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City scrambles to keep Expo Center in Novi

By JEREMY MCBAIN Staff Writer

Novi Expo Center President Blair Bowman says it is too soon to say if the facility is moving or not.

Yet, City of Novi and Chamber of Commerce officials suddenly have started forming committees and drafting a proclamation that begs Bowman to keep the Expo Center in Novi.

The Novi City Council unanimously passed a resolution recognizing the importance of the Novi Expo Center to the city and a Novi Expo Center Task Force is studying ways to keep the center in Novi.

Bowman said it is all very nice and he truly appreciates it. "I think it will all hopefully bear fruit and be a constructive process. It is nice to know we are wanted," he said.

"Who knows what the future holds? I don't have a crystal ball." Bowman said all of this activity

is surrounding some recent newspaper articles that "prematurely" said the Novi Expo Center was moving to a location on Grand River Avenue within city limits.

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Blair Bowman, Novi Expo Center president

Expo Center is moving to this location or any location at all. He added he is currently looking at all options.

Because its fate is not known at this point, the Expo Center Task Force was created to keep the center in Novi.

Committee Chair Keith Tappan said he knows another city has contacted the Expo Center, but neither he nor Bowman would say what city this was.

Tappan said he understands the existing facility housing the Novi Expo Center is not a good fit for the business, especially if it wants to expand.

He said the center wants to increase its business, revise ways to get in and out of the facility and

expand, but the current facility will not allow these needed improvements.

"The Expo Center has to move," Tappan said. "Hopefully it is kept in Novi. We will do what we can to keep this operation in Novi."

The Expo Center offers 204,000 square feet of exhibition halls in the heart of the city. Along with major trade shows, events range from those involving animals such

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Verdict reached

Jury agrees with landowner in new road suit

By JEREMY MCBAIN Staff Writer

An Oakland County Circuit Court's jury declared the City of Novi did not compensate two Novi business-owners properly when their land was "taken" for the creation of West Park Drive.

The city originally condemned a half-acre owned by Karen and John Woodson on West Road, as part of the Taft Road extension project, and offered them \$38,000 for it. Karen Woodson said the couple could not find any comparable land in the area like it for under \$250,000.

After the paperwork for the trial was filed, the city upped its offer to \$43,000. But, a jury said on Sept. 17 this was not enough and awarded the Woodsons \$250,000 after a week-long hearing.

"We don't know if we are getting anything yet. The city may appeal," Woodson said. "I think what they put me through was really abusive. They could have settled this thing a long time ago."

In addition to the increase in that number could jump to \$373,000 once attorney fees, court costs and interest are tacked on.

Jonathan Frank, attorney for the Woodsons, said the break down for this amount is as follows: \$37,000 for interest, \$83,000 for attorney's fees and \$40,000 for expert fees and costs.

The Woodsons used the property as a place to store trees for their tree service business.

Woodson added she hopes the next time the city considers condemning property, it has "the decency to talk to the owners before (it) starts the proceedings."

City Attorney Dave Fried stressed the city did not actually lose the court case. The jury just decided that the amount of compensation the city offered the Woodsons was too low.

He said \$43,000 offered originally by the city was what the city appraiser came up with.

"The jury just didn't believe our appraisal," he said.

Fried added while it is up to the Novi City Council to decide whether or not to appeal this case, it does have some significantly serious legal questions that could

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Photos by JOHN HEIDER

Fall for this

Autumn is here and Novi Woods Elementary students in Chery Crist's class celebrated the harvest season in a big way last week. Above, kindergartner Jack Sinkovich sports the latest in autumn fashions, while an admirer looks on. At left, Katie Seelenbinder, also in kindergarten, shows intensity as she cuts out a paper crow with wings shaped suspiciously like a child's hands.

Prancing, hopping, dancing and stomping for health

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN Staff Writer

Ricky Martin, Will Smith and Britney Spears were just some of the voices behind the music jamming from the doors of Orchard Hills Elementary School Tuesday morning.

"No, it wasn't an all-star benefit concert for the children, but it was essential music for Christy Lane's 'Dare to Dance,' school

assembly.

Lane, from Palm Springs, Calif., said the hour-long assembly shares a positive message of getting excited about life through many popular recreational dances.

"I produce, consult and freelance in schools promoting fun and fitness," Lane said.

"I do this for social wellness and to get people to jump in and

dance." And dance is what the students and teachers did.

Ranging from the rock-a-billy sounds of the 1950s, to the disco days of the 1970s, all the way to the present popular songs of the 1990s, Orchard Hills students "bunny-hopped," "swung," and "hand-jived" their way to a good time.

"It was a lot of fun but it was

kind of tiring," said fourth grade student Alexandra Kenney.

"We learned some cool dance moves. My favorite was 'The Butteryfly.'"

Brought into the Novi School District by the Parent Teacher Organization Interschool Council, Lane's assembly will be implemented by the physical education teachers as they incorporate more dance into

their gym programs.

"I love dancing. I could do it all day," said Peggy Wickman, an Orchard Hills physical education teacher.

"We have been trying to get (Lane) here for three years.

"The hour went by real fast because the kids were having fun."

"We have some of her videos

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4,500 jam stadium for NHS Community Appreciation Day

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN Staff Writer

The fans filled the bleachers of the newly named Novi High School Athletic Stadium for Friday's game between Novi High School and Milford High School.

As the spotlight shined on the Wildcats 34-19 victory over the Redskins, the community was thanked by the Novi School District during the festivities of the Novi Community School District Community Appreciation Day.

Novi High School Athletic Director John Fundukian estimated the crowd for the free football game to be between 4,300 and 4,500 people.

"It was an extremely positive night," Fundukian said.

"There were lots of alumni, proud parents and the bands were great. This is what high school is all about."

The electric atmosphere of the Friday night game was evident by the occupied beyond capacity home stands, filled with fans cheering on their Wildcats.

Fundukian said he believes the game was the largest home crowd for Novi High, but didn't know for sure because tickets weren't sold for the event.

With a 20-6 halftime lead, the attention shifted from the football players to the players behind the scenes of Novi schools.

Administrators and members of the Novi Board of Education stepped out to the 50-yard line as plaques were presented and the stadium was dedicated.

Assistant Superintendent of Business Jim Koster presented the first plaque to Novi High principal Dr. Jennifer Cheal.

"It was great night for the community to come out and celebrate," Cheal said.

"It was nice to see the collaboration between the schools and the community."

Cheal said the first plaque is a mounted piece of the old wooden bleacher that originated at the Meadows Field 37 years ago.

Included on the plaque, which will be showcased in the Novi High School Wall of Honor, are pieces of history the bleacher



Photo by LOUIS POULOS

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**Thursday, Sept. 23**  
**Novi Rotary**  
 The Novi Rotary Club meets at noon at the Novi United Methodist Church at 41671 Ten Mile Road. For information, contact Bob Limbricht at (248) 380-6500.

**TOPS**  
 Take Off Pounds Sensibly for all ages meets at 7 p.m. at the Novi Meadows Clubhouse on Napier Road. For more information, call after 6 p.m. (248) 344-2167.

**Stress class**  
 If your life is swamped by stress, Oakland Physical Therapy — at Providence Park Medical Center, 47601 Grand River — is holding a free class on relaxation techniques tonight at 7 p.m. Register by calling (248) 380-3550.

**Friday, Sept. 24**  
**Novi Expo Center Shows**  
 Two shows are at the Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Drive, today through Sunday.

The American Woodworking Show features seminars and tool demonstrations. Admission is \$10 and parking is \$5. Children under 12 free. The International Gem and Jewelry Show features 150 dealers. Admission is \$6, children under 12 free. For information, call (248) 348-5600.

**Saturday, Sept. 25**  
**Country-Western Dance**  
 Novi Parks and Recreation and Jeanne Rowe of Steppin' Time are sponsoring a Country-Western Dance from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. Admission is \$7 for residents and seniors; \$8 for non-residents. For information, call (248) 348-9116.

**Monday, Sept. 27**  
**Novi City Council**  
 The Novi City Council will meet tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 47175 W. Ten Mile Road. For information, call (248) 347-0460.

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**Friday, Oct. 1**  
**Novi Expo Center show**  
 The American Stitches Fashion, Sewing and Quilting Expo runs today through Sunday at the Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Drive. Admission is \$10, children under 16 free. For information, call (248) 348-5600.

**Monday, October 4**  
**Registration deadline**  
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 The Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters Club meets from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile. For more information call Tom Lahiff at (248) 348-6019 (evenings). Visitors are welcome.

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**Seniors meeting**  
 The Novi Center Seniors will hold their general meeting at 11 a.m. in the Community Center of the Novi Civic Center.

**Zoning Board**  
 The Novi Zoning Board of Appeals meets tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road.

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

**Wednesday, October 6**  
**Planning Commission**  
 The Novi Planning Commission meets tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road.

