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## Kriewall calls it quits, will retire in February



City Manager Ed Kriewall.  
 Photo by JEREMY MCBAIN

By JEREMY MCBAIN  
 Staff Writer

After sitting in court for what he called one of the "dumbest" litigations to face Novi in his 30-year career in local government, City Manager Ed Kriewall decided it was time to retire.

Kriewall said he was in the Oakland County Circuit Court July 19 for a lawsuit against the city by the Adell Brother's Children's Funded Trust - listening to the lawyers make their cases in long drawn out speeches - when he decided he had enough.

"They don't pay me enough to sit here and listen to it. As the attorneys were droning on and on, I said this is nonsense," Kriewall said.

He made a formal announcement of his retirement Monday night at the Novi City

"I really enjoyed my job here, but it's the night meeting demands for 30 years. I have no life."

Edward Kriewall,  
 retiring Novi City Manager

Council meeting, Kriewall was hired as Novi's Department of Public Works superintendent on Sept. 1, 1969, the same year Novi was incorporated as a city. In October 1974, he was elevated to city manager. His last day on the job will be Feb. 11, 2000.

Kriewall said he actually been thinking about retirement for quite some time.

He said the IRS was going to change the retirement pensions for municipal employees a couple of years ago. Because of this, Kriewall said he was seriously considering retiring before his benefits were altered.

But, it never happened and Kriewall decided to remain on the job.

"About a year ago, I told the city council that I would stay until Jan. 2001," he said. He held with this plan until that fateful day in July.

Kriewall's decision to retire comes at a time when the city is facing several changes and challenges. A new mayor will be elected in November, the city is fighting a \$33 million lawsuit against a developer, the Novi Ice Arena is facing a deficit and a grant for a ring road around the Expo Center had

been pulled by MDOT because, in part, of the Adell lawsuit.

But, Kriewall stressed his decision to retire has nothing to do with politics. The city will prevail in the \$40 million lawsuit, the Novi Ice Arena will get out of its deficit in a year of two and the city will regain its road grant for the ring road project, Kriewall said.

Kriewall said the biggest reason he is retiring is because of the many night meetings he must attend as part of his job have taken their toll on him.

"I really enjoyed my job here, but it's the night meeting demands for 30 years. I have no life," he said.

According to surveys of city managers across the country, the number one problem with a city manager job is it does not

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## City holds a B-day farm picnic

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN  
 Staff Writer

Here's a chance for Novi residents to experience a real grass roots, "down on the farm" style picnic.

The Fuerst Family Picnic, hosted by the Novi Historical Commission and the Novi Parks and Recreation Department, will be held Sept. 26 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

This is one of the last events of Novi's celebration of the 30th anniversary of the municipality's incorporation as a city. The picnic will include tours of the old Township Hall and the Fuerst grounds, as well as an opportunity to learn more about the history of the surrounding community.

"This is a great opportunity for people to see the site," said Novi Historical Commissioner Linda Krieger.

"We want people to appreciate it and preserve the site for the future."

The afternoon activities will include old-fashioned games for children, as well as live folk music from Tom Lee between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m.

There will also be a special visit from Novi's own Margaret Schmidt, a.k.a. "The Farm Lady," and some of her special farm animal friends. And Tollgate Education Center will be bringing its horse-drawn hay wagon.

Local Color Brewing Company will also be on hand providing some food and refreshments, but guests are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch, lawn chairs or a blanket.

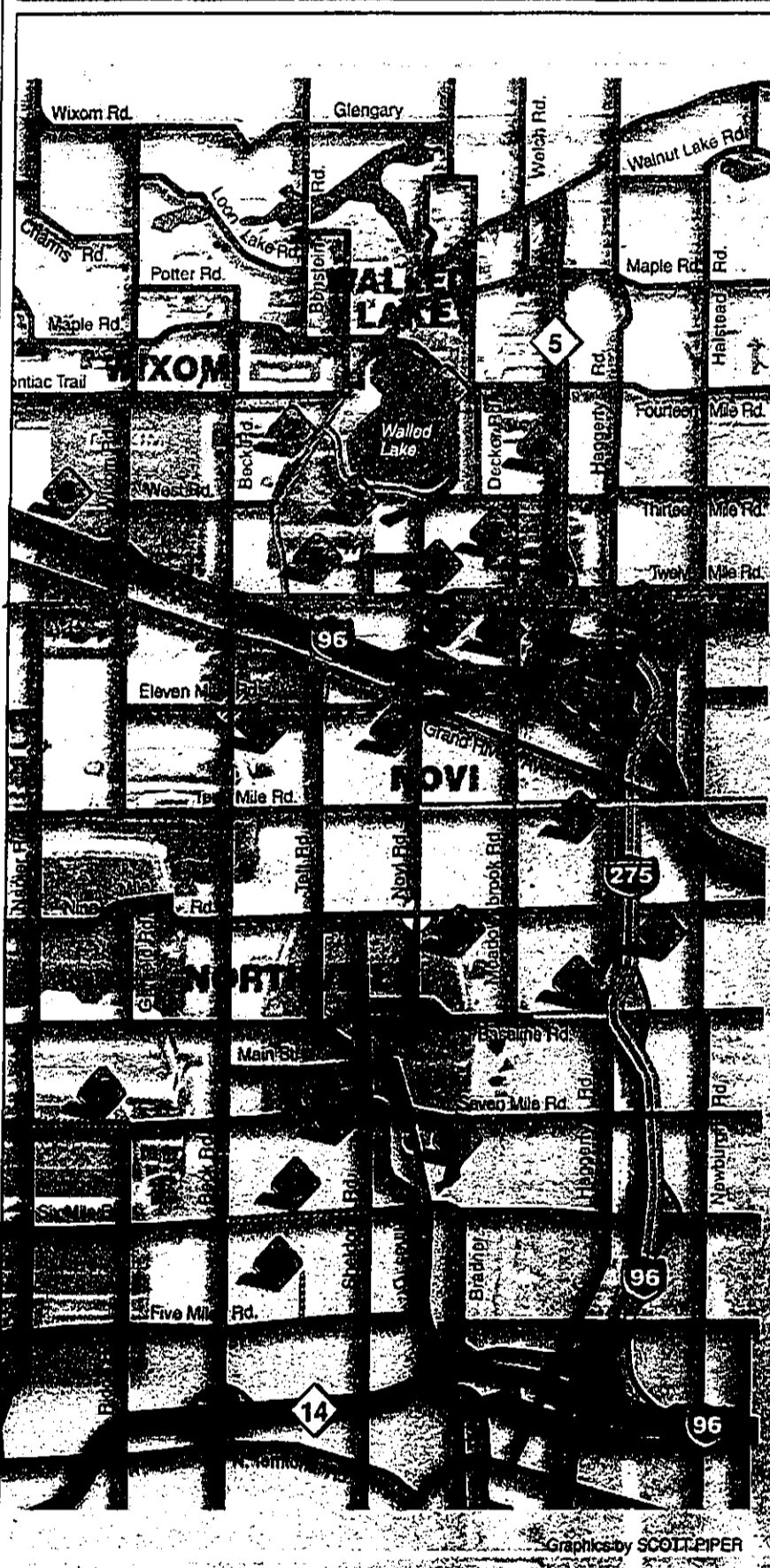
"We would like to see many members of the community come out and have a good time," Krieger said.

There will be picnic tables, games for the kids and farm animals. Rain or shine it is going to be a lot of fun.

Parking will be available in the Taft Road/Novi High School parking lot.

For more information call the Novi Parks and Recreation Department at (248) 347-0400.

## BARRELS, BLOCKADES AND BACKUPS



### State of the Roads

Updated schedule for local road projects

- East Lake Dr.** DELAYED now-Nov., 1999  
Resurfacing, bike path between Thirteen Mile/Fourteen Mile Rds.
- West Rd.** now-Nov., 1999  
Reconstruction, sidewalk from Taft Rd. to Pontiac Trail
- South Lake Dr.** Apr.-Nov., 2000  
Resurfacing, bike path, drainage
- M-5** COMPLETED now-Aug., 1999  
New highway between Twelve Mile Rd./Fourteen Mile Rd.
- West Park Drive** now-Nov., 1999  
Construction, signal installation
- Twelve Mile Road** DELAYED Nov., 1999  
Widening roadway east of Novi Rd. to west of Dixon Rd.
- Meadowbrook Rd.** COMPLETED June, 1999  
Reconstruction, bike path between Twelve Mile Rd./Thirteen Mile Rd.
- Interstate 96** COMPLETED July-Oct., 1999  
Resurfacing all lanes
- I-96 ramps at Novi Rd.** COMPLETED July, 1999  
Resurfacing
- Meadowbrook Rd.** DELAYED Nov., 1999  
Resurfacing between Eleven Mile Rd./Twelve Mile Rd.
- Haggerty Rd.** now-Dec., 1999  
Bridge rehabilitation
- Eleven Mile Rd./Beck Rd.** COMPLETED 1999  
Widening at intersection, signal
- Grand River Avenue** DELAYED Oct., 1999  
Reconstruction, widening, bridge construction
- Crescent Blvd.** DELAYED Dec., 1999  
New concrete construction
- Ten Mile Rd.** Oct.-Dec., 2003  
Study improvement alternatives between Novi Rd./Haggerty Rd.
- Nine Mile Rd./Novi Rd.** COMPLETED 1999  
Widening at intersection, signal
- Interstate 275** now-Dec., 2003  
Freeway reconstruction
- Baseline Rd.** Oct. '99-July 2000  
Resurfacing from east of Meadowbrook Rd. to I-275
- Seven Mile Rd.** COMPLETED July 1999  
Resurfacing between Ridge Rd.
- Seven Mile Rd.** DELAYED July 1999  
Resurfacing from Clement Rd. to Northville city limits
- Northville Rd.** Aug.-Dec., 1999  
bridge reconstruction
- Six Mile Rd.** DELAYED July-Nov., 1999  
paving gravel roadway between Beck Rd., Sheldon Rd.
- Centennial Dr.** COMPLETED now-July 1999  
New construction

## Tearing down the barricades

Road, freeway upgrades are ready for drivers

By JEREMY MCBAIN and CHRIS C. DAVIS  
 Staff Writers

As the summer of 1999 comes to an end, so does the massive amount of road construction that plagued drivers as they commuted throughout Novi and Northville.

"Most of our projects went fairly well. The contractors moved in and got the work done," said Novi Director of Public Services Anthony Nowicki.

"I was pleased. We managed to get everything in, with very few complaints." However, there were some problems.

Because the Michigan Department of Transportation received some state and federal funding for road construction, the department started several road projects at once that closed down some areas on state highways, Nowicki said.

With these thoroughfares blocked, more traffic was diverted to roads running through Novi and Northville, which were also undergoing construction.

"This created some conflicts," Nowicki said.

"But the conflicts motorists had to endure were really short in nature. I think when motorists are on the new roadways and pavements, they will recognize the benefit."

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A special section ...



## NPD chief wins the toughest battle

By JEREMY MCBAIN  
 Staff Writer

Like the classic showdown between supervillain and supercop, Novi Police Chief Doug Shaeffer faced his toughest enemy last fall and winter - cancer.

It was a fight Shaeffer knew he would have to win, but he was only given a 50 percent chance at best. One doctor even gave him only a seven percent chance of living.

"I was always confident I would beat this," Shaeffer said.

"The first doctor I met, I told him I wanted all of the treatments. I wanted the maximum of everything. I knew that was the greatest opportunity to beat the disease. That and the support of my friends and family."

Last May, he learned victory was his. Doctors could not find any more signs of the cancer in his body. Shaeffer's cancer was discov-

ered through a quick unscheduled visit to his doctor.

He was planning a golfing vacation out-of-state and thought he was coming down with a cold. So before he left, he stopped by his doctor's office thinking all he would need is a couple of pills.

Instead of a couple of pills, his doctor had his throat X-rayed and discovered something strange. He immediately sent Shaeffer to a throat specialist for a biopsy.

Within hours of his original visit to the doctor's office, Shaeffer learned he had cancer.

"The first thing it did was scare me to death. Cancer is still thought of today as a death sentence. Many months later, I know it is not quite the death sentence it once was," Shaeffer said.

Even so, he was optimistic in the face of poor survival statistics.

"I had extremely bad days. I lost



(Left to right) Novi Police Department sergeants Bob Gatt and Tom Hesse chat with the boss, Chief Douglas Shaeffer.

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## Community Calendar

Thursday, Sept. 16

### Novi Senior Variety Show

The Novi Senior Variety Show will be held at 12 noon today at the Novi Civic Center. Lunch will be served. For information, call 347-0400.

### Youth baseball

Youth baseball games at 7 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. The games are open to the public.

### Novi Rotary

The Novi Rotary Club meets at 12:00 at the Novi United Methodist Church, 4147 E. Ten Mile Road. For information, contact Bob Lumbrecht at 347-1529.

### TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly for all ages meets at 7 p.m. at the Novi Meadows Clubhouse on Upper Road. For more information, call after 6 p.m. 347-3442/67.

### Novi School Board

Total cholesterol screening by fingerstick method, will be offered 1-4 p.m. at the Botsford Center for Health Improvement-Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave. Cost is \$5 fee. For more information call 477-6100.

The Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will hold a seminar on health care for women, insurance issues and how to build a classic wardrobe from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. today at the Wyndham Garden Hotel. Registration is \$13 per person. For information, call (248) 788-9032.

### Yom Kippur

Yom Kippur is celebrated today.

### ABWA

The Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association meets at the Wyndham Garden Hotel, at 42100 Crescent Blvd. Social hour is set at 6 p.m. and dinner is served at 7 p.m. Meetings are open to all working women. For reservations, call Audrey Gulley at (248) 624-1713. For membership information, call Bette Johnson at (248) 960-9559.

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The Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters Club meets from 7-9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile. For more information call Tom Lahill at 348-6109 (evenings). Visitors are welcome.

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### Civil Air Patrol

The Sixgate Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, meets at Novi Middle School, 25299 Taft Rd., from 7-9:30 p.m. Adults and youths who have finished the sixth grade are welcome. For additional information, call 348-2669.

### Chess Club

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

### Bereavement Support Group

A bereavement support group meets at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., from 7:30-9 p.m. The meeting will be facilitated by Dr. Michael Meyer. The topic of discussion is "In The Autumn of My Grief." There will be a brief prayerful reflection during the meeting by a member of the clergy from the area.

### 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.

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By JEREMY MCBAIN Staff Writer

## Sign of the election times

### Council candidate Steve Reed uses city ordinance to beat ticket

A man-up over ordinance language almost cost one candidate for Novi City Council an ordinance violation for his election signs.

Steve Reed, a Novi City Council hopeful, received a notice of ordinance violation for his campaign signs at the corner of Grand River Avenue and Meadowbrook Road. The ticket charged he had them up too early. But according to the city attorney, he actually was not in violation and the Novi Department of Building and Safety was reading the ordinance incorrectly.

Reed said before putting up his signs he read the ordinance and discovered it said any candidate can put up signs one month before the primary election. To double check, he called the Novi City Clerk's office and received confirmation that Reed could put his signs up.

The ordinance states: "The placement of election signs shall be limited in time to a period commencing 30 days prior to the primary election and ending five days after the general election."

Reed even received confirmation that he could put his signs up from Council Member Laura Lorenzo. Lorenzo said she checked with both the Novi city clerk and City Attorney Dennis Watson, who both agreed Reed's signs could go up.

Previously, Lorenzo said she thought only candidates in the primary election could put up their signs before October. But she said, she discovered she was wrong.

However, the Novi Department of Building and Safety was not in on these discussions between Reed, Lorenzo, Watson and the city clerk and an ordinance officer thought only candidates in the primary election could put up their signs as early as July.

Because of this, Director of the Building and Safety Department Don Saven ordered his ordinance officer to issue a notice of violation to Reed Saturday.

Saven said the intent of the ordinance and the policy of the department is to allow only candidates in the primary election the ability to put on their signs in July.

He said when the signs are up for an extended amount of time they can become a nuisance and a safety issue.

When the signs, which are usually made of cardboard, become weathered they can fall apart after staying outside for an extended period of time, leaving only wires sticking up in the ground.

Saven said he was under the impression that the ordinance clearly points out only primary candidates can put up their signs in July, while candidates in the general election must wait until October.

But Watson said this is not the case. The city attorney added that the ordinance states any candidate can put up their campaign signs before the August primary.

He said Monday he spoke with the ordinance officer that issued the notice of violation to Reed and the matter has been resolved.

He added Reed can keep his signs up.

Saven said keeping political signs up for this length is not the intent of the ordinance and he will bring the matter up at the Novi Ordinance Review Committee meeting today at the Novi Civic Center.

Jeremy McBain's email is jmcba1n@home.com.net.

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# Man caught videotaping women

A 25-year-old man was apprehended by Twelve Oaks Mall security and store employees around 5 p.m. Sept. 8 after he was caught videotaping women in the fitting rooms of Lord & Taylor.

## Police News

Employees observed the man in a fitting room, making a video of women. He was wearing a "bushy" mustache and was looking around a lot and carrying a bag at waist level.

The officer observed the man as he walked into the women's fitting room with the bag and later exited. When mall security and the employee approached him, they discovered he had a video camera concealed in the bag, with a hole torn in the bag to allow the camera lens to point out.

The man told the security personnel he was videotaping women in Lord & Taylor and throughout the mall. He admitted that he worked in the fitting room for this purpose.

Lord & Taylor employees viewed the video tape and said it showed the backside of a woman with a skirt on, then the camera angled upward in an apparent attempt to view under her skirt.

Officers asked the man why he did this and he replied, "I have a problem."

The man was banned for life from the mall. He will be charged with trespassing if he ever returns.

**EX-FIREFIGHTER PICKED UP**  
A 27-year-old Westland man and ex-Novati firefighter was arrested

around 1:30 a.m. Sept. 8 near the intersection of Eight Mile and Meadowbrook roads for drunk driving.

An officer on patrol observed the man's vehicle speeding and conducted a traffic stop.

On contact with the driver, the officer smelled a strong odor of intoxicants coming from the inside of the vehicle.

The officer asked for the man's driver's license and registration and noted the man moved very slowly and fumbled through his wallet. While the man was looking for his license the officer noticed he had a badge inside of his wallet.

The officer asked for the man's wallet to take a closer look at the badge. The man informed the officer in a very slurred voice that he was a Novi firefighter.

After the officer ordered the man from his vehicle, he further noted the man had to lean against his vehicle to keep from falling down.

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

While at the department, he was given a chemical breath test which indicated he had a blood alcohol concentration of 0.16 percent.

The officer also learned the man had not been an active fireman in

Novi since April 1999. The badge was confiscated and given to the Novi Fire Chief.

## LITTERING URINATOR

A 49-year-old Northville man was cited for littering and public urination around 10 p.m. Sept. 8 in the parking lot of the Novi Hilton on Hagerty Road.

An officer patrolling the lot, with his lights off, pulled up behind the man's vehicle as it was parked.

While the officer watched, the man threw some garbage out the window. After doing this, he got out of his vehicle, pulled his shorts down and started urinating.

When the officer stopped him, the man said he had been working long hours and really wasn't thinking.

The woman denied the allegation and told Novi police that the items were never in her purse. She said she left them in the store at the lay-away counter.

When she was confronted outside the store, the employee took her to the lost prevention office, where the items were waiting.

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

## PEEPING TOM

A Novi woman saw an unknown man looking inside of her bedroom window around 11:30 p.m. Sept. 8 on the 22000 block of Solomon.

The woman said she was alerted that someone was outside her window by her dog as she was inside of her closet.

When she looked out, she saw the man running away from the window.

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Commissioners Michelle Friedman Appel (D-Huntington Woods, Oak Park, Royal Oak) and Terry L. Sever (R-Farmington, Farmington Hills), who serve as delegates to the Area Agency on Aging, both indicated that they were very pleased to be able to provide this much needed information to the older adults in our community.

Free copies of the directories are available to the general public. (Quantities are limited and subject to availability.)

Individuals and/or groups can request copies of the directory by either contacting the commissioner representing their district or by calling Sheryl Mitchell, Board of Commissioners office at (248) 858-0100.

## Novi Briefs

### Blood drive

Novi's Country Epicure Restaurant is sponsoring an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The need for blood is now at an emergency level.

In case donating blood leaves you with an appetite, the event will be held at the restaurant at 42050 Grand River Avenue. For information, call 349-7770.

### Someone to look up to

You've got your life pretty much in order, now a young person could use your help.

Meniors Plus is looking for volunteers who are willing to be a positive role model for child from five to 16 years of age. Volunteer time is a few hours per month.

If you'd like to get involved, Oakland County Youth Assistance is holding two training sessions. The first is Sept. 25 at 9 a.m. and the second is Oct. 23, also at 9 a.m. The session is at the Oakland County Courthouse, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac.

For information, call (248) 858-0099.

### Anniversaries

Three members of the Novi Fire Department celebrated their anniversaries on the job in August. They are: Training Officer Thomas Johnson, 23 years; Capt. Jerry Roddewig, 21 years; and Fire Fighter Kurt Meister, two years.

### 50 and counting

At a Valentine's Day Dance in Patterson, New Jersey, a young fellow named William cut-in when a young lady caught his eye.

On Sept. 18, William and Marie Steinger will celebrate their 50th anniversary. They moved to Michigan in 1966. The couple has three sons and five grandchildren.

On Monday, Mayor Kathleen McLallen issued a congratulatory proclamation in their honor at the Novi City Council meeting.

