squad number which responded to the call.

**MONDAY, AUGUST 9**  
 Medical, 115 Eubank, 12:25 a.m., Squad 2.  
 Injury accident, 1-96 and Beck Road, 1:02 a.m., Squad 1.  
 Medical, 20901 Haggerty, 8:15 a.m., Engine 3.

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 10**  
 Medical, 29868 Montmorency, 1:31 a.m., Squad 2.  
 Injury accident, Ten Mile and Beck Road, 6:43 a.m., Squad 4.  
 Gas line leak, 49000 Eleven Mile, 7:35 a.m., Engine 4.  
 Medical, 22475 Venture, 9:44 a.m., Squad 3.  
 Medical, 24150 Novi Road, 11:01 a.m., Squad 3.  
 Gas leak, 2290 Austin, 11:13 a.m., Engine 2.  
 Injury accident, Eight Mile and Haggerty, 1:04 p.m., Squad 3.  
 Medical, 38730 Villagewood, 1:04 p.m., Squad 1.  
 Injury accident, Ten Mile and Napier Roads, 2:41 p.m., Squad 4.  
 Fuel spill, Ten Mile and Novi Road, 3:25 p.m., Engine 1.  
 Medical, 31275 Haggerty, 4:06 p.m., Squad 3.  
 Fuel spill, Ten Mile and Novi Road, 4:15 p.m., Engine 1.  
 Medical, 1103 East Lake Drive, 4:34 p.m., Squad 2.  
 Injury accident, Grand River and Novi Road, 7:10 p.m., Squad 1.  
 Investigation, 25750 Novi Road, 7:29 p.m., Engine 1.

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11**  
 Medical, Nine Mile and Novi Road, 7:19 a.m., Squad 3.  
 Injury accident, Novi Road and West Oaks Drive, 7:26 a.m., Squad 1.  
 Injury accident, Eight Mile and Beck Road, 7:41 a.m., Squad 4.  
 Fire alarm, 43155 Main Street, 10:12 a.m., Engine 1.  
 Medical, 24500 Meadowbrook, 11:46 a.m., Squad 1.  
 Gas leak, 21875 Haggerty, 12:41 p.m., Engine 3.  
 Fire alarm, 47601 Grand River, 1:07 p.m., Engine 4.  
 Medical, 22059 Chase, 2:41 p.m., Squad 3.  
 Medical, 25368 Constitution, 2:43 p.m., Squad 1.  
 Fire alarm, 40980 Ten Mile, 7:56 a.m., Engine 3.  
 Medical, 24475 Surfside, 10:24 a.m., Squad 4.  
 Medical, 23602 Stonehenge, 10:30 p.m., Squad 3.  
 Medical, 45125 Ten Mile Road, 10:57 a.m., Squad 1.  
 Fire alarm, 40200 Grand River, 1:52 p.m., Engine 1.3.  
 Medical, 30136 Montmorency, 2 p.m., Squad 2.  
 House fire, 28877 Heartstone, 8:47 p.m., Engine 1.2.  
 Medical, 39566 Ardell, 12:30 p.m., Squad 1.  
 Building fire, 45182 West Road, 12:19 a.m., Engine 1.3.  
 Fire alarm, 21875 Haggerty, 1:53 p.m., Engine 2.  
 Injury accident, Thirteen Mile and LeGrand, 3:48 p.m., Squad 2.  
 Wires down, Novi Road and Ten Mile, 7:28 p.m., Engine 3.  
 Mower fire, Novi Road and Linhart, 8:05 p.m., Engine 1.  
 Investigation, Novi Road and Ten Mile, 9:43 p.m., Engine 1.  
 Medical, 21354 Glen Haven Court, 10:10 p.m., Squad 3.  
**FRIDAY, AUGUST 13**  
 Medical, 25368 Constitution, 2:43 p.m., Squad 1.  
 Fire alarm, 40980 Ten Mile, 7:56 a.m., Engine 3.  
 Medical, 24475 Surfside, 10:24 a.m., Squad 4.  
 Medical, 23602 Stonehenge, 10:30 p.m., Squad 3.  
 Medical, 45125 Ten Mile Road, 10:57 a.m., Squad 1.  
 Fire alarm, 40200 Grand River, 1:52 p.m., Engine 1.3.  
 Medical, 30136 Montmorency, 2 p.m., Squad 2.  
 House fire, 22643 Foxmoor, 3:54 p.m., Engine 1.3.  
 Injury accident, Nine Mile and Meadowbrook, 11:27 p.m., Squad 3.  
**SATURDAY, AUGUST 14**  
 Fire Alarm, 39600 Orchard Hill, 12:19 a.m., Engine 3.1.  
 Fire alarm, 43600 Grand River, 2:47 p.m., Engine 1.4.  
 Medical, 40631 Rock Hill, 11:05 p.m., Squad 3.  
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 15**  
 Fire alarm, 42100 Crescent, 3:14 a.m., Engine 1.2.  
 Medical, 45182 West Road, 8:52 a.m., Squad 2.  
 Medical, 40631 Rock Hill, 2:18 p.m., Squad 3.  
 Dumpster fire, 30982 Springlake, 3:17 p.m., Engine 2.  
 Medical, 24500 Meadowbrook, 3:22 p.m., Squad 1.  
 Medical, 29755 Pierre, 6:46 p.m., Squad 2.  
 Chemical leak, 45145 Twelve Mile Road, 8:34 p.m., Engine 1.4.  
 Medical, 24822 Old Orchard, 9:06 p.m., Squad 3.  
 Medical, 47282 Cider Mill, 10:11 p.m., Squad 3.

**NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 99-040**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that The Grand Court Novi is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow a rummage sale at The Grand Court Novi, 42186 West Road, on August 28, 1999 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for temporary use permit. This request will be considered at 3:15 p.m. on August 25, 1999, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Official and must be received prior to August 25, 1999. GERRIE HUBBS PERMIT ANALYST (248) 347-0415 (8-19-99 NR, NN 917621)

**NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 99-039**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Providence Hospital is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of a 30x30 tent at 47601 Grand River Avenue for use during the dedication ceremony of the Michael & Rose Assarian Cancer Center on September 8, 1999. A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for temporary use permit. This request will be considered at 3:00 p.m. on August 25, 1999, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Official and must be received prior to August 25, 1999. GERRIE HUBBS PERMIT ANALYST (248) 347-0415 (8-19-99 NR, NN 917622)

**NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 99-042**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Haggopian World of Rugs is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of a 30x60 tent at Haggopian World of Rugs, 42222 Twelve Mile Road from August 31, 1999 through September 7, 1999 for a Labor Day Sale. A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for temporary use permit. This request will be considered at 3:00 p.m. on August 25, 1999, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Official and must be received prior to August 25, 1999. GERRIE HUBBS PERMIT ANALYST (248) 347-0415 (8-19-99 NR, NN 917623)

**NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC AUCTION**

The City of Novi will hold a public auction on Saturday, September 18, 1999. Location: Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375. Time: 11:00 a.m., prevailing eastern time. Viewing Time: 10:00-11:00 a.m. Cash or personal check with VALID Michigan Driver's License. All items are sold AS IS. All items must be removed same day. GERRIE HUBBS PURCHASING OFFICIAL (248) 347-0415 (8-19-99 NR/NN 917614)

**CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 99-18.152**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 18.152, AN ORDINANCE TO ADD SECTION 403 TO ORDINANCE 97.15, AS AMENDED, THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE, TO REQUIRE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE R-1 THROUGH R-4 ZONING DISTRICTS TO MEET CERTAIN CONDITIONS SUCH AS, THE SUBMITTAL OF SITE PLANS, SIMILAR/DISSIMILAR STANDARDS, FACADE REGULATIONS, OPERATIONAL STREET PARKING AND SCREENING REGULATIONS AND ZONING 2400, SCHEDULE OF REGULATIONS. The provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, August 9, 1999. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local time. (8-19-99 NR/NN 917620) TONNI L. BARTHLOMEW, CITY CLERK

**NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS HIGH PRESSURE SEWER JET RODDER & CATCH BASIN CLEANER**

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for High Pressure Sewer Jet Rodder & Catch Basin Cleaner according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Bid packages are available at the Office of the Purchasing Director. Sealed bids will be received until 3:00 p.m., prevailing eastern time, Tuesday, August 31, 1999, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows: CITY OF NOVI, PURCHASING OFFICIAL, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., Novi, MI 48375-3024. All bids must be signed by a legally authorized agent of the bidding firm. ENVELOPES MUST BE PLAINLY MARKED "High Pressure Sewer Jet Rodder & Catch Basin Cleaner" BID AND MUST BEAR THE NAME OF THE BIDDER. The City reserves the right to accept any or all alternative proposals and award the contract to other than the lowest bidder, to waive any irregularities or informality or both, to reject any or all proposals, and in general to make the award of the contract in any manner deemed by the City, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the City of Novi. CAROL J. KALINOVIK, PURCHASING OFFICIAL (248) 347-0446 (8-19-99 NR, NN 917617)

**NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS (5) LAPTOP COMPUTERS**

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for (5) Laptop Computers according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Bid packages are available at the Office of the Purchasing Director. Sealed bids will be received until 3:00 p.m., prevailing eastern time, Monday, August 30, 1999, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows: CITY OF NOVI, PURCHASING OFFICIAL, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., Novi, MI 48375-3024. All bids must be signed by a legally authorized agent of the bidding firm. ENVELOPES MUST BE PLAINLY MARKED "Laptop Computer" BID AND MUST BEAR THE NAME OF THE BIDDER. The City reserves the right to accept any or all alternative proposals and award the contract to other than the lowest bidder, to waive any irregularities or informality or both, to reject any or all proposals, and in general to make the award of the contract in any manner deemed by the City, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the City of Novi. CAROL J. KALINOVIK, PURCHASING OFFICIAL (248) 347-0446 (8-19-99 NR, NN 917612)

# High-tech kiosk guides civic center visitors through Novi

Group based in Auburn Hills. Continued from 1  
 Moore, who developed the software for Novi's kiosk, said his company has developed similar information systems for the Detroit Zoo, the City of Livonia and the Palace of Auburn Hills.

"The kiosk is your basic home computer, except it is unique for its enclosure and touch tone screen," Moore said.

"We wrote the kiosk development program and now the City of Novi will maintain the information themselves. It will save the city money and will allow them to make more frequent updates."

Although some of the information is still being added and updated, the kiosk is set up with sound files, editing tools and different kinds of windows tools, Maurice said.

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As We See It

Arena woes keep adding up, now make it better

Borrowing from the words of the great Yogi Berra, it's deja vu all over again. Monday night, the Novi City Council met with the man who most likely will be in charge of running the Novi Ice Arena, Tom Anastos, president of Suburban Arena Management.



Government

Anastos, who runs his own arena in Farmington Hills, is a former Montreal Canadian and MSU hockey coach. Obviously, he wants the contract with Novi, which will be back up for council approval on Monday.

He'd like to step into the skates soon to be vacated by Center Ice Inc., led by Terry Seyler. The council wanted that firm and they'll be out the door later this month.

But interestingly enough, Anastos and the representative of another arena management firm earlier interested in Novi - JRV Management - came in with a litany of problems they've observed at the \$8.5 million rink facility at Novi Road and Ten Mile. That's where the deja vu part comes in.

We already know all about how one of the walls collapsed before the building even open last year, leading to a delay in starting up the ice skating season here. And how the contract did not hold the builder, Rudolph Lippe, responsible.