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## A voice, silence and then a pair of 'angels'

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL  
 Staff Writer

Novi resident Paul Hollowell has spent a summer thinking about a woman named Eleanor. He may have saved her life. But he wonders if he'll ever know.

Hollowell of Pair A Dice Travel in Novi was on the phone with a customer in May when he heard the voice on the other end so silent. "I'll never forget it. It was so strange. Instantly, I knew something was wrong," he said.

"I'm about to ask her for her credit card and then I heard the phone drop and heavy breathing and I thought Oh no."

He immediately had a coworker dial 911 while he stayed on the line calling out for the woman he knew only as "Eleanor."

Hollowell began to yell into the phone in the hope she could hear him. "Hey, Eleanor. Hang in there. Help is on the way."

That's when Novi Police dispatcher Donna Roy jumped in. She spent a few minutes with Hollowell and his colleague trying to figure out how to track down the home of this customer with no last name, no city and no caller ID on the company phone.

"At the same time I'm asking him questions, I'm thinking we have nothing to go with here," Roy said. "Since he still had her on the line I thought 'Let's get a hold of Ameritech and see if they can trace it,'" she explained.

Ameritech took her information and began to trace the line. A representative called back a few minutes later. They had the number and were calling the Bedford Fire Department to respond to the woman's home there. The entire search took close to 15 minutes.

Roy commended Hollowell's quick thinking and ability to keep a cool head.

"Had he disconnected there would have been no way we would have found her," Roy said.

Roy's boss, Dispatch Manager Joe Burchett commended his employee of 17 years.

"Dispatcher Roy's professional handling of this emergency sets the standard for all others to follow," he wrote in a commendation letter to Police Chief Douglas Shafer.

"Her quick actions, as well as that of the employee at the travel agency, can be clearly credited with saving a life."

Roy said the call is just one of many she's taken that require a little extra thought.

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Paul Hollowell with dispatcher Donna Roy at police department. "I still think about her and still pray for her," he said. "I've had some first aid training and helped others before. You just hope someone would do it for you."

## Ban on plastic bags trashed by council

By JEREMY MCBAIN  
 Staff Writer

Plastic garbage bags were almost banned in the City of Novi.

The Novi City Council received a request to amend the ordinance requirement for refuse receptacles. The change omitted plastic bags and required all garbage to be placed in a covered receptacle, such as a garbage can.

"We don't know how it got to the council chamber," said Novi Mayor Kathleen McLallen.

"I don't know what was going through our young attorney's (Paul Weisberger) head."

Weisberger was away on vacation and could not be reached for comment.

Council agreed this change was not necessary and refused to take action, thus killing the amendment.

McLallen said the amendment came out of an Ordinance Review Committee meeting that dealt with a garbage complaint on the north end of the city.

A resident complained that other residents in the area were not contracting out for weekly garbage removal service. Instead, they were dumping their garbage bags onto the garbage bags of neighbors who do pay for the service, McLallen said.

The resident was requesting that the city require all residents to contract out for weekly garbage service.

"Somehow, (after the meeting) it came to us as a prohibition of all garbage bags," she said.

As for the real issue behind this now-dead amendment, McLallen pointed out the city cannot make residents contract out for weekly garbage removal service, due to state law.

"If you can drive to the landfill each week, so be it," she said.

However, the city does require that residential property be kept sanitary, so residents must get rid of their trash.

As for those who are putting their garbage onto the curbside stacks of their neighbors, Council Member Kathleen Mutch said it would seem that the offender could be prosecuted for theft of service.

McLallen pointed out while this is a possibility, it is very hard to enforce.

"The problem is you can't prosecute someone without actually seeing it," she said.

Jeremy McBain's e-mail is jmcbaib@homecom.net.

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# Man with gun guarded lavatory

## Police News

The owner of a 1997 white Dodge van was arrested on Sept. 22 for the possession of a handgun and a loaded magazine.

### BOILER THIEVES

Two men stole two boilers from a building in the Spinnaker apartment complex on Sept. 24 from a building in the Spinnaker apartment complex.

The employee of the complex said he saw a Ford truck and a man walking around the restaurant area.

The employee said he did not know the man, but he was seen walking around the restaurant area.

The suspect is described as a black male about 40 to 45 years old with a mustache and short hair. He was wearing a white t-shirt, blue pants and a white baseball cap.

### STOLEN CAR

A white 1997 Dodge van was stolen from a parking lot on the 3000 block of Spring Lake.

### OPEN INOX

A 17-year-old Detroit man was arrested on Sept. 22 for the possession of a handgun and a loaded magazine.

The officer had pulled over the vehicle for a traffic violation. The driver, a 17-year-old man, was arrested on Sept. 22 for the possession of a handgun and a loaded magazine.

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## Novi Briefs

### Passionate pens

Three local romance authors will gather at Read It Again Books from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 1 to meet with readers and autograph their novels.

Read It Again Books is located at 39733 Grand River, west of Haggerty in the Pleasant Run Plaza. For more on the book signing, call the store at (248) 474-9596.

Owner of Read It Again Books, Mary Mansour, said she is delighted to host the authors.

"We've been very lucky in Novi. Our store has done well and we want to support local authors as best we can because that's how bestsellers are born," she said.

Along with a warm welcome to the authors and their fans, Mansour will provide refreshments and gifts for fans.

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# Nine hopefuls in the spotlight

## Mayoral and city council candidates answer chamber's questions

By JEREMY MCBAIN Staff Writer

Nine candidates for city government braved a firing line of questions on Sept. 22.

The candidates faced a room full of voters at the Novi Expo Center in a forum sponsored by the Novi Chamber of Commerce.

Candidates were given two minutes to answer each of the two questions posed the chamber and were given a minute each to field questions from audience members.

"I thought everyone did real well. We had an excellent turnout," said Chamber Member Bud Scott.

All of the candidates for city government were in attendance at the event.

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resolving conflicts.

Meyer said he would bring his 12 years of experience on the Novi School Board to the position of mayor. He added he was president of the school board in 1989, when the Wall Street Journal announced the school district was one of the top 20 in the country.

Pointing to the public's perception that he is a "nice guy," Meyer said sometimes people thought he was too nice to be mayor and said he was too "spiritual." He assured residents he could get the job done when he needed to and added, "I pray for this city council every day."

Mutch said she would provide the citizens of Novi with experience. She has been a resident since 1971 and done her share of community activities and community commissions.

Match pointed out she had been a member of the Novi City Council for the last four years. While on the council, she has been the city representative to the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments as well as a member of various committees.

Reed said his strength was in cutting through the "bull."

"I have been to several Novi Planning Commission meetings and some city council meetings. Sometimes I feel like I need hip boots," he said.

Reed said he would cut through the bureaucracy that was normally dished out in a city council meeting, get to the point and get the job done.

DeRoche responded that the strength he would bring to the city council was in his experience as a former council member, his leadership and his willingness to serve the citizens.

DeRoche said he had also been a member of the bipartisan Michigan Political Leadership Program and the vice-chair of the Novi economic development committee.

Bononi said his strength was that she had always been involved

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# Peeping Tom eludes capture by cops

By JEREMY MCBAIN Staff Writer

Novi police are searching for a man seen looking into windows around 11:30 p.m. Sept. 19 in the Highline Inn Apartments.

The man was seen looking into three other windows of peeping in the area.

The suspect is a white male standing about 5 feet 8 inches tall, 160 to 170 pounds, with short black "crew cut" style hair. He has a solid stocky build and weighs about 200 to 225 pounds. He was wearing loose fitting blue jeans, a T-shirt and a dark-green venek sleeveless sweater over.

This incident was on the 22000 block of Robinson Boulevard, which is south of Nine Mile Road.

An officer patrolling the apartment complex said he saw the man

walking near windows on the south side of a building.

The officer followed the man around the rear of the apartment complex and watched as the man quickly looked into windows as he walked.

The officer turned on his radio to alert dispatchers of the situation and the man heard the radio activity. He looked around and saw the officer and began to run.

The officer followed, but lost the man between the buildings. However, the officer found a vehicle start up at the entrance of the apartment complex and investigated.

The suspect was seen in the 22000 block of Robinson Boulevard, which is south of Nine Mile Road.

The vehicle backed out of the complex quickly, squealing its

tires. It fled south on Haggerty Road at a high rate of speed.

Novi Police Lt. Dave Butler said the man may not come back to the area. Often when a peeping Tom is caught by the police in the act, that individual is a possession of an open apartment in a major vehicle.

Butler stressed there is not a peeping Tom problem in the apartments in the Haggerty Road/Nine Mile Road area.

Apartments are like the Valhalla of apartments for Novi residents. An officer will come out to the resident's home or apartment and look it over for ways to make it more secure, Butler said.

People interested in this service can call the Novi Police Department's Crime Prevention department at (248) 348-7100.