### Birthday greeting

One of the city's most active volunteers, Dr. Elinor Holland, received a proclamation from Mayor Kathleen McLallen on Monday in honor of her 75th birthday.

Holland is on the Novi Senior Housing Implementation Committee, the Beautification Commission, the Novati Garden Club and the Cable Access Committee. She's also a member of the Novi Chamber of Commerce's Ambassadors and is active in local public access program production.

# Call from Novi mayor nets Livonia woman a Corvette

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN  
Staff Writer

Imagine a phone call from Novi Mayor Kathleen McLallen inviting you to come to city hall to pick up the keys to your new 1999 red Chevrolet Corvette.

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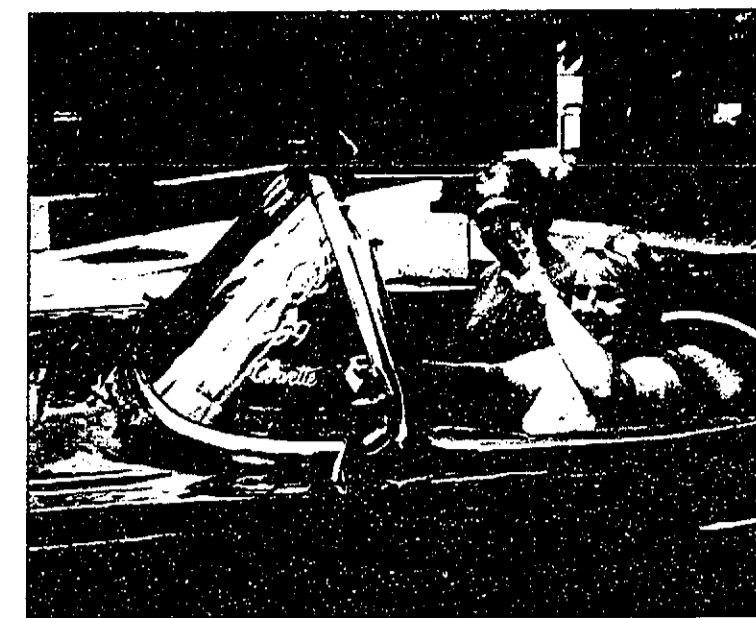


Photo by B.J. Hammerstein

Anna Tamburelli and husband Michael enjoy a ride in Anna's Corvette won during the Novi Rotary Club's Classic Car Raffle, run in conjunction with the Michigan 50s Festival in July.

# Holiday auditions scheduled

Auditions will be held at the Novi Civic Center on Sept. 21 and Sept. 23 at 4 p.m. for The Novi Theatres production of "A Christmas Carol."

The play will be a joint effort of Performance Plus, ages 13 to college and Children's Annex, ages 10 to 12. All actors must pay a participation fee of \$125 if they are cast in a role.

The holiday production will be staged Dec. 10, 11 and 12. For information, call 347-0400.

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# Decoys help spot illegal alcohol sales to minors

Within the next 90 days, officers from the Novi Police Department will once again conduct covert decoy operations at all establishments in the city licensed to sell alcohol with the Michigan Liquor Control Commission. This program is a proactive initiative directed towards reducing underage drinking and eliminating illegal sales of alcohol to minors.

As in previous years, the Novi Police Department will utilize underage volunteers from within the community to serve as the decoys. The underage volunteers will attempt to purchase alcohol at all of the licensed establishments without offering any type of identification. Informational letters have been mailed to all of the licensed

# Senior directory available

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# CSX train leaves track in Novi's downtown

By JEREMY MCBAIN  
Staff Writer

Novi firefighters were called to the scene of a train derailment early Friday morning on railroad tracks behind Ford's Corporate near Grand River Avenue and Novi Road.

Fire Chief Arthur Lenaghan said crews from two stations responded to the 6 a.m. call to find seven rail cars, out of a 22-car CSX train, had come off the tracks. None of the cars contained hazardous materials.

"About four cars back was a LP Gas Tanker, which stayed on the tracks," Lenaghan said. The area was not evacuated.

The cause of the derailment is still not known, Lenaghan said CSX and the National Highway and Transportation Board will be investigating this incident.

Of the cars that did derail, Lenaghan said some 500 lbs. of ammonium nitrate had been spilled from them. The compounds are used to make fertilizer.

A liquid nitrogen tank was also involved in this accident. It was not damaged and stayed on the track, even though a box car was jammed on top of it, Lenaghan said.

Once arriving on scene, fire crews and railroad workers immediately started cleaning up the area and containing the chemicals that did spill. Fire crews dammed a small stream that ran through the area and called in the Environmental Protection Agency, a hazardous materials team and the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

This CSX train was bound for Chicago

from Saginaw.

Figures logged by the Federal Railroad Administration's Office of Safety Analysis indicate that within the State of Michigan, CSX had 219 derailments last year. That was a 124 percent increase in derailments from 1995, when 96 were listed by the FRA.

Because the location of the accident was isolated, traffic on the roads were not tied up and there were very few homes downwind of the scene. Moreover, there was very little water running through the stream, which further limited the transfer of the chemicals.

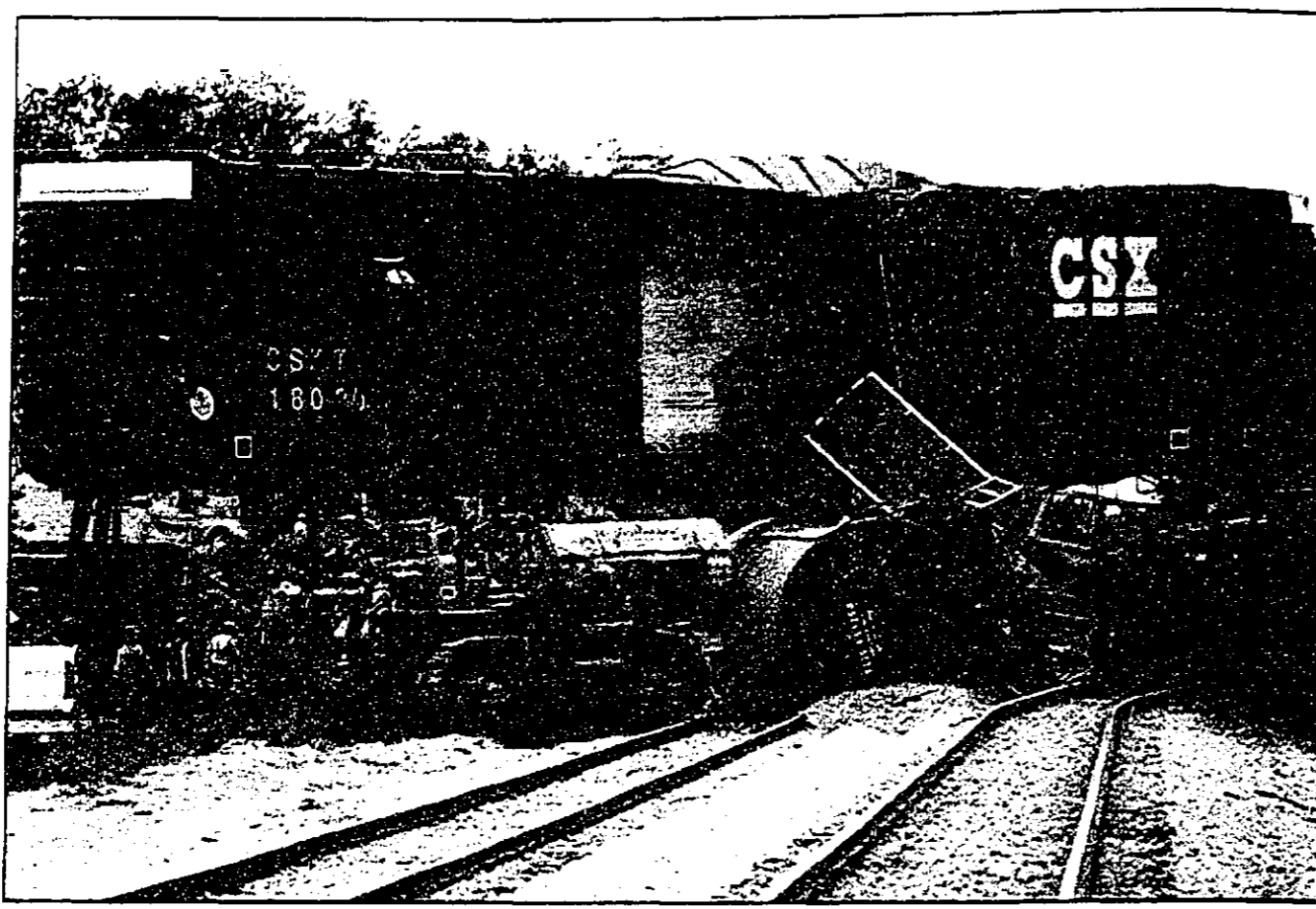
"The biggest problem was keeping people out of it until we knew what was there," Lenaghan said.

The EPA and Department of Agriculture tested water in the stream and took air samples. These samples indicated there had been very little impact to the environment from the chemicals.

Lenaghan said chemicals that had spilled onto the ground was not substantial and was only what came out of the tanker cars when they tipped over onto their sides.

By Saturday, all of the derailed train cars, spilled compounds and other damage resulting from the derailment had been cleaned up. While this was the third derailment in metro Detroit this month, Lenaghan said a train has not derailed in Novi since 1977, when several trains were derailed.

Jeremy McBain's email is jmcba1n@home.com.net.



CSX railworkers lift a damaged boxcar from a derailment site in Novi Friday morning. The tanker car, seen in the middle, contained liquid nitrogen. Chemicals and other hazardous materials were cleaned up by Saturday.

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# Doctor hangs a shingle in Novi

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN  
Staff Writer

In the world of large HMOs, PPOs and countless pages of insurance forms, a doctor with a more personal touch is just what a patient may need to feel better.

And Dr. Mark Grushky has come to Novi hoping to provide that personal care he says many corporate health care centers can't offer.

"History is the key and you learn about a patient's history through talking with them and spending time with them," Grushky said.

"My profession offers me a reasonable living and I don't try to sponge for the last dime and don't try to see seven patients in an hour, which, unfortunately, many managed care pressure you to do."

"Healthy people to me are like artistry. When you are healthy, I look good."

Dr. Mark Grushky

Grushky comes to Novi as a specialist in internal medicine and has been practicing in Michigan since 1988.

A graduate of Wayne State University's undergraduate and medical school, Grushky is capable of conducting a physical examination, as well as provide many kinds of preventive and corrective treatments and care.

Grushky said internal medicine is the diagnosis of disease in non-surgical situations.

"I am a big advocate of people being healthy and enjoying the life we have," Grushky said.

"I am also not unforgiving to the person who doesn't take care of themselves and needs care."

"I am not going to get mad at a patient — we are going to spend a little time together and get them do what is best for them."

Born and raised in Detroit, Grushky graduated from Henry Ford High School.

He and his wife Laurie have three

children: Zachary, 14, Alex, 12, and Matthew, 8.

Grushky said he has been looking for office space in Novi and is excited since opening in April.

"I have been looking in Novi for months," he said.

"This is a growing community and I like to grow."

But it is his emphasis on the personal relationship with his patients and the significance of providing the best care he can that keeps him content in his work, he said.

"Each patient is special and has their own story to tell," he said.

"Healthy people to me are like artistry. When you are healthy, I look good. And I need that to sleep at night."



Dr. Mark Grushky takes a look at a patient's shoulder X-ray.

**Novi Chamber of Commerce**

The Novi Chamber of Commerce is ready for the next century with a new logo.

**New look for logo adopted by chamber**

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN  
Staff Writer

Out with the old and in with the new.

The changes continue to take place in the City of Novi and the Novi Chamber of Commerce is also moving forward with this trend.

The chamber has recently unveiled a new logo symbolizing Novi's image as a growing, energetic and progressive business community.

"The old chamber logo has been around for a long time — about 30 years," said Executive Director Lisa Willard.

"It is time for a new look as the new century approaches."

Willard said a committee consisting of Peggy Hayes of Twelve Oaks Mall, Jane Thomas of the Michigan 50s Festival and Marie Baloga of Providence Novi oversaw the development process of the new logo.

Peter Carpenter of the Thoroughbred Design Group in Novi worked with the chamber and the committee to create the design of the city's name that is now seen on all chamber pieces.

"The typographic elements used in the new design are both classic and modern, reflecting the established and new cultures that are blended in Novi," Carpenter said.

Willard said the design of the symbol took about four months to complete.

"Carpenter took into account the fact Novi is an emerging city with many longtime residents and many new residents," Willard said.

"The symbol is a merging of an old-fashioned font and a modern font representative of the city."

Unveiled in July, the new logo can be seen on the chamber's web site and all other Novi Chamber of Commerce literature and pieces.

"People have been real excited about the logo and it has been well received," Willard said.

"It's amazing how a one logo can symbolize so much."

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# Couple fights land condemnation

## City of Novi contends the property needed for road widening was used without permit



PHOTO BY JOHN HEIDER

Karen Woodson points out a feature of the property she owned with husband John. The City of Novi condemned the property to use in the widening of West Road. The couple is now taking the city to court over how much compensation they will get.

By JEREMY MCBAIN  
Staff Writer

The City of Novi is embroiled in another lawsuit over the taking of private land for road construction. Attorneys for the city and attorneys for Karen and John Woodson met in court Monday over the amount of compensation the city offered to the Woodsons for the condemnation of their property on West Road near the Taft Road extension and the CSX railroad tracks. The couple used the land to store trees for their tree service. The city condemned the Woodsons' half-acre property in order to widen West Road.

"It was never suppose to go to court. This was never suppose to happen," said Karen Woodson. She said the city offered about \$38,000 for the property and offered to relocate the Woodsons' business to a new property, but the city decided against trying to relocate the business and just condemned it.

"Don't just kill the business. We have 10 employees that have worked with me for 16 years," she said.

Woodson said she bought the property in 1981 and operated her business from it for 16 years until the city came along and made her an offer to buy it for \$20,000 in 1997.

She said the offer was not acceptable, but the city condemned her property and the city's consulting engineering firm JCK & Associates started looking for an area for the firm's relocation.

"Generally, the city tries to acquire property through negotiation and if it can't come to a reasonable solution, then condemnation," Louis Bugbee, City of Novi attorney.

The Woodsons could not find any equivalent land in that vicinity for under \$250,000. In addition, Woodson said the city ended up not using all of the property.

JCK's Dave Potter said while Woodson was correct that the city did not use all of her property for the road widening, there really is not much land left.

Potter said the leftover land will be "absorbed" by other city property that surrounds the Woodsons' land. There are no plans for the city to sell the property, he added.

City Attorney Louis Bugbee explained that the city needed the property for its road widening project and the Woodsons were actually not in compliance with the land's zoning when they used it for their tree service.

He said they also did not secure the proper permits to run a business on the acreage.

"The long of it was, they never were a lawful use on that property.

They did not submit a site plan, obtain an occupancy permit or put up earth berms," he said.

Bugbee said the lawsuit was being taken on basically because Woodson was saying the property was worth a lot more than what the city offered.

"This is a common practice. I think, generally, the city tries to acquire property through negotiation and if it can't come to a reasonable solution, then condemnation. But that is the last resort," he said.

Woodson said that was simply untrue. She said she had obtained permission from the Novi Planning Commission and the Building Department.

She contends that she has agreements drawn up in 1981 by these departments.

"As for an occupancy permit, Woodson said she did not have to get one because she was not occupying the land."

"She was only storing some trees there."

Woodson said that she never received an ordinance violation from the city throughout the 16 years that she owned the property. She said that if she was indeed in violation of the ordinance Bugbee alleged, then she should have received a ticket. But she never did.

"It all boils down to, they just want my property," Woodson said. Jeremy Mc Bain's email is jmcbaib@homecomm.net.

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# Kriewall eyes new line of employment for 2000

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give enough time for personal life, Kriewall added.

"You can expect you will be out three to four nights a week and you can only delegate so much," he said.

Assistant City Manager Craig Klaver, who has worked with Kriewall for 18 years, said he knew of his retirement plans for a long time.

"In the last five years, we have had a lot of long-time employees retire. I think that makes you think of it," he said.

Even so, Klaver said the idea of not having Kriewall around is startling. "A lot of us knew this was coming. But it still is a sense of shock when you look at it. The ramifications are kind of slowly sinking in," he said.

Klaver said Kriewall has been a great city manager and mentor to him. He added Kriewall will be a tough act to follow and has had an amazing career.

"We are going to have to figure out what type of party to have for him," Klaver joked.

As for his future plans, Kriewall said he will definitely not work full time at anything and plans to launch his own business.

"After 30 years with seven different bosses, I want to be my own boss now," he said.

Kriewall said he may start his own consulting business or get into industrial commercial development.

"Quite frankly, I haven't had time to think about it. I might just take a couple of months and not do anything," he added.

Above all, Kriewall said he is staying in Novi and will remain active. While he said he will not seek any appointments to municipal boards or run for city council, he will stay involved with civic groups, such as the Michigan 50s Festival and the Novi Chamber of Commerce.

He added he will also be available to help the new city manager get acquainted with the city and the job.

Kriewall said he has no one in mind as his replacement. The city will be advertising nationally for his replacement, he added.

"I think (Novi) is the finest community in the state. They should easily get 150 to 160 applicants (for city manager)," he said.

Kriewall stressed it will probably take the city council some time after the November general election to interview all of the applicants.

"It's really going to be the job of the next council to fill this position," he said.

Klaver said at this point he is not sure if he will apply for Kriewall's old job.

"I haven't previously had aspirations to be city manager. I actually like the human resources aspect of my current job. On the other hand, I've been here for 18 years and could contribute. So, I'm thinking about it," the assistant city manager said.

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# In 4-3 split, council gives higher pension to city manager

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Due to a very close Novi City Council vote on a retirement window of opportunity, Ed Kriewall almost didn't announce his upcoming departure at Monday's meeting.

In an interview after the meeting, Kriewall said if the council did not approve a retirement window for him that gives him more money for his pension, he was prepared to stay on as Novi's city manager for a couple more years.

"I would have gotten just as much due to longevity," he said.

The vote for the retirement window passed in a 4-3 vote. Council members Craig DeRoche, Laura Lorenz and Robert Schmid voted against it.

In a retirement window, if Kriewall retires by the end of the window, he will receive a higher pension than if he doesn't. In this

case, if he retires by the end of March, his retirement pension will be calculated by multiplying the number of years of service he has given by 2.5.

If not, it will be multiplied by 2.25.

Under the old plan, Kriewall would receive about 80 percent of his current salary, which would be about \$80,000 per year. Under the new pension plan, he would have about \$8,000 to \$10,000 more tacked on.

Kriewall will receive the pension for the rest of his life.

Currently, the only city employees whose retirement pension is calculated by 2.5 are members of the police union. Retirement windows have been used several times in past cases by the city.

Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford motioned to approve the plan and said it may not actually cost the

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Edward Kriewall, retiring Novi City Manager

appropriate move for the council to make, based on the fact the same sort of plan is offered to other city employees. As a disclaimer, she added she was not supporting the plan because she was friends with Kriewall.

Mayor Kathleen McLellan said she supported the plan simply because Kriewall had been instrumental over the last 30 years in creating the Novi seen today.

She said the time was perfect for Kriewall to retire because the city was entering a new millennium

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## Class Notes

### Novi Schools

The Novi High School Band is hosting its Fan Fare this Saturday at the Novi High School football field.

Twelve high schools including the Novi High School Marching Band have been invited to participate in the competition.

Band director Scott Boerna said high school bands from flights two and three will participate while flights one and four will be at West Bloomfield High School the same day.

Each band has a 15-minute time block with a minimum performance time of seven minutes and a maximum of 11 minutes. Opening ceremonies begin at 6

### Northville Schools

Northville teacher Karen Simms was a state finalist for the National Science Foundation's Presidential Awards for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching Program.

Jeffrey Radwanski, principal of Cooke, praised Simms on her awards because they are the hosts.

"I knew we hired a star," he said. School board president Michael Puterala presented Simms with a certificate of recognition and the board wished her luck in the national competition.

The new class of Galileo leaders begin their training this fall.

Superintendent Leonard Rezmierski said that further information will be available at a later date.

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## Finalists place in top one percent

Four Novi High School seniors have been named finalists in the 45th annual National Merit Scholarship Program.

Mitch Brzozowski, Mitch Maier, Chris Wagner and Janice Liao were named among 16,000 other scholastically talented high school seniors throughout the country.

The four seniors now have an opportunity to continue in the competition for 7,600 Merit Scholarship awards, worth more than \$28 million, which will be offered to the students next spring.

The next step for the Novi High seniors is to advance to the finalist standing.

To become a finalist, the seniors must have an outstanding academic record, be endorsed and recommended by Principal Jennifer Cheal and submit SAT scores that confirm their earlier qualifying test

performance.

Less than one percent of the nation's high school seniors were designated semifinalists on a state representational basis.

The semifinalists must also complete a detailed scholarship application which includes the students' self-descriptive essays detailing leadership and other community activities.

"I am very proud of them for achieving this accomplishment," Cheal said.

"They are all well-rounded students who excel in many areas," Brzozowski is interested in attending Stanford University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Northwestern University, the California Technological Institute or the University of Michigan.

His career interests include information technology in the capacity as an analyst and a direc-

tor.

Maier desires to attend the University of Michigan, University of Illinois or Indiana University. His career aspirations include business and education.

Wagner wants to attend the University of Michigan and isn't sure what career path he will go.

Liao is interested in attending the University of Michigan or Stanford University and pursue a career in medicine.