Now Anastos and others are pointing to problems such as the sand floor rather than cement under the rink ice, a potential sewer problem and a possible difficulty with the air circulation. Beyond that, the landscaping in the building is in poor shape, apparently because the builder never installed the sprinkling system.

And the sand floor is a problem, because if the city ever wants to use the arena for other purposes in the off season, such as festivals, an expensive overlay will have to be purchased. Originally, plans called for the ice to be poured onto cement floors for that purpose, but as a cost-cutting measure, sand was used instead.

Beyond that, Anastos says the ice skate blade sharpening machine is of an inferior quality and the layout of the building, with steep steps, discourages skaters to head for the upstairs concessions stands.

While the city likes to pin all this on Seyler, it should be pointed out that the Novi City Council agreed to essentially commission one man to write the rink feasibility study, design the building and then manage it. Seyler had never run an ice arena before.

Traffic's a problem? Try parking



Melanie Plenda

Okay, so this is Novi's big chance to get to know the new kid at the paper. To find out just what in the heck is going through her head about Novi and Northville thus far. What dirt does she have? What social injustice is she going to right with the ferocity of a pit bull reporter?

I hate to disappoint you, but I got nothing! I have nothing to gripe about yet! Everyone's been nice. Everyone's been helpful. Give me a break people, I need to prove myself as a hard nosed journalist here!

But just to prove that I do have an opinion, that I do in fact know about things I found one thing. Now this thing is something that I think may just be intrinsic to me, but let me know if this is a problem for you, too. I am speaking of the dreaded parking tickets.

I do not care what city I go to, what time of day it is, what good luck charms I am carrying, I get the ticket. I swear I have seen the parking lot where my car resides for the day with cars totally devoid of tickets. I go to my car thinking, I, too, had managed to elude the system when - lo and behold - there is a city love note stuck to my windshield wipers.

Now like I said, I have encountered this phenomenon before. When I was in college, I think I personally funded the building of the Breslin Center at MSU. But I thought that once I had moved into the real world that my ticket-checkered past would be left at 54-B District Court.

What intrigues me about this is the seemingly arbitrary nature with which the ticket god delivers his glad tidings. I was so intrigued, in fact, that I conducted a little experiment.

Let me start by telling you that I do not wantonly break traffic or parking laws. I did in fact try to find a parking spot near our Northville office where the employees are supposed to park.

However, much to my chagrin, every Tom, Dick and Toyota is parked there. So I am forced to park in the two-hour parking. That being said, my experiment consisted of parking in the same spot, if I could, every day for the eight hours or longer that I am at work.

The first day, nothing. The second day, nothing. I began to think that maybe I had lost favor with the ticket god when, alas, on the third day he bestowed me with that fine laden gift. I got so excited that I almost forgot it was a ticket that I had to pay. The fourth and fifth day produced the same results except I was not as amused by it as before.

Through my research I discovered and proved conclusively, if only to myself, that there is no rhyme or reason to this ticket madness.

However, here are some tips that might help the next hapless hatchback hero out there. If you absolutely must park in a timed spot, do it on a day that is really hot, raining really hard, or it looks like there's a threat of locusts. The parking police seem to show mercy those days. If you are really daring though, just for giggles, try parking where you are supposed to for the amount of time designated.

Melanie Plenda covers Northville schools for The Novi News and The Northville Record.

Cheers for handicap team

Add these individuals to our list of Hometown Heroes - the members of the Novi Police Department's Volunteer Handicap Parking Enforcement Team. They include Phil Sumner, Alda Larson, Bob Russman, John Beach, Earl Bliss and Al Slonim.

They're out there patrolling parking lots at places like Novi's many shopping malls, making sure grown-up spoiled brats face the consequences of their rudeness.

We're referring to unauthorized use of handicapped parking spaces by drivers who feel they're too important to abide by the rules and who really don't think they should have to walk all the way from the non-handicapped parking spaces to their destination, because unlike everyone else, they're busy.

We say get out the ticket pads and, go get 'em, team.

Because as the world becomes a ruder and cruder place, the nice people

of the world have to stand up for their rights. And the nicer people stand up for the rights of others.

Parking in the handicapped lot by someone who doesn't have the proper credentials may seem like a tiny offense in the scheme of things. But wait until you talk to someone in a wheelchair about their difficulties in finding parking spaces. Then, you may find yourself cheering the parking lot patrol.

Those of us who respect the concept of civilization, but aren't ready to join the NPV volunteers, should remember that most naughty people back down when politely confronted.

Each time we force ourselves to speak up when someone tries to cut in front of a line, or interrupt a cashier who is waiting on another customer, we are, like the Novi team, giving an educational service. We're offering someone who misbehaves a free lesson in manners.

In Focus

By John Heider



These ladies attended Tuesday's groundbreaking for a new senior housing complex, Meadowbrook Commons.

Eagerly awaited Cable's out, here's what to do



Melanie Young

During this summer's storms, many of us have lost power or trees or cable television. We can't help you with your power or trees, but we can help you get your cable service back with the least amount of frustration possible.

The answer is on your cable bill. But you have to read your bill carefully. Often subscribers call us here at the cable commission because our number is on the bill. But we can't do a thing to restore your service.

After that, all calls are answered by an answering service. If you experience an outage after hours, you can still call, but a technician won't be sent out that evening unless they have received at least three reports from the same area.

So you've reported your outage and the cable has returned. Now you can sit back and wait for the refund to come to you, right? Wrong. You are entitled for a refund for the time your cable service was out, but you must call the cable company to be eligible. Once again, Time Warner has no way of knowing if individual customers have an outage, even if you have called for repair. The folks at repair do not have access to your account and cannot give credit. So you have to call for a refund. This time though, you need to call the Customer Service Department at (248) 553-7300.

What if your cable service has returned, but you only have basic cable when you payed for expanded basic? Call the company. It may be as simple as flipping a switch to fix your problem. That way, you won't be paying for a service you aren't getting.

Remember that the cable commission can't do anything for an outage. We only handle complaints that are not resolved by Time Warner. If you are interested in viewing the customer service standards ordinance, it is available at SWOCC and at the Novi city hall.

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Big daddy wants your bills paid



Mike Malott

Remember dear old dad. You knew he always had your best interests at heart, but his lessons could sometimes be harsh when he was trying to teach you one of those important lessons about life, like taking personal responsibility for yourself.

As long as you're living in my house... Well, now you're all grown up. Who is going to teach all those important lessons that you so need to learn? Why, your friends down at the local utility company. Right now they believe you need another lesson in responsibility.

As long as you're hooked up to my utility... MichCon has filed a proposal with the state Public Service Commission to cut the time allowed for payment of bills from the current 21 days to 17. Also part of the request is a proposal to shorten the grace period for application of a 2 percent late fee from five days to one. Further, it would increase the deposits required to reconnect once a customer's service has been turned off. And it would also require larger deposits for new customers.

MichCon is claiming it is doing it to get customers to show a little more "personal accountability." The proposal is being made by MichCon, but the ruling of the PSC would apply to other state

utilities that deliver gas and electricity, like Detroit Edison and Consumers Power, so they've all jumped on the bandwagon.

The proposal was actually filed with Public Service Commission two years ago, but it was never publicized. The PSC has held only one hearing on the issue and no further hearings are scheduled. Michigan's new Attorney General Jennifer Granholm is making an issue of it. She filed recently to oppose the proposal before the PSC.

Granholm thinks the whole thing is just a ploy by the utilities to get more of money out of their customers.

That's just not the case, our friends at the utility companies assure us. Rather, they want to teach Michigan residents to stop abusing the system. The utilities believe the incentives for on-time payment - like the fact they'll turn off your power if you don't - just aren't adequate to keep customers acting responsibly. They believe that the fact their bills are due in 21 days versus the 17 days most other companies allow means you'll pay bills to others first.

And MichCon wants a "level playing field" with those other businesses.

It is a bit ludicrous to hear a monopoly talk about wanting a level playing field with other businesses. The key point is that if you or I don't like the billing practices of some other company, we can take our business elsewhere.

Apparently, from the utilities' perspective, you are abusing the system if you don't pay your utility bills first. From their perspective, that makes you irresponsible. You just thought you were doing a thing most

of us call "money management." In part, that's the process in which most of us look at the bills that have come in, compare it to the money we have available, and decide which get paid first. You thought you were being smart because that keeps you from writing checks out of your account before there is actually money in there to cover them.

Nope, that's abusing the system. MichCon believes your utility bill should be your highest priority. Food, clothing, shelter - it turns out - should all be secondary to paying the utility bills.

As you well know, utility companies have every reason to claim for themselves the right to be the final determiners of what is responsible behavior and what is not. Lord knows, they are extremely responsible organizations.

It's not their fault that the electricity goes out every time the weather produces something stronger than a gentle breeze.

It's not the gas company's fault if a contractor, digging around at a construction site, hits a pipeline. The gas company can't be expected to work a little closer with those construction contractors to make sure they don't say, burn down your entire neighborhood.

Well, this may not be very responsible of me, but I for one am hoping the PSC will decide to give the utilities a little latherly lesson or two of their own in "accountability."

Mike Malott reports on the local implications of state and regional events. He can be reached by phone at (248) 349-1700 or by e mail at mmalott@homecom.net

Grieving students were exemplary

To the Editor:

Following the last several days of visitation and funeral services for Novi High's 1999 co-valedictorian David Langham, I was so touched by the genuine outpouring of concern and the attachment to his legacy by his peers, I felt compelled to write an open letter to the administration of Novi High School to compliment this fine group of young men and women and those who have touched their lives in such a positive manner. Their demeanor speaks volumes of the high caliber of the present.

Mark R. Ziegler, General manager, Heeney Sundquist Funeral Home.

(The enclosed letter, as sent to Dr. Jennifer Cheal, NHS principal.)

Dear Dr. Cheal and staff: Please allow me to express highest compliments to the large crowd of young men and women who represented Novi High School. Rarely do I expect to see such a group of people who exhibit such profound reverence, respect and overall regard for this most tragic of situations as I did this week during David's visitation and funeral services.

The thoughtfulness and tact exhibited by each and every one of David's peers and their respective families was a breath of fresh air to the staff involved with providing the three days of service.

Congratulations to the parents, administration and faculty of Novi High School for a job well done. These young men and women should be justifiably proud.

VOTE THIS NOVEMBER

To the Editor: The good news is that more than 3,200 Novi residents voted in the Aug. 3 primary election. The not-so-good news is that the rest of the registered Novi voters did not vote.

The results of the primary election highlight how important it is for all registered voters to get out to the polls. A little more than six percent of Novi residents have decided who will be running for mayor this November.

Is apathy the reason that the rest of the Novi voters did not participate in this process? The voting process is simple if you are in town to vote and just as simple if you're not.

If there is a possibility or you think that you may not be in the city during the election, ask for an absentee ballot. Request an absentee ballot if you may be sent out of town on business, b) you may be on vacation away from home, c) you may be working late out of town or too far away to get to the polls on time or d) you may be in the hospital.

Voting is an important personal right that can be expensive if not exercised regularly. Remember - the people elected will be dealing with your money, your taxes and your investment in the community.

Talk to all of the candidates, their workers, their supporters, their detractors and your friends and neighbors in the city. Look for and read the issues and discuss them. They could save you money if the right people are elected, or they could cost you money if the wrong people are elected.