Jeremy Mc Bain's email is jmcba1@home.com.net.

Butler suggested the residents make sure they have adequate coverings on their windows.

Many times, apartment windows only have blinds, which a peeping Tom can easily see through, he said. Butler suggested apartment residents buy drapes to place over their blinds.

To further keep citizens safe, the Novi Police Department will do security surveys on homes and apartments for Novi residents. An officer will come out to the resident's home or apartment and look it over for ways to make it more secure, Butler said.

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# Dance fever

## Kids urged to feel the beat in new program

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and we are going to make dance a part of our program."

"While the kids danced and laughed out loud, Lane's assembly expressed to the students the importance of dance through the promotion of a healthy lifestyle.

"Dance promotes relaxation, social skills, fun and fitness," Lane said.

"We also talk about the importance of being drug-free in maintaining our physical and mental well-being."

With the lights turned down, the music turned up and the kids shaking their booties to "The Hustle," there was no denying the fun being had by the children during their dance assembly.

"This really shows how music is the universal language," said second grade teacher Sharon Neal.



Arms in the air, a crowd of kids at Orchard Hills Elementary enjoy Christy Lane's dance class.

"This has been a great experience for both the teachers and the kids."

"It was great when the kids learned eight dance parts to the Will Smith song. To see the kids learn the moves and put it all together was incredible."

Lane's "Dare to Dance," school assembly will be in Novi all week.

On Wednesday, Lane was at Novi Woods in the morning and Parkview Elementary in the afternoon.

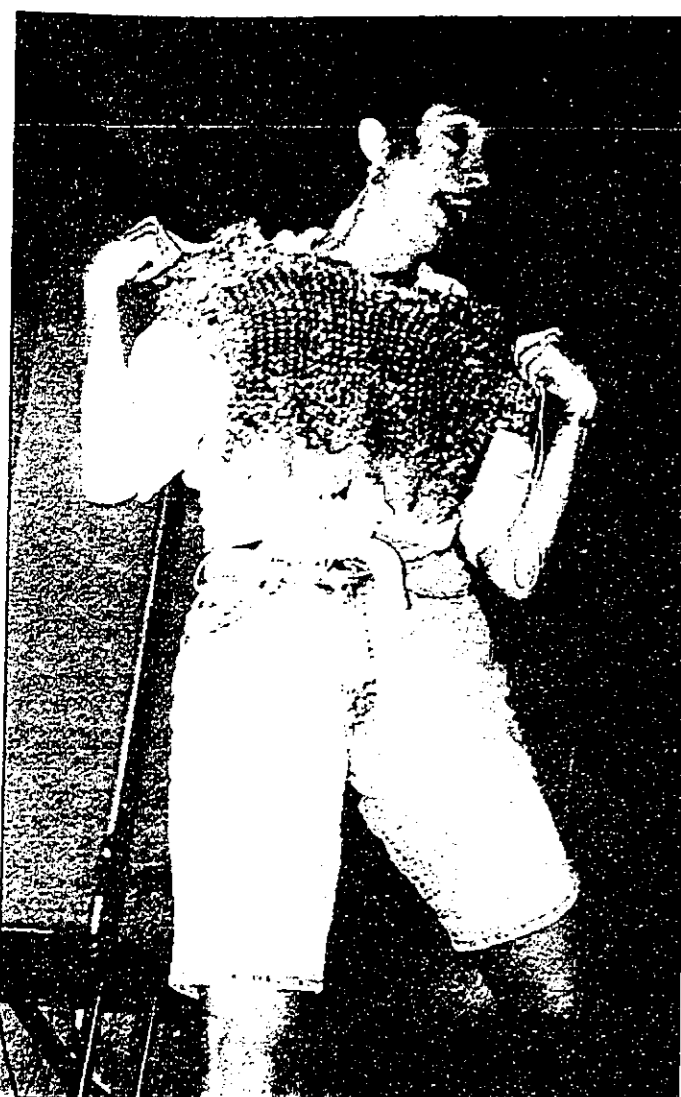
Today Lane will be performing her assembly at Parkview in the morning and Village Oaks in the afternoon.

On Friday she will be at Novi Meadows.

"This is so good for the kids," Lane said.

"It is great to get the children exposed to art and fitness."

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Dance instructor Christy Lane shows off her 1970s garb.

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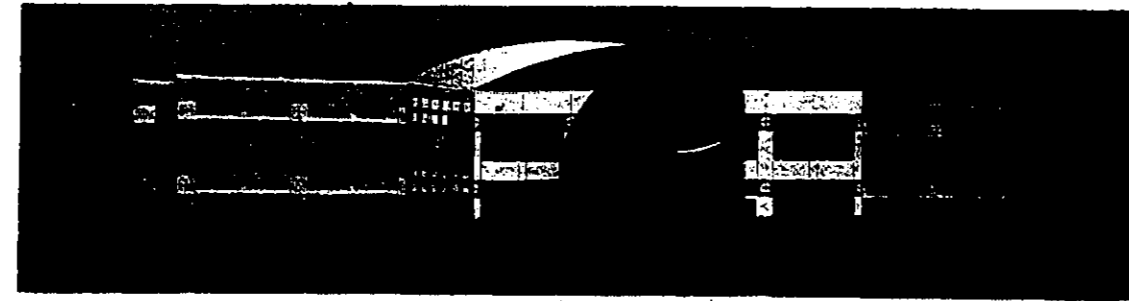
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# Committee works to keep Expo Center in Novi

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as horses, dogs and cats to arts, crafts and antiques.

Community Development Coordinator Heidi Hamman said the Task Force was created recently and has only had a few "booster" meetings. The committee is made up of citizens, chamber of commerce members and city consultants.

"The City of Novi believes it is important to recognize the Expo Center's significant contributions to the community and its valuable function as a center for entertainment, regional attractions and community/cultural events; and whereas, the City of Novi is fortunate to have a privately funded facility, such as the Novi Expo Center,

This suggestion was taken and the Novi City Council voted unanimously Monday night for a resolution explaining the Expo Center's importance to the city.

"It is an excellent way to get involved in the community and learn about fire safety," said Novi Fire Chief Arthur Lenaghan. "Paid-on-call firefighters take rescue calls in the evening and weekends. All training for the position is provided by the Novi Fire Department and the firefighters are paid \$8 to \$15 an hour. It's a great part-time job," Lenaghan said.

People interested in becoming a firefighter must fill out an application. A recruitment committee will look over the application and contact the applicant. After this, the recruit must fill out a city application, have a physical examination and a background check done. Lenaghan said if everything is in order, the recruit can begin the three- to four-month fire training.

He said the city has talked about putting in a convention center of its own, but there have been no talks with the Novi Expo Center.

A rumor has been circulating throughout Novi that the City of Romulus contacted the Expo Center about possibly moving there. However, Mayor of Romulus Bill Oakley said this rumor is untrue.

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# Wanted: paid-on-call firefighter recruits for local department

By JEREMY MCBAIN Staff Writer

The Novi Fire Department is looking for a few good men and women.

The department is seeking Novi residents interested in becoming a paid-on-call Novi firefighter. Applicants must be at least 18-years-old and have a high school diploma or

GED.

All training for the position is provided by the Novi Fire Department and the firefighters are paid \$8 to \$15 an hour. It's a great part-time job," Lenaghan said.

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After this training, recruits are assigned to a station and given a pager. However, the recruit can only take part in fire calls after they

finish emergency medical technical training.

The training will take an additional three to four months. Once the education is complete, the recruit can go on every rescue call. But be aware — the job is not easy or glamorous.

"This is a commitment. It is not an easy thing," said Lenaghan.

While the department does not require on-call firemen to stay in the city every evening or weekend, it does expect them to respond if they are in the city when a call is made.

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# Jury says land for Taft extension worth more cash

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warrant a win for the city if appealed.  
First of all, Fried said the Woodsons did not have the "lateral" transfer allowed by state statute but the judge still allowed the case to proceed. In addition, he said, the judge allowed the jury to make a decision on compensation of the land, regardless of the case of the land was legal or illegal.

Fried maintains that the Woodsons were not in compliance with the lateral zoning.  
Woodson said when she bought the property 17 years ago, she went to several city departments to make sure she could use it for her tree service. Each of these departments gave her permission, she said.  
Fried disagrees with her contention, saying it is not true. Dur-

ing the trial, Fried said, the city brought back from Florida the building official who was in charge at the time to testify that he never told her she could use that site for tree storage.  
"He told her she would have to comply with all the ordinances," Fried said.  
Karen insisted she did go to the city 17 years ago about using her property for tree storage. She

added the city seems to only have brought this up now because it did not want to have to pay just compensation for her land.  
"To me it is just a way to get rid of me," she said.  
Fried asserted the city has never taken a position that property owners are not entitled to just compensation.  
"We just think the city ought to do the right thing and pay it..." Fried said.  
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location of these numbers from Frank. He said once he gets justification, if there is any disagreement between the city and Frank over it, the matter will be taken up before a judge.  
After the total cost is determined, Fried said the Novi City Council will decide whether or not to appeal this case.