Around 14,500 of the semifinalists are expected to meet the standards to become finalists, with more than half of the finalists becoming Merit Scholarship winners.

Names of Merit Scholarship winners will be announced in separate announcements in April and May.

The National Merit Scholarship competition began in 1956.

About 1.2 million students in more than 20,000 U.S. high schools entered the year 2000 Merit Programs as juniors by taking the 1998 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, which served as an initial screen for program entrants.

The number of semifinalists named in each state is proportional to the state's percentage of national total of graduating seniors.

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## Rejuvenated

### Once a has-been, Jaycees are going strong

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN

Staff Writer

It hasn't been easy, but the restructuring of the Novi Jaycees has resulted in a first place trophy for the local chapter.

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"We have had lots of support from the city council and the mayor and the chapter looks forward to becoming even stronger."

Blasiola said the Novi Jaycees are an organization of young men and women ages 21-39 who work together on community projects, leadership, spiritual and management skills.

The Jaycees sponsor different fund raising projects, including providing funding for the Mission Inn in Grand Rapids, which is a Jaycees hospice for children with AIDS or who are HIV positive.

Blasiola said she has been an active member in different Jaycees

groups in Michigan, but with the Novi chapter inactive for the last five years, she became president here in January to help rebuild the organization she believes in.

"There were a lot of paper members who were inactive, so we came in here and wiped the slate clean," Blasiola said.

"We bought in 24 new people, replacing about 90 percent of the chapter."

Blasiola said there are many benefits about being a member of the Jaycees besides the community work they are known for.

"We are active in the community and we do many different social events as well," she said.

"We are not strictly a community service organization."

"We have programs that help individual development, seminars on resume writing and investment banking and many opportunities to gain management experience."

Blasiola said the Michigan Jaycees have about 5,000 members and the Novi chapter meets every second Monday of the month at the Novi Civic Center at 7 p.m.

The meetings are open to the public and interested parties can call (248) 348-6684 for more information.



Novi Jaycees President Lisa Blasiola with state award the local group won for making the Novi chapter viable once again.

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(Left to right) National Merit finalists are Mitch Maier, Michael Brzozowski, Chris Wagner and Janice Liao.

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11:30 a.m. — Cosby and Company: Body Wise  
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12:30 p.m. — (Con't)  
1:00 p.m. — Adventures With Pirate Pete  
1:30 p.m. — Michigan Living: Winter Car Care  
2:00 p.m. — Financial Strategies: Business Consulting  
2:30 p.m. — The Elegant Life: Aromatherapy  
3:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. — To Be Announced  
4:00 p.m. — Comical Mystery Tour  
4:30 p.m. — (Con't)  
5:00 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y  
5:30 p.m. — Lip Close Today  
6:00 p.m. — Scary Tales From Novi  
6:30 p.m. — Bagels and Talk With Tracy  
7:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 21**  
10:00 a.m. — Legislative Forum  
10:30 a.m. — Consumer Corner: Real Estate  
11:00 a.m. — Law Talk: Maury Elrekrog  
11:30 a.m. — (Con't)  
12:00 p.m. — Summit University  
12:30 p.m. — (Con't)  
1:00 p.m. — Halloween Arrangement  
1:30 p.m. — Building Scene  
2:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection  
2:30 p.m. — Center for New Thinking  
3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. — To Be Announced  
4:30 p.m. — A Culinary Adventure: Save and Roach's  
5:00 p.m. — The Way, The Truth, and The Life  
5:30 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen: U.S. Census  
6:00 p.m. — Harvest Ministries  
6:30 p.m. — Community Connection  
7:00 p.m. — Potpourri: Big Brothers/Big Sisters  
7:30 p.m. — Financial Strategies: Business Consulting  
8:00 p.m. — Salon Glamour and Etiquette With Gloria  
8:30 p.m. — (Con't)  
9:00 p.m. — Let's Talk With Ben Marks: Bill Gadsby  
9:30 p.m. — (Con't)

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 22**  
10:00 a.m. — For Those We Remember  
10:30 a.m. — (Con't)  
11:00 a.m. — (Con't)  
11:30 a.m. — Legacy: The Gift of Life - Organ Donation  
12:00 p.m. — Legally Speaking: Community Mental Health  
12:30 p.m. — MDOT Today  
1:00 p.m. — Study in Scripture  
1:30 p.m. — AMVEIS  
2:00 p.m. — Restoration Now  
2:30 p.m. — A Short History of Novi's Farms  
3:00 p.m. — Ready Or Not: Substance Abuse  
3:30 p.m. — (Con't)  
4:00 p.m. — Critter Connection  
4:30 p.m. — Community Connection  
5:00 p.m. — Aviation Journal  
5:30 p.m. — Ski TV: Youth Movement  
6:00 p.m. — Christian Singles Today  
6:30 p.m. — SEMA Square and Round Dance  
7:00 p.m. — Adventures With Pirate Pete  
7:30 p.m. — Cosby and Company: Body Wise  
8:00 p.m. — Novi Street Beat: Firearms  
8:30 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y  
9:00 p.m. — Movie Lovers Guide to Horror Movies  
9:30 p.m. — (Con't)

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 23**  
10:00 a.m. — Fitness Motivators: Aerobics Body Toning  
10:30 a.m. — Home For Life: Household Electrical Repair  
11:00 a.m. — Abundant Life Arabic Ministries  
11:30 a.m. — People Who Make Things Happen: U.S. Census  
12:00 p.m. — Bagels and Talk With Tracy  
1:00 p.m. — (Con't)  
1:30 p.m. — That's Italian  
2:00 p.m. — Scary Tales From Novi  
2:30 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y  
3:00 p.m. — Dance With Virginia: Showtime  
3:30 p.m. — Adventures With Pirate Pete  
4:00 p.m. — Law Talk: Maury Elrekrog  
4:30 p.m. — (Con't)  
5:00 p.m. — Shaarey Zedek  
5:30 p.m. — (Con't)  
6:00 p.m. — I Remember  
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7:00 p.m. — Good News for Living Healthy: Classical Homeopathy  
7:30 p.m. — Community Comments: Public Access - Prime Communication  
8:00 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen: U.S. Census  
8:30 p.m. — Wise Guys: Men Who Live Through Their Kids  
9:00 p.m. — Senseless Death  
9:30 p.m. — (Con't)

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 24**  
10:00 a.m. — Let's Talk With Ben Marks: Bill Gadsby  
10:30 a.m. — (Con't)  
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## Union settlement expected for O.C.C. professors, librarians

By Mike Malott  
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Professors and librarians have reached tentative agreement on a new four-year contract with Oakland Community College, an agreement expected to be ratified by the faculty today.

If approved also by the OCC Board of Trustees, the agreement would give instructors 3.1 percent raises annually for the duration of the contract, replacing a work agreement that expired August 31.

The new contract would also ask professors to split with the college 50-50 any increase in health insurance premiums during that time.

According to OCC Marketing Director Dave Adams, the contract would also increase training for the teachers and opens the door to an adjustment of the school calendar. Presently, there is overlap between the college's summer class schedule and the winter and fall semesters of the state's major colleges, including Michigan State University and the University of Michigan. That makes it difficult for students of those universities to attend classes at OCC while they are at home during the summer.

The Oakland Community College Faculty Association, OCC's largest bargaining unit, represents nearly 300 teachers and librarians at the college.

Adams described the tentative agreement as a fair one. "It is in line with agreements the college has reached with other bargaining units... with what other colleges are giving and what other unions are receiving," he said.

At present, OCC instructors make \$37,660 starting salary. Top of the scale is \$72,120. That scale will move up 3.1 percent each year as a result of the agreement.

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As We See It

Revolution in the City of Novi: the saga continues

Not so long ago, a letter-writing local dissident called for the heads of the Novi leadership to fall.

While going wild in the streets is hardly the local way, we are witnessing a genuine revolution, Novi-style. And two heads of state will be leaving.

First, Mayor Kathleen McLellan was pushed aside by voters in the primary. Now, longtime City Manager Ed Kriewall, who has been employed by the City of Novi for 30 years, is retiring.

In Kriewall's case, it's his own choice. For the past few years, the word was out that his retirement was coming soon. But Kriewall dates the definite decision to July 19. He was sitting in an Oakland County Circuit Courtroom listening to a protracted land condemnation case when he decided he'd enough.

As he told a Novi News reporter, after 30 years of late night meetings, "I don't have a life." Anyone who has ever sat through a number of these long sessions can certainly have strong empathy with that statement. Multiply that by 30 years.

What's surprising is that Kriewall says he plans to stay in Novi and seek work either as a consultant or industrial developer. With a pension of \$80,000 per year, heading for an attractive tropical island might seem like an option to some.

Frankly, we hate to see Kriewall go. Like any high-profile local official, he has his critics. And like everyone else, he's made his mistakes. Over all, he's been a steady hand at Novi's helm.

And while this year has seen a series of major glitches for the community, Novi remains one of the most desirable suburban cities in Michigan. Looking at the big picture, somewhere somebody's done something pretty darn right.

But McLellan's ouster and Kriewall's departure are not the only whispers or should we say shouts of revolution heard in what has become an increasingly fascinating and politicized election year.

Last week, Council Member Craig DeRoche launched a crusade to send the city out for bids for two major consultants, city attorneys Fried, Watson and Bugbee and city engineers, JCK & Associates.

The three-member Consultant Review Committee met Sept. 10 to discuss the future of those two consulting firms. DeRoche proposed going out to bid immediately for the city attorneys and setting up a procedure that would require seeking bids for all consultants every three years.

Clearly, careful review of those who serve the city as consultants, including planners, engineers and lawyers is only a sound business practice, even if it strikes panic in the hearts of those now doing the city's business.

However, when it comes to comparing the merits of newcomers eager for the jobs and willing to financially undercut the existing firms for the short-term, the council needs to find some system that factors in merit points for long-term consultants who offered good and faithful service, where that's the case. While promises from those eager to take on the job may dazzle, there's one problem with revolutions.

Change for its own sakes doesn't always work. Sometimes, after all the heads fall, you're worse off than before.

Just say yes to the city's GIS

When Novi installed its Geographic Information System, local officials were ecstatic. Now it was possible for the city to use computers to map the location of sewer pipes, the water system, etc. Most of us weren't joining this joy fest... The usefulness of all this fancy tech stuff to the average resident wasn't totally clear.

Then, there's the tornado siren coverage map, put together by GIS whiz Dave Maurice. It shows gaps in coverage throughout Novi, which has been hit twice by twisters in the past 12 years. Most disturbingly, the area in the city that has the potential to be

packed with the greatest amount of people during a major event — the Novi Road/Grand River/Twelve Mile sector — isn't fully covered.

In reality, at the Michigan 50s Festival, Novi police, notified via radio of a storm swooping in, quickly rushed folks inside. In past years, Twelve Oaks Mall has been known to send customers scurrying to the first floor during severe weather.

However, it's disturbing that Novi had to find these significant gaps in Oakland County's Emergency Management System. All of them should be filled before the next tornado season.

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Where did all the farms go?



Mike Malott

Every once in a while fiscal conservatism doesn't work. This may be one fine example.

When lawmakers, home builders, developers, planners and environmentalists gathered in Traverse City last week for a conference on urban sprawl — the Michigan Legislative and Business Leaders Forum on Growth Management, hosted by the Michigan Chamber of Commerce and Public Sector Consultants — they quickly became frustrated at the lack of good information.

It was Gilbert White, of the Michigan Association of Realtors, who first pointed out the problem. We know, he said, that we are losing farmland in Michigan. \$42,000 acres gone between 1982 to 1990. And of course it is quite evident that we are building many new homes and subdivisions in this state. So we make the quantum leap that the loss of farmland is due to development. "White continued, "That data does not exist. Valid statistical data to show what is happening to farmland does not exist in this state. It seems to me that information available."

Here's the problem with that assumption: during the same time, Michigan added — that's right, added — 1.1 million acres of new forest land. That fact was confirmed by Peter Vogel, Jr., of the Mead Paper Company. The paper and forestry products industries have been conducting planting and reforestation programs. There are more trees in Michigan, and more acres of forest land here, than there were 70 years ago, Vogel argued.

Now, it's still a good bet that urban sprawl is the primary consumer of farmland in Michigan, according to folks like Julie Stoneman of the Michigan Environmental Council and Mark Wyckoff, of the Planning & Zoning Center. We also know, for instance, that while the population of south-east Michigan has increased only four percent in the last 20 years, 53 percent more land has been developed.

But a good bet is not the same as "knowing." The problem, Wyckoff explains, is the lack of a good system for tracking what happens to land when its use changes. When farmland is lost, what is it turned into? Subdivisions? Forests?

The current methods for analyzing land use are "static measures," Wyckoff said. They tell us how many acres of farmland exist, and we can compare it to previous measures, but we can't tell what happens to it when its use is converted into something else.

What is needed is the Michigan Information Resource System, a \$25 million computer and software package that would provide digital aerial photographs of land use across the state and would allow for comparisons to previous aerial surveys, he explained.

At \$25 million, the cost might sound hefty, but when you consider that in the state's last, and only, land use photographic overflight, the photos had to be hand-traced by computer, parcel by parcel, before they could be entered into the system, the price tag starts to sound a bit more reasonable.

MIRS would automate the aerial photography process, allowing for land use comparisons to previous surveys. The last overflight of the state was done in 1978, so the information gathered by it is somewhat dated now. In any case, it tells us little if we don't have a later survey to compare it to.

The state had at one time approved funding for MIRS, but the system was one of the first items to fall victim to Gov. John Engler's budget-cutting act.

There was talk at the time of privatizing the system, but that has proved unworkable, according to Wyckoff. Companies that expressed interest in the system made it clear they intended to maintain the aerial surveys only in those areas of the state where the information was in demand for private sector development firms, to make the system profitable.

All this was pointed out to House Speaker Pro Tem Patricia Birkholz, R-Saugatuck.

"I think this seminar has given us all a new appreciation for the importance of that system," she said, indicating her desire to get funding for it revived.

Michigan Republicans aren't likely to give up fiscal conservatism anytime soon. But there are times when budget cutting can be, as the old saying goes, penny wise and pound foolish.

Mike Malott reports on the local implications of state and regional events. He can be reached by phone at (248) 949-1700 or by e-mail at mmalott@home.com.net

In Focus

By John Heider



Novi Wildcats, including Dan Jig at center, celebrate a short-lived turnover during last week's football game

Listen to what the people say



Andrew Dietderich

The most recent Northville City Council meeting stirred some thought about voterism.

It was during the discussion of the new sign ordinance amendments.

If you're not familiar for some reason, the amendments add some new kind of signage to the ordinance — bracket — and give more detailed guidelines for others — A-frame.

The ordinance changes have bounced from commission to commission like a pingpong ball as changes were deleted and added.

Undoubtedly, the portion of the amendments that got the most attention was the part that dealt with A-frame signs. That's because the planning commission twice recommended to city council that a permanent ban place on A-frame signs.

If they don't already do so, these volunteers on various commissions need to realize the importance for that of which they volunteer.

Know you're going to have to spend hours and hours pouring over documents and hopefully trying to keep in mind what your community wants.

Know people who don't have the time, or simply don't want to volunteer, are depending on you to be there and spend your time for the benefit of them.

Know every decision you make won't be a law-changing decision to affect generations, one that will attract media from all corners of the earth, but is important to those you serve.

Know you're there to help those in your community who need it and ask for it from time to time and not there to teach some kind of lesson.

If you don't like those facts, don't volunteer.

Fortunately, the elected city council has taken a more level-headed approach to the whole matter and appears much more willing to take into account what Northville businesses have said all along: they don't want to get rid of A-frame signs and are willing to abide by definite guidelines about what is and isn't acceptable.

That decision was reached after a paid Northville city staff made the recommendation to city council the signs be allowed, but meet guidelines.

Apparently Chris Johnson, Northville mayor, the rest of the city council and Gary Work, Northville city manager, are ready and willing to work with the public and those who their decisions will affect.

At least some people have decided to listen to the taxpayers. Novi News/Northville Record reporter Andrew Dietderich may be reached via e-mail at adietderich@home.com.net.

Money should go to top researchers



Phil Power

As a news item it offered a revealing insight into the workings of the political process.

And it provided compelling evidence of why public expenditures allocated by the legislature so often waste taxpayer money.

As part of the overall \$1.5 billion-plus appropriation for state universities that received legislative approval last week, spending \$50 million on basic research into the life sciences is peanuts.

At \$25 million, the cost might sound hefty, but when you consider that in the state's last, and only, land use photographic overflight, the photos had to be hand-traced by computer, parcel by parcel, before they could be entered into the system, the price tag starts to sound a bit more reasonable.

MIRS would automate the aerial photography process, allowing for land use comparisons to previous surveys. The last overflight of the state was done in 1978, so the information gathered by it is somewhat dated now. In any case, it tells us little if we don't have a later survey to compare it to.

The state had at one time approved funding for MIRS, but the system was one of the first items to fall victim to Gov. John Engler's budget-cutting act.

There was talk at the time of privatizing the system, but that has proved unworkable, according to Wyckoff. Companies that expressed interest in the system made it clear they intended to maintain the aerial surveys only in those areas of the state where the information was in demand for private sector development firms, to make the system profitable.

All this was pointed out to House Speaker Pro Tem Patricia Birkholz, R-Saugatuck.

"I think this seminar has given us all a new appreciation for the importance of that system," she said, indicating her desire to get funding for it revived.

Michigan Republicans aren't likely to give up fiscal conservatism anytime soon. But there are times when budget cutting can be, as the old saying goes, penny wise and pound foolish.

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in practice means delivering pork for the locals before bothering with concentrated investments. Many legislators think it's their job to represent the university in their district, while others want to grab support for their alma mater. For example, House Speaker Chuck Perricone, who represents Kalamazoo (where Western Michigan University is located) objected to the tight focus of the proposed research corridor. "The corridor is too narrow," said Perricone.

So the original idea was watered down. The appropriation is still for \$50 million. But instead of tightly focussed support for life science research at three state research universities, a 14-member commission will be appointed to decide which research projects deserve state funding and report annually to the legislature on its work.

Supposedly, individual legislators will have no direct say in which projects are funded.

If you believe that, I've got a nice bridge I'm willing to sell you.

It was ever thus. Back in the early 1980s, I was appointed a member of Governor Blanchard's Commission on the Future of Higher Education, chaired by legendary former MSU president John Hannah. This was when times were tough and funding for Michigan public universities had suffered.

I suggested something called the Research Excellence Fund, a pot of money designed to be doled out to state universities in proportion to their demonstrated ability to carry out funded research. As a practical matter, this would have focused the lion's share of extra money on state's four main research universities: U-M,

MSU, Wayne State and Michigan Tech.

The Commission agreed with the idea and made it a part of our final report. Blanchard endorsed the proposal and sent it to the legislature.

Guess what? Legislative politics took over. First, lawmakers argued that it would look "bad" if only a few universities got the bulk of the extra funding. Next, individual reps and senators started pitching for their own schools. The final outcome was a Research Excellence Fund that was watered down beyond all recognition. U-M, MSU, WSU and MTU got some extra money, but a lot of it went to a lot of other universities that had no particular history of carrying out research.

In other words, a lot of the money got wasted.

Most effective business executives say a key part of good management is always to focus scarce resources where they can do the most good and not to scatter them higher and thinner. But that's business thinking, which takes place in an environment where resources are scarce and bottom line results are all-important.

That's hardly the way the political system does business. And that's why so many folks are so deeply suspicious of the political process as a way of allocating scarce public resources.

Phil Power is chairman of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this newspaper. He welcomes your comments, either by voice mail at (734) 953-2047, ext. 1880, or by e-mail at ppower@oonline.com

A.C. Nielsen polling Novi on elections

To the Editor:

I live in Novi and I received a call from A.C. Nielsen in Salt Lake City polling for the upcoming Nov 1 election.

I thought that was pretty interesting considering Novi's size. I answered all the questions; it took around 20 minutes.

Marcel VandenTop

To the Editor:

The Northville-Novi Colts homecoming parade and game took place on Sunday, Sept. 12. It was a special day for all the players, cheerleaders, and their families and friends. A great time was had by all.

On behalf of the Northville-Novi Colts, I would like to thank the following for their support and assistance: Northville city council members; Dave Karoub and the marching band competition on Saturday, Sept. 18, from 6 until 10 p.m. at the Novi High School stadium. Please come and enjoy performances by 12 high school bands from around the state.

We are very excited about the 1999-2000 season, which we have dedicated to the memory of David Langham. Thank you again for your continued support and recognition of a great group of students, teachers and parents.

David and Cheryl Miller Co-Presidents Novi High School Band Boosters

To the Editor:

In the July 8 edition of The Novi News on page 6, staff writer Melanie Penda wrote an article under the heading "School construction on track, under budget."

I wrote a letter to the editor asking for clarification of the headline and article.

My letter questioned what happened to the \$13 million the Novi taxpayers received from the Durant settlement from the state. The Novi School Board earmarked this money for an anticipated cost overrun of the new middle school located at Eleven Mile and Wixom roads.

When the first hostile shot was made on Fort Sumter in 1861 by the southern Confederacy — an act that outraged Northerners — a Novi man was one of the first to react to the news.

Reports of the attack on Fort Sumter reached Novi. Like other towns, an emergency town meeting was called. Getting together at the schoolhouse, residents heard a particularly impassioned speech by one of their neighbors, Elias S. Woodman, a self-educated attorney, became the first to present a war speech in the State of Michigan, as reported by Michigan Senator Zachariah Chandler. In a public address many years later, Chandler pointed out with pride that Woodman was the first to speak out against the Southern secession.