Then this November (and every election) get out and use your power. Vote at the polls or by absentee ballot if necessary.

You have the power to control your community's direction and growth at the voting booth. Use your power wisely and often.

Joseph G. Toth

Letters

ICE ARENA IS TERRIFIC

To the Editor:

By now, most Novi residents have heard of the troubles at our new ice arena. There is, however, another side to this debate. I really like our Novi Ice Arena!

Granted, I have two sons who play hockey and it is only one mile from our home, but there are many good things about it. For example, having two sheets of ice is terrific.

The skate rental location is spacious and convenient and the concessions are extensive. My mother enjoys watching her grandchildren skate from the warmth of the windowed upstairs level.

Also, the classes that have been offered during the summer months are top-notch. Coach Bernadette's power skating classes are superb and cost-efficient. As a family, we are pleased with Novi's new ice arena.

Most residents understand that this arena is running a deficit. Could it be that the attorney representing Novi failed to add a contract clause holding the builder entirely responsible for any structural problems? Because this was not in place, Novi residents had to shoulder half of the costs to correct the leaking front wall. Tough foot to begin on.

On a different subject, why are letters to the editor allowed to be 400 words? Way too long! I would like to encourage the editor to reduce them.

And if I may, I would like to thank the Novi Police Department for their excellent service to the residents in the Ten Mile/Meadowbrook area. Keep up the good work!

Karen Bulbuk

THANKS FOR SPONSORSHIP

To the Editor:

We would like to thank you for this opportunity to thank a very special and generous business in the Novi community. They are the Michigan Caterpillar dealers at Novi Road. They have helped sponsor our baseball team for the past two years and have always been supportive.

A special thank you goes out to Jerry Jung for making all this possible. We are the 15- and 16-year-old Novi Prowl boys travel baseball team and are very proud to be co-champions of the Tri-County League this year. We accomplished this through teamwork and determination. We have taken pride in representing Michigan Caterpillar in every city we played in.

We appreciate a Novi business taking the time and interest in the youth of our community. All the boys want to take this opportunity to thank you very much.

Team members include: Brandon Cooke, Mike Crawford, Tyson Frantz, Jeff Gowdick, Pete Kobylarek, Scott Kortlandt, Joe McCarthy, Casey Otting, Dan Trehan, Steve Wasil, Kevin Whitman and Eric Zorza.

Coaches are Jeff Crawford, Gary Frantz and Gary Zorza. The Novi Prowl, champions

THANKS FOR VOTER SUPPORT

To the Editor:

Two weeks ago the residents of Novi came out in substantial numbers to express their will in the primary election. I am elated by the tremendous outpouring of support and humbled by this demonstra-

tion of confidence in my candidacy for mayor of Novi. I am deeply grateful to the many neighbors and supporters from all areas of the city who assisted me. It was a genuine, grassroots campaign in the finest tradition of our democratic process.

While walking subdivisions prior to the elections they seem kind and acceptable. I have complained of the poor quality of JCK's work for many years. I won't get into the fiasco of Watermainage, we won't even discuss Briarwood.

I'm sure you know Mr. Korte is the major reason for SAD #150 and the Austin water main. Before the final bid went out, I questioned numerous points. Among them, the use of the new In-Sheet for the lock-construction, the most expensive approach to Erma to facilitate Lakeview Grocery. I also had a major problem with the Shawood leg that was put to connect one senior citizen who did not want water. If you remember, the city at that time arbitrarily changed her address from 2300 Shawood to a second 2300 Austin. Now, let's talk of the actuality of the completed Austin water main and it's loop.

The loop is not on Iva, as they could not get under Old Novi Road. The loop now has the configuration that I suggested, the only feasible route for the Austin water main. The senior citizen on Shawood is connected in the area on Austin, some 100 feet from her residence. She could not be connected to the Shawood leg that was put in for her at that time. The only reason that leg now exists is to connect the rest of the subdivision.

The engineering at the bridge on Shawood at the canal is wrong and I stated same several times to JCK. Twenty-two years ago, I forced the city to cement over that bridge because the snowplow was digging into the corrugated culvert. As the other part of the sub's engineering is now done for SAD #152, the bridge work still is shown incorrectly on their plans.

My original complaint on the Erma leg was that there had to be a cheaper way out to connect one person who desperately needed water. I was told that was illegal. You could not connect the party store to Austin through Erma without a main. That distance would be 56 feet. However, we can connect a Shawood through Austin at a 100 foot distance. This is engineering at its finest.

All three points that I brought out well over a year ago have proven to be a sad joke. The 44 of us on the Austin, SAD had paid for that sad joke. JCK certainly didn't reduce their money because of the poor engineering. This is the only direct connection I have had with JCK's abilities. It's a farce.

Mr. DeRoche, I'm terribly disappointed that you don't know and understand so many problems that have been inflicted upon us in the north end by these wonderful engineers we call JCK. I questioned in my own letters your worth to the council. Now I make the statement: you've gotta go, too. In my estimation, the only reason you could have supported JCK is you, too, are looking for old boy network support. It's unacceptable.

Joseph G. Toth

TAKE HEED OF GOLF GUILT

To the Editor:

Imagine my surprise when I glanced at the front page of a Detroit newspaper.

The headline for a lead story said it all: "Golf of course is the dampen golf's success." The story's lead-in was "In Michigan, owners scramble to curb profit slide."

The article was much too long to include in this letter, but the sum total and substance of the report was that the average capacity usage at U.S. golf courses has been steadily dropping since 1989 from 90 percent to 80 percent in 1998.

The number of courses in Michigan, however, has soared from 721 courses in 1988 to 930 courses in 1998. As of Dec. 31, 1998, Michigan had 63 courses under development.

Now to a shrewd business point - those kind of numbers will put a padlock on the purse or wallet. Chuck Tindall and his persevering workers deserve our heartfelt congratulations and special thanks for putting the brakes on the city council/city administration's golf cart to financial disaster. Chuck and his crew have made sure we - the Novi taxpayers and voters - will have control of our purchased parklands and not a handful of inexperienced golf course owner wannabes.

One quote in the article, a National Golf Course Owners Association official, sums up the concern with steadily declining golf course usage: "It doesn't take a math genius to know if we don't do something, we'll be in trouble."

And our current council and city staff (also known as "inexperienced golf course owner wannabes") wanted to step into that kind of quagmire with our tax dollars and credit.

Joseph G. Toth

The Tile Shop advertisement including contact info for Farmington and Sterling Heights.

"Get to Know Our Names" advertisement for Back to School.

Enjoy Fun Activities On Saturday, August 21 advertisement.

See Cute Rabbits from the Heart of Michigan Rabbit Club advertisement.

Mark Your Calendar! Labor Day Weekend Sidewalk Sale advertisement.

For Quick Results Call Green Sheet Classified advertisement.

## Obituaries

### Frank J. Breisacher

Frank J. Breisacher, 47, of Novi died suddenly on Aug. 16.

He was the beloved husband of Maryjo and loving father of Shannon, Adrienne and Erica. Mr. Breisacher was the son of Barbara and the late Frank Breisacher, as well as the brother of Gail Fink, Debbie Mininger and Michelle Chappell.

He is also survived by nine nieces and nephews.

Mr. Breisacher, a sports enthusiast, was employed by General Motors in Romulus. He was a recreation and high school softball coach and an avid Ohio State Buckeye fan. He was loved by all and will be missed by many family members noted.

Visitation was Tuesday at the O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home in Novi, which handled all arrangements. The funeral service was held Wednesday at Meadowbrook Congregational Church of Novi. Interment was at South Lyon Cemetery in South Lyon.

### Robert E. Dayton

Robert E. Dayton, 65, died August 10 at the Benedictine Hospital in Kingston, N.Y.

Born in Northville, MI on Jan. 27, 1934, he was the son of Ace and Nellie May Rowden Dayton and had resided in Woodstock, N.Y. since 1964.

Mr. Dayton was a 30 year

employee of IBM and a member of the Quarter Century Club. He was a veteran of the Korean Conflict.

Surviving are his wife Janice Brown Dayton; daughters Robin Dayton Wood of Kerhonkoon and Rhonda Dayton of Albany, N.Y.; son Byron Dayton of Port Ewen, N.Y.; a brother, Bruce Dayton of Novi, MI; sister Velma Gray of Northville, MI; and five grandchildren and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two brothers: Charles and Harold Dayton.

The funeral was a private arrangement at Lasher Funeral Home in Woodstock, N.Y.

### Lucy M. Fausone

Lucy M. Fausone of Novi, 82, died June 13 at Angela Hospice in Livonia.

She was born Lucy Faletti on April 23, 1917 in Calumet and married Joseph Fausone on May 18, 1934, also in Calumet. The couple moved to Detroit in 1941 and moved to this area in 1983.

She was preceded in death by her husband, who died in January 1993. Mrs. Fausone was the dear mother of Catherine (Jerome) Mazur; loving grandmother of Marie (Robert) Smith and Michael (Louise) Mazur; and great-grandmother of Wesley, Bradley and Rachel. She was the sister of Mary (William) Lutz; Biagio (Orly) Faletti; Dominic (Sally) Faletti; Jenny (Douglas) Arnold and Charles (Angie) Faletti.

She is also survived by one sister-in-law, Margaret (Peter) Fausone; one brother-in-law, Attilio Fausone and 11 nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Fausone was a housewife and a member of Holy Family Church in Novi.

Her funeral was June 15 at Holy Family Church. Father John Budde officiated. Interment was at Oakland Hills Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI, 48154-5010.

Arrangements were by the O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home.

### Barbara Louise Hendriks

Barbara Louise Hendriks, of Novi, died Aug. 11 at Harper Hospital in Detroit. She was 56.

Hendriks is survived by son Matthew J. Hendriks; daughter Elizabeth A. (Eric) Dillaber; mother Helen Sungaila and brother Paul Bottiaux.

Visitation is at the O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home. Funeral services are at 11 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 20 at Holy Family Church in Novi. Hendriks will be buried at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia. Memorials can be sent to Holy Family Church.

### Irene Kaluzny

Irene Kaluzny of Novi, 79, died August 12 at Lourdes Nursing

Home in Waterford Township.

Ms. Kaluzny was born March 11, 1920 in Detroit to Walter Kaluzny and Gladys Szablewski Kaluzny, who are deceased.

A retired clerical worker who lived in this area all her life, she is survived by a sister, S. Virginia Kaluzny of Novi.

Ms. Kaluzny was a member of Our Lady of Victory Church, the Novi Historical Society and the Palette and Brush Club.

The funeral was held August 16 at Our Lady of Victory Church in Northville. Father Jim Kean officiated.

Interment was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Arrangements were made by Casterline Funeral Home of Northville.

### Ellis J. Lockwood

Ellis J. Lockwood, age 80, died Aug. 13, 1999 at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Michigan. Mr. Lockwood was born in Southfield, MI on Nov. 5, 1918 to the late Everett Lockwood and Grace Johnson.

Mr. Lockwood retired in 1972 from the Internal Revenue Service after 35 years. He was the chief of audit at the time of his retirement. Mr. Lockwood served with the United States Navy. He was also a member of the Traverse City, Farmington and Pompano Beach Elks Clubs. He was preceded in death by his first wife Betty Jean Lockwood.