## Library Lines

**LIBRARY HOURS**  
The Novi Public Library is open Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The library is located at 45245 W. Ten Mile Road. Call (248) 249-0720.

**ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**  
Our October selection is "The God of Small Things" by Arundhati Roy. The group meets Oct. 4 at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room.

**LIBRARY BOARD MEETING**  
The Novi Library Board of Directors meets Oct. 11 at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room. Community members are welcome to attend.

Children ages 18 to 24 months are invited for stories, songs, and games on Oct. 8 at 11 a.m. No registration necessary for the half hour program. Space is limited, so toddlers and caregivers only.

**KIDS ONLINE: SEARCHING, SAFETY AND SITES**  
This child-oriented introduction to the Internet focuses on kids' search engines, the importance of online safety, and sites that kids love. The class, which includes hands-on practice, meets Oct. 14 at 4 p.m. For children ages eight to 12, parents are welcome. Please register in advance by calling the library.

12:30 p.m. in the activity room at the Novi Civic Center.

**SENIOR BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**  
The October selection for senior book lovers are works by and about environmentalist Rachel Carson. The senior group meets Oct. 14 at

12:30 p.m. in the activity room at the Novi Civic Center.

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# School spirit

## Classes compete in whacky week

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN  
Staff Writer

different games at lunch and by building floats.

So with each school day, a different dress theme and different game at lunch can all help the freshman class outdo the sophomores and prove that school spirit begins and ends with the Class of 2000.

Fanciful hats big and small, shiny parachute pants from the 1980s and colorful Hawaiian prints are not the typical fashion statements being made by today's youth, but the styles will nonetheless be evident in the halls of Novi High School this week.

Monday was "Hat Day" and the game during lunch period was "pass the orange."  
Tuesday was a nostalgic trip back to the 1980s and the lunch game was "gum ball in whipped cream."

McGraw said the winners of the parade depart from the Holy Family Roman Catholic Church, 24505 Meadowbrook Road, at 10 a.m. and concludes at Novi High School where the tailgating fun will begin at 11 a.m.

Novi High School Administrative Assistant Monica McGraw said second hour teachers will tally up the totals on the number of students dressed in the appropriate garb, fitting to the Spirit Week theme.

Wednesday transformed the corridors of Novi High to the South Pacific with a Hawaiian-themed day and yogurt-eating contest during lunch.

McGraw said the winners of the float contest, which class has the most school spirit, introduction of the Homecoming court and the Homecoming queen and king will be announced.

"This is a great way to get the spirit of the school up for the homecoming game on Saturday," McGraw said.

Today is Class Color Day; the seniors wear black, the juniors red, the sophomores blue, the freshmen purple and the staff wears yellow.

McGraw said the winners of the Homecoming dance held at the Novi High cafeteria from 8 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

## Chewing Gumption

Novi High Senior Emily Dominick, at left, and junior Abigail Suuri race to blow a bubble after searching through whipped cream for chewing gum during the on-going Spirit Week activities. It culminates in Homecoming this weekend.



## Crowd turns out for Appreciation Day

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and the stadium have gone through from 1967 to 1998.

Emmett Lippe.

the names of the school administrators and members of the board of education.

The second plaque was presented to Board of Education President George Kortlandt by Novi Community Schools Superintendent Dr.

Also inscribed on the plaque are

It was a beautiful night and we really appreciate the support," Cheal said.

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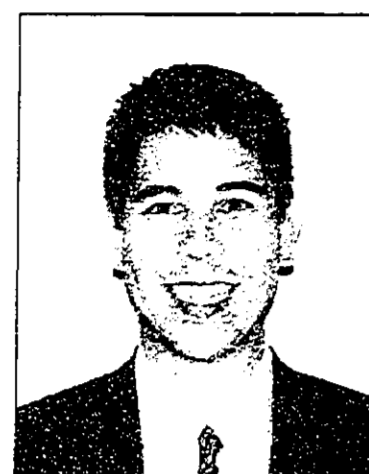
## Novi High School



**Laura Arbaugh** teaches U.S. and World History. She went to Michigan State and earned her teaching certificate from the University of Michigan. Some of the challenges facing her include incorporating technology in the class and getting students to reach their full potential, she says.



**Nevada Bresnier** teaches German and English. An MSU grad, Bresnier said she is impressed with the atmosphere at Novi High and enjoys working with the staff and the energetic students. She added that there aren't enough hours in the day to do all the things she wants.



**Tom Brenner**, a social studies teacher, went to Eastern Michigan University, received his master's degree from the University of Toledo and did post-graduate work at the University of Michigan. Brenner is currently challenged by trying to organize his vast collection of travel files.



**Nicole N. Carter** teaches civic, economics and debate. A political science graduate from Michigan State University, Carter said a challenge is being able to accommodate the different needs of diverse learners in the classroom. The veteran teachers here are impressive, she added.



**Tammy Hasan**, an English and French teacher, enjoys directing plays. A University of Michigan grad, McKaig received her teaching certificate from Eastern Michigan University. She said one challenge is giving the students a valuable experience in and out of the classroom.



**Heather McKaig**, a drama and English teacher, enjoys directing plays. A University of Michigan grad, McKaig received her teaching certificate from Eastern Michigan University. She said one challenge is giving the students a valuable experience in and out of the classroom.



**Brad Moore**, math teacher, said he is challenged keeping up with the latest teaching improvements made available each school year. He took his degree and teaching certificate at the University of Michigan. He said he enjoys working with the helpful staff and the upbeat students.



**Kathleen Narducci**, a math and physical education teacher, spent her high school days at Walled Lake Central playing basketball, softball and volleyball. She's now coaching Novi's junior varsity volleyball team and the freshmen girls softball team. She loves connecting with students.



**Judy Workman**, a special education teacher, comes to Novi with 20 years of experience in the Ypsilanti. Workman received both her undergraduate and master's degree from Eastern Michigan University. Workman is challenged by getting the students to understand the importance of an education.

## Novi Middle School



**Lori Burkhardt** is a Michigan State University graduate who is now a special education teacher. A past teacher in the Flint public schools, Vista Marie and Dorsey Business School, she was also an assistant to the dean of technology at Eastern Michigan University.



**Jeff Burnside**, a University of Michigan graduate, is now an eighth grade teacher at Novi Middle School. In his first year of teaching, Burnside said teaching to multiple intelligence levels is one of the challenges an educator faces.



**Kristi Fossbakk** is a special education teacher. A graduate from Grand Valley State University, Fossbakk said she enjoys working with the interdisciplinary approach to teaching at Team 2A. She has worked previously in Lansing Public Schools and at the International Montessori School in Oslo, Norway.



**Traci Ingram** is the speech and language pathologist for Novi Middle School and Village Oaks Elementary School. Ingram received both her undergraduate and master's degrees from the University of Alabama. She moved to Michigan in June.



**Nancy Jardine-Earlin**, an art teacher, is busy with seventh graders. A graduate from Madonna University, Jardine has also taught at Macomb County Schools. Jardine said she enjoys working with the students.



**Kimberly Johnston**, a Novi student since third grade, now finds herself the eighth grade language arts teacher. A graduate from Michigan State University, she is currently a master's candidate at Wayne State University. Johnston said she is proud to give back to the school district that gave her so much.



**Kimberly Kelly** is an eighth grade social studies teacher. A graduate from Eastern Michigan University, Kelly is working toward her master's degree at Central Michigan University. Kelly said as a new teacher she is looking forward to getting to know the staff and community really well.



**Sue Lover**, eighth grade language arts teacher, said she really enjoys working with the students. A graduate from Eastern Michigan University, Lover has also received her master's degree from Michigan State University.



**Lisa Shindorf** is a seventh grade social studies teacher. A graduate from David Lipscomb University in Nashville, Tenn., this is Shindorf's fifth year teaching. Shindorf said she is challenged by getting to know all of her students' individual talents and needs.

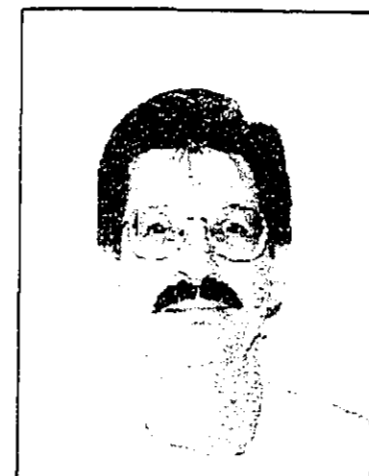


**Gary Sutherland** comes to Novi Middle School as a special education teacher. A graduate from Eastern Michigan University, Sutherland said a challenge he faces as an educator is to instill the importance of education and that students should take advantage of it while it is available.