Woodman reportedly "pledged himself to do

all in his power to put down the rebellion. He kept his promise well, (and) enlisted his own son..." J. Hamilton Woodman did his father's bidding and joined the U.S. Army as sergeant of Company "I," 22nd Infantry Regiment, Michigan Volunteers. As the war progressed, Sergeant Woodman was honorably discharged as a captain after the war's end. The elder Woodman also died in the war effort, spending time in Army camps and hospitals, nursing sick and wounded soldiers.

Elias Woodman was born and raised in Rodman, N.Y. Like many children of his era, he worked on the family farm during the summers and attended school in the winter months. He made much of this half-time education.

At the age of 21, he joined his parents to travel to what was then called "the swamps of Michigan," settling in Novi. One year later his father, Dr. Joseph Woodman died suddenly, leaving the family penniless.

Relying on his own wit and resources, Elias was able to keep the farm on its feet and provide a satisfactory life for his mother, brothers and sister. He married Mary Hungerford

of Plymouth in 1840, and together they had five children.

During breaks from farming, Woodman was able to learn enough about the law to take the bar exam within the bend of law school. According to an account written about Elias Woodman in 1890: "...he was admitted to the bar of this state and the State of New York on account of his actually being able to convince his examiners that he had the knowledge of law requisite."

By 1890, he had been practicing as a successful attorney in Northville for some years. Some 40 years earlier, he had been appointed to the state Constitutional Convention as one of its youngest members. He served with such distinguished notables as the Honorable J.D. Pierce and Isaac E. Crary, who were advocates and authors of the Homestead Exemption Law, as well as the free school system for which Michigan became renowned.

In later years, Woodman himself would be known as a prominent figure in Michigan's educational system.

Detroit librarian Barbara Louie has published several local history books.

Woodman reportedly "pledged himself to do

Letters

This anticipated cost overrun was attributed to the delay in the start of construction of the middle school. The delay in the start of construction can be attributed to the "award winning" land deal also referred to in a recent editorial of yours as "The Great Harvest Give-Away."

I have yet to see an article in the paper clarifying whether the \$1.3 million was still in tact or if indeed it was spent on the anticipated cost overrun of the school.

I have strong feelings on this issue, if the \$1.3 million has not been spent I think it is important the taxpayers know exactly what the money will be spent on.

The \$400,000 ice arena deficit is one-third of the \$1.3 million, is anyone in the city even curious as to where this money is, and what will be spent on? What will it take to get The Novi News to address the issue? Is it your article I am questioning.

John Foley

To the Editor:

Having spent a good portion of my summer sitting in construction traffic with the rest of you, nothing was worse than the traffic I encountered getting in and about Novi, where there was no construction taking place. I rarely could make it to my daughter's baseball games on time with all the congestion.

Considering the traffic situation in Novi, it is very important that the citizens of Novi be informed of the specific projects included in the road bond proposed this fall.

First, there is the Delmont and Dincer Drive projects. These are gravel roads that are the only access to two subdivisions on the west side of Novi. They badly are in need of paving. Also, County Place, Village Oaks and Willowbrook subdivisions streets will be rehabilitat-

ed.

Nine Mile Road will be widened from the intersection improvements at Novi Road, east to Venture Drive. Meadowbrook Road improvements include widening to three lanes and incorporating a center turn lane. This will improve the north/south flow in that area.

The Twelve Mile Road improvements would consist of a four lane boulevard from east of Novi Road to just west of Dixon Road. Also there will be a five foot-wide concrete sidewalk and an 8 foot-wide bituminous bike path. Our \$1.2 million share will fund this \$6 million project.

Seven intersection improvements are slated for the bond. These are relatively inexpensive ways of improving traffic flow and relieving congestion.

Anyone traveling Beck Road at Nine Mile can testify to the improvement of traffic flow in that area, which was paid for by the last road bond. A \$2 million economic development fund will be used to pay our share of approximately \$10 million worth of county and state projects.

Crescent Road east extension and main street west, while they may benefit development, they will definitely benefit the citizens of Novi who travel that very congested area.

Novi Road will also be improved to five lanes between Ten Mile and Grand River. Our share of the \$9.4 million project would be \$940,000. This should also help flow in this area.

Finally, the improvements of Beck Road/J-96 interchange is critical both financially and safety wise. The state funded project is \$30 million. Our share of the project is \$6 million.

While you might not agree with many of the decisions that the city has made recently, if we fail to approve this road bond and lose out on approximately \$45 million state and county funds, we will have no one to blame but ourselves. Please vote "yes" on the road bond.

Daniel Tarrant

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# On the ball and ready for a team of teens

## Even the assistant principal is brand-new at showplace Novi Middle School

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN  
Staff Writer

Through the long corridors of green and purple lockers, a new face stands out in the crowd of students and faculty at the just-opened Novi Middle School.

As the new assistant principal at Novi Middle School, Melissa Brodie is adjusting to her new job and new school, much the same way everyone else is adjusting to being in an unfamiliar environment.

"So far everything here has been really great," Brodie said.

"Everyone has been real supportive and it has been nice moving into a new building with everyone else."

Getting acclimated to a new job is never easy, but Brodie also said she found herself adjusting to living in a new state and working for a new school district.

Brodie has recently moved to Ann Arbor after residing in Boston for the last seven years.

While in Boston, Brodie earned her master's degree in counseling psychology from Boston College, certifying her as a guidance counselor for students in kindergarten through ninth grade.

Brodie completed her undergraduate studies from Princeton University where she majored in psychology and completed a teach-

er preparation program. With her master's degree, she began working as the sole guidance counselor for 550 students at Medfield Middle School.

Working closely with the administration at Medfield, Brodie decided to enroll in a one-year program offered by Harvard University allowing her to further pursue her career aspirations and earn a master's degree in school administration.

"I love working with the students and with a background in guidance counseling I can talk to them about their problems or other situations," Brodie said.

"At Medfield I worked really closely with the dean of students and knew I wanted to go into school administration."

After receiving her position with Novi Middle School in July, Brodie moved to the Midwest and adjusted quickly to helping the staff set up the new middle school.

"The first couple of weeks we were getting set up to move to the new building," Brodie said.

"Now we are getting settled and I am trying to get to know the kids and discuss concerns effective to teaching strategies."

Along with principal Milan Obrenovich and assistant principal Dennis Faletti, Brodie and the fac-

ulty at Novi Middle School have implemented team teaching for the seventh and eighth grade students at the middle school.

"Dennis is predominately working with the seventh graders and I am working with the eighth graders," she said.

"There are five eighth grade teams — four teams of 112 students and one team of 54 students."

Brodie said the team teaching has been going well and the teams are currently in the process of naming themselves and coming up with a theme and a logo to describe their objectives for the school year.

"The 8-D team of 54 students have come up with the name 'Gnomes' for themselves," Brodie said.

"Their theme is 'We may be small but our goals are larger than life.'"

The assistant principal responsibilities may keep Brodie extremely busy, but she said she tries to stay active when she is not working.

"I love to hike, play volleyball and I am in an outdoor soccer league," she said.

"I really try to stay active."

Another one of Brodie's interests stems from her childhood home in Durham, N.C. where she grew up with her three younger brothers.

She said Durham is Duke Blue



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Principal Melissa Brodie with Kait Rich, Teahlene Carlin, Jessica Haggerty and Lauren Kava.

Devils country and Michigan Wolverine fans should be aware of their Dec. 11, basketball showdown.

But putting the fun of basketball aside, Brodie said she was focus-

ing on her position as the assistant principal of Novi Middle School and said she hoped to be a principal in the future.

"The parent community here is very supportive and Novi is an

exciting and wonderful atmosphere to work at," Brodie said.

"I want to be a resource to the children and teachers and I am looking forward to our school year and all of the learning."

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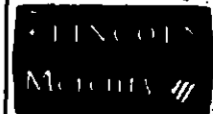
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Left: Victorian Festival organizers have included plenty of activities especially for children on the roster. Here, kids participate in a pie-eating contest at last year's event. Below: There will be a variety of opportunities this weekend to see and be seen in Victorian dress. The festival begins, for instance, with a Victorian parade on Friday. Saturday, revellers can enjoy an old-fashioned tea and fashion show in the afternoon and attend a costume ball in the evening.



## Fit for a Queen

Inspired by a grand era, Northville's Victorian Festival is a feast of old-fashioned fun

By CHRIS C. DAVIS  
Staff Writer

If Queen Victoria were alive today, Northville chamber of commerce director Laurie Marrs said the famed English monarch would be proud.

"We've made her legacy look so good," Marrs said. "This event has really become something huge in its first 10 years."

*"The businesses view this is a benefit of giving to the entire community. It's such a happy time for everyone, because everyone is involved. You feel a deep sense of continuity and community when the Victorian Festival is in gear."*

— LAURIE MARRS

DIRECTOR, NORTHVILLE  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

besides just our image as a quaint town. The festival was a natural." Since its inception, the festival has

That event, of course, is the Northville Victorian Festival, slated for Sept. 17, 18 and 19. It's a celebration of Northville's Victorian heritage whose popularity has skyrocketed since its meager beginnings. Last year's headcount hovered at around 50,000. Marrs said she expected this year's crowds to at least equal that figure, if not surpass it.

The reason, Marrs said, has much to do with the festival's commitment to family and community — themes that were heavy on the minds of organizers when the Victorian Festival got its start.

"We were having a brainstorming session one day at (the Northville chamber of commerce) meeting, and the idea came up that Northville needed a theme of its own," Marrs said. "We needed something else

besides just our image as a quaint town. The festival was a natural." Since its inception, the festival has

revolved around old-fashioned styles of entertainment, but the shows have been far from stuffy. High-wire acts and escape artists have been focal points of the three-day celebration. Festival-goers have also been delighted with Dr. Rudy's Medicine Show and the Jansen magic show, perennial favorites. A version of the Punch and Judy Show would also be making appearances during the weekend, she said.

will add a few new acts, as well:

- More puppet acts. Marrs said organizers have made attempts at adding additional entertainment for children.
- More street-singing acts crooning tunes of the age, and:
- A greater number of bands, playing both Dixieland and brass-style music.

The Victorian Festival has had the kind of success it has because of the cooperation between the business community and the chamber of commerce, Marrs said.

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## Festival kicks off with a parade of Victorian finery



Clothing like this will be a common site at the parade, which has continued to grow in size through its ten-year tradition.

By JASON SCHMITT  
Staff writer

It's not your everyday parade. There are no motorized vehicles, big floats or funny clowns running around. There are no homecoming queens or jolly old men named Santa shouting out "Ho, Ho, Ho's."

It's the annual Victorian Festival costume parade, and it's been a fixture at the festival for each of its first 10 years. The parade is set to take place Sept. 17 at 6:30 p.m. This parade takes on a different form than your everyday parade.

Numerous civic groups, school groups and countless individuals will be marching through the streets of Northville, sporting Victorian-style clothing and passing out candy to the children.

"The best part of the parade is seeing your friends and neighbors passing by," said Donna Pallas, the parade's chairperson. "It really gives it a small-town feeling."

A small-town feeling, yes — but the parade continues to grow each year. Pallas, who's chaired the parade for the past eight years, said the parade has doubled in size since its onset. There are several new attractions slated for this year.

Caber Feldh, a 20-piece bagpipe band out of Ann Arbor, will provide music throughout the parade this year. Also, the St. Andrew Royal Scottish Honor Guard will be making the march.

They, along with the annual appearance of the Northville High School marching band, will be the main sources of music.

"Our target was to increase the

amount of music we have this year," Pallas said. "Last year we just had the high school band. This year we have two commitments and we're still waiting on another."

As always, the festival's Queen Victoria will make her first appearance during the parade, bringing up the rear in an elegant horse-drawn carriage.

Those interested in joining the parade should meet in the parking lot behind the Northville Community Recreation Center at 303 W. Main Street before the start of the parade. The parade is expected to last about 30 minutes.

The parade route will differ slightly from past years. It will start at the recreation center and head east on Cady Street. After a north turn on Wing, the parade will proceed west on Main Street and then north on Linden. It will head east on Dunlap and then south on Hutton. From there the parade heads west on Main, south on Center and finally west on Cady Street back to the start.

Everyone participating in the parade is encouraged to bring candy for the spectators, but is asked to pass out the candy rather than throw it to the children.

"It's an ongoing concern," Pallas said. "Especially in the downtown area. The candy lands in the street and the kids get so excited and that can be dangerous with all the horses involved."

With the projected size of this year's parade, Pallas is asking for volunteers to help with the lineup of the participants. If anyone is interested, please call Pallas at (248) 348-3767.

## Schedule of Events

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

- 9:30 a.m. - noon ... Northville Public Schools family entertainment (*public invited*)
- 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. ... Antique photo booth, Kid's Korner, antique show, non-profit booths open
- 6:30 p.m. ... Victorian Parade
- 7:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. ... Chris Linn, magician (*Sparr's stage*)
- 7:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. ... Dr. Rudy Medicine Man (*Main/Center Street*)
- 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ... Punch & Judy (*Main Street*)
- 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ... Jasen Magic, balloon artist (*Main Street*)
- 8 p.m. ... Antique auction (*Cady Centre*)

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

- 8:30 p.m. ... Festival Fitness Walk
- 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. ... Victorian home tour
- 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. ... Fine art market, creative art show
- 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. ... Children's old-fashioned games
- 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. ... Antique show, non-profit booths open
- 11:30 a.m. ... Cheney & Mills, wacky jugglers (*Genitti's stage*)
- Noon ... Antique auction (*Cady Centre*), Dr. Rudy Medicine Man (*Main/Center Street*)
- 12:20 p.m. ... Geri's Jamboree (*Genitti's stage*)
- 12:30 p.m. ... Jonathon Park, juggler (*Sparr's stage*)
- 1 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. ... Renaissance Chorus (*city bandshell*)
- 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. ... Mill Race Village open
- 1 p.m. ... Dr. Rudy Medicine Man (*Main/Center Street*), Madcap Puppets (*Sparr's stage*)
- 1:20 p.m. ... Cheney & Mills, wacky jugglers (*Genitti's stage*)
- 1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m. ... Renaissance chorus (*city bandshell*)
- 2 p.m. ... Victorian tea and fashion show (*First Presbyterian Church of Northville*), Dr. Rudy Medicine Man (*Main/Center Street*), Chris Linn, magician (*Sparr's stage*)
- 2:20 p.m. ... Geri's Jamboree (*Genitti's stage*)
- 2:30 p.m. ... Native American dancers (*Sparr's stage*)
- 3 p.m. ... Dr. Rudy Medicine Man (*Main/Center Street*)
- 3:20 p.m. ... Jonathon Park, juggler (*Genitti's stage*)
- 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. ... Straw Hat Band (*city bandshell*)
- 3:30 p.m. ... Victorian tea and fashion show (*First Presbyterian Church of Northville*)
- 4 p.m. ... Richard Paul, ventriloquist (*Sparr's stage*), Dr. Rudy Medicine Man (*Main/Center Street*)
- 4:20 p.m. ... Cheney & Mills, wacky jugglers (*Genitti's stage*)
- 4:30 p.m. ... Chris Linn, magician (*Sparr's stage*)
- 5 p.m. ... Native American dancers (*Sparr's stage*), Jasen Magic, balloon artist (*Genitti's stage*)
- 5:30 p.m. ... Jonathon Park, juggler (*Sparr's stage*), Richard Paul, ventriloquist (*Genitti's stage*)
- 6 p.m. ... Chris Linn, magician (*Sparr's stage*), Cheney & Mills, wacky jugglers (*Genitti's stage*)
- 6:30 p.m. ... Jasen Magic, balloon artist (*Sparr's stage*), Richard Paul, ventriloquist (*Genitti's stage*)
- 7 p.m. ... Antique auction (*Cady Centre*)
- 7:30 p.m. ... Victorian costume ball

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

- 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. ... Fine art market, creative art show, antique photo booth, antique show, non-profit booths open
- 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. ... Box lunch auction (*city bandshell*)
- 11:30 a.m. ... Geri's Jamboree (*Genitti's stage*), Native American dancers (*Sparr's stage*)
- Noon - 5 p.m. ... Free horse and carriage rides (*Main/Wing Street*)
- Noon ... Cheney & Mills, wacky jugglers (*Genitti's stage*), Chris Linn, magician (*Sparr's stage*)
- 12:30 p.m. ... Jonathon Park, juggler (*Sparr's stage*)
- 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. ... Mill Race Village children's game and duck race
- 1 p.m. ... Antique auction (*Cady Centre*), Chris Linn, magician (*Genitti's stage*), Madcap Puppets (*Sparr's stage*)
- 1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m. ... Motor City Brass Band (*city bandshell*)
- 1:30 p.m. ... Cheney & Mills, wacky jugglers (*Genitti's stage*), Madcap Puppets (*Sparr's stage*)
- 2 p.m. ... Dr. Rudy Medicine Man (*Main/Center Street*), Jonathon Park, juggler (*Sparr's stage*)
- 2:20 p.m. ... Richard Paul, ventriloquist (*Genitti's stage*)
- 2:30 p.m. ... Native American dancers (*Sparr's stage*)
- 3 p.m. ... Renaissance Chorus (*city bandshell*), playscape dedication, (*Fort Griswold playscape*), Dr. Rudy Medicine Man (*Main/Center Street*)
- 3:20 p.m. ... Chris Linn, magician (*Genitti's stage*)
- 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. ... Straw Hat Band (*city bandshell*)
- 3:30 p.m. ... Madcap Puppets (*Sparr's stage*)
- 4 p.m. ... Dr. Rudy Medicine Man (*Main/Center Street*), Jonathon Park, juggler (*Sparr's stage*)
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# Church school kicks off at Novi United Methodist

## NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The church, at 10015 W. 13th Ave., kicked off its 1999-2000 school year on Sunday. The service was held at 10 a.m. and was led by Pastor Tommie L. Hays. The service was held at 10 a.m. and was led by Pastor Tommie L. Hays.

## Novi Highlights

Sept. 21 they will meet at noon to carpool to the home of Debbie Wladischkin in Howell. The United Methodist Men recently held their annual steak-out. They now will resume regular meetings. The annual church auction and benefit dinner will be held Oct. 30.

## A GROWING PLACE

The preschool and nursery school resumed activities for the fall school year at the end of August. Several changes in staff have been made. However, Eugene Edt continues as director. A special farewell party by the children and staff members was held for Billie Lounsbury who retired after 20 years of service. She plans to spend her time with her new grandchild, Gabrielle. Attending the wedding were many young adults who, in their childhood years had attended A Growing Place and were pupils of Lounsbury. They spoke of their time with her and presented her with a video of the children and former employees of A Growing Place.

Another teacher who has moved on after nine years at the facility is Sherry Kemp. She is completing her degree in elementary education and will be doing her student teaching this fall at Walled Lake's Oakley Park Elementary School. She anticipates graduation in December. During summer session, a "Hawaiian Day" was held with proper dress attire for the occasion. The kids wore island attire

and several staff members donned grass skirts. They bonded with coconuts and had food tastings: coconut milk, papaya and pineapple.

A highlight of the summer was special guest Kunko Tanaka of Japan. She was a student and while visiting here, she volunteered so as to learn more about the American ways. Kunko also related her experiences to the children and staff.

Two new members of the staff this fall are Natasha Szcetanski and Debbie Landefeld. They will be assisting in various trips such as Erwin Orchards and Plymouth Orchards.

Also scheduled for Sept. 24 is "Scarecrow Day." The children will come dressed in jeans, overalls, flannel shirts, etc. Their faces will be painted as scarecrows with pictures taken in the cornfield next door.

For more information regarding school activities and/or programs, call (248) 471-2333.

## NOVI LIONS AND LIONESSES

The entire tournament is slated for the Novi Civic Center. Registration will start at 7 p.m. Sept. 18 with games beginning at 7:30 p.m. Limited seating is available at a charge of \$10 per person. Pre-registration earns two extra points. Cost at the door will be \$12 if space allows. Also, those bringing non-perishable food items will receive extra points. There will also be prizes and a raffle.

In charge of the event are Maggie Meeker, Jane Connee and Monica Rhea. For

further information, call (248) 344-4633. All donations will go toward Novi Lions and Lioness charities. Anyone interested in becoming a part of this group can contact President Monica Rhea or any Lioness member.

The next meeting will be Sept. 21 at the Kirby's Koney Island at 21200 Hugerty Road.

The Lions held their first meeting of 1999-2000 on Sept. 8 at Kim's Gardens on Novi Road. Plans were made for the club to run the concession stand at Powers Park during the first Law Enforcement Softball Classic. It will be held on Oct. 2, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and from noon to 4 p.m. on Oct. 3. The tournament will consist of 16 metro Detroit Police Departments with Lions present Kevin Rhea playing on the Novi Police Department team.

Proceeds from this project will go towards the Novi Lions charities including their local program, "Give the Gift of Sight."

Since 1973, the Lions have made arrangements with a local store and optician to combine their efforts in providing glasses and eye examinations to those in need. Anyone wanting more information should call President Eddie Rhea at (248) 477-1397 or contact any Lion member.

A holiday bake sale will be held on Dec. 6 with all monies raised going towards helping needy families in the Novi area.

For more information or answers to your questions, call (248) 380-6170 or (248) 344-4882.

## NOVI GIRL SCOUTS

The next meeting of the Novi Girl Scout leaders will be Sept. 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. A reminder to the leaders - troop financial reports must be turned in as soon as possible. Also, registration for the year 1999-2000 is to be turned into Gay Siden, registrar who will send them to the Michigan Metro Girl Scout Office.