Visitation was Tuesday and Wednesday at the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home in Northville. Services are today, Aug. 19 at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. The Rev. Thomas M. Beagan from the First United Methodist Church in Northville will officiate. Interment will be Friday at 1 p.m. in the Lakeview Cemetery in Bellaire, MI. The Rev. Mary Brown from the Bellaire Community United Methodist Church will officiate at the at the cemetery.

Mr. Lockwood is survived by his second wife Ann Marie Lockwood; sons John (Sallie) Lockwood of Wyandotte and Gary (Tammy) Lockwood of South Lyon; seven grandchildren and two siblings: Vernard Lockwood from Hampton Roads, Virginia and Evelyn Churches from Grand Blanc, MI.

Memorial contributions to the Alzheimers Association would be appreciated by the family.

### Anna Palermo

Anna Palermo, 84, died July 21 in Providence Hospital, Southfield.

She was born May 31, 1915, in Detroit to Peter and Josephine Rappa.

Mrs. Palermo has been a resident of Northville since 1989. She was also an active parishioner at St. Kenneth Catholic Church.

She is survived by her husband of 54 years, Casmier L. of Northville; son, Richard (Desiree) of Grand Ledge; daughter, Carolyn (William) McGuire of Novi; and six

grandchildren, William, Jennifer, Karen (Tony), Juliette, Chad and Ryan.

Mrs. Palermo was predeceased by a sister, Mary Lanzetta.

A funeral mass was celebrated at St. Kenneth Catholic Church on Saturday, July 24 with the Rev. Joseph Mallia officiating. Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Arrangements were made by Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home of Northville.

Memorial contributions to the Alzheimers Association would be appreciated by the family.

### Michael Timon

Michael Timon of Wixom, 85, died August 12 at Angela Hospice of Livonia.

Timon was born in 1913.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Jean. Mr. Timon is survived by daughters Patricia Klein and Barbara (Robert) Rzepka.

He is also survived by five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Visitation was August 15 at O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home, which made all arrangements. The service was at Holy Family Church of Novi on August 16. Interment was at St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights.

Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI, 48154-5010.

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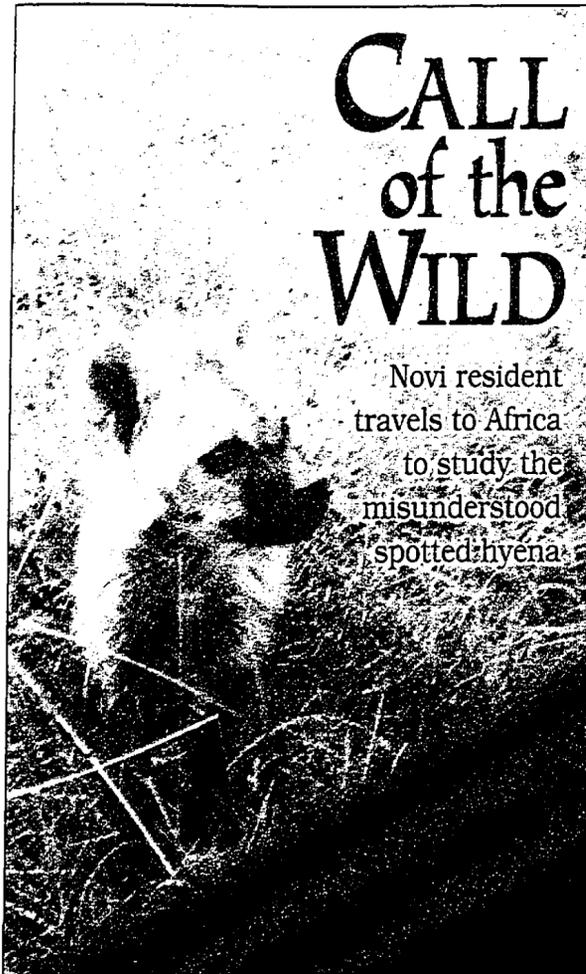
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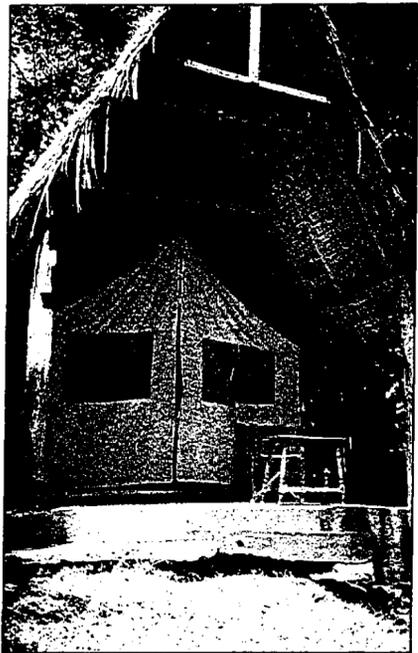
# CALL of the WILD

Novi resident travels to Africa to study the misunderstood spotted hyena.



Above: The team of young researchers observed the spotted hyena from off-road vehicles in Kenya's Nakuru National park. Right: Julie Harris was pleasantly surprised by the accommodations at the site. Tents, set on raised platforms, were comfortable and installed with indoor plumbing.

SUBMITTED Photos



While in Kenya, Harris and fellow students visited Masai people in their village. Harris was offered a young husband, but she politely declined. Below: Harris at home. The MSU senior, who studies neurobiology, plans to pursue a doctorate and research the human brain.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER



By JAN JEFFRES  
Editor

Night fell over the Masai Mara Game Reserve. Julie Harris, snug under a canvas roof in the river camp, usually settled down to sleep. But sometimes she'd lie awake and listen to the sounds of Africa - the screams of vervet monkeys, the roar of lions, the manic giggles of hyenas.



The hyenas were tranquilized so that the researchers could give them a close examination. The condition of the teeth indicate age and pack rank.

Best of all to Harris were the vocalizations of the continent's most deadly animals, the hippos.

"I loved the sounds they made. It just sounded like they were chortling. They do it all day and all night," Harris said.

But it was the lure of the laughing hyenas that captured this Michigan State University senior when it came time to volunteer for a research project. Harris, who is working on a degree in animal behavior and neurobiology, spent part of June in Kenya studying the behavioral ecology of African mammals. This is the first time MSU opened the program to undergraduates.

It was also the 20-year-old Novi resident's first time overseas.

She came home eager to rehabilitate the sullied image of hyenas. Villified in movies such as "The Lion King," the creatures have gotten too much bad press, Harris finds.

"They're definitely misrepresented. They get a bad rap. They're not a scavenger. They're good efficient hunters and they compete with lions," she said.

The journey from Detroit to Nairobi took Harris 16 hours, but to her surprise she didn't leave the comforts of home behind.

Roughing it in the bush included comfortable tents with indoor plumbing and quite luxurious lodges.

During her stay in Kenya's Nakuru National Park, followed by more time in the renowned Masai Mara National Reserve, Harris learned to identify a number of African mammals by gender. The antelope were the most difficult, having so many variations on a similar theme.

But she chose the spotted hyenas for more intensive study. Harris joined a MSU

field research laboratory, under the direction of Dr. Kay Holekamp, that has scrutinized the animals on site for 11 years.

Her group was assigned the task of defining the dominance hierarchy in the birth den of 14 spotted hyena cubs, the progeny of seven or eight mothers. Hyenas are a strict matriarchy and the lead or alpha female's daughters outrank other cubs.

"Their females are cool because they're dominant to the males," Harris said.

The animals live in clans of about 70. Females stay with their birth clans, while mature males are kicked out. Hyenas take over the dens of porcupines or wart hogs. Their young then live in a series of tunnels.

The students determined which cubs were leaders of the pack by tossing out biscuits at them and watching them fight over the treats.

"We kind of prompted them to fight," Harris said.

The young researchers weren't actually mingling with the young hyenas. They

## Hyena chatter

- Paleontologists can identify 69 species of hyenas from fossils, the earliest from 17 to 18 million years ago.
- Prehistoric hyenas lived in Europe, including Greece, Austria and Spain.
- Only four species exist today, the spotted, striped and brown hyenas and the aardwolf, a termite-eater.
- Hyenas now are only found in Africa and southwest Asia.
- Hyenas may resemble dogs, but their closest relative in the animal kingdom is the mongoose. They are also related to domestic cats.
- The top running speed for a hyena is estimated at 30 mph.

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## Novi takes precautions against a repeat of the flood damage of 1991

Rain pelted Novi over the weekend and into Monday causing flooding and property damage for residents.

Perhaps hardest-hit were residents of Village Oaks subdivision. Village Oaks Lake rose all day Monday, sending water into the backyards of residents and into their homes.

According to city manager Ed Kriewall, the man-made lake rose to flood level because of the heavy rainfall. He said as much as 5 inches may have fallen on that portion of the city.

"The problem is that the outlet pipes for the rain are not large enough to handle the heavy rain," Kriewall said. "The system isn't designed for that kind of event."

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By CHRIS C. DAVIS  
Staff Writer

Some eight years after rains pounded Village Oaks subdivision and sent neighbors' blood pressures through the roof, Novi city manager Ed Kriewall said steps have been taken — and will continue to be taken — to stop waters from damaging the community.

Village Oaks once ranked near the top among subdivisions in Novi for propensity of flooding, due mainly to the combination of its low-lying area and the path cut through the area by Bishop Creek, part of the Rouge River system.

Michigan Department of Environmental Quality engineer Ashok Punjavi said Bishop Creek's relatively small size didn't permit it to handle

substantial amounts of stormwater.

"These creeks like Bishop Creek aren't designed to handle heavy flows," Punjavi said. "They're pretty small, and in a lot of ways, they're almost designed to flood."

Further complicating Village Oaks' problem, Punjavi said, is the age of many of the subdivisions' homes. Many of the homes in Village Oaks were constructed in the late 1960s or early 1970s.

"Homes built around that time had 50-year floods factored into their construction," Punjavi said. "Most of the newer homes you see built after 1980 were designed with 100-year floods in mind."

Punjavi said modern subdivision designers engineer the lay of the land such that backyards may take on standing water, but basements and living rooms should be able to ward off rain.

"Things had apparently changed for the better since Village Oaks reported

the most frequent flooding problems in 1990 and 1991.

"We have an ongoing program in Novi as it pertains to stormwater management," said Novi city manager Ed Kriewall, who also served as city manager in 1991. "In the last few years our focus has been on the construction of detention basins in strategic locations throughout the city."

Between 70 and 80 percent of the detention basin construction projects identified as necessary by the city have been built since the early 1990s.

Novi — and Village Oaks in particular — was a target for flooding because of its placement relative to other bodies of water in the city.

"It's like anything else — they're downstream from other areas in Novi, and that means the water goes to those homes," Kriewall said.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Waterways like Bishop Creek, which runs through the Village Oaks subdivision, flood easily because of their small size.

### Community Events

Open auditions for the fall theater production of "The Glass Menagerie" will be held at **Schoolcraft College** on Aug. 31 and Sept. 1 in the Liberal Arts Theater. There are approximately 70 roles available for males and females for the Shakespearean play. Auditions are open to the public and no experience is necessary. For more information, call (734) 462-4469, ext. 5270.

The country band **Winkley River** will take stage in a free concert Aug. 18 at 7 p.m. in **Hines Park-Waterford Bend** in Northville. The band claims influences from noted country acts Vince Gill and Garth Brooks. For more information, call (734) 291-1866.

The **Ypsilanti Garden Club** will host the Heritage 1969 Garden Walk in Ypsilanti on Aug. 21 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Six gardens in the Ypsilanti area will be featured, all of which will have some kind of water element added to it. Tickets are \$6 each, and a percentage of the proceeds benefits the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival. For more information, call (734) 483-3256.