NOVI TEACHERS

# Novi elementary schools

## Novi Meadows



**Ron Callison** is a physical education teacher. A U.S. Army veteran, Callison has a bachelor's and master's degree from Eastern Michigan University. He said he wants to expose students to more physical programs and better nutrition. Callison is excited for his son, who head for Mt. Everest.



**Laura Flanigan** is a foreign language teacher. She is from Livonia and is a recent graduate from Western Michigan University. Flanigan enjoys the supportive staff and diversity of her students. She hopes to create a positive learning environment.



**Chandra Ann Grodzicki** is a new sixth grade teacher beginning a master's program at the University of Michigan. Grodzicki earned her education degree from Central Michigan University. She enjoys working in a district with so many supportive and involved parents.



**Mark Hourigan** enjoys the sound of music as the new band director. He is currently working towards his master's degree. The support of the administration and parents along with the relationships with the children are things he enjoys about his current position.



**Kim Kozlowski** is a new sixth grade teacher. Kozlowski earned a computer science degree from Michigan State University and teacher certification from Eastern Michigan University. She taught math and computers in the Detroit school district and at the Gibson School for the Gifted.



**Kristen Patee**, a Novi High School graduate is now teaching vocal music. Currently working on a master's degree at Michigan State University, she received her bachelor of music education from MSU. Patee is enjoying working with teachers she has had in the past.



**Chris Typpak** who grew up in Livonia is now a sixth grade teacher at Novi Meadows. A recent graduate from the University of Michigan-Dearborn, Typpak is enjoying working for the Novi schools because of the excellent combination of staff, parents and administration.



**Cathy Verduce** grew up in Plymouth and graduated from Northern Arizona University where she also earned her master's degree. After living in Arizona for 18 years, Verduce said the Novi School District has impressed her with its professionalism and support.

## Orchard Hills, Parkview, Village Oaks



**Nanci Dutkiewicz**, the special education teacher at Parkview, Dutkiewicz received her bachelor's and master's degree from Eastern Michigan University. After five years in the Howell school district, Dutkiewicz is getting to know all the new faces she works with in Novi schools.



**Susan Egan** comes to Village Oaks Elementary as the new half-time resource teacher and half-time teacher consultant. A University of Illinois grad and Bradley University master's recipient, Egan is challenged by recognizing her students' strengths and encouraging their growth.



**Megan King** comes to Orchard Hills Elementary School as its new first grade teacher. A graduate from Michigan State University, King is impressed with the eagerness of the children to learn and the enthusiasm and friendliness of the staff she works with.

# Now, a view from the other side of the desk

## Seventh grader 'tells all' about first day at Novi Middle School



**Emily Rice**

Boo! The big school bus ran over a huge pothole. It made my heart beat even faster! It was bad enough going to a new school and a different grade. My mind was spinning a mile a minute, my palms were sweaty and my heart was beating harder every second. Questions were repeating over and over in my mind. Would I get lost? What if none of my friends were in my team? Will I not do well in some classes?

All of a sudden, the bus jolted to a stop and there was the new school right before me. When I walked off the bus, teachers were lined up with smiles up to their ears ready to greet us. When I looked around, I saw the sun rising in the heavy sky in the east and workers still working on the building. I was thinking, "This is it, my first day of school being a new seventh grader."

I took a deep breath and pulled open the door. On the door were small blue bumps that made my hand itch. Then slowly I exhaled. When I breathed in again I could smell sawdust, new plastic, and perfumes everywhere. In the cafeteria, where we waited, I looked up and saw sunlight streaming in from the windows above. Then I turned and saw a few of my friends calling to me. I waved back and headed to the gym with them where we were

told to go. There were two gyms, eighth graders in the main one and seventh graders in the smaller gym. I could hear excited chatter everywhere and could feel people bumping me from all sides. Most of the students were amazed and confused by this huge school. Then the assistant principal walked in and gave a short speech, but I didn't hear it because of my pounding heart and my whirling mind of mixed up thoughts.

Then the principal, Mr. Obrenovitch, walked in and said a few things. He eventually dismissed us to our team and as the seventh graders ran down the bleachers they were stampeding. I thought it was a stampede and that they were going to collapse. As we walked down the hall, I could see the shiny new tiles and that the main hall could fit

almost two cars down it. I was also shocked as I saw tall huge poles at one side that had small bumps all over them like the front door. Out the clean windows I could see Deerfield, the new elementary school, being built. When our enrichment teachers took us to our classroom I sat down in awe. At the head of the room there was a white dry erase board. My desk was flat and many colors on it and my chair was beige with smooth metal legs. As I ran my hand over the top of the desk, it was smooth and cold. I was stunned as I saw everything was new, the cabinets, desks, chairs, carpeting, computers, everything. After, our teachers let us go to our lockers and check them out. The green ones belong to eighth graders and the purple ones are the seventh graders. As I tried my combination for the first time, I could feel the small indents while I turned it. On my second try, I got it open and put my backpack inside. Then I decided to check out the bathroom. Inside were a few gray stalls, a few mirrors and one big sink with many faucet heads. I noticed that there were no knobs on the sink. Then something snapped in my mind. These were automatic sinks. I swiped my hand under one of the heads and a little red light blinked and water came streaming out in a gentle shower. It reminded me of the sinks at the AMC Theater. A few minutes later I walked out of the bathroom and joined the rest of the group for a tour of the school. As we walked I tried to memorize every corner, turn and hall, but it was no use. I knew I would get lost without a map. On the tour I could hear workers chopping, sawing, and talking everywhere. I was a little disappointed that the school wasn't all the way done, but I was too happy and excited to be thinking like that. Then we walked over to the main gym. I pushed the heavy door open that was made of smooth wood. Our guide talked a little about that and we moved on. Throughout the day I saw aides and teachers in the hall guiding everyone to where they were supposed to be. As the day went my mind became lighter and clearer because I knew and felt that I wasn't the only confused person in the school. Finally 2:15 p.m. came around and the day had ended. I stepped out into the bright sunshine and thought, "I made it through the first day of school and it was great."

Seventh grader Emily Rice is writing as a guest columnist for The Novi News.





# Residents flock to picnic at historic Fuerst farmstead

Good food, good times and a little history were on hand at the Fuerst Family Picnic, hosted by the Novi Historical Commission and the Novi Parks and Recreation Department on Sept. 26.

Novi Parks and Recreation Department Deputy Director Marilyn Troshak said more than 300 people came to the picnic.

"The weather was great and the day was a lot of fun," Troshak said. "It was good family fun and there was lots of education given out about that area of town. The idea of the picnic was to increase exposure to that area of town."

As part of one of the last events of the 30th anniversary of Novi's

incorporation as a city, the picnic included tours of Township Hall and the Fuerst grounds, as well as games for the kids and the opportunity to learn more about the history of the surrounding community.

Troshak said Local Color Brewing Company grilled hot dogs and hamburgers and supplied kegs of root beer for the attendees.

Also, there was a birthday cake celebrating Novi's 30th year as a municipality.

Entertainment was provided by folk singer Tom Lee, Margaret Schmidt, a.k.a. "The Farm Lady," brought some of her special farm animal friends for the kids.

Left, Farm Lady Margaret Schmidt holds on to her sheep.

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## The Log Book

The following is a complete list of the emergency runs of the Novi Fire Department for the week ending Sept. 26. Each incident is listed by type, location, time and the Engine and Squad number which responded to the call.

**MONDAY, SEPT. 20**  
Fire alarm, 45182 West Road, 1:30 a.m., Squad 2.  
Injury accident, Grand River and Twelve Mile, 10:10 a.m., Squad 4.  
Trash fire, 41089 Malott, 2:20 p.m., Engine 3.  
Medical, 47250 Ten Mile Road, 3:34 p.m., Squad 4.  
Brush fire, Novi Road and Twelve Oaks, 6:34 p.m., Engine 1.  
Injury accident, Nine Mile and

Beck Road, 7:06 p.m., Squads 3, 4.  
Medical, 21051 Hagertry, 8:43 p.m., Squad 3.

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 21**  
Investigation, 41170 Webster, 2:43 a.m., Engines 1, 2.  
Injury accident, Interstate 96 and M-5, 12:13 p.m., Squad 1.  
Injury accident, Twelve Mile and Novi Road, 3:03 p.m., Squad 1.  
Medical, 45182 West Road, 4:57 p.m., Squad 2.  
Medical, 23476 Danberry, 6:14 p.m., Squad 3.  
Medical, 42021 Cherry Hill, 10:01 p.m., Squad 1.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 22**  
Medical, 24520 Olde Orchard, 6:57

a.m., Squad 1.  
Fuel spill, Novi Road and Fourteen Mile, 10:12 a.m., Engine 2.  
Medical, Ten Mile and Civic Center, 10:22 a.m., Squad 3.  
Medical, 25284 Sewley, 10:32 a.m., Squad 1.  
Fuel Spill, 1919 Paramount, 1:57 p.m., Engine 2.  
Medical, Fourteen Mile and Novi Road, 4:20 p.m., Squad 2.  
Medical, 42500 Thirteen Mile Road, 6:57 p.m., Squad 2.  
Medical, 1619 West Lake, 7:06 p.m., Squad 2.  
Injury accident, Ten Mile and Novi Road, 8:40 p.m., Squad 1.