Troop managers in charge of the Calendar/Not and QSP are asked to attend a meeting on Sept. 17 between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. or 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. to pick up the necessary information for the Calendar/Not and "Round-Up" programs recently held at Orchard Hills Elementary School and Village Oaks Elementary School. Parkview Elementary's "Round-Up" is scheduled for Sept. 20 and Novi Woods Elementary is scheduled for Sept. 23. Troop organizers who will be available for information are: Kim Ziegler, Village Oaks; Carol Spys, Parkview; Sandy Kern, Novi Woods; and Jill Hanus, Orchard Hills Elementary.

Carol Spys has volunteered to become the Neighborhood Service team director and will be working with Janice Church in learning the procedures and information necessary for this position. Church will remain as co-chairperson at this time and Diane Perreault will be in charge of encampment in September 2000.

More plans are being made for various Neighborhood events starting with a hayride on Nov. 5 at Greenfield Village with special harvest events including the traditional deer and donuts and bonfires.

Scheduled for Dec. 2 is the millennium theme formal dance at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia.

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Novi Highlights is written by Jeanne Clarke. She can be reached at (248) 624-0173.

## Engagements



Crawford-Chefan



Nelsen-Maren

Curt and Maryanne Crawford of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Autumn Marie, to William Neil Chefan, Jr., son of William and Sharon Chefan of Canton.

The bride-elect is a 1994 graduate of Northville High School and is seeking an education degree from Eastern Michigan University. The groom-elect is a 1995 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School and is seeking a psychology degree from EMU.

The couple is planning an Aug. 11, 2000 wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. David Nelsen of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Dr. Kristin Maren, to Kevin Wren Smiley, the son of Charles and Joan Smiley of Unionville.

The bride-elect is a 1983 graduate of Northville High School. She graduated in 1991 from the University of Michigan medical school. She is currently a radiologist in Saginaw.

The groom-elect graduated in 1983 from Unionville High School. He earned a master's degree in materials and logistics management at Michigan State University, and is now employed at Ford Motor Company.

A mid-September wedding is planned.

## Church News

Single Place Ministry, a division of First Presbyterian Church of Northville, will be hosting weekly walks in Farmington Hills Heritage Park on Saturdays at 10 a.m., as well as an after-worship brunch at Northville Crossing on Sundays at 12:30 p.m., followed by cards and coffee and the Tuscan Cafe at 6 p.m.

Single Point will also be hosting a house party a member's home. The cost is \$10 per person and pre-registration is required. For more information on the church or Single Place, call (248) 349-0911.

Novi's Holy Family Catholic Church is sponsoring a relief drive for victims of the deadly Aug. 16 earthquake in Turkey. Monetary contributions are being sought by the Archdiocese of Detroit. Persons interested in making contributions should mail them to CRS Turkey Relief Fund, Gabriel Richard Building 5th Floor, 305 Michigan Ave., Detroit, Mich. 48225.

Also at Holy Family - "Accent on Women," a parish group for women, will meet Sept. 21 to listen to a presentation on nutrition from dietitian Cindy Simon.

The group presentation is slated for 7:30 p.m. at the parish. For more information, call (248) 698-3100.

A program by Stanford University will be hosted by Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Northville. The seminar will focus on persons with physical or emotional ailments and how to make the most of life despite the situation. Each participant is encouraged to bring a friend who can act as a support person. A \$25 registration fee covers the cost of a book and audio tape.

Also at Ward - Wednesday night family dinners are underway. Doors open at 5:45 p.m. Admission is \$3.50 for adults and \$3 for children. For more information on either event, call the church at (248) 374-7400.

St. Patrick Church of White Lake will be hosting its Summer's End Fair on Sept. 23 through Sept. 26. Food booths, raffles and rides will be on hand. Advance ticket sales are required for rides. For more information, call (248) 698-3100.

Moms Offering Moms Support will hold a welcome-back brunch at First United Methodist Church of Northville on Sept. 20. An amusing presentation showing the relationship between mothers and children will be put

on, as well as a discussion of the many facets of motherhood. The group normally meets from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. the first and third Monday of each month.

Also at First United Methodist - a weight reduction program with spiritual connections will begin Sept. 20 at 7 p.m. For more information on either program, call (248) 349-1144.

Novi's United Methodist Church is offering grocery certificates redeemable at Farmer Jack, Kroger or Meijer locations. The certificates are available in \$10, \$20, or \$50 denominations. Purchases of the certificates benefit church activities. For more information, call (248) 349-9060.

Northville's First Baptist Church has started its Pioneer Club autumn meetings for boys and girls in kindergarten through sixth grade. The junior and high school-aged students meet Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. For more information, call (248) 348-1020.

A prospective members class at Meadowbrook Congregational Church is slated for Sept. 22 at 7 p.m. For more information, call (248) 348-7757.

## Nominations sought for annual YWCA award

Nominations are being sought for the eighth annual Women of Achievement Awards Luncheon, sponsored by the YWCA of Western Wayne County. All nominations must be received by 5 p.m. on Sept. 24.

The arts/communication category honors women who have achieved success in the arts, media or public relations. Such fields include visual, literary and performing arts.

The business/industry category honors women who have displayed outstanding abilities and accomplishments as an entrepreneur or in a management, executive or technical/professional roles.

The government/law category honors women in the legal profession or in government leadership either in an elected or career capacity.

Honorees in the professional category are women who have demon-

strated commitment and excellence as a professional in the field of education, health, human services, religion or research.

Volunteer service nominees are women who have made significant contributions to the community through volunteer efforts.

Young woman nominees are between the ages of 16 and 23. They have demonstrated leadership qualities, participate in community service and project a positive image

of "tomorrow's woman." A one-page narrative outlining the areas of the nominee's achievements along with a biographical sketch, not to exceed two pages, should be delivered to the YWCA of Western Wayne County, 26279 Michigan Ave., Inkster, Mich. 48141.

Awards will be presented to the winners at the luncheon to be held Nov. 5 at the Fairlane Club in Dearborn.

## Victorian Festival this weekend

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"The businesses view this is a benefit of giving to the entire community," Marrs said. "It's such a happy time for everyone, because everyone is involved. You feel a deep sense of connection to your community when the Victorian Festival is in gear."

The festival's popularity is evidenced by the correspondence that winds up in the chamber office's mailbox in the days and weeks following the festival, Marrs said.

"I'd be amazed at the number of people who send us letters

and give us phone calls," Marrs said. "If you know how much work is involved in putting this thing on, you understand that it's a few kind words from someone has to us."

But the Victorian Festival means more than just a heightened sense of community cooperation and spirit, Marrs said. For businesses, it's a means of getting exposure for the "second-round

Sept. 17 at 6:30 p.m. with the Victorian Parade. For more information on the parade, call (248) 348-3767. For information on all other Victorian Festival events, call the chamber at (248) 349-7640.

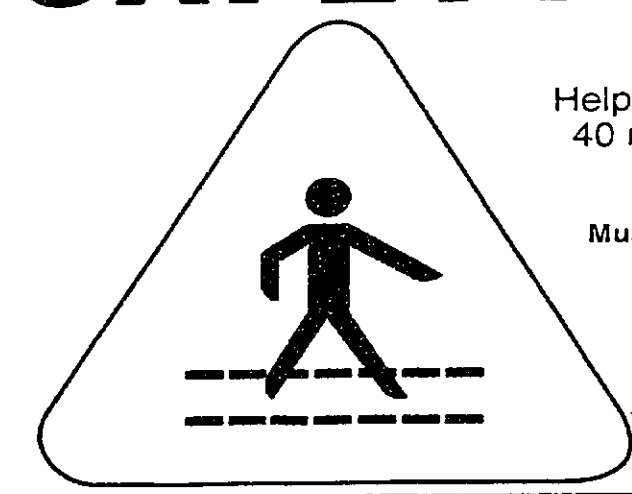
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est planted in visitors' heads that make the real payoff, Marrs said. "If someone comes into town and remembers seeing something they liked in one of our stores, we're counting on the person coming back at a later date and buying that item, or maybe spending an entire day in the community," Marrs said.

The Victorian Festival begins Sept. 17 at 6:30 p.m. with the Victorian Parade. For more information on the parade, call (248) 348-3767. For information on all other Victorian Festival events, call the chamber at (248) 349-7640.

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## Pet Corner

Several animal-related groups have adoption opportunities in the Novi and Northville area. Here are the dates and locations for some of those organizations:

Michigan Anti-Cruelty Society Third Saturday of each month 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. PetSmart (17677 Haggerty, Northville) (248) 347-4337

Critter Connection Saturday 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pet Supplies Plus (41660 Ten Mile, Nov) (248) 380-0007

Volunteers For Action Some Saturdays and Sundays

PetSmart (17677 Haggerty, Northville) (248) 626-8051

Animal Welfare Society of Southeastern Michigan Variety of times (248) 624-1100

Canine Companions will be hosting its "Howl-O-Ween" Dog Walkathon Oct. 3 beginning at noon at Maybury State Park. Canine Companions is a nonprofit organization that breeds, trains and places dogs with people with disabilities. The animals perform tasks such as opening and closing doors, pulling wheelchairs and retrieving dropped items. Participants in the event gather pledges to support the charity. For more information, call (734) 671-7576.

Old Village Second Tuesday of each month 10 a.m. Star Manor First Thursday of each month 2 p.m. Wynwood of Northville Third Thursday of each month 10:30 a.m.

In addition, the Pet-A-Pet group spends time bringing animals to nursing homes, hospice locations, and residences of physically and emotionally challenged children and adults. Volunteers are needed to help with the programs. Here's a rundown of where the group will be making stops soon. For information on volunteering, call (248) 349-7185.

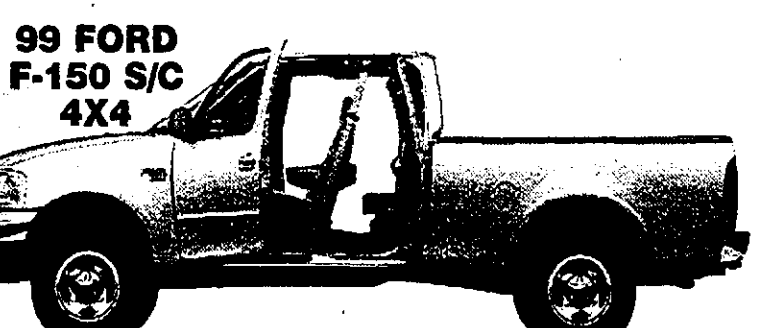
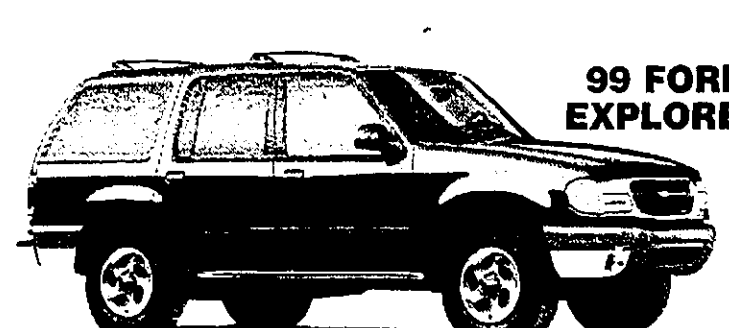
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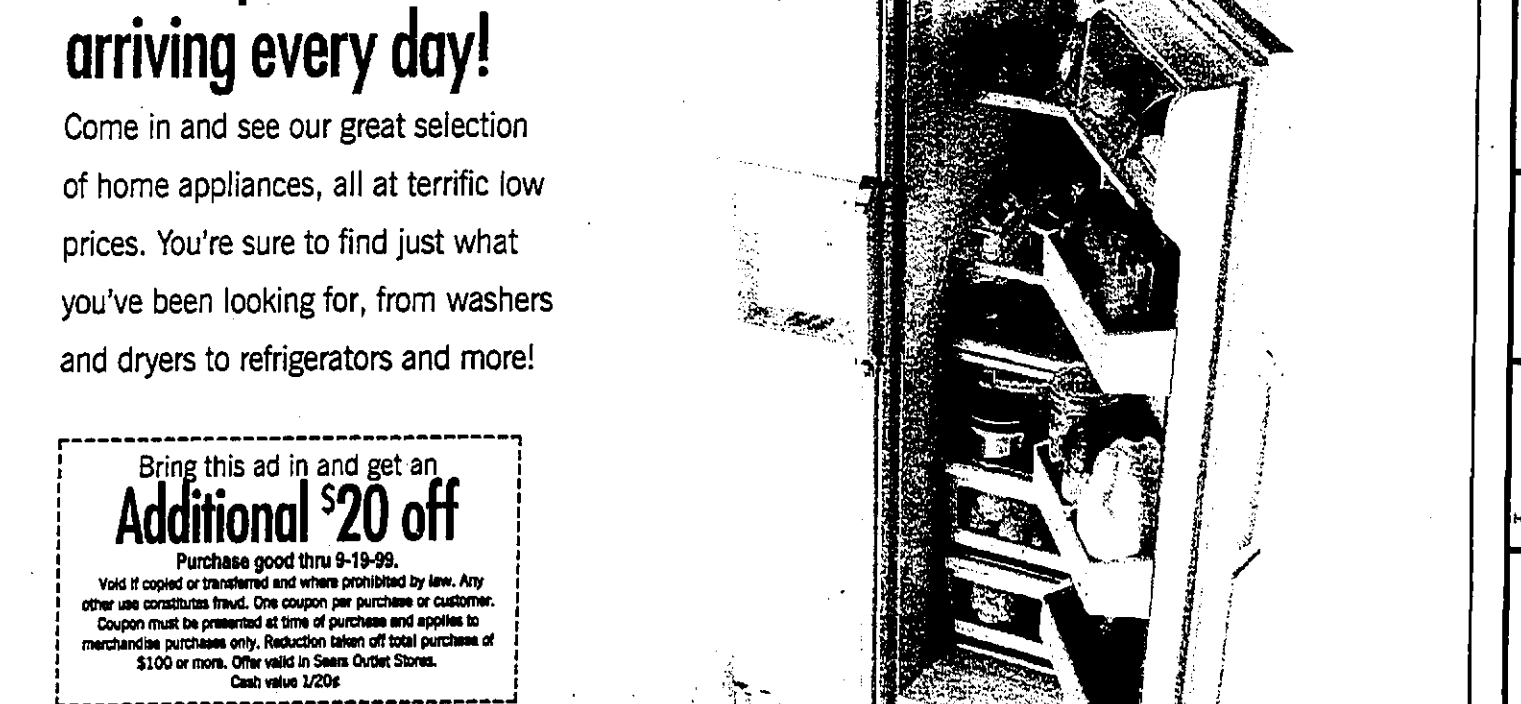
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<b>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 1 Mile & Meadowbrook Worship & Church School - 9:30 & 11:00am Children's Activities at All Services Youth League Prog. Wed. 4:15 to 5:30pm New West Class Senior Pastor Rev. James P. Anderson, Pastor	<b>FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE</b> 200 E. Main St. - Northville - (248) 349-0911 Worship & Church School - 9:30 & 11:00am Children's Activities at All Services Youth League Prog. Wed. 4:15 to 5:30pm New West Class Senior Pastor Rev. James P. Anderson, Pastor
<b>CHURCH OF TODAY WEST (Unity)</b> New Location Meadowbrook Elementary School - Walled Lake (South of 13 Mile & Meadowbrook Road) (248) 469-9200 Services at 10 AM Children's Church 10 AM Minister Barbara Cleveland	<b>OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> New Location Meadowbrook Elementary School - Walled Lake (South of 13 Mile & Meadowbrook Road) (248) 469-9200 Services at 10 AM Children's Church 10 AM Minister Barbara Cleveland
<b>NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> 4167 W. Ten Mile - Meadowbrook 349-2662 (24 hrs.) Sunday Worship at 9:45 am Nursery Care Available Louise R. Ott, Pastor	<b>ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN MISSOURI SYNOD</b> High & Park 1 Luback Pastor Church School 9:30-10:30am Sunday Worship 8:30 am & 11:00 am Sunday School & Bible Classes 9:30 am Wednesday Worship 7:30 p.m.
<b>MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH</b> 2155 Meadowbrook Rd. Novi at 14 Mile Morning Worship 10 am Sunday School 10:30 am 349-7757 Minister Rev. E. Neil Hunt Minister of Music, Ray Ferguson Rev. Cynthia LeCompte-Albert	<b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE</b> 349-1144 - 8 Mile & Tott Roads Worship Services 8:00 am - 9:30 am 11:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Senior Center 1:00 pm Summer Worship 9:15 & 11:00 am Dr. Douglas W. Hunt, Pastor Rev. Arthur L. Spafford Rev. Cynthia LeCompte-Albert
<b>WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</b> Dr. James N. McGuire Senior Pastor 4000 Dr. Mike Road - Northville, MI - 248-374-7400 Services: 8:30, 10:30, 11:30 am Sunday School & Nursery Provided 6:00 am, weekly services Contemporary Service 8:30 am.	<b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH NOVI</b> 4531 11 Mile at Tott Rd. Dorcas: Monday 5 pm, including pre-school Dorcas: Tuesday 10:30 am Sun School 9:30 am - 11:00 am & 6:00 pm Worship: 8:30 am, 11:00 am, 6:00 pm Dr. Gary Elmer, Pastor 349-9441
<b>ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH NOVI</b> 4225 Orchard Novi, MI 48374 Sunday 9:30 am 9:30 am - 11:30 am Reverend James J. Conne, Pastor Pastor: (248) 347-1776	<b>NEW HORIZON COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> Meets at Novi Civic Center (on 10 Mile between Novi & Tott Road) Morning Worship 11:00 am Children's Activities 10:30-11:30 am Mika House, Pastor 305-8700 Kurt Schramm, Music Director A Contemporary & Reformed Church
<b>CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY</b> 2452 Meadowbrook Rd. Novi, MI 48375 Worship: 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 12:15 pm 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 12:15 pm Father John Budek, Pastor Father Andrew G. Kasper, Pastor Parish Office: (248) 349-8841	<b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE</b> 217 N. Wing Sunday Worship, 10:45 am & 6:30 pm Wed. Youth Meetings 7:00 pm Boys Brigade 7 p.m., Preacher: Gary T. Poirer Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
<b>WORLDWIDE HARVEST CHURCH</b> "A Place to Grow" Sunday Worship Service: 11:00 AM Lectio: 9:30 am, 11:00 am The Comfort Inn - Meadowbrook Room for the 11:00 am service. For more info call: (248) 349-8185 anytime	<b>FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</b> 2120 Haggerty, Northville 48076 (between 8 & 9 Mile, Ten Mile & Novi Hwy) Sunday School 9:45 am Morning Worship: 11:00 am Discipleship Service 6:00 pm Thursday prayer/meditation Dr. Carl M. Smith, Pastor
<b>FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</b> 4400 W. 10 Mile Novi, MI 48066 1/2 Mile west of New Rd. Richard J. Henderson, Pastor Jennifer M. Scott, Associate Pastor & Carol Smith, Parish Associate Worship & Church School 9:00 & 10:30am Sunday Pastor: Northville, MI (248) 347-4206	<b>SPIRIT OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH E.L.C.A.</b> 161 Mile between Haggerty and Worship: 8:30 am, 10:30 am "A Hearty Church" Pastor: Northville, MI (248) 347-4206
<b>OAKLAND BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 22915 Beck Rd. Novi - S of 10 Mile Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 am Morning Worship - 11:00 AM Sunday Evening Church Service 6:30 PM We're Here to Help You Pastor: Timothy Hyatt We're One Big Happy Family	<b>OAK POINTE CHURCH</b> Northville High School Auditorium 8 Mile & Center Sunday 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Casual, contemporary, live band (248) 615-7050
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that paid for the program in the first place. And it's worth a look. Let me tell you—Max and Cassie, and their mother, are in a book, and their mother is in a cassette tape. I watched the videotape this afternoon expecting a cheesy half-hour lecture on child-rearing but found it to be quite interesting. Did you know that 50 percent of brain growth develops in the first three years? Or that the power of touch early on in a child's life helps that child to love others later in life?

I think everyone could learn a little something from the tape that encourages reading, playing games and gives examples of important stimulation for infants and toddlers. Some things are just good reminders. Who would have known "Baby Batsy Spitter" was an important developmental game?

Still, after watching the tape and reading the information I began to wonder if I was doing all I could to help the boys learn. Do I smile enough? How about eye contact?

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...The U.S. Small Business Association will be hosting a series of seminars on women business owner curriculum in the coming months. All seminars run from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The group will be at Schoolcraft College, 21 Parkwood Professionals of Southfield Oct. 21 and Washburn Community College on Nov. 17. There is a \$25 registration fee. For more information, call (734) 677-1400.

## Births



Caroline E. McKnight

Caroline Elizabeth McKnight was born Aug. 5 to Jim and Ann McKnight of Holland.

Jim McKnight is a 1984 graduate of Northville High School. Caroline weighed 7 pounds 4 ounces at birth.

She has one brother, Ian James, age three. Caroline is the granddaughter of Bill and Edie McKnight of Northville, John and Val Youles of Ann Arbor, Betty McKnight of Sarasota, Fla., and Fred and Anna Duennebler of Waterford.

## In Service

The Peace Corps announced that Northville resident Heather Nix has accepted a position to serve as a forest and agriculture resources management extension agent in Gabon. He is a graduate of Michigan State University.