**Walled Lake High School's** class of 1939 will be celebrating its 60-year reunion on Aug. 20. A 9:30 a.m. breakfast at the Walled Lake Big Boy restaurant will begin the day, capped off with an evening dinner and presentations at El Dorado Country Club, 2869 N. Pontiac Trail. On Aug. 21 a picnic is slated for 12:30 p.m. at Willis Park in Wixom. Attendees are asked to bring a dish to pass and a beverage. For more information, call (248) 624-0173.

The **Michigan Chili Championship & Salsa Competition** will be held in Plymouth on Sept. 11 during the Plymouth Fall Festival. Competition begins at 2 p.m. and

## Novi Lioness Club elects officers

The new Lioness year began July 1 and the new board of directors is as follows:  
President: Monica Rhea  
1st vice-president: Jane Barbosa  
2nd vice-president: Mary Coonce  
Secretary: Patu Barr  
Treasurer: Kathy Rhea  
Lioness Tamer and Tail-Twister: Maggie Meeker

1-year director: Nina Lemponen  
2-year directors: Mary Fiero and Dee Gurdle  
As the new year is starting for the group, they are looking for ladies who would like to become involved in a service organization. The Lionesses meet once a month on the third Tuesday. Dues are \$15 per year.  
At their meeting last week, plans were made for the next euchre tournament which will be a fundraiser again under the direction of Maggie Meeker. It's slated for Sept. 18 at the Novi Civic Center. The group also asked members to bring in clothing, with some of the donations given to Big Brothers and Big Sisters and other local organizations for distribution.  
A report was heard on the wine and cheese party presented for residents of the Charter House. A "Christmas In July" party was hosted for Charter House residents, where carols were sung and gifts were presented. Plans for another fundraiser will be discussed at the group's Sept. 21 meeting.

The Lionesses contribute to the Detroit Red Wing Hockey Team. Dinner-only tickets are \$50. For more information, call (734) 482-1020.

**Benefit golf outing for the Plymouth United Way of Michigan** will be held Sept. 1 at Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth.  
The \$150 outing covers the cost of breakfast, 18 holes of golf, lunch, silent auction and dinner, which will feature a limited appearance by former Detroit Red Wing Mickey Redmond. Dinner-only tickets are \$50. For more information, call (734) 482-1020.

**Boy Scout Troop No. 54** is holding a car wash on Aug. 21 at North United Methodist Church from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Proceeds benefit the troop.

### Novi Highlights

Tuesday evening at the Novi Civic Center, it will be a welcome-back party for Claudia Walter, who was on maternity leave after having her son, Noah. The caseload at the NYA office in her absence was handled by Derek Mazur.

A new caseworker was also hired at the office. Al Kazkowski, who replaced John Greenhill.  
The summer has been very busy at NYA for several committees that include the drug and alcohol awareness committee, headed by vice-president Barbara Holmes. She helped coordinate a placemat contest and essay contest for young people was held, working alongside Local Color, Novi schools and major Kathleen McAllen. An award was presented to the winners and parents at a Novi city council meeting.

Several young adults were sponsored by the committee to be a part of the Prevention, Intervention and Education program at Providence Hospital.  
Another project of the committee is an educational video being produced with the assistance of Dr. Jerrad Hart of the Novi police department. The video, "As Doors Close," will be shown to Novi High School students to show the effects of drinking.  
The scholarship committee of NYA presented scholarships to Jennifer Tuck and Ryan Reisman.

**HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
The Christian service social ministries is sponsoring a back-to-school program until Aug. 28. As school is rapidly approaching, children have grown through the summer months and need larger clothing and supplies. There is a list of many items that can be purchased for children and turned into the church office. They include gift certificates, tote bags and regular school supplies.  
Also coming up is the Novi-Northville annual CROP Walk for Hunger. A recruitment rally for participants will be held Sept. 2 at Holy Family. Churches in the area are asked to send a representative to the meeting to discuss the walk and to receive materials. Hope Lutheran Church brought a program included playing bingo. Later in the month, Good Shepherd Lutheran will arrive with a program next month, as will St. James.

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comed by a new receptionist on duty.

The changes will continue outdoors, with plans for a new look, although residents can already enjoy the patio towards the back where a watermelon social will be hosted by the family council.

Other activities involve many churches in the area, including a Sunday afternoon service hosted by Faith Community Presbyterian Church and communion served by St. James Catholic Church in the morning.

On the first Tuesday of the month, residents welcomed Rev. Louise Ott, who brought her guitar to help deliver her message. Hope Lutheran Church brought a program included playing bingo. Later in the month, Good Shepherd Lutheran will arrive with a program next month, as will St. James.

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*Novi Highlights is written by Novi resident Jeanne Clarke.*

### Engagements



**Abramovich-Lowe**

Ronald and Carolyn Abramovich of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Sharon Lynn, to and Jason David Lowe of Farmington Hills.

The bride-elect is a 1991 graduate of Northville High School and 1997 master's degree graduate of Eastern Michigan University in clinical psychology. She is employed by Boys & Girls Republic in Farmington Hills as a therapist. The groom-elect is a 1994 graduate of the University of Michigan and is employed as an instrumental music teacher at North Farmington High School, which he attended as a student. He is the son of R. Dennis Lowe of Farmington Hills.  
A May 13, 2000 wedding is planned.

### Church News

Flu shots will be made available through the parish health ministry of **Holy Family Catholic Church** in Novi on Oct. 3. The shots are strongly recommended for seniors, particularly those age 65 or older. The shots are \$10 (cash or check) or free if a person has Medicare Part B. Flu shots will not be given to persons under age 18 or those with an active neurological disorder or allergies to eggs, egg products, chicken feathers, thimerosal, gentamicin, streptomycin or sulfites. For more information, call (248) 347-3046. Also at Holy Family — clothes for the needy are accepted 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.

**Novi United Methodist Church** will be participating in the Western Wayne County Habitat for Humanity Golf outing Aug. 22.

### In Service

Navy Petty Officer 3rd class Justin C. Doig is currently halfway through a six-month deployment while assigned to Strike Fighter Squadron No. 87, embarked aboard the U.S.S. Theodore Roosevelt.

Doig's squadron helped conduct NATO bombing and airstrike missions against military and strategic locations in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. The squadron is no on route for the Arabian Gulf to participate in Operation Southern Watch, which is geared towards patrolling the "no-fly" zone over southern Iraq.  
Doig is a 1995 graduate of Walled Lake High School.

Marine Private first-class **Matthew Muzik** participated in two commander amphibious

while assigned with Company India, 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine 2nd Marine Division, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C. Muzik is a 1998 graduate of Walled Lake Western High School.

Army 2nd Lieutenant and 1994 Novi High School graduate **Christopher Urban** has completed Ranger training at the U.S. Army Ranger School at Ft. Benning in Columbus, Ga. He is assigned to the 11th Infantry at Ft. Benning.

The U.S. Army announced 1996 Northville High School graduate **Andrea Francis** has graduated from the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps at Ft. Knox, Ky. Francis is a cadet-student at Central Michigan University.

Marine Cpl. **Joshua Wilson**, a 1995 graduate of Walled Lake Central High School, was promoted to his present rank while serving with Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 13 in Yuma, Ariz. He joined the Marine Corps in January of 1996.

Navy Seaman recruit **Christopher Foster** completed basic training at Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Ill. Foster completed a variety of training which included classroom study, practical instruction of Navy customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety, and shipboard and aircraft safety.  
Foster is son of Walled Lake residents Marint and Schelle Foster.

Northville's **Great Harvest Bread Company** received an honorable mention for its participation in the Michigan Restaurant Association's Operation CanDo, a charity to provide food for the less fortunate in Michigan during the winter months.

### Business Briefs

Walsh College announced the appointment of **Howard Thomas** as new director of student financial services. Thomas came to Walsh from Oberlin College in Ohio and had also served as the director of financial aid for 10 years at Albion College.

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In addition to its Novi campus, Walsh has locations in Troy, Port Huron and Clinton Township.

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<b>CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY</b> 2405 Meadowbrook, Novi, MI 48162 Moses Sat 3 pm, Sun 7:30 am, 9:45 am, 10:30 am, 12:15 pm Holy Day: 9 am, 9:30 am, 10:30 am Pastor: Andrew Carmichael, Pastor Former Andrew Carmichael, Assoc. Pastor Pastor Office: 348-1042	<b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE</b> 217 N. Waring, Northville, MI 348-1020 Sunday Worship: 10:45 am & 6:30 pm Wed. Youth Meetings 7:00 pm Boys Bible 7:30 pm, Pioneer Girls 7 pm Sunday School 9:30 am
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Just horsing around

Mike and Melissa James of Novi stand alongside Jared Hymen of West Bloomfield, who takes a few minutes to ride Tarifa, one of the horses in Davisburg. The group was participating in a program to pair physically and mentally

impaired riders with horses. Dee Hodges stands at right. Those interested in riding or participating with the 4-H Horseback Riding for Handicappers program should call (248) 858-0892.

Anniversaries



Oliver 50th



Gizynski 50th

David and Marie Oliver will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 20 at Fonte d'Amore restaurant.

The couple has five children: Corine (Fridal) of Novi, Michael Oliver of Dearborn, Sharon Sower of South Livon, Carol Oliver of Livonia and Lisa Verhelle of New Baltimore. They also have five grandchildren.

Waldemar and Martha Gizynski of Jackson celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 12 at the Northville home of their daughter, Beth Brooks. A special mass at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church was celebrated prior to the reception.

The couple has six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

George and Gladys Weiss, long-time residents of Northville, celebrated their 65th anniversary.

An open house was held at the Cherokee Village United Methodist Church in Cherokee Village, Ark. The celebration was attended by all the Weiss' children, as well as other family members and friends.

Maybury News

Novi MSU student sees Africa up close

Maybury State Park is open daily from 8 a.m. until dusk. Farm hours are 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily.

A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry to the park. Additional information about programs or facilities can be obtained by calling the park office at (248) 349-8390.

SUMMER EVENING SERIES: The tradition continues this summer with an exploration of Maybury's natural and cultural history through a variety of weekly hikes and presentations.

The group meets Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Maybury farm demonstration building.

Aug. 19: Bats of Michigan - Park ranger Roger Dyjak will have a slide presentation on Michigan bats, followed by a hike through Maybury to search for the animals.

KIDS' GARDEN DAY: Maybury Farm presents its third annual Kids' Garden Day on Saturday, Aug. 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

BIRDS OF PREY: Back by popular demand! Huron Valley Bird Rescue will present a Michigan Birds of Prey program on Saturday, Aug. 21 at 7 p.m.

SCARECROW WORKSHOP: Maybury Farm will host its sixth annual Scarecrow Workshop on Saturday, Aug. 28 at 2 p.m. Join the group in the Farm Demonstration Building for a short presentation on scarecrow lore, followed by a chance to construct some scarecrows for display at the farm.

All activities are free unless otherwise noted, but a state park motor vehicle permit is required to enter the park. For more information, call (248) 349-8390.

Continued from 1 stayed in off-road vehicles, because special permits are needed to cross the Masai Mara on foot.

Harris also learned how to tell a hyena's age and rank by its teeth. Hyenas yearn for bones and those in high society get to eat more. Their teeth are therefore much lower on the hyena social scale.