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 23**  
Medical, 46045 Grand River, 12:14 a.m., Squad 4.

Medical, 21696 Welch, 5:32 a.m., Squad 3.  
Medical, 24500 Meadowbrook, 6:24 a.m., Squad 1.  
Medical, 1486 and Novi Road, 8:24 a.m., Squad 1.  
Injury accident, I-96 and Novi Road, 12:28 p.m., Squad 1.  
Injury accident, I-96 and Novi Road, 7:05 p.m., Squad 1.  
Fire alarm, 41555 Main St., 7:40 p.m., Engines 1, 3.

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 24**  
Injury accident, I-96 and I-275, 8:23 a.m., Squad 1.  
Medical, 40410 Grand River, 10:56 a.m., Squad 1.  
Medical, 39607 Ronayton, 12:26 p.m., Squad 1.  
Injury accident, Ten Mile and Beck

Road, 1:04 p.m., Squad 4.  
Injury accident, Nine Mile and Novi Road, 5:12 p.m., Squad 3.  
Injury accident, Thirteen Mile and LeGrand, 5:57 p.m., Squad 2.

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 25**  
MEDICAL, 25400 MEADOWBROOK, 9:07 A.M., SQUAD 1.  
INJURY ACCIDENT, PONTIAC TRAIL AND BECK ROAD, 10:24 A.M., SQUAD 2.  
SERVICE, 21175 WOODLAND GLEN, 1:30 P.M., SQUAD 3.  
MEDICAL, 43460 WEST OAKS, 2:07 P.M., SQUAD 1.

INVESTIGATION, 39629 VILLAGE WOOD, 2:38 P.M., ENGINE 3.  
FIRE ALARM, 43155 MAIN ST., 4:47 P.M., ENGINES 1, 3.  
INJURY ACCIDENT, I-96 AND I-275, 6:40 P.M., SQUAD 1.  
INVESTIGATION, ELEVEN MILE AND WIXOM, 8:12 P.M., ENGINE 4.  
SUNDAY, SEPT. 26  
Medical, 50350 Ten Mile Road, 8:07 a.m., Squad 1.  
Trash fire, 21992 Chase, 11:08 a.m., Engine 3.  
Medical, 24142 Elizabeth, 12:11 p.m., Squad 4.

## Obituaries

**IRENE L. MATTEIS**  
Irene Isabelle Matteis, 75, died Sept. 24 in Northville Township. She was born Sept. 15, 1924, in Saskatchewan, Canada.

She is survived by her husband of 56 years, John, whom she married in December 1942; daughters, Donna (Peter) Sudnick of Novi and Jonelle (Paul) Dankert of Romulus; sisters, Helen Forrester and Ella Clifford, both of British Columbia; and nine grandchildren.

Services were conducted on Monday, Sept. 27 at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth with Pastor William C. Lindholm officiating. Interment was in Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

Memorials to Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church in Livonia would be appreciated.

**CITY OF NOVI**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Woodlands Review Board of the City of Novi, will hold a meeting on Tuesday, October 5, 1999 at 4:00 p.m. at the City of Novi, Mayor's Conference Room, Novi, Michigan to review the Woodlands Review Board Permit Application for, Tropical Pools - Walden Woods II, 25768 Chryseum.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are invited to attend. Any written comments may be sent to the Department of Public Works, Karen Amolsch, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48275, until 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 5, 1999. KAREN AMOLSCH, W & S CUSTOMER SERVICE (9-30-99 NFRNN 926058)

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**CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Novi, on Wednesday, October 20, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI shall consider ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 16-588 FOR POSSIBLE REZONING FROM LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT (L-1) TO COMMUNITY BUSINESS DISTRICT (B-2) OR ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE ZONING DISTRICT.

The rezoning of a part of the NW 1/4 of Section 17, T.1N., R.8E., City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, being part of parcel 22-17-101-018, more particularly described as follows:

All that part of the following described parcel lying Southerly of a line 370 feet Southerly of, and at right angles to the South R.O.W. line of Grand River Avenue, said line being the south line of the existing B-2 zoning.

Beginning at a point on the West line of Section 17 (northern CL of Wixom Road) said point being 500'19'49" E 440.00 feet from the NW corner of Section 17; thence N90°00'00" E 592.55 feet; thence Northerly along the arc of a curve to the right 245.05 feet, said curve having a radius of 800.00 feet; a central angle of 17°34'19" and a chord bearing and distance of N110°23'7" E 244.39 feet; thence N19°49'46" E 104.27 feet to the southerly right-of-way line of Grand River Ave.; thence S70°10'14" E 530.19 feet along said right-of-way line; thence S00°55'57" W 380.00 feet; thence N70°10'14" W 223.52 feet thence S00°36'58" W 679.38 feet; thence S89°23'02" E 399.93 feet; thence S00°36'58" W 1409.58 feet to the E-W 1/4 line of Section 17; thence N80°34'38" W 554.26 feet along said E-W 1/4 line; thence N00°19'48" W 156.00 feet thence N89°04'35" W 770.00 feet to the West line of Section 17 (northern CL of Wixom Road); thence N00°19'48" W 2043.45 feet along said West line to the point of beginning. Containing 57.06 acres.

FROM: L-1 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT TO: B-2 COMMUNITY BUSINESS DISTRICT

ORDINANCE NO. 16,588  
ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 588  
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All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning & Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48275 until 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 20, 1999.

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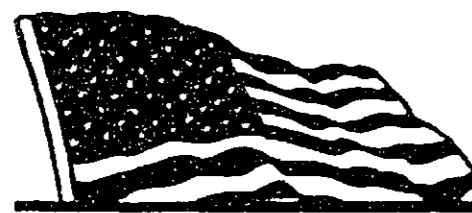
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## As We See It

### Who's moving? The city's just making friends

Are you as amused as we are about many of the public statements currently made about the future of the Novi Expo Center in its current location north of the Grand River and Novi Road intersection?



#### Government

For all of this year and probably earlier, rumors have been soaring around town that Blair Bowman, the president of the Expo Center, which is a separate entity from the building it is located in, will be moving the business. Reportedly, the phenomenally successful convention center has outgrown its exhibition space of 204,000 square feet in the former Mohawk liquor plant.

Novi officials, of course, want the business moved to another site in town, not to another community.

Bowman doesn't own the building, but he has an option to buy it. Although Bowman has sunk at least \$2 million in improving the facility, it's all held by the Adell Brothers Children's Trust.

Last year, the trust sued Bowman to stop his plans for much-needed additional parking at the site, contending that would interfere with the trust's hotel plans. Bowman than countersued Adell.

This was settled out-of-court. No one is doing much talking about the terms.

Meanwhile, Adell sued the city over a land condemnation case to build an extension of a ring road at the northwest corner of Grand River and Novi Road. The judge has yet to make a determination on this issue.

So, it's all been rather messy.

While the Expo Center certainly brings a major traffic burden to an already gridlocked part of Novi, city officials and area business owners see the full convention and show schedule as a major boon to Novi's economy. All those thousands of people arriving for home and garden shows, as well as private trade fests, need places to eat and shop. Many sleep at the local hotels that are sprouting up in downtown Novi.

Some of the new development in that area of restaurants and lodges has probably been in part in response to the Expo Center's proximity.

As a private businessman, Bowman, of course, has the perfect right

to decline revealing his future plans for the convention hub.

However, at the recent Novi Chamber of Commerce's Economic Summit, Novi's Director of Development Services Kerreen Conley was quite frank about the fact that the city had met with Bowman and was working to keep the Expo Center here. Pressed hard on a possible move, Bowman was characteristically evasive, saying he was looking at all options.

Well, again, that's his right. Where it gets downright amusing is that some folks in city hall have let Bowman set the rhythm and are also verbally tap dancing around the issue.

Monday, the city council passed a resolution noting that Novi wants to keep the Expo Center. A city-created committee is working towards that end.

Bowman says that's all very nice, but he doesn't know what the future holds.

Asked about the committee and its purpose, city officials say the Expo Center's possible move is "too premature" to discuss. Maybe it won't happen they say, maybe the business will just stay put.

And this is where we get the giggles. Who sets up a committee and passes a resolution begging a business to stay put, if that business isn't contemplating a move? You don't see a resolution acknowledging Twelve Oaks, for example, and a city committee formed to mull that entity's future in Novi.