Army Pvt. John T. Barguierino has arrived at Fort Knox, Ky. to complete basic combat training. He is a 1995 graduate of Walled Lake Western High School.

Marine Cpl. Charles D. Dollison recently participated in Type Commander Amphibious Training while assigned with Weapons Company, 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine, 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

The seven-day training familiarized Dollison with shipboard life and prepared him for amphibious operations encountered while deployed on a naval vessel.

Dollison is a 1990 graduate of Walled Lake Western High School. He joined the Marine Corps in February 1997.

The 21st annual American Heritage Quilt & Craft Fair is slated for Sept. 25 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Ann Arbor. Though no quilts will be available for purchase at the event, dolls, gift items and collectibles will. Admission is \$3. For more information, call (734) 769-3511.

A bereavement support group will meet Sept. 21 at the Novi Civic Center. There will be a brief prayerful reflection during the

meeting by a member of area clergy. For more information, call (248) 348-1800.

Volunteers are being sought by the American Cancer Society for the group's annual holiday greeting cards program. For more information, call (248) 557-5533.

Kensington MetroPark will be hosting several activities through September, including a Sept. 25 presentation on deer, a guided tour through remote areas of Kensington on Sept. 26, and a chance for Girl Scouts to earn the wildlife badge, also on Sept. 26. For more information, call (800) 477-2757.

Oakland County Youth Assistance is seeking help for its Mentors Plus program. Training and orientation is scheduled for 9 a.m. Sept. 25 at the Oakland County Courthouse. For more information, call (248) 853-0041.

The 25th anniversary of Birmingham's Art In The Park is slated for Sept. 25 and 26. More than 170 artists from the U.S. and Canada will be showing their wares. A new family area will be unveiled this year, with an area for children to watch a puppet parade, participate in hands-on projects and go inside a moosewalk. Proceeds from the event benefit the 24-hour crisis telephone line and intervention program. For more information, call (248) 456-8150.

The monthly meeting of the Suburban Republican Women Club will be held at the Pick-A-Bone Rib

House in Livonia on Sept. 23 at 11 a.m. A Detroit Edison official will be the keynote speaker for the event, discussing the purchase of electricity and the Y2K bug as it relates to utilities. The luncheon is \$11 and registration is required no later than Sept. 20. For more information, call (248) 471-5059.

The Tollgate Gardens at the MSU Tollgate Education Center are holding their fourth annual Fall Fair and Plant Sale on Saturday, Sept. 25, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission to the Fair is free. Among the activities for children and adults is the "Bug House," a live bug display. For the kids there will be a magic show, hay rides, face painting, leaf and pumpkin painting and flower pressing. For the adults there will be information tables provided by MSU Extension presenting master garden information, food preparation and 4-H information. For more information, call (248) 347-3860.

The Novi Beautification Commission will be hosting the city's fourth annual Perennial Exchange on Saturday, Sept. 18. The Perennial Exchange will take place at Novi's Old Township Hall located directly west of the Novi Public Library. The exchange begins at 9 a.m. and will run until noon, rain or shine. For more information, call (248) 347-0494.

What: "Thematic A New Musical" Where: Fisher Theater (3011 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit) When: 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Phone: (313) 872-1000

What: Eastern Michigan vs. Akron football Where: Rynearson Stadium (Ypsilanti) When: 6 p.m. Phone: (734) 487-2282

What: Northville Art Market Where: Downtown Northville When: All-day event Phone: (248) 449-9950

What: Green Bay Packers vs. Detroit Lions football Where: Pontiac Silverdome (1200 Featherstone, Pontiac) When: 1 p.m. Phone: (248) 456-1600

What: Anheuser-Busch stein artist signing Where: Bronner's Christmas Wonderland (25 Christmas Lane, Frankenmuth) When: Various times Phone: (517) 652-9931

What: Simulcast horse racing Where: Northville Downs When: 12:30 p.m. - midnight Phone: (248) 349-1000

What: Launch party of coffee table book "Bravo" Where: Barton Hills Country Club (730 Country Club Drive, Ann Arbor) When: 6 p.m. Phone: (734) 936-6837

What: Detroit Festival of the Arts Where: Detroit Cultural Center (4735 Cass Ave., Detroit) When: Various times Phone: (313) 833-1805

What: Northville Victorian Festival Where: Downtown Northville When: All-day event Phone: (248) 349-7640

What: Annual Honey Harvest: Maybury will present its annual honey harvest on Sept. 11 and 12 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Meet at the farm demonstration building for presentations of honey extraction and beekeeping.

What: September Bird Hike: The monthly bird identification hike group meets Sept. 11 at 8 a.m. at the concession building. The group seeks resident and migrating birds in the park. Binoculars are recommended.

What: Horsedrawn Hayrides: Hayrides at the farm are back. For a nominal fee, rides through the farm's fields and trails are available. Trips are available each weekend beginning Sept. 11 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., weather permitting.

## Business

Marine Insurance Services of Novi will be adding to its fleet of new cars to the fleet of its Novi location. The new cars will be added to its fleet of 2000 new cars for the year.

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# Diversions

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## Oakwood hosts family benefit race

For those who enjoy walking or jogging, Oakwood Health Care sponsors a special event for the family.

The annual Red October Run is held in the memory of former Oakwood administrator Denise Farrell.

Participants may pre-register by calling (313) 791-1486 to obtain an entry form. Race day registration and packet pick-up for all participants begins at 8 a.m.

One-mile Junior October heats at 9 a.m. for all children 12 years of age and under. The course is closed to traffic. Parents are welcome to accompany their children. Times will be announced at the finish line only, but there will be no scoring or results. All children who finish the race will receive a T-shirt.

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Ziggy Marley, musician

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# Movies

## Small-town shrink treats steady stream of quirky characters

Dr. Mumford has a talent for listening. He's only been in town four months, but he's already the most popular psychologist around.

He listens to his clients' problems, gets involved in their lives—and helps them in unexpected ways. But the man who hears the secrets has the biggest secret of all. A comedy from four-time Academy Award-nominated writer/director Lawrence Kasdan, Touchstone Pictures' "Mumford" tells the story of a young psychologist who hangs out his shingle in a small town that, curiously, is also called Mumford.

Dr. Mumford is soon dispensing no-nonsense therapy to an array of quirky locals who are won over by his genuine attentiveness and surprising frankness. Mumford's unusual style opens new possibilities. Lightens hearts darkened by old secrets, and sparks romance in unlikely places. But the doctor can use some help of his own.

Touchstone Pictures' comedy, "Mumford," stars, in alphabetical order, Jane Adams, Ted Danson, Hope Davis, Loren Dean, Jason Lee, Mary McCormack, David Paymer, Martin Short, Robert Stack, Pruitt Taylor Vince and Alfre Woodard.

Written and directed by Lawrence Kasdan, it is produced by Charles Okun and Kasdan, and co-produced by Steve Dun, Linda Goldstein Knowlton and Jon Hutman. The film is distributed by Buena Vista Pictures Distribution.

**About the Casting.** Lawrence Kasdan cast Loren Dean in the pivotal role of Dr. Mumford, having admired the actor's work since his performance in Robert Benton's "Bilky Bathing."

A few years later, Kasdan saw Dean perform on Broadway. "I went to see John Patrick Shanley's play, 'Beggars in the House of Plenty,' and Loren played the young Shanky in the autobiographical story," Kasdan recalls. "He was very powerful—phenomenal."

Dean explains his natural affinity for the role of a psychologist. "My mother is a therapist, so I grew up around that environment. I've been interested in the subject for a long time, and I've read a few books about it. So I definitely identified with the role."

According to Dean, Dr. Mumford's greatest strength is his ability to empathize with his patients. "He's really able to put himself in another person's shoes. He's sort of the straight man in the midst of all these crazy and chaotic

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ic characters, but he's completely empathetic," Dean said. "The population of Mumford is a varied group—they're all real people. They are all struggling in one way or another, with what I think is a common problem—reconciling the person that we feel we're supposed to be, with the person inside who has all kinds of drives and desires and weaknesses," Kasdan said.

Actress Hope Davis portrays Sofie Crisp, a young divorcee suffering from Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. Forced to return to her parents' home in Mumford, she reluctantly seeks Dr. Mumford's help.

After seeing Davis in the films "The Daytrippers" and "The Myth of Fingerprints," director Kasdan asked to meet the actress to discuss the role of Sofie.

"There's an incredible kind of virtuosity about her—she's skilled, funny, and generous of heart," Kasdan said. "I thought she was perfect for Sofie because her face is different every time you look at her. You really see her character bloom."

Davis recalls her early meetings with the director quickly evolving into something akin to a therapy session. "The second time we met, I was there for two hours. I think I even cried. With Larry, you end up talking about your whole life, because that's what he cares about," she said. "That's also what his movies are about—how strange life is and how hard and fantastical and serendipitous."

The role of Sofie was an exciting challenge for the actress, who wore lead weights in her shoes to achieve the appropriate semblance of overwhelming lethargy. "She's a fascinating character because she's so broken-hearted," Davis said. "She's so depressed that she's become ill with Chronic Fatigue Syndrome or Epstein-Barr virus, or whatever her mysterious condition, but meanwhile there's a real life in her. She's not dead—she's just completely trapped."

Despite her initial reluctance, Sofie follows Mumford on a rather unorthodox course of therapy, which includes long walks and callisthenics. "For Sofie, Mumford is the first person she's come in contact with who actually knows how to listen," Davis said. "Part of Mumford's brilliance is the one in the family that obviously needs to be in therapy, and yet is the person who will never be in therapy. Larry

What eccentric young billionaire Skip Skipperton, played by actor Jason Lee, needs most is simply a friend. Lee, who won an Independent Spirit Award for his role in "Chasing Amy," was cast as the skateboard-riding technology whiz whose company, Panda Modern, is the town of Mumford's chief employer.

"Skip's got a lot of money, but he's pretty lonely," Lee said. "He doesn't have any friends, because everybody in town works for him. He can't find a person who wants to hang out with him just because they like him."

Lee, a former international skateboard champion, was perfect for the role of Skip, who zips through the streets of Mumford on his skateboard.

"There's a real uninhibited freedom to this guy," Lee said. "He likes toys and he rides around on his skateboard instead of buying a new Mercedes. I really connected with the character, because he lives the way he wants to live, enjoys himself the way he wants to enjoy himself."

Oscar-nominated actress Mary McCormack plays the role of Athena Brockett, a lonely housewife suffering in a loveless marriage to a selfish workaholic.

Althea's unhappiness has found its expression in a unique compulsion—she has become addicted to shopping from mail-order catalogues. "McDonnell, who previously starred in Kasdan's 1991 film "Grand Canyon," said, "Althea is in an unhappy situation in an unfulfilled marriage, and she has developed this obsession to fill the hole in her life."

Althea's plight is both poignant and comical: her lavish home has been transformed into something akin to a department store stockroom. "Just saying that I'm playing a character who has an addiction to mail-order catalogues immediately makes people laugh," McDonnell said. "But when you think about it, and you see all the boxes and realize this woman just can't stop shopping—it breaks your heart."

Ted Danson portrays Althea's insensitive husband, Jeremy. "Mumford" reunites Danson and Kasdan, who first worked together on the director's debut film, "Body Heat."

"Jeremy is totally full of himself. He is oblivious to the fact that his family is suffering, except for how it affects him," Danson observes. "My character is the one in the family that obviously needs to be in therapy, and yet is the person who will never be in therapy. Larry



Loren Dean and Hope Davis star in a comedy from four-time Academy Award-nominated Lawrence Kasdan, Touchstone Pictures' "Mumford." "Mumford" tells the story of a psychologist (Dean) who hangs out his shingle in a small town and begins dispensing non-nonsense advice.

## 'Mumford' based on writers' fascination with people

Writer/director/producer Lawrence Kasdan conceived the story of an unconventional therapist and the quirky small town patients he treats from his own fascination with the intricacies of the human condition.

"I've always been interested in the way people work through their problems. To what extent do people just need someone to listen to them? To be a good listener, you have to be interested in other people—you have to be fascinated by the details of other people's experiences and lives. You really can't fake it."

The story takes place in the fictional town of Mumford, a picturesque hamlet nestled in a tree-lined valley.

"In a way, it's a perfect little town—big enough to be interesting and small enough to be protected from some of the realities of the world," Kasdan says. "There's a main street that's pretty, the sun tends to shine, and the streets are dappled with light. It's a little like the two small towns I grew up in, Wheeling and Morgantown in West Virginia."

For Dr. Mumford, it's the perfect spot to hang out the shingle for his psychology practice—for even in a town as seemingly idyllic as Mumford, a colorful assortment of neuroses, idiosyncrasies and personality disorders abounds.

His straightforward, albeit sometimes disarming, approach to therapy quickly wins him a devoted following.

Leading the campaign is attorney Lionel Dillard (played by Martin Short), who plants the seed of skepticism in the other mental health practitioners in town, psychiatrist Dr. Ernest DeLano (David Paymer) and psychologist Dr. Phyllis Sheeler (Jane Adams).

"Mumford" opens nationwide Friday, Sept. 24. The film runs one hour and 51 minutes and is rated "R."

Woodard is also Mumford's landlady. "She has this fabulous Victorian house that has an apartment that Mumford rents from her," she explains. "She doesn't have to end up on Mumford's couch, because he's already in the house."

Besides, she notes, "she knows exactly what her shortcomings are and says, 'Okay, I'm not even

going to work on that.' I imagine she left somewhere where she had been in a city and become a person of means—at least enough to set up a small business. She's a woman who's smart, still in the prime of her life, making a decision to bow out of city life. That's one of the things I find interesting about her."

## KISS isn't reborn, but the 80's comedy endures in 'Rock City'

By Jon M. Gibson  
GUEST MOVIE REVIEW

Even though "Detroit Rock City" may seem to be centered on the rock band KISS, the plot ultimately aims at the 70's experience.

The band only weaves into the closing sequence of "City," playing only an indirect role in this funny, stylistic, "Breakfast Club" style romp.

Instead, the idea of true concert going and fandom is showcased—the question, "How far will someone go to see their favorite group?" Anyone who has waited in line, maxed out their credit card or worked odd jobs in light of a single night's music can appreciate the concept of "City."

Interestingly, the movie carries itself like an R-rated "Mousehunt."

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featuring the same fast wit, swooping cameras and diverse cinematography that writer Adam Rifkin intended (though he only wrote "Mousehunt" and solely directed "City").

All movements are exaggerated and all reactions are highlighted by Rifkin's unique use of the camera lens, giving "City" a cartoon appearance.

This, merged with the adventures of four adolescents searching for two pairs of KISS tickets, creates the humor of the movie. It's not brilliant film making, but neither was "The Breakfast Club."

Director Rifkin simply takes the fast-paced elements of a John Hughes comedy and a great rock soundtrack to make "Detroit Rock

City" a laughable and enjoyable experience. Unfortunately, the trailers didn't emphasize this style enough, possibly causing the movie's depressing box office take. Eventually teenage audiences will find this movie and deem it a cult "Orgazmo" of 1999, but the movie won't survive in theaters.

Ultimately, "Detroit Rock City" is enjoyable. It's quality fun, but not a film worthy of anything more than slumber party viewing. It is a movie that accomplishes only what it sets out to do: Make you laugh.

Jon M. Gibson is the editor of the entertainment Web site, the Digital Bayou (http://www.digital-bayou.com).

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**WILL GET BACK TO YOU**

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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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**GENUINE GEM**

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

**LEAVE A MESSAGE FOR...**

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**SINCERELY**

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**NOTEWORTHY**

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**WORTH A TRY**

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**ROMANTIC TEDDY BEAR**

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Kind-hearted SWM, 39, 6'1", is looking for an outgoing, loving SWF, for a possible relationship. Ad# 3111

**CALL IF INTERESTED**

Friendly DWCM, 30, 5'8", 140lbs., with brown hair, blue eyes and a mustache, seeks a Catholic SF, without children, who enjoys hunting, fishing, camping and traveling. Ad# 7731

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**UNTIL NOW**

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**COMPANIONSHIP**

Outgoing, retired, Catholic SWM, 66, 6'1", 200lbs., who enjoys world travel, golf, dining out and more, is seeking an attractive, Catholic SWF, over 48, to spend time with. Ad# 1579

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Fun-loving, sincere and athletic, this Catholic SWM, 40, 6'1", enjoys family, friends and romantic times, and is seeking a trim, fit SAF, 21-38. Ad# 6969

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Outgoing, friendly DW dad, 43, 6'1", who enjoys training horses, conversation, traveling, children and living a country lifestyle, is searching for a SCF, 32-50, to share life with. Ad# 4911

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**READ THIS AD**

SWCM, 23, 6", who enjoys live music, playing guitar, reading and movies, is looking for a SWCF, 18-25, without children. Ad# 2231

**ROMANTIC AND EXCITING**

SWM, 43, 5'9", 175lbs., who's handsome, educated, honest, caring and knows how to treat a lady, is looking for a slender, educated lady, a SF, 35-45, who knows what she wants. Take a chance. I am. Ad# 1955

**SHARE REAL LOVE**

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**WORTH A TRY**

Kind, loving SWM, 47, 6", with blond hair and blue eyes, who enjoys sports, music and quiet evenings, is in search of a SWF, 35-47. Ad# 5

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# Golfers drop a pair

By JASON SCHMITT Sports Editor

In the always tough Kensington Valley Conference, Novi has had its early-season ups and downs. The season started off on a high note, with the team tying for third at the pre-KVC meet. But since then the rigors of playing in a conference with three ranked teams and possibly five of the top 20 teams in the state have caught up to the Wildcats.

Novi lost a pair of league matches last week, falling to Hartland 158-167 and South Lyon 158-164.

Against the Eagles, Novi failed to have any player break 40. Robbie Overfield led the team with a 40 and Ryan Miller continued his steady play with a 41. Pete Kobylarek and Matt Peurach each had a rough hole and finished with 43s.

"Each player had two holes that really cost them," Novi coach Brad Huss said. "For every kid, it was a different hole. Maybe it was a tree or sand that hurt them."

**SOUTH LYON 158, NOVI 164**  
Again unable to break 40, Novi fell to the Lions in a conference match.

"Going into the match, I thought that maybe this was a day where we can go out and win," Huss said. "Shooting a 164 we were not going to beat many teams."

Miller led the way with a team-best 40 and Jack Tyler and Peurach each shot 41s. Kobylarek's 42 rounded out the scores.

"This is a tough league, and this is a really young team," the coach said. "In this league you can have a good team and finish 1-5 or 2-4 very easily. I think we learned a valuable lesson from these two losses."

Novi dropped to 1-3 in league play heading into Tuesday's KVC match against Milford (after *The Novi News'* deadline). The team is off until Tuesday when it takes on state-ranked Howell.

# Novi tankers take 3rd

By JASON SCHMITT Sports Editor

Dodging no one, the Novi swim team faced some of the state's best swimmers last Saturday at the Griffin Relays at Brighton High School.

Along with the host school, Farmington Mercy was also at the meet. The Marlins ran away with the title, scoring 106 points. Brighton (78 points) was second and Novi (62) took third. Milan was fourth and South Lyon, Pinckney, Howell and Swartz Creek rounded out the field.

Novi did not win any events, but finished second or third in eight of the 10 different relay events. The 400 freestyle relay team finished second to Mercy in a time of 4:11.70. The 400 medley relay also grabbed a second place finish in a time of 4:40.11.

Also taking runnerup honors was the 1000 freestyle team (9:45.51).

## NOVI 97, FENTON 89

Novi overcame two deficits to edge Fenton in this non-league swim meet.

The team trailed 26-20 after three events before pulling even after the fourth. Fenton then took charge in the diving competition and increased that lead to 62-48 after the 100 yard freestyle.

Andrea Yocum and Blair Tyler finished 1-2 in the 100 breaststroke and Amanda Smith, Yocum, Amy Hartland and Kristina Utley won the 400 free relay to secure the win for the Cats.

Utley won the 200 free, Smith took first in the 50 free, Hartland won the 100 free and Utley won the 500 free to sweep those events. Emily Nicol, Utley, Krysta Lynch and Hartland joined forces to win the 200 free relay.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi sophomore Sarah Holt returns a shot in a match against Milford last week.

# Brighton wins 1st round of tennis

By JASON SCHMITT Sports Editor

Usually the Kensington Valley Conference tennis title chase consists of Novi and Brighton. That's just the way things are.

This season is the same. Novi has won or shared the last four KVC titles, splitting it with Brighton in two of those years. But the Bulldogs are the team to beat.

They proved that with a 5-3 win over Novi in the first of their two regular season meetings Sept. 8 at Brighton High School. Dana Krozek topped Novi sophomore Sarah Holt 6-3, 6-2 at first singles and Abby Shelde proved to be too much for Melissa Roemer in a 6-1, 6-2 win at second singles. Brighton made it three in a row with Courtney Kennedy's 6-2, 6-4 win over Amrutha Nagarajan.

The Wildcats did salvage a singles win when Carolyn Vermeulen

defeated Kelly Oliphant 6-3, 6-3 at fourth singles.

In doubles action, Christina Cypher and Tara Stevens beat Brighton's Sarah Brockert and Liz Doby 7-6 (2), 6-3 at first doubles and teammates Taeko Nakazawa and Janina Hahn won 6-4, 6-2 at third doubles for Novi's second and third wins.

Karen Andrews and Emily Dinsmore fell to Erika Shankland and Kelly Wallace 4-6, 5-7 at second dubs and Sarah Ehlers and Nicole Hapanowicz fell to Marissa Smith and Meghan Ray 7-6 (2), 4-6, 2-6 at the fourth spot.