While the students were studying the hyenas, the field researchers were intently interpreting the behavior of another exotic and sometimes wild species - the MSU undergraduate. If this group worked out, the program would continue for another year.

"We were kind of the guinea pigs," Harris explained.

"They are very interested in the U.S. and America. One of the funniest questions was 'How many cows does your family have?'"

Julie Harris Novi resident, MSU biology student

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She was offered a young Masai man as a husband, but declined the offer.

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Births



David Allen Hayden

Caroline and Allen Hayden of South Lyon announce the birth of their son, David Allen Hayden, on June 23, 1999, at the University of Michigan Hospital. He weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces when born.



Lindsay May Estes

Tami and C.J. Estes of Novi announce the birth of their daughter, Lindsay May, on June 23, 1999, at the University of Michigan Hospital. She weighed 7 pounds 11 ounces when born.

Lindsay May is the granddaughter of Chris and JoAnn Floyd of Highland, and Curtis and Mitzi Estes of Saline.

On Campus

Northwood University announced that Novi residents Nichole Borashko and Kelly Dendel were among the university's spring 1999 graduating class.

Jeffrey Woolfall was Northwood's lone graduate hailing from Northville.

Walled Lake residents Kristina Hatfield and Susan Sienkiewicz were also Northwood graduates.

Northville resident Michael Kapusky graduated cum laude from Northern University. He was presented with the President's Medal for overall accomplishments and a Sobey Scholar Award for leadership and scholarship.

Western Michigan University announced that Northville residents Kimberly Lang and Sarah Matusz, in addition to Novi residents Janet Morrison and Ann Superfisky won Medallion Scholarship awards.

Northville High School graduate James Currie graduated from Taylor University's Upland, Ind. campus as part of the school's spring 1999 semester.

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## The past lives on in grand fashion

Victorian Festival organizers hope for big turnout in 11th annual city celebration

By CHRIS C. DAVIS  
Staff Writer

State signs autumn is approaching.

A few berries of color on the trees. The leaves have been mathematically eliminated from playoff contention.

Northville Chamber of Commerce director Laurie Marrs is scrambling to get everything done in time for the annual Victorian Festival.

Head counts from last year's three-day event hovered at around 50,000, making Marrs and other organizers very happy people.

"The town really started to burst at the seams," Marrs said. "It's the one weekend a year when we get to showcase what Northville is all about."

This year's Victorian Festival — the 11th in its storied history — begins Sept. 17 at 6:30 p.m. with the Victorian Festival Parade. Marrs said all area businesses, civic organizations, school, church and community groups were invited to participate, as were repairmen and vintage auto and bicycle owners.

Those taking part in the parade will have two blessings that weren't there last year: completed roadwork and new flower beds.

"I couldn't be happier with the new beds we're going to have," Marrs said. "The city has done a marvelous job in getting the landscaping together in time for the festival."

A few changes are in store for the festival this year, including:

- Moving the Dr. Rudy Medicine Man show up to Main Street, among the kids' activities. Marrs said the fast-talking medicine salesman has become a favorite with those attending the festival.

- Adding more antique sales and expanding antique auction availability.

- The appearance of a fine art exhibit and sale around the parking area.

- Placing an additional entertainment stage at Main and Center streets, and:

- Pumping up the amount of children's entertainment available. Marrs said the Victorian Festival organizers have done their best to make the event more kid-friendly by offering a greater amount of activities for the younger set, such as puppet shows.

"We've reconfigured the layout of the festival, and we think it's going to be for the best of everyone who comes out to it," Marrs said.

Due to the increasing number of participants in the Victorian Festival Parade, organizers are seeking six to eight teenage or adult volunteers to assist with lineup on the night of the parade. Interested persons should call (248) 348-3767.



Dressed in their Victorian best, two Northville ladies take a stroll through the downtown streets in last year's festival celebrating the era of the late 1800s.



Two boys try their best not to let go of their friend as he's swung in the air near Ford Field. Sights like these were common at last year's Victorian Festival, and organizers for this year's event say they're hoping for an even bigger turnout. The Victorian Festival is slated for Sept. 17, 18, and 19. For more information, call (248) 348-3767.

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Hugh Grant and Jeanne Tripplehorn star in "Mickey Blue Eyes."

## 'MICKEY BLUE EYES'

Marrying into this family can have a whole new meaning

Hugh Grant, Jeanne Tripplehorn and James Caan star in "Mickey Blue Eyes," a romantic comedy about love, fine art and The Mob.

Michael Felgate (Hugh Grant), an elegant, debonair Englishman who runs an auction house in New York, is head-over-heels in love for the first time in his life.

After only three months of dating his beautiful girlfriend Gina (Jeanne Tripplehorn), Michael gathers up his courage and proposes marriage. But, to Michael's shock and chagrin, Gina declares that, though she loves Michael very much, she can never

many him. Michael pursues Gina to her father (James Caan) Frank's restaurant in Little Italy, where Michael introduces himself to a tight-knit and tight-lipped group of Italian-American men who treat Frank with more than the usual respect.

As Frank welcomes his potential son-in-law with open arms, Michael begins to realize that by marrying Gina, he may not just become a member of her family — he may become a member of The Family.

And Gina refuses to have another of her boyfriends become corrupted and embroiled in her family's gangster life. So, to win the hand of the woman he loves, Michael bravely embarks on a mission to thwart the intentions of The Mob.

Soon, however, thanks to Gina's charming father, Michael inadvertently launders money through his auction house, becomes an accessory to murder and masquerades in certain New York circles as a tough wiseguy from Kansas City: the notorious Mickey Blue Eyes.

"Mickey Blue Eyes," a romantic comedy, stars Hugh Grant, Jeanne Tripplehorn and James Caan.

A Simian Films Production for Castle Rock Entertainment, "Mickey Blue Eyes" is directed by Kelly Makin ("Brain Candy: Kids in the Hall") and features James Fox ("Patriot Games"), Burt Young ("Rocky") and Scott Thompson ("Kids in the Hall"). Produced by Elizabeth Hurley ("Extreme Measures") and Charles Mulvihill ("Red Corner"), the film is written by Adam Scheinman and Robert Kuhn. Mickey Blue Eyes will be distributed domestically by Warner Bros. The film is rated "PG-13."

use of toilet humor. Although funny toward the beginning of the movie, American Pie actually loses its spark by the end of the picture.

It offers enough laughs to keep you entertained, but not enough substance to wake up Sleeping Beauty.

American Pie is a turn toward uneducated comedy, which isn't necessarily bad, but it isn't particularly great either.

What happened to the comedy of Steve Martin, Richard Pryor and Gene Wilder? Did we trade it all away for a few jokes about breasts and puberty?

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## READER MOVIE REVIEWS

Packed with humor that might be seen by many as disturbing and grotesque, American Pie actually twists the rating system in order to portray some of its most often sex-related jokes.

The downfall to this extremely perverse comedy is its constant

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 This outgoing DWCF, 51, 5'7", is a member of the choir who's ISO a romantic, considerate SWCM, 50-61, N/S, for friendship, maybe more. Ad# 6127

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**WILL GET BACK TO YOU**  
 Friendly, petite SW mom, 34, who likes country music, sports, and spending time with her children, is looking for an outgoing SWM, for a long-term relationship. Ad# 8567

**WANT TO SPEND TIME...**  
 With this cute Catholic DW mom, 41, 5'4"? She seeks an attractive Catholic SWM, 50-55, 6'+, who loves kids, country living, football games, golfing and vacationing at the ocean. Ad# 8545

**FAMILY VALUES AND LOVE**  
 This well-educated DWP mom of two, 49, 5'7", is hoping that the sensitive, kind SM, 35-55, that she hopes to meet will come forward soon. She enjoys sports, quiet evenings of conversation, movies, music, cooking, the outdoors and more. Ad# 4949

**HEAVEN SENT**  
 Pleasant, Catholic DWF, 51, 5'9", is seeking a companionable Catholic SWM who shares her enjoyment of country living, cooking, gardening, reading and the arts. Ad# 7837

**NOTEWORTHY**  
 Family-oriented DW mom, 38, 5'8", is hoping to share a meaningful friendship with a man of character, heart and substance, a SWM, 35-42, with patience and understanding. Ad# 4073

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 Outgoing SW mom, 43, 5'3", with brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys spending time with her children, walks on the beach and more, is interested in meeting a caring SWM, 37-50, who likes children. Ad# 4383

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 Summer is coming and I'd like to get out and have some fun. Shy at first, I'm DW mom, 42, 5'8", with various hobbies and interests, seeking a SWM, 40-48, to spend time with. Ad# 9847

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 Get to know this DWF, 50, with blonde hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys the sun, water, sports and traveling. She's ISO a S/DWM, over 50. Ad# 6665

**CHANGE OF PACE**  
 Friendly, outgoing SWF, 59, 5'1", whose interests include good conversation, dining out and more, is seeking companionship with a sincere SWM, 58-65, who enjoys life. Ad# 5138

**A KEEPER**  
 Kind-hearted SWF, 45, 5'2", who enjoys movies, traveling and more, is looking for a loving, funny WWW, 40-65. Ad# 1066

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 Sweet DWCF, 59, 5'3", is seeking a SWCM, 55-65, with a sense of humor, who enjoys movies, family time, traveling and home cooking. Ad# 1219

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**SONG BIRD**  
 Outgoing, Catholic SWF, 48, is looking for a SWM, 40-52, to share music, cooking, the outdoors and the arts. Ad# 9500

**GENUINE GEM**  
 Beautiful, brown-eyed SF, 46, who enjoys walking, traveling, movies and animals, seeks a SWCM, over 40, who loves life. Ad# 3865

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 Humorous Catholic SWPF, 26, 5'4", with red hair and brown eyes, enjoys music, working out, sporting events, skiing, camping and more, would like to share good times with a humorous SWM, 25-35, who has similar interests. Ad# 2603

**LEAVE A MESSAGE FOR...**  
 This DW mom, 34, 5'4", who likes cooking, animals, parks and the outdoors. She's looking for a DWM, 34-45, with a sense of humor and similar interests. Ad# 2130

**SHARE MY LIFE**  
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**WANTED...**  
 A partner for life. DWF, a young 50, 5', 102lbs., a N/S, degreed, has a positive attitude, is romantic and enjoys anything. She is seeking a commitment minded, educated, D/SWM, to spoil. Ad# 1225

**THE BEST**  
 Kind, easygoing SWF, 50, 5'3", who enjoys gardening, dancing and long walks, is seeking a SWM, 48-60. Ad# 1747

**WELCOME TO MY LIFE**  
 Friendly SWCF, 47, 5'4", N/S, who enjoys camping, fishing, playing cards, cooking, holding hands and church activities, seeks a kind, loving SWCM, 45-60. Ad# 3755

**FRIENDSHIP FIRST**  
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**WAITING ON YOU**  
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**SHARE MY FAITH**  
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**INDEPENDENT**  
 Healthy DW mom, 32, 5'5", with dark brown hair/eyes, enjoys exercising, family time, movies, dining out, camping and animals. She would like to share life with a family-oriented, secure SWM, 31-45. Ad# 2730

**QUIET TIMES**  
 DWCM, 35, 5'10", enjoys outdoor activities, sports, quiet walks and movies, music and he's looking for an attractive SWCF, 35-35. Ad# 6226

**GOOD ATTITUDE**  
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**KNOWS WHAT HE WANTS**  
 Friendly SWM, 43, 6'2", 225lbs., with blond hair and blue eyes, who enjoys travel, dancing, fishing, movies and more, is seeking an attractive SWF, 36-45, N/S. Ad# 2424

**LIFE IS GOOD**  
 This friendly, active DWM, 5'9", is a young 54 who likes to exercise. He's seeking an honest SF, under 50, who can keep up. Horse lover a plus. Ad# 4848

**A GREAT ATTITUDE...**  
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# Picking up where it left off

'Cats hope to make run at KVC title

By JASON SCHMITT  
Sports Editor

Can you say 'senior leadership'?