Once the local government gets involved, it's time for an open approach on the part of city officials. Applause to committee chair and Novi Chamber of Commerce member Keith Tappan, as well as Conley, for exhibiting some of the first real frankness in discussing the issue.

Everybody else is beginning to sound a tad ridiculous.

## Spend a day in the country



Jan Jeffres

died in 1991.

The casual family snapshots show the pair as young women in the graceful dresses of the 19-teens. We ran the photographs as a preview of Sunday's City of Novi picnic on the Faerst Farm homestead. If you missed that, you missed quite a bash. The weather, of course, was perfect, bathed in the golden glow of late September.

While the purpose of the affair was a final celebration of Novi's 30th anniversary year, as well as a chance to show off the historic site, I felt like I'd walked onto the set of a Hollywood version of small town America. The scene looked like a 1990s spin on the pectics in the musicals "Oklahoma" and "Carousel."

Kids were scrambling all over the place, playing vigorous old-fashioned games. Novi's Town Hall from 1914 was open and people were wandering in and out, as they undoubtedly did during community functions in the days the Faerst sisters were young.

Many paused to look at historic photos of Novi and comment on the changes that have overtaken the former farming community.

Like any picnic worth its salt, the opportunity to

cultivate a belly ache from simple overeating was there. The free grub was fantastic.

Local Color Brewing Company had to keep running back for more root beer, hamburgers and hot dogs as residents chowed down on the food graciously donated by the Novi caterer. And the hamburgers slapped on the grill on-site were huge. Beyond that, the city had a cart stocked with a variety of different ice cream bars.

Farm Lady Margaret Schmidt was on hand, along her companions, two baby goats, a turkey, a sheep named Emily and some other critters. She had an old-fashioned water pump for kids to try, as well as farm games. And Novi Historical Society President Kathy Mutch talked herself hoarse giving tours of the Faerst homestead to residents.

This past spring, the oldest barn on the site was torched by an arsonist. Otherwise the complex, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, remains fairly intact, including the ever necessary farm outhouse.

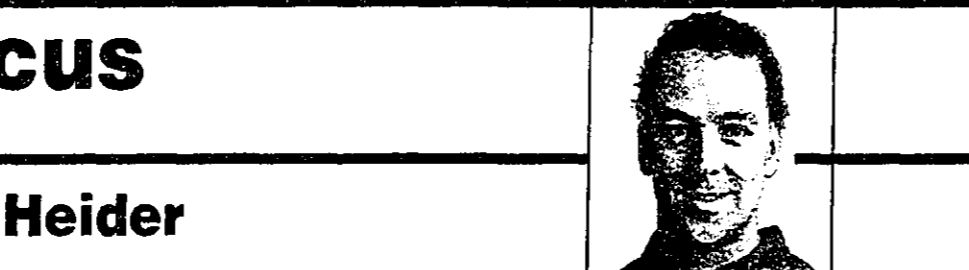
The farm and town hall, with the surrounding acreage, are perfect back-drops for Novi occasions, such as the picnic. While there, you actually feel as if you are spending a day in the country, even though it's all in the heart of Novi.

Preserving the farm will, I think, answer the same craving for a vanished world that once made TV shows like "Little House On The Prairie" so popular. Even if your family came to this country two decades ago, America's rural heritage is as much yours as it is anybody else's. It must have been a satisfying way of life for a family to live on its own farm as a self-sufficient unit.

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## In Focus

By John Heider



Wedding belle

Northville Mayor Chris Johnson marries Rick and Pat Abby at the city's recent Victorian Festival.

## Confessions of a former 'geek'



Melanie Plenda

I have to admit, when I first got the job as school reporter I had a bit of anxiety. My thought process went something like a Fellini film: Can this be true? Can this actually be happening again? Say it ain't so! Is it possible that I am going to actually have to...gulp...relive my school years.

Let me begin by sharing a well-guarded secret. This savvy reporter that (hopefully) Novi reads, the one who seems so poised, so sure, was a certified geek! At least I felt like a geek. I had all the tools at my fingertips that made me a geek: bad hair, bad skin, awkward, big as a Mack truck and the social skills of a tree frog.

It wasn't until after high school that I realized, as many do, that none of that actually really matters. But it was a long time and a lot of experiences away from my high school days. Up until then it was more important that others like me than for me to like me.

Though my initial anxiety about the school beat, and adolescence, have subsided, I can't help but wonder if there are kids right now out there who feel like I did. Kids who have the "I'm not good enough, nobody likes me," blues. I mean, I have met some extraordinary kids in this district. Kids who excel it seems in everything they do.

Don't get me wrong, I love reporting all the uplifting and wonderful things that kids and schools are doing to improve education. They deserve every good thing I write about them. In fact it was my pleasure, and the inspiration for this column, to write about the one such program, the Northville Youth Assistance mentors.

In my article about a mentor relationship, that has lasted over a decade, I had the chance to meet a woman who, without that program, actually said that she would be dead today. It made me think of my high school days and what I would have done without my parents who were and are my mentors.

I always knew no matter what, that they would never turn me away. While they may not have always liked my actions, they always liked me and I was secure in that. Sometimes it was nice to have an adult tell me not to worry, and that it does, in fact, get better than this. They are the reason why I could achieve all that I have.

Not everyone can talk to their parents and not every parent can reach their child as much as they want to. It is for that reason that I urge people to be mentors. The NYA desperately needs more help. For those who don't know, kids are referred by schools, police or parents to the program. Sometimes the child has gotten into some trouble, but sometimes they just are having trouble. They are then matched up with an adult who agrees to meet with them a few hours a week to go out or just to talk.

Northville doesn't have to act on or just to talk, wouldn't you? I want to speak for everyone who feels or felt awkward or misunderstood or anxious being a kid: Tell us that we are not alone, that we are not bad, and that we are most certainly not average. Then tell those kids that this former "geek" is waiting to write about all the wonderful things that they do.

Melanie Plenda is a staff writer for The Novi News. She may be reached via e-mail at mplenda@homecomm.net

## Virtue, talents make natural aristocrat



Phil Power

full pompadour of gray-white hair, flashing eyes and a booming cultivated voice. Semple embodies all you'd expect of a man with Yale undergraduate and Michigan Law School degrees.

He lives in Grosse Pointe. He hunts ducks on Walpole Island and plays golf at the Country Club of Detroit. He has an educated palate for French wine and a magnificent cellar. A fine lawyer, he's Chairman of Dykema Gossett PLLC, Michigan's largest law firm.

And, as volunteer and unpaid chairman of the board of the Detroit Medical Center, he's been leading the struggle to keep one of Michigan's largest and most troubled medical centers from going under.

Semple is only one of a number of Michigan's natural aristocrats, men and women who in addition to their own distinguished careers take on crushing voluntary burdens to make things better for all of us. Allan Schwartz, the lawyer-civic leader-philanthropist, is an example. So is former

governor William Milliken. I wanted to write about Semple just now partly because DMC has been in the news so much in recent months and partly because the inside story of what he has accomplished — quietly, with no thought of publicity and no personal gain — has not adequately been told.

Semple first got involved as a volunteer on Harper Hospital's board some 25 years ago. After Harper became part of DMC, Semple went on the parent's board. He became chairman on January 1, 1998.

Shortly thereafter, DMC announced a loss of more than \$100 million for the fiscal year. "Significant financial distress," says Semple. "The unintended consequence of federal legislation that cut Medicare and Medicaid payments to hospitals and slashed reimbursements for expenses of training young doctors at teaching hospitals like DMC."

Semple knew he had a hard row to hoe. He brought in the Hunter Group, a nationally-noted consulting firm that compared its extensive database of hospital costs to the numbers at DMC and recommended drastic cuts. Eventually, 2,500 staff were laid off; unions and staff alike complained. Sinai Hospital, once the state's only Jewish hospital, was consolidated with Grace to save \$50 million in operating expenses; many of Sinai's old supporters were angered.

Semple started working 80-hour weeks — 40 hours for DMC and 40 hours for Dykema Gossett — rising at 5 a.m. and not getting to bed before 10 p.m. Weeks passed without seeing his wife at home for dinner

or, for that matter, breakfast. Semple recalls: "The worst time was last winter and spring as we bounced from crisis to crisis. I remember one meeting with a bunch of dedicated but very frustrated doctors who yelled at me for fully three hours. It was without a doubt the most difficult meeting I've ever had."

Eventually, Semple and the board appointed a new CEO, Dr. Arthur Porter, and a new management team. Things have gradually started to get better. DMC isn't out of the woods yet, but it's a whole lot better off than it was, thanks to many dedicated people including Lloyd Semple.