"We had our opportunities, but if we want to beat Brighton, we have to do it in doubles," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "A 5-3 score boils down to a matter of points, and (Brighton) persevered."

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# Wildcats top Brighton, Moore breaks own record

By JASON SCHMITT Sports Editor

There's no hiding the fact that they're good. Boys' cross country coach Bob Smith knows that.

This year's team lacks the senior leadership that the state championship squad had in 1998, but each one of the returnees has the experience of 10 seniors thanks to that title. And they're showing that early.

The Wildcats beat Brighton for just the third time ever last week and went on to perform better than any other team at the University of Detroit Mercy Invitational at Cass Benton last Saturday.

No scores were kept at the Mercy Invite, but Novi placed three in the top seven and their top five among the top 21 out of more than 300 runners taking part in the race. The race was a bit unusual in that it was one big race mixing boys and girls, high school runners and non-high school runners all together.

Novi had 13 career Cass Benton personal

bests and 20 season Cass Benton personal bests. Topping it all off, sophomore sensation Tim Moore shattered his own Novi course record in a time of 15 minutes, 57 seconds. That time was 11 seconds faster than his time he ran two weeks ago and helped him to a top finish among all the runners.

Teammate Chris Toloff also ran well, running his best time of 16:13 to take third.

"If you take a look back 12 months ago, Chris would be the man," Smith said. "Over the past year, our school record has been broken three times, and Chris' 16:13 would have been a record just a year ago."

Mark Avenius was seventh overall in a time of 16:36, also a personal-best time. Eric Walle came in at 17:08, which was 13th overall in the race. Steve Szwest rounded out Novi's top five with a 21st overall finish in 17:30. Twenty Wildcat runners finished the race.

Finishing sixth for the Cats was Mitch Erickson at 17:39. Rounding out the top nine were Dan Stevens (17:46), Nick Bassitt (17:47) and Evan Foster (18:02).

"Three meets in five days is just too much," Smith said. "But because of the format of this meet, we felt we could use some more big-meet experience. This meet is pretty laid-back and the kids really had fun. It's a fun way to fulfill our coaching needs."

Smith said that with the Oakland County meet coming up, the invite served as preparation for the big race.

## NOVI 17, BRIGHTON 40

With Brighton's rich tradition in cross country running, Smith was pleased to get just his third win ever over the Bulldogs, again in a rout.

Novi took the top four places and showed why. Despite the loss of three of their top five runners, Novi will again be the team to

beat in the Kensington Valley Conference.

Moore ran the Bishop Lake course in 16:12, which was 37 seconds faster than teammate and runnerup Toloff (16:49). Walle and Avenius were the next two to cross the finish line in times of 17:03 and 17:07.

Brighton took the next two positions before Bassitt sealed the deal with a seventh-place finish in 17:47. Szwest was sixth for Novi in 18:02 and Foster was the seventh (18:17).

"It's always satisfying to beat Brighton," Smith said. "They've seemed to have our number for many, many years."

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# One win closer to the magic number

## Nailbiter gives Novi second win

By JASON SCHMITT Sports Editor

He was already thinking of how his team could block the extra point. Novi coach John Osborne was convinced.

It was a foregone conclusion that South Lyon would score the touchdown and set up for what would be the game-winning extra point.

Or was it?

Novi sent 11 men to the line in the hopes of stopping the Lions on a fourth and one play with 29.8 seconds left in the game, up 13-7 and the momentum of the game against them.

And they did.

Mitch Maier was the first of several Wildcats to hit South Lyon's Marcus Schuimeister in mid air, stopping the running back just short of the goal line and giving Novi a 13-7 win over the Lions in a Kensington Valley Conference game last Friday night.

The play followed a South Lyon timeout with 34.4 seconds remaining after Novi had allowed the Lions to go from the seven yard line down to the one.

"It was quite a surprise ending — a game we will not forget," Osborne said. "I was already looking to block the extra point."

"It certainly didn't look very good for us, but the kids answered the bell."

It was a bit of rectification for Maier, whose interception to Pat Gliga set up South Lyon's first score with 10:17 left in the fourth. Up to that point Novi's defense had not allowed many serious threats by the Lions offense.

South Lyon had driven the ball from their own 28 after Novi was forced to punt with just under four minutes left in the game. Schuimeister broke free off tackle for a 54-yard gain to give South

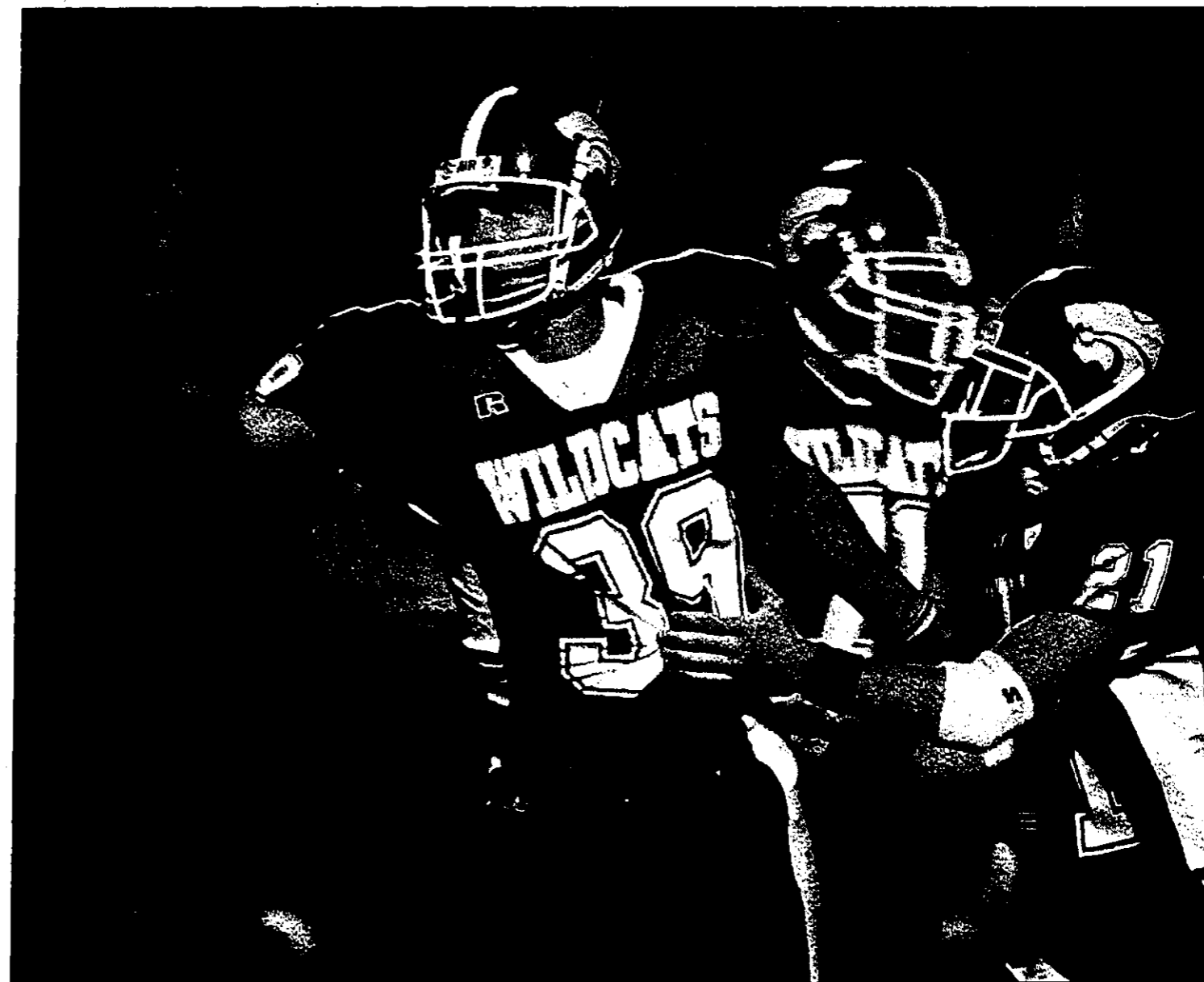


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Senior Pat Muston gives the No. 1 sign after scoring a touchdown in Novi's 13-7 win over South Lyon last Friday night.

Lyon a first and 10 from the Novi 18 with 1:47 remaining. From there the Lions moved the ball efficiently to the one.

"To their credit, I think they took another great step in their development," the coach said. "We've gained a lot of respect for what happened."

The win evens Novi's KVC mark at 1-1 and gives them a 2-1 mark overall. South Lyon dropped to 1-1 and 1-2 with the loss.

It was a game that both teams needed to improve their chances at a playoff berth (six wins).

Early on it looked like Novi would run away with the game. The Cats took the opening kickoff 75 yards into the end zone and gained an early 7-0 lead. Maier kept the ball on the option and found his way in for five-yard touchdown run. Andy Christoferson's extra point made it 7-0 with 6:53 left in the first quarter.

Passes of nine and 20 yards from Maier to wideout Pat Muston and a 21-yard run by Aaron Harbin aided in the scoring drive.

Maier and Muston connected once again, late in the second quarter to give Novi a 13-0 lead. On a third and three from the 13, Muston found himself in a one-on-one situation. He cut to the inside and Maier found him over the middle for the score. The pass completed a drive which

started back on the Novi 15 yard line. A third-down completion to Jon Cervi and a fourth and one completion to Muston helped keep this drive alive.

The score was 13-0, but the second half would belong to South Lyon. The Lions took the opening drive of the second half and put together five-straight first downs to move the ball

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# Novi splits at tournament

By JASON SCHMITT  
Sports Editor

Both Northville and Novi basketball teams found out what Head Coach Bishop Burgess and Plymouth Salem were all about.

The Mustangs and Wildcats both played two games, and each came away with very similar results at the Northville Tournament last Thursday and Saturday at Northville High School.

Northville opened up the tournament with a 48-44 win over Burgess, but suffered the wrath of Salem in a 45-21 loss to the Rocks in the championship game Saturday night.

Novi fell first to Salem, 56-28 Thursday, before defeating Burgess 52-49 in the consolation game Saturday.

Both Northville and Novi held big leads over Burgess and had to hang on for the wins. And both teams struggled early against the Rocks and could not catch up.

Novi used a 10-0 run at the start of the Burgess game to help build an 18-4 lead after one quarter. Both Kelly Bendernagel and Kristen McHughen scored seven points in the quarter.

Burgess slowly chipped away at the lead and pulled within one point, at 50-49, with 13 seconds remaining before Bendernagel sank a pair of free throws to give her team a three-point lead. The Cats

forced a Spartans turnover in the last few seconds to preserve the victory.

"We tripped a bit and disrupted the flow of their offense early on," Novi coach Dennis Cichonski said. "I don't know what they were expecting (at the end), but we went to a man-to-man and they couldn't get the shot off."

Novi's free throw performance (10 for 26) disappointed their coach, but their rebounding, their ability to push the ball up court and their half-court offense was welcomed by Cichonski.

## SALEM 50, NOVI 28

The fifth-ranked Rocks played like they were one of the five best teams in Class A, jumping out to a 23-11 halftime lead.

"You saw the Dr. Jeckel and Mr. Hyde of Novi girls basketball this past week," Cichonski said. "Against Salem, we were not mentally ready to go. When things went bad, they got worse."

Cichonski said his team's fourth quarter was the lone "good" quarter of basketball played.

"Even though we didn't play well, we had our chances. We just didn't cash in," he said.

Novi was just 6-for-10 from the line, however, the limited Salem to six attempts at the stripe. Bendernagel led the team with eight points and Beth Rice added five.

# KVC ins and outs...

**Brighton** No dice against Brother Rice. Correction — the Bulldogs are merely the state's best public school soccer team. They went up against parochial power Birmingham Brother Rice last Tuesday, and lost 3-0. With a wink to the Andy Dick song, Brighton's football team kept ownership of the Little Brown Jug with its 34-0 whuppin' of Howell. "We like to win big ball games," Bulldogs coach Bill Murray said. Except in November... The two best tennis teams in the league met last Wednesday. Brighton defeated Novi 5-3, the first time that's happened in three years...

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**South Lyon** Smokin' After a nondescript effort in the league's preseason tournament, the Lion's golf team has blown up in the regular season. They're 3-0 in the KVC, last week beating Novi on the Wildcats' course then knocking off state-ranked Howell 153-154 at Salem Hills.

The big thing for South Lyon has been its team depth. In recent matches it has gotten big games from the likes of Justin Goyt, Dan Merritt, and Brian Downing. Goyt's 33 Monday against Redford Thurston set a school record for nine holes.

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## Sports shorts

**NOVI TRIATHLETE EXCELS**  
Novi resident Cathy Brandeau began training and competing in Michigan-area triathlons this summer under the training and encouragement of her husband, David Brandeau.

The results came quickly, with Cathy placing second at Akron and Three Rivers and first at the Coldwater Mini-Ironman. She also placed fourth overall among all women at Coldwater. Her next event will be the Ballys USTS Series Triathlon in September.

**MADNESS TRYOUTS**  
The Novi Motor City Madness girls fast-pitch softball team will be holding tryouts Sunday Sept. 19 at Power Park fields #1 and 2.

Twelve and under tryouts will run from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fourteen and under tryouts will be from 3-6 p.m. and 16 and under tryouts are by invitation only. Please call Eric at (248) 474-8392 if you are interested. For more information please call Phyllis Wagner at (248) 348-0023.

**NOVI EXPOS TRYOUTS**  
Tryout times and locations for Novi Expos Travel baseball is as follows: (12 year olds) Sunday, Sept. 12 and Sunday, Sept. 19 from 4-6 p.m. at Power Park-Green field. Contact person is Dan Dabbs—(248) 344-4607. (13 year olds) Contact Tony Sabo at (248) 380-0088. (14 year olds) Sunday, Sept. 12 and Sunday, Sept. 19 from 4-6 p.m. at Power Park-Yellow field. Contact person is Mike Hart—(248) 348-3246.

**HEAT TRYOUTS THIS WEEKEND**  
The Novi Heat travel baseball teams are holding tryouts Saturday (times to be determined) at the Community Sports Park on Eight Mile Road. If you have any questions about the tryouts or about Heat travel baseball, contact Greg Hatcher at (248) 347-3338.

**REFEREES NEEDED**  
SoccerZone is now recruiting roller hockey and soccer referees for the fall season (Oct.-Dec.) Please drop off your resume and spot for an application at 41550 Grand River Avenue or call (248) 374-0500.

# Kittle finishes at top of U of D

By JASON SCHMITT  
Sports Editor

With all the chaos at the finish line in last Saturday's University of Detroit Mercy Invitational, Novi girls coach Nori Norgren found some trouble finding his girls.

"I'm pretty sure Bethany Kittle won the girls' race," he answered in question.

Kittle was the first high school girl across the finish line, some 70 to 80 participants after Novi's Tim Moore won the boy's race. Her time of 20 minutes, 20 seconds was a career best on any course.

Senior Val Stefanson was the second of Novi's runners to finish, in a time of 20:40. Freshman Nina Schmitt was close behind at 20:48 for third on the team. Brittany Albright and Cat Waller were fourth and fifth at 21:30 and 22:01. Kelly Phelps and Margo Wolowec were sixth and seventh.

The race format was unique. There were over 300 runners at the

start, consisting of high school boys and girls as well as anyone else who wanted to race. No scores were kept.

"It's good for the girls to make amends and get justified up a bit, especially at the finish line," Norgren said.

Novi will compete at the Oakland County meet in two weeks and that race will also have 300-plus competitors.

Earlier last week the results weren't so good for the Wildcats. Defending Kensington Valley Conference Champion Brighton topped Novi 23-32 at their home course at Bishop Lake State Park.

Kristin Echols and Kittle finished second and third behind Brighton's Deena Martin (20:27). Echols had a time of 20:36 and Kittle crossed at 20:44.

But Brighton's power came in their two through five runners. All four took the next four spots to ensure the Bulldogs of the win.

Waller and Wolowec were Novi's last two varsity runners. The Wildcats' top seven pack time was 2:15 and their top five time was 1:13, both higher than Norgren is looking for out of his team.

"Every coach in the world would like to have it within a minute," he said. "Now 1:13 doesn't look that bad, but it is good to knock some of that off."

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## Lacrosse team wins championship

The Novi youth lacrosse team won its third consecutive championship in the Michigan Tomahawk Division last month by avenging an early-season loss to Fenton, 5-1.

Fenton had defeated Novi 11-1 in the season opener.

Novi, which is an open team sponsored by Novi Parks and Recreation, defeated Northville's Parks and Recreation team 5-1 earlier in the playoffs.

The team was coached by John Beard, who was assisted by Novi High School lacrosse team members Kyle Harbin and Aaron Marlon.

"They were excellent role models and taught the kids winning plays and the finer skills of lacrosse," Beard said. "These players had a strong desire to win and were unselfish in their play."

Earlier this summer the team combined with the Northville team to play in the jamboree tournament in Birmingham. For the first time in three years, they beat Birmingham but lost to a select team from Wooster, Ohio.

Several members of the Novi team joined players from Fenton and Shelby Township and beat Hamburg for the first time ever at the Warrior Summer Shootout in Hamburg. They then advanced to the semifinals, where they lost to the Knights 4-2.

Beard is exploring the possibility



Team members include (front, l-r) Jason Smith, Jason Lewarne, Ryan Belt, Parker Beard, Bobby Watts and Michael Bernabei. Middle row includes assistant coach Kyle Harbin, Garrett Anderson,

of forming an indoor lacrosse team at the Novi SoccerZone for the fall and winter seasons. If anyone is interested, they should contact the SoccerZone at (248) 347-0500.

For more information about the spring and summer lacrosse team, contact the Novi Parks and Recreation department at (248) 347-0400

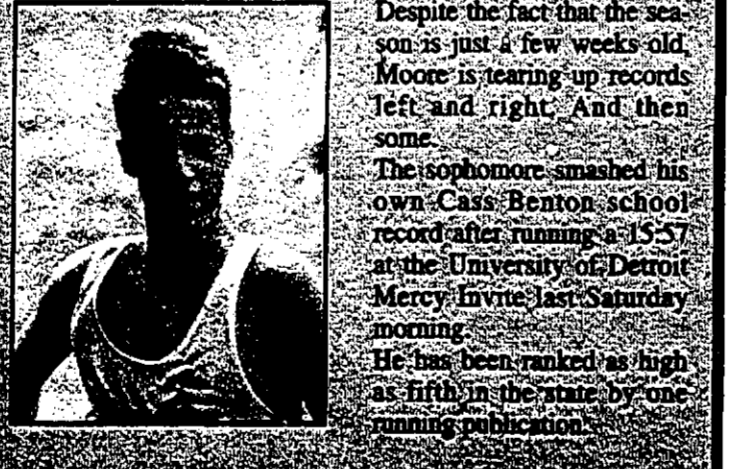
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Any other questions should go to Beard at (248) 305-5887 or (313) 577-4545 at Wayne State University.

Tom Horrigan is the Northville coach and can be reached at (248) 348-8590.

## McDONALD FORD SALUTES NORTHVILLE ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

**Tim Moore - Sophomore**



Despite the fact that the season is just a few weeks old, Moore is tearing up records left and right. And then some.



Carolyn Vermeulen - Sophomore

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# Novi tops Lions, prepares for Hartland

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inside Novi's 25 yard line. Just over six minutes into the drive, the 'Cats forced a fumble and Lee Ehlers recovered the ball to stop South Lyon's momentum. After a long discussion by the referees and one overrule, the ball did go to Novi. But on their first play from scrimmage, they fumbled the ball back to South Lyon at the 20.

Fortunately for Novi, there was a 15-yard penalty assessed to the Lions and they eventually punted back to Novi.

Then, on the next drive, Maier took to his right and was pressured to throw the ball. But Glick stepped in front of the pass and returned the ball 41 yards to the Novi one. A play later Kevin Hammer punched it in to pull the Lions to within six at 13-7.

"When we fumbled the ball right back to them, it was one of those traits from last year's team," Osborne said. "Now the pressure is on our defense again."

And on the interception. "We're on our way to a 21-0 game and now it's

changed considerably. The momentum is now in their favor. We just self-destructed offensively in the second half," he said.

The ending of the game rivaled that of Novi's last win over South Lyon in 1994. A last-second 31-yard field goal by Jon Wroe gave the 'Cats a 22-21 win over the Lions.

Novi sent all 11 players to the line, with Dave Tardella and Dan Jig acting as fallbacks in case of a pass or quarterback keeper to the outside. The other nine players (Jason Moore, Cas Verda, Lee Ehlers, Dan Kittle, Aaron Harbin, Matt Luschas, Sean McGuckin, Scott Minke and Mitch Maier) were all bunched together to make the stop.

Offensively, South Lyon outgained Novi 217-203. Harbin and Maier led the ground attack for Novi with 40 and 38 yards. Cervi added 31. Muston led the receiving corps with six catches for 58 yards and a touchdown.

Defensively, Maier had eight first hits and seven assisted tackles to lead the team. Luschas had six first hits and seven assists and Minke was also in

double digits with six first hits and six assists. Josh Rzepceki had seven first hits and two assists and Dan Kittle had four and two.

At 2-1 after a treacherous first third of the season, things look good for Novi. Osborne said the first third of the season would be critical to Novi's chances at a playoff berth.