That's what everybody associated with the Novi football program is saying in 1999. The Wildcats return a plethora of seniors — 31, to be exact — who were a part of Novi's 5-4 squad of a year ago.

And the burden of ending the millennium on a winning note will fall heavily on those 31 returnees. Many of Novi's projected starters are seniors.

"Last year we had just 15 seniors on the varsity team, and our sophomore class is just like that this year," coach John Osborne said. "Hopefully, with all that experience back, it should pay some dividends for us this year. Everyone is bigger, faster and stronger than last year."

This year's team will have many of the offensive weapons that helped the team post 224 points in nine games last season. Unfortunately, many of them will have to double up to help out an inexperienced defense.

Seniors Dan Kittle and Jon Cervi will captain the 1999 team. Both are returning starters from last season. Offensively, Kittle will start at center and will share time on the defensive line. Cervi is one of two starting running backs and will double up as a linebacker when needed.

**OFFENSE**

Without a doubt, this is the

strength of the team. The entire backfield returns from last year, so Osborne expects to score a lot of points this season.

Senior quarterback Mitch Maier returns for his second season taking the snaps. Last year he was the first junior to start at quarterback at Novi High School since 1985.

"Usually we look to a player who's had some experience and who can lead the team," Osborne said. "Mitch demonstrated a lot of leadership in his junior season. And this year he's stronger than last year."

Maier, 6-foot-1, 180 pounds, threw for 972 yards and eight touchdowns last year. He also ran for another 542 yards and six touchdowns. His backup will be fellow senior Scott Minke.

Those two will hand the ball off to a pair of returning letterwinners, Cervi and senior Dan Jilg. Last year Cervi (9 touchdowns) proved to get the bulk of the carries, with Jilg being used as a third target for Maier out of the backfield.

"Both (Cervi and Jilg) have speed and experience running the ball," the coach said. "Cervi is both evasive and he has strength."

Senior Aaron Harbin started a few games last season, and will be back to start at the fullback position this year. Both junior Cas Werda and senior Josh Rzepecki will also get a few carries in 1999.

If last year was any indication, Maier's passing yards should rise with the emergence of senior Pat Muston. A big-play receiver last year, Muston will see more balls thrown his way in 1999. He caught 33 passes for 702 yards and his seven touchdowns were the second-most on the team behind Cervi.

On the other side, Osborne has not yet decided on a starter, but four have emerged as candidates. Minke definitely has the athleticism to play the position, and will battle seniors Dave Tardella, Bryce Banta and Chris Zaleski for playing time. Osborne said it will be a play-by-committee position.

Up front looks pretty solid in the preseason. Kittle will anchor the offensive line at center and will be surrounded by a small, yet solid corps of linemen.

Seniors Jason Pyorala and Sean McGuckin shared time at one of the guard positions in 1998, but will both start as guards this year. Pyorala (5-11, 220) will be to Kittle's left, and McGuckin (5-10, 175) to his right. Derrick Land (5-9, 195) had a

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi coach John Osborne points the way to his troops at practice last Thursday at Novi High School.

great off season and will start at the left tackle position. Fellow senior Ryan Doll (6-2, 260) will start at on the other side.

Senior Josh Perkey, still recovering from an off-season knee injury, may see some time at tackle and junior Tim Stefanson has asserted himself as one who will play some this year.

Senior Andy Christopherson will handle both the kicking and punting responsibilities. As a

junior varsity kicker, he kicked a career-best field goal of 46 yards. He takes about 400-500 kicks per week.

**DEFENSE**

If there's a question mark on this year's team, it's defensively, especially up front.

Werda (5-9, 210), called a "man child" by his coach, will start for a second-consecutive year at one of the tackle positions. The other

spot is up for grabs with Craig Kreutzberg (5-10, 245), Jason Moore (6-2, 260) and Mike Superfisky (6-0, 220) making a run for the starter's spot.

Kittle and Pyorala will both see time at the defensive end positions and Lee Ehlers (6-0, 180) returns as a starter.

Osborne is hoping that his linebacking crew will step it up

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# HomeTown offers the best of the KVC in 1999

By SCOTT KELLEY and STEPHEN BELL  
Staff writers

Over the last decade, the Kensington Valley Conference has developed into one of the better football leagues in the state.

And over the years, the KVC teams have produced some big-name players who have or are projected to have great college careers. Among the past KVC stars: Brighton's Drew Henson, Clint Copenhaver, Eric Warner and Dave Pearson and South Lyon's Cory Sargent, who play or played for Michigan; Howell's Joe Adam at Central Michigan; and Travis Wilson at Michigan State, as well as many others.

So who will be the next big-name player to come out of the KVC?

With the input of KVC coaches, fans, and sports editors from the Brighton Argus, Livingston County Press, South Lyon Herald, Milford Times and Novi News, the following is a projection of who the top 20 players in the league will be this year.

**1. Brandon Pitzer Sr OL/ DL Brighton**

Everybody knows a football game is controlled at the line of scrimmage. But these big guys hardly ever receive the recognition they deserve.

However, this "big guy" from Brighton has been turning heads all over the place. At 6-4 and 265 pounds, Pitzer is a man among boys and plays the same way. Last season as a junior, Pitzer turned the heads of opposing coaches everywhere as well as gained the attention of college scouts. Now he's a Big 10 recruiting target.

**2. Joe Carpenter Sr RB Howell**

This senior tailback is the epitome of speed and vision. After joining the varsity team at the end of his freshman season, Carpenter has gone on to rack up back-to-back 1,000 yard seasons in his sophomore and junior years — the first time a Howell back had gained 1,000 yards in over 20 years.

He compensates for a lack of size with killer speed — Carpenter's the fastest player in the conference. As a junior, he rushed for 1,094 yards on 120 carries and scored 17 touchdowns. It was his second season in which he surpassed 1,000 yards. Carpenter averaged 21.1 yards on kickoff returns, and 17.9 yards on punt returns.

"As a running back, he's as good a prospect as I've seen," Novi coach John Osborne — who has been the Wildcats' coach since the school opened — said.

**3. Jim Mize Sr RB South Lyon**

A 5-10, 195-pound fullback, Mize was the KVC's leading rusher at 120 yards a game — and South Lyon was undefeated — before he tore his ACL in game five against Lakeland. But so far, the returns on his rehab look good, and Mize should pick up where he left off last year with major production on the ground.

"He's back and running," South Lyon coach Bob Scheloske said. "He took some good hits in our scrimmage Saturday."

**4. Jim Reese Jr LB/HB Brighton**

After producing a slew of Division I college players, Brighton coach Bill Murray would seem to know a decent player when he sees one.

So when Murray says a player will be a "great one," it's time to stand up and listen.

That's exactly what Murray is saying about Reese. The junior stands 6-1, 200 pounds and has great speed, vision and good size — everything needed to be successful in the league this year.

**5. Brad Morris Sr LB South Lyon**

Morris is a third-year starter at middle linebacker. He was the Lions' leading tackler last season with 125 tackles. Morris has speed at 6-2 and 215 pounds, which is why Scheloske said he is a definite college prospect.

If there's a position where it's beneficial to have an ornery disposition, it's middle linebacker. Novi coach John Osborne, for one, is taken by Morris' game. "He's outstanding," Osborne said. "He could make the all-mean team."

**6. Pat Muston Sr WR/DB Novi**

A big-time athlete as Novi's split receiver, Muston has the size and skills to make the catch, then do something afterwards. As a junior, Muston had 702 receiving yards, averaging 21.3 yards per catch. Muston scored seven touchdowns. Harland coach Tab Kellepourey said Muston beat the Eagles single-handedly with his strength and leaping ability — he would jump to catch the ball, the defense would fall down, and Muston would take off.

**7. Chris Falkiewicz Sr LB Brighton**

Last year, this linebacker made a name for himself playing alongside Dave Pearson, who is now on the defensive line at the University of Michigan. The 6-0, 190-pound senior is one of the five captains on the team this year.

His leadership and ability to read the play and find the football has got the Bulldogs excited about what he could accomplish this year. Expect his name to be one called over the loudspeaker all night.

**8. Louis Palma Jr QB/DB/WR/Kick Returner Hartland**

This true all-around athlete possesses the skills necessary to be a big-name player in the KVC this year. On the field, he has great speed and quickness.

Last year as a sophomore, he really came on toward the end of the season. Against Pinciny in the last regular season game of the year, Palma almost single-handedly won the game for his team as he returned a punt for a touchdown as well as added big plays all night.

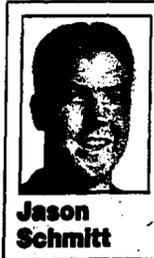
**9. Cullen Finnerty Jr QB Brighton**

There is something in the water in Brighton as the Bulldogs again are going to be one of the strongest teams in the league at the quarterback position.

With Drew Henson now going into his sophomore season at Michigan, and last year's quarterback Erik Moss, now playing at Columbia, the quarterback posi-

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# Response to football team has been great



Jason Schmitt

I have to say, this is the first time I've ever requested help from my readers on a particular topic...and received it.

It seems many of you are very interested in our all-time football team project. So much so that just two days after running my plea for help in the Novi paper, I received some. And just one day after publishing it in the Northville paper I received a pair of newspaper clippings from Northville's 1990 state semifinal team.

It talked of Northville's first two playoff victories, a 23-22 nail-biter over Wyandotte and an equally thrilling 23-18 victory over Dearborn. It talked of the team unity Northville displayed in its run towards a trip to the Silverdome, how its players came together as a family.

An accompanying letter by the sender, Ron Zumbrennen, explained of how he played against Northville High School in the early 1960s as a member of Clarkston's varsity squad. Unfamiliar with all of the names, he couldn't help but recall his coaches' final pre-game remarks. "Just remember, fellas, their quarterback can throw the ball from one end of the field to the other end."

That quarterback was the Mustangs' Steve Juday, and midway through the fourth quarter of that game Juday launched a 60-yard pass to one of his receivers for an 80-yard touchdown. That was the lone score in Northville's 7-0 win over the Wolves.

He also mentioned some other notable last names from those teams in the early 60s, including Biddle, Swiss and Goodrich. Along with 1990 quarterback Ryan Huzjak, he also talked of such names as Bob Holloway and Tony Briningstool from the early 1990s.

Earlier last week, my Novi readers responded with letters and old season previews from those great teams of the early 1970s. There was strong backing that the 1972 and 1973 football teams were the best the school has ever seen. With Dave Brown, Pat Boyer and Jim VanWagner's names coming to the forefront, those two squads were undefeated. Remember, that's when the wishbone offense ruled.

The Wildcats have since experienced short little runs of success, most noticeably in the mid to late 1980s.

Novi was a combined 34-6 from 1986-89 and won 10 games en route to a regional championship and semifinal appearance back in 1988.