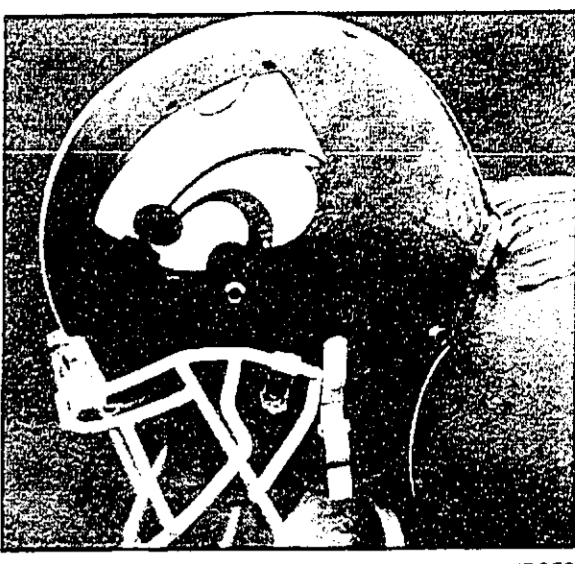
"We look at our schedule and broke it down into three game sections," the coach said. "The first three games very well could have been 0-3, so to finish 2-1 is good."

"Now it's on to the next three games." Novi will travel to Hartland this Friday, return home for Milford and then host Flushing in their annual Homecoming game.

"Some of the stuff (Tab Kellepouri) has done is remarkable (at Hartland)," Osborne said of his upcoming opponent. "They will be a well-prepared football team. We're mirror images of each other."

Osborne said of the two clubs. "Where we're very familiar of them, they're very familiar with us."

The game is set to begin at 7:30 p.m. at Hartland High School.



Novi's new helmets sport a Wildcat symbol, the same one found at Kansas State University.

High School.

# Novi falls to Brighton

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**NOVI 8, HOWELL 0**  
Unlike the Brighton match, Howell was no match for the Wildcats last Thursday afternoon. Novi won every match in straight sets.

Holt won 6-3, 6-0 over Kristin Dzikowski and Roemer defeated Katie Tihof 6-0, 6-3 at the top two slots. Nagarajan topped Brooke Parker 6-2, 6-0 at third singles and Vermeulen outlasted Liz Streibing 6-2, 6-4 at fourth singles.

Cypher and Stevens won 6-2, 6-0 over Jessica Vanofen and Beth Rzesozian. Andrews and Dinsmore beat Cami Lesperance and Kory Willacker 6-0, 6-1. Nakazawa and Hahn won in straight sets 6-1, 6-1 over Jessica Murray and Julie Reineke and Ehlers and Miami tie won 6-1, 6-3 at fourth doubles.

## Hot Picks

The second season of football picks has begun, and everyone will be trying to top the defending champion, Jason Schmitt. This year we've given the cats a chance, so hopefully, everyone has at least a 50 percent chance of finishing out of last place...we hope!

Novi at Hartland	Novi	Novi	Novi	Novi	Novi	Novi	Novi	Hartland
Harrison at Northville	Harrison	Harrison	Harrison	Northville	Harrison	Harrison	Harrison	Harrison
Howell at South Lyon	South Lyon	South Lyon	South Lyon	South Lyon	South Lyon	South Lyon	South Lyon	South Lyon
N. Farmington at Farmington	Farmington	Farmington	Farmington	Farmington	Farmington	Farmington	Farmington	N. Farmington
Michigan at Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Michigan State	Michigan State	Michigan State	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Michigan State
Michigan at Syracuse	Michigan	Michigan	Syracuse	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
Tennessee at Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida	Tennessee	Tennessee	Florida	Florida	Tennessee
Indianapolis at New England	New England	New England	New England	New England	New England	Indianapolis	New England	Indianapolis
Green Bay at Detroit	Green Bay	Detroit	Green Bay	Detroit	Green Bay	Detroit	Green Bay	Detroit
Arizona at Miami	Miami	Miami	Miami	Miami	Arizona	Arizona	Miami	Miami
Last Week	8-2	6-4	8-2	7-3	7-3	8-2	7-3	3-7
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## Health Column

### Energy deficit best way to burn fat

Men asking "how do I get rid of these 'love handles' on the side of my waist or my 'spare tire?'" and women wondering "how do I get the excess body fat off my hips or thighs or buttocks?" must be two of the most frequently asked questions in any gym or household.

Unfortunately, you cannot spot reduce. Even though we find that most people know there is no such thing as spot reducing, or say they do, they still ask these same questions.

Worse than that, some health professionals will give them exercises that are supposed to help "tone" these areas. We also have our famous videos with beautiful people with great stomach, legs, and bottoms, showing us exercises, and the latest super piece of equipment that are supposed to make us look the same as they do. All of this just adds to the myth of exercise and fitness. You can't firm or tone body fat.

Let's try to clear up some of those myths. We'll start with mother nature. All of us were individually programmed to carry a certain amount of body fat in certain areas on our bodies. Most women tend to carry body fat around the hips and legs and most men carry their body fat around the mid-section.

In order to lose body fat from any area on the

body, we must create what we call an "energy deficit." This simply means that we take in less calories than we burn.

(Example: If we burn 2,500 calories a day, including exercise, but we take in 2,000 calories, then our bodies have a reason to use their fat stores to make up the 500 calorie deficit.)

Where on the body this fat will come from no one really knows. It can't be controlled by a specific exercise or machine. However, we do know that by exercising and eating the proper nutrients and the right amount of calories for the energy deficit, you will lose body fat.

For some, it may come off the desired areas first and for others, it may not. It could come anywhere from the face to the feet, in any pattern. Fat comes from whatever area you were genetically programmed to lose it from first.

Rest assured you will, eventually, lose it from all areas. There is no way to change this, not even through specific exercises. You just have to hang in there and continue the energy deficit and exercise program until it finally comes off.

Because most people don't know this, or are misled, they begin to get discouraged before their troubled areas look the way they want. The next step for these people is thinking a certain new machine, pill, or formula will help

their situation.

Once again, this is false. Your muscles getting firm is not the only problem. You just can't feel or see the muscle because it is covered with body fat. In other words, exercises like stomach twists, sit-ups, ab-rollers, and crunches do not make the waist smaller. This area and others will only get smaller as body fat is reduced. When the fat gets low enough, you will be able to see the contours and feel the firm muscle.

So, bottom line - build the muscle so it looks good when you lose the body fat, but do not waste your time on specific exercises and exercise videos that claim you can firm or tone an area.

Leading authorities such as the National Academy of Sports Medicine, and Apex Fitness Systems (which contributed to this article) agree. It is primarily diet and aerobic exercise constantly being manipulated to keep you in an energy deficit condition (burning more calories than you take in), which allows fat to keep coming off.

*This article was written by Chris Klebba in the fall of 1997. Chris is the owner and operator of the Water Wheel Health Club in Northville. Call (248) 449-7634 for more information.*

## Health Notes

### 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.

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To register, call 1-800-968-5595.

### Cancer Support Group

"Focus On Living," a self-help group for cancer patients and their families, meets the first Wednesday of each month at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia.

Co-sponsored by the American Cancer Society, "Focus on Living" provides an opportunity to discuss concerns, obtain answers and gain support from others who share the same experiences.

Registration is not necessary, and there is no charge to attend. For more information, call (313) 655-2922, or toll free 1-800-494-1650.

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### Healthy Solutions Seminar

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### Hot Flash Study

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### Blood pressure checks

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

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

For more information call (248) 380-4225.

### Food Allergy Counseling

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For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (248) 477-6100.

### Prostate Cancer Support Group

Offering knowledgeable speakers each month, this support group provides encouragement and education about prostate cancer, its treatment and the physical and emotional issues associated with it. It meets the third Monday of every month at 7 p.m. and it's free.

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

### Foot and ankle consultations

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### Menopause Support Group

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

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

For more information, call (248) 424-3014.

### Free Foot Screenings

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

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

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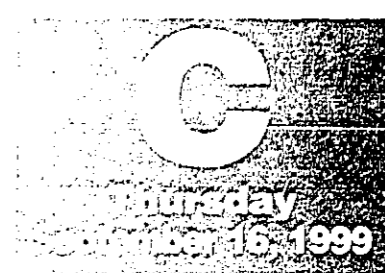
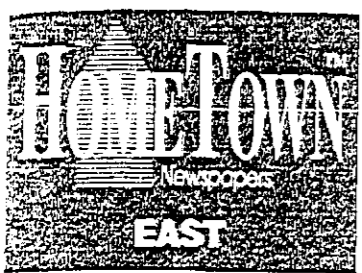
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Getting a great finish with varnish

By Gene Gary  
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

**Q.** I am disappointed in the results of a furniture refinishing project. I stripped the finish from a table I located at a yard sale. I used some of the tips you ran in your column. The table is made of natural oak. I applied a finish of clear varnish because I wanted the natural color and grain of the wood to show through. Unfortunately, I am less than happy with the results. The finish is streaked and doesn't have the luster of a fine piece of furniture. Do you have any suggestions on how I might have finished this piece for better results?

**A.** Oak often runs less true to color than most woods and may need bleaching for natural oak finishes to equalize colors. Bleaching with a light solution of oxalic acid followed by a neutralizing solution of borax and water should be done after stripping and sanding the wood. Follow the bleaching treatment with sanding, cleaning with a tack cloth and filling with a neutral paste filler.

Retain the natural look with a shellac, lacquer or varnish. Of the three, varnish is one of the most durable and easily applied. It is available in gloss, satin and flat finishes. Quality varnishes are highly resistant to alcohol, water and other liquids. Another finish with equal or better durable qualities is a polyurethane varnish, applied in the same manner. But, as with any finish, the quality of the product and the application process is paramount to success.

Here are some guidelines published by Standard Brands Paint Co. that will help assure success with this type of finish:

Proper depth and smoothness are determined by surface preparation and cleanliness and the number of finish coats that are applied. A good quality finish requires at least two coats, preferably three or more, with light sanding in between each. It is equally important to maintain soil and dust-free surfaces when varnishing.

Use a tack rag after each sanding and just prior to the application of a finish coat. Stir varnishes carefully to avoid creating air bubbles. Gloss finishes require little stirring. Satin and flat finishes should be stirred thoroughly but gently to insure full blending of the flattening agents. If this is not done, the dried varnish may appear streaky.

Always varnish with a high-quality, natural bristle brush. Dip no more than one-third of its bristles into the varnish. Lightly tap it against the inside of the container above the level of the liquid to remove excess. Do not wipe the brush across the edge of the container, as this causes tiny bubbles to form in the varnish.

Apply varnish evenly with parallel strokes, then immediately cross brush. Finish off by light brushing with the tips of the bristles, using an almost-dry brush. These final leveling strokes should always be made in the direction of the wood grain.

Applying multiple coats of varnish requires that you sand each dried layer before brushing on the next. Use wet or dry very fine (400 or 600 grit) sandpaper. Very fine bronze wool may also be used. Always work in the direction of the grain, applying very light pressure. Remove all sanding dust with a tack rag. Do not sand the final coat.

Even the most carefully applied finish coats may have some imperfections, such as dust, dirt or pimples. These problems can be corrected by rubbing and polishing with special abrasives. You must allow at least two weeks for the varnish to cure properly before final rubbing.

You will need to mix a paste of 3 tablespoons powdered pumice stone and 1/2 pint oil. Special rubbing oils are available, however, light 10 weight motor or machine oils are suitable. Do not use a linseed or other film-forming oil. Use a heavy pad or lint-free cloth, towel or cheese cloth to rub the paste mixture on. Apply moderate pressure and work in straight strokes with the wood grain. Continue until the surface is satiny smooth.

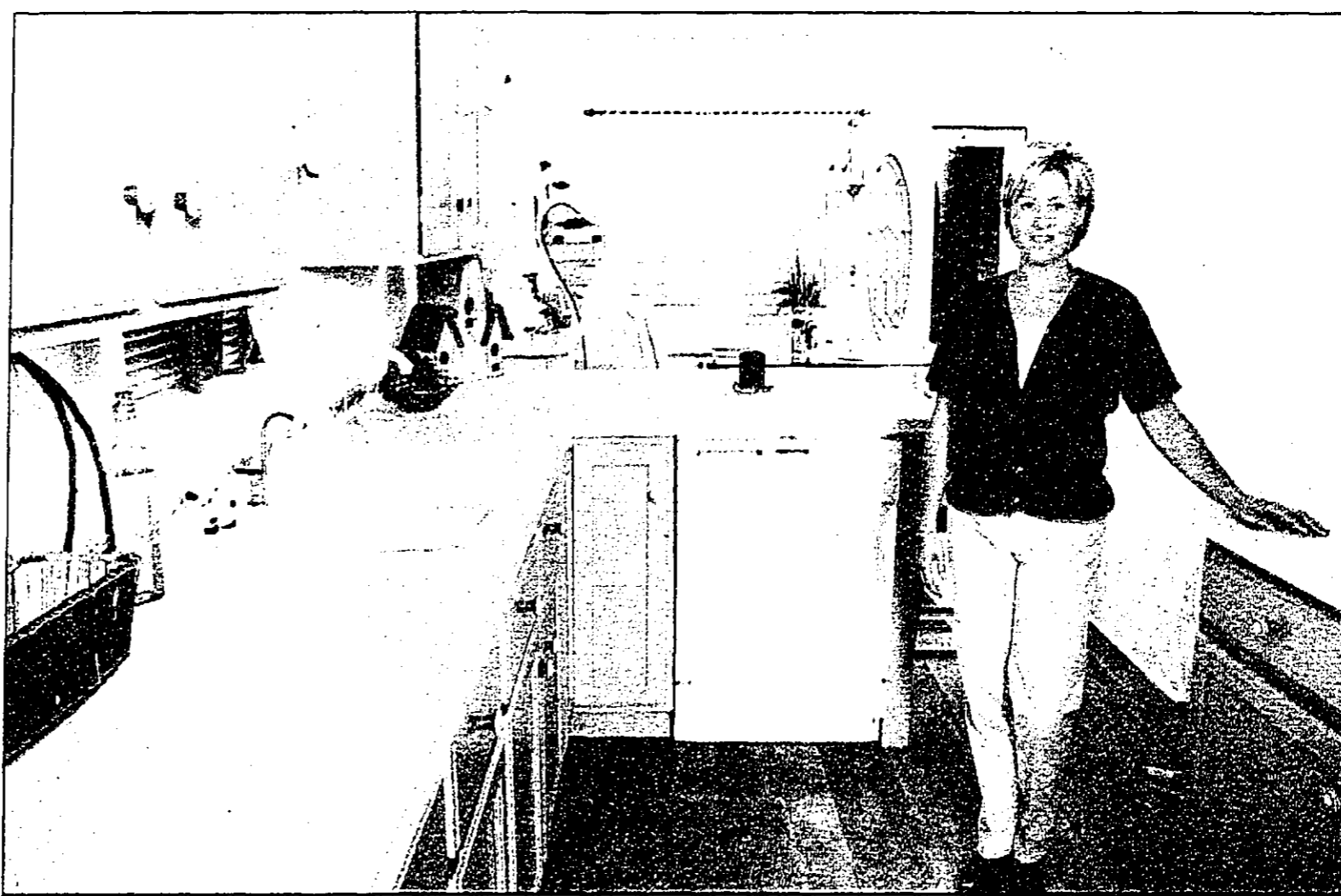
Polish off the paste with clean dry cloths. The surface should be squeaky clean. For an even greater luster, repeat the above process using a fine abrasive called powdered rotten stone. Stop when you have achieved the desired gloss. Again, clean the surfaces off with fresh cloth.

Maintain the finish by keeping it clean, applying hard, non-oily furniture wax or polish as needed. A good furniture finish stays bright and clear almost indefinitely, unless it becomes dirty. Gentle washing with mild soap, followed by polishing and buffing, removes accumulated surface dirt, uncovering the finish and allowing the natural wood to show through once more.

**Q.** I installed and painted a mailbox post. Now the round knots in the wood are bleeding through the paint. How do I correct or stop this problem?

**A.** Prior to painting, the knots and other dark areas in the wood should have been sealed. To correct the problem you will have to sand those areas down to the bare wood. There is a special sealing preparation on the market available at large paint stores and home centers. Or you can use pure, fresh white shellac to cover and seal the knots. Sand to a dull gloss when dry. Cover with a finish coat of any good-quality exterior paint.

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Imagine the Possibilities

This stop on the Milford Home Tour home was decorated without spending a fortune

By Annette Jaworski

Mary Apsey's home is living proof you can decorate beautifully with more imagination than money. Her home is one of five stops scheduled for the 1999 Milford Home Tour.

Apsey had only to set foot in the house, with its Victorian exterior and wraparound porch, to make a decision. "I walked in the door and said, I want it," she declared and called her husband. "I've found a house!"

She envisioned all the major renovations at first sight as well. The first floor was almost entirely remodeled, with the kitchen receiving the most dramatic changes. Removing most of the wall between the dining room and kitchen combined the two areas giving a more open look. A single door entry became an archway nearly the width of the room.

Dark finished wooden cupboards were taken down, sanded and refinished by Apsey.

"I think the cupboards are the one thing that I'm most proud of," she claimed. First, she painted them with a diluted gray latex paint. She brushed it on, then wiped it back. Then she repeated the same procedure with a taupe color for a final finish to the cupboards. The result was a light, soft color that brightened the kitchen. The Apsey's added coordinating cupboards with glass panels.

More space was added to the kitchen by removing the laundry room at the end of the kitchen at the back of the house. The laundry room was moved to a pantry adjoining the kitchen.

Apsey describes the decor as leaning on a contemporary style, with a little bit of rustic and country to



Photos by SCOTT BENEDICT

Top: Mary Apsey remodeled her kitchen as well as adding her own designer touches throughout the home. Above: The home of Mary Apsey will be on the Milford Home Tour.

warm it up. Many of the extra touches that soften the look come from wreaths and floral arrangements that she made.

As a neatnik, she loves the clean contemporary look of light colors, however she's also practical when it comes to raising her 9-year-old daughter Nicole and her friends.

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# Apsey made kid proofing a priority while decorating

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...the walls in the home by sponging and rolling, adding depth and texture. "I took a room that basically wasn't being used, now we use it all the time," she pointed out. The master suite upstairs has a four poster bed with white netting draped overhead. She uses lots of pillows — eight of them perfectly arranged on the bed for a lofty, pampered look. Wooden Adirondack chairs from the patio serve as a seating area. Art deco lamps were refinished in a cream color. "I'm very eclectic," Apsey admits, when it comes to her decorating taste. Her talents have already been appreciated on the Home Tour circuit. Her last home in St. Charles, Mich., was featured on the local Home Tour.

...the walls also are a testament to Apsey's hard work and creativity. "I'm not going to think a kid would sign the restaurant's paper place mat. What value does his signature have today?" A. Eisenhower's autograph on the paper place mat would probably be worth about \$275 to \$300.

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# Charles Eastlake's Medieval style worth revisiting

By Anne McColiam  
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## ANTIQUES

Enclosed is a photo of a settee that has been in the family for more than a hundred years. It is in excellent condition and has been reupholstered in blue fabric.

What can you tell me about the style, vintage and value?

A Medieval craftsmanship was the source of inspiration for English design reformer Charles Eastlake. He was an advocate of the principles of good construction and simplicity of design. Eastlake proclaimed the Victorian whiplash curves and ostentatious ornamentation ugly and senseless.

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I hope you can give me some information on a framed Maxwell Parrish print. It is a scene of a nude male covered with a drape. He is sitting on a tree limb dreamily gazing up at bubbles in the sky. Above him on the left is a castle.

Several years ago I found it in my grandmother's house in Minnesota. The frame appears to be the original, and the back is covered with old brown paper. I am interested in learning its age and value.

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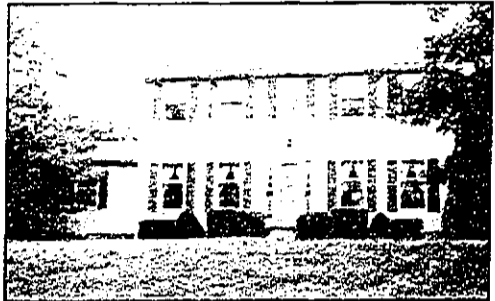




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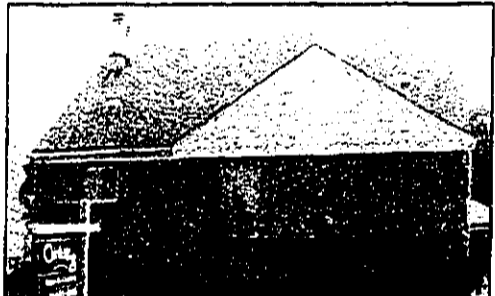
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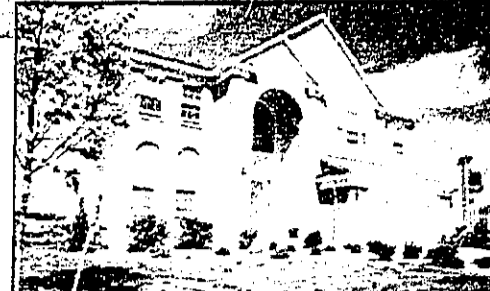
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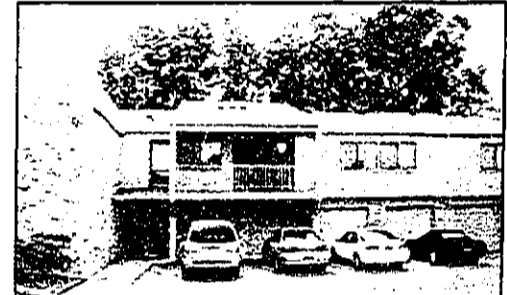
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