The quarterback of that team, Ken Hendrian, is a fan-selected nominee for the quarterback position at Novi. Quoted in a 1988 newspaper was Wildcat coach John Osborne saying that season was the "finest" he'd ever had up to that point. No Novi team has won more than seven games since.

It's letters such as these that can push a possible candidate up, or down, the list. It's letters like the ones I received last week that will help determine who will be named among the best ever.

It's letters like those I've received, that makes every day a learning experience for myself. A learn-

ing experience on the history of Northville and Novi football I have yet to receive.

Thank you and keep those letters coming. Jason Schmitt is the sports editor for the Northville Record and Novi News. He can be reached at jschmitt@ht.homecom.net

## Who's the best?

Now that 1999 is upon us, and 2000 is nearing, The Novi News asks the questions: what was the best team and who were the best football players ever to don the Novi 'N'? We're asking our readers for help in our search for the best football players in Novi High School history. If you've got a memory, a thought or an opinion you'd like to share with us, please return this slip to the Novi News' office at 104 W. Main St., Northville MI 48167, or fax it to Jason Schmitt at (248) 349-9832. If you'd like to provide your name or phone number for additional information, please do so.

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Novi High football assistant coach Cole Rowecamp works with Adam Borashko on punt blocking skills during last Wednesday's camp.

### 'Cats Get Ready



Wildcat QB Mitch Maier gets in a few tosses to Pat Muston, his main receiver from the '98 campaign.

## Gridders hope for happy ending

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and help out the linemen in containing their opponents' running game. Seniors Adam Borashko (6-1, 180) and Matt Luschny (5-9, 165) will join Cervi at that position. Rzepceki and senior Matt Birch will also sub in and out as linebackers.

The Wildcats' strength on defense will be the secondary. Tardella and Jilg return at the cornerback positions and Mink and Maier return at safety. Muston will help out as a linebacker or in the secondary if he's healthy enough and senior Matt Gorman will help spell the starters, especially those who play both ways.

"No question, our defense will make or break us this year," Osborne said. "We gave up a lot of points last year that lost a few games for us."

"But mostly it was our timely turnovers. That's where we have to do a better job this year. We can't have those mental breakdowns at critical points in the game."

#### SCHEDULE

Osborne said his team will break the season down into three-game sets. And unfortunately for

the Wildcats, their first set is by far the toughest.

The team sees Farmington, Brighton and South Lyon in that order. The Bulldogs and Lions have dominated Kensington Valley Conference football in the 1990s and the Falcons were the only team to beat this year's senior class during its 8-1 junior varsity mark two years ago.

Their second set of three games will take Novi to Hartland and back home for two games against Milford and Flushing. Hartland made the playoffs last year and are the defending KVC champions. Flushing is a perennial playoff contender.

Their last three-game set is the easiest the team will face, and they still have to travel to Howell and face their Baseline rival Northville at home to end the millennium.

"There really is no weak part to our schedule," Osborne said. "I think if we can get through the first three games in good shape, success in the last three games will be easier."

Novi is 40-41 this decade, with five winning seasons and four losing campaigns.

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## Muston, Maier make KVC's top 20

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tion at Brighton is once again open. And while it has yet to be decided, a lot of people think this junior has all the tools to be a big name player.

**10. Mitch Maier Sr QB/DB Novi**  
Maier came up from the JV team to take the starting job last fall, and he never looked back, running Novi's offense like a vet. He's a multi-dimensional athlete who led the Wildcats in three major categories — passing, rushing, and tackling. Maier threw for 972 yards and eight touchdowns, while rushing for 542 yards and six touchdowns. In the defensive backfield, Maier made 65 tackles.

**11. Neil Williams Sr LB South Lyon**  
With Brad Morris holding things down in the middle, Williams and teammate Brian Azar are able to contain from their outside linebacking positions. An All-KVC pick as a junior, Williams — who runs a 4.7 40 — led the Lions in sacks and tackles for a loss.

**12. Ray Lint Sr OL Brighton**  
Looking for a "hog" to anchor your offensive line? Look no further than Lint. This big boy weighs in at 6-2 and 305 pounds.

The offensive tackle dominated his opponents with power and technique as he is one of the best blockers in the league and year. Combine that with the experience of being a three-year starter, and the Bulldogs have an impressive player on their team.

**13. Greg Landry Sr QB/WR/DB Brighton**  
While it is not yet known where he will be playing on offense this season, Landry — son of the former Detroit Lion quarterback — will be seeing action somewhere.

Last year, with Eric Moss taking most of the snaps under center, Coach Murray knew he needed to get Landry in the game. As Murray put it, "I want to have my best athletes on the field, and he is one of them."

Landry truly is a solid all-around athlete. He could see time at quarterback, wide receiver and defensive back this season.

**14. Ben Fleming Jr TE Milford**  
Fleming could become an integral piece of the offense this season after earning honorable men-

tion KVC accolades as a sophomore. What is particularly intriguing about Fleming's talent is his size — at 6-5, he'll be a huge target for the Redskins.

**15. Josh Rohacs Sr WR/LB Brighton**  
Another weapon the Bulldogs possess this year is Rohacs. Last season, he tore things up from whatever position he was playing. While not real big, standing 5-10 and 190 pounds, this senior makes up for it in intensity. He is another player who just has a knack for finding the ball. If he continues at the pace last season, Rohacs will be someone everybody will be well aware of.

**16. Aaron Radke Sr TE Howell**  
Last year, the Highlanders faltered a little late in the season, and some of that could be traced back to the loss of Radke. After going down with an injury last season, the Highlanders lost one of their best players. But after a lot of hard work by Radke in the off-season, Howell coach John Dukes said he is looking a good as ever.

Radke will be another player whom Howell will need to step up and fill a leadership role on the team, both on the field and off.

**17. Aaron Hein Sr RB/LB Hartland**  
In the past, Hartland's football team has not necessarily been known for its size. But what the Eagles lack in size, they make up for in intensity. One of the biggest players the Eagles will have this year is senior Aaron Hein.

Hein will be handling the duties of running back (probably full-back) and anchoring the defense from the linebacker position. He has a good nose for the football and is a great all-around athlete — he's also a large factor in basketball and track.

**18. Luke Begin Sr RB/DB Hartland**  
For those who followed Hartland football over the last few years, the Begin name is one of the reasons for the Eagles' success last season. Luckily for Hartland, one of the Begin brothers will be coming back this season. Luke Begin will be a player Hartland will be looking for big things out of this year.

**19. Brad Van Gorder Sr RB Lakeland**  
The future is now for Lakeland, and it may be personified in Van Gorder, who got experience last year as a ninth-grader. By the end of the season he was putting up bigger numbers than older brother Matt, who was an honorable mention all-conference pick his senior year.

**20. Scott Greene Sr E Hartland**  
Not very often does a kicker make a list as one of the best players in the league, but Greene is the exception. A two-sport star, playing both soccer and football in the fall, Greene made the Hartland kicking game one of the best in the league.



Novi quarterback Mitch Maier made HomeTown's top 20 list.



Far left: Coach Osborne, right, watches one of his placekickers launch a ball during last week's practice. Receiver Pat Muston looks at a Maier-thrown ball into his hands on the school's practice field.

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## Health Column

### What to look for in health fitness

There is a major trend continuing in the U.S. today called "specialization." Specialization is the limiting of goods and services offered (versus generalization) to better meet a specific need.



**Chris Klebba**

People are busier than ever before, and the world in most people's opinion is more complex than ever. When we find ourselves with a specific need trying to get from a point "A" to a point "B," more and more of us are turning

to a specialist in the area of our need.

There are hundreds of examples of specialization. Men no longer seeking a divorce lawyer for legal advice rather a divorce lawyer "specializing" in representing the man in the divorce. People no longer seeking a family doctor but a doctor "specializing in a specific area." Specialized book stores are available, stores specializing in electronics, batteries, fishing items, even a store specializing in calendars are popping up.

One could probably meet their need with a more general approach, but for the most efficient, quick solution to a specific need, a specialist is the answer. The same is true with one of today's hottest trends in meeting people's fitness needs...personal training.

Boo Sadikot, director of fitness for the Water Wheel Health Club points out "This service is now gradually shedding its former image of being an exclusive service. It is no longer reserved for celebrities, professional athletes, etc."

The top two barriers stopping most people from starting and staying with a fitness program easily point to why personal training is so

- 1) I am not sure where to start or what to do
- 2) I am not seeing results

These two reasons really speak volumes on why we as a population are not at the fitness level we desire. I mean, think about it, the first barrier is huge. Most people have tried four or five different programs or plans from the latest video program, the latest super home equipment piece or a membership to a club that does not match your needs. Many of these misguided starts lead people to give up on "exercise." We in the field hear it all the time, "I have tried an exercise program and it just doesn't work for me." Also when you start an improper exercise program you risk much more than lack of results, you risk serious injury.

The second barrier is just as critical. Most people do not stay with the proper program long enough to see results, so these poor results lead to dropping out. If a person were set up on a proper program from the start, and were to continue with it for 60-90 days, the noticeable changes to their body would act as the motivation to continue. The answer to this dilemma for many is personal training. But how does a person go about finding and choosing a personal trainer.

Personal trainers can be found almost anywhere these days. Look in your phone book. You will find a few types of trainers. Independents working as their own business, those working in a health-club setting or those doing both. Where they work is not as important as finding the right one for you.

We recommend examining these key points as a starter...

A) *Personality/people skills*—This is the first for a reason. You could have the most knowledgeable trainer in the world, and if you do not relate to, or trust him or her, the odds for success diminish. Good chemistry will promote

good communication. Many female clients prefer female trainers and some prefer trainers at or near their age. Do not skip this step. You are entrusting this person with your body. Once you locate a trainer, ask for a free consultation and turn it into an interview. Ask yourself: can I see myself building a relationship with this individual?

B) *Check certification and background*—Unfortunately certifications have become a little watered down. It is estimated that there are some 250-300 certification programs available today. But many are dubious, consisting of little more than a one-day course or a mail-order program. During your interview ask about this certification. Among widely respected programs are those offered by the American College of Sports Medicine, American Council on Exercise, Aerobics Fitness Association of America and the National Academy of Sports Medicine.

Another good question is how much experience does the trainer have? Academic degrees in a fitness field are not absolutely necessary, but can be important depending on your goals and background (i.e. past injuries, etc.)

Once you establish these basics, the relationship can be invaluable and your results will soon follow. Boo Sadikot adds, "Many of my clients have been training with me for two years, and continue to stick with their program and see regular changes. I am not sure they would have had this success without the personal guidance and relationship."

This column was written by Chris Klebba, owner and operator of the Water Wheel Health Club and a certified personal fitness instructor. The Water Wheel is an elite health club for adults at any fitness level. They provide a fun, non-intimidating atmosphere where they make your goals their goals. They specialize in personal training.

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## Health Notes

### Stepping Stones

It's a divorce-recovery workshop for children and parents. It starts Nov. 4 and is offered by pre-registration only. It runs every Thursday for six weeks at Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville.

The cost is \$10 and scholarships are available. For more information please call (248) 374-5920.

### Panic attack and agoraphobia support group

They have monthly meetings starting in September at both Northville and Livonia locations. It's a comfortable group support setting for individuals experiencing panic attacks. The cost is \$5. For more information call Susan Franceschi at (734) 420-8100.

### 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.

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Call (248) 424-3903 to register.

### Surgical Preparation

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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.

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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.

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