Why do it? Why go through the aggravation, especially when somebody like Semple doesn't need it. "The fundamental reason is the teachings and tradition of my family," Semple explained. "With privilege comes responsibility. My father, Robert Semple, was CEO of Wyandotte Chemical, but he also served the community by being president of the Detroit Symphony for years and head of the United Fund for this region. In our family, that's just what we do."

With privilege comes responsibility. That isn't everybody's cup of tea, but for natural aristocrats like Lloyd Semple it is. And we're all the better for it.

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) 935-2047, Ext. 1880, or by e-mail at ppower@homecomm.net

## Candidate isn't in Old Boy Network

to the Editor: The word around city hall, Michelle Bononi, is that you're not liked very well. Could it be because you are an intelligent woman, strong in conviction, and have proven during your tenure (three years) on the planning commission, that you know more than JCK & Associates? Well, I'm sure that wouldn't endear you to the Old Boy Network, and I'm sure that doesn't bother you at all.

Now, let me introduce you to the Michelle Bononi that I know. She did a fine job on planning, even though many of her fellow commissioners would not agree with me. Her decisions were based on knowledge and common sense. As a planner — by both vocation and avocation — she knows whereof she speaks. While I have not agreed personally with every decision she made, they were based on intelligence and I do understand a directional intelligence far greater than mine. She is neither pro-development, nor anti. She seeks the proper balance — economic and environmental, business and residential — to enhance the direction of the growth of our city as we build out over the next several years.

Michelle is honest and straightforward, another quality that does not endear her to the hearts of those that want to control our existence. She will listen, put the facts together, and do the very best job for the most that can possibly be done. What more can we ask other than this dedication? Therefore, Michelle Bononi is certainly the best qualified challenger in the council election this Nov. 2. A vote for her will continue the house-keeping so long overdue at city hall. Please vote for Michelle Bononi for city council.

James E. Korte

## Letters

authority through, similar to the "ice rink" who would have thought the ice rink could lose \$300,000 in its first year? How much could a golf course lose?

Vote "yes" on the Charter Amendment and demonstrate in no uncertain terms the direction this city council and city administration who truly listen to the people of this city.

Council is not the only group with intelligence and concern for the development of this city.

Bob Wilkins  
Member, P.A.R.K.S.

## THANKS TO ED KRIEWAAL

To the Editor: I am writing to thank Ed Kriewaal and honor his retirement from the City of Novi next year. I am a former planning commission member for the City of Novi, where I still maintain my law office although I now reside with my family in Ann Arbor.

I can say that in the sometimes tumultuous atmosphere of Novi politics, Ed Kriewaal, whether you agreed with him or disagreed with him on any given issue, was always a steady hand at the helm managing the city's day-to-day affairs. Ed is an approachable, down-to-earth person with a warm sense of humor and a very stable outlook that has served him and the city well. From the prototypical, egotistical politician, Ed was always someone you could talk to about almost any subject and which impact your tax dollars.

I can personally state that in all city matters, Ed was always considerate, and about matters that required further investigation, he and his staff always looked into those matters for the planning commission of my era.

I thank Ed and will always consider him a friend. I wish him well. Thanks for a job well done.

Robert E. Taub, P.C.

## BACK THE ROAD BOND

To the Editor: It has become apparent based on this summer's horrendous traffic that the city of Novi is in desperate need of road improvements. We need east-west roads, we need options when the freeway interchanges are gridlocked, and we need existing road improvements and a careful and selective house cleaning is necessary. For that reason, I am a candidate and am looking for the support of voters that think this is necessary as well.

The kind of thinking that brought us the ice arena is the same thinking that wishes to continue spending your money, like only government can. So please, take time to vote this Nov. 2. It is important. But more importantly, make informed choices — Novi's future depends on it.

Brooks Decker, candidate  
City of Novi Council

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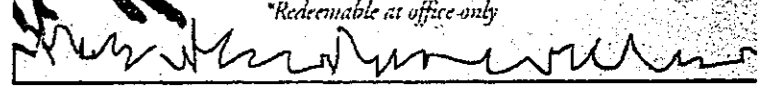
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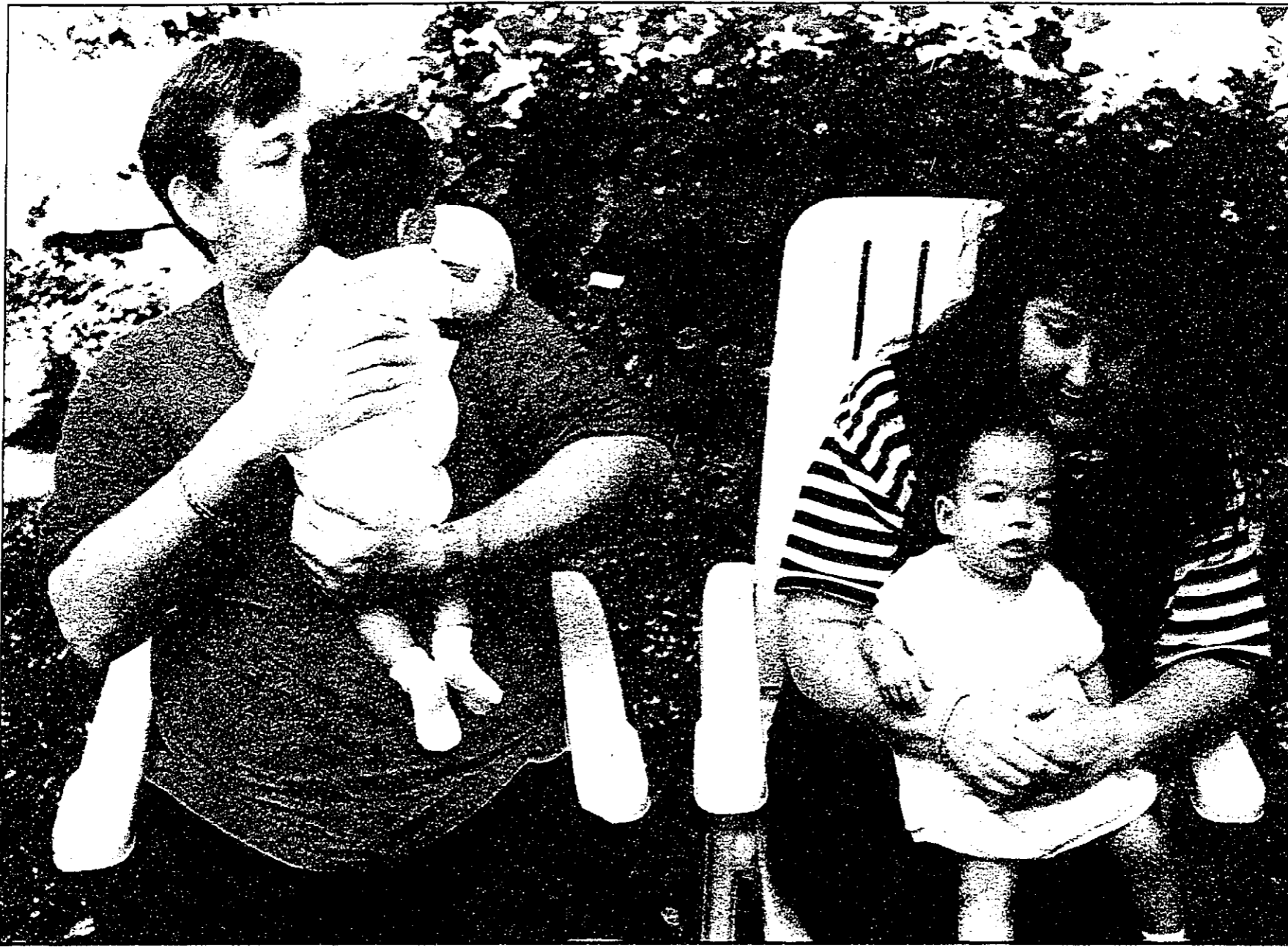


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Double the fun: Andy and Alyse Hydell hold their recently adopted twin Chinese girls Skye, left, and Amber in their Northville Township home.

# They searched the world...

## Northville couple travels to China to find the loves of their lives

By MELANIE PLENDIA  
Staff Writer

Though they had to search the world, Andy and Alyse Hydell found the loves of their lives. But it wasn't easy.

After meeting at a ski club five years ago, falling in love and getting married, there was still something missing.

"We had tried for years to have kids," Alyse Hydell said. "But we just weren't able to."

The Hydells were determined. They looked into adoption, locally, but discovered that the waiting period was very long and they just could not wait any longer to bring a child into their hearts. They also had concerns with the way the American adoption system operates.

"I did not want to adopt a child, get attached and then have a parent come to me three years later saying she wants her baby back," Alyse said.

They had known several people, including Alyse Hydell's sister, who had adopted babies from China, so they were familiar with the process. The Hydell's had looked into several countries taking into account things like level of drug use in the country and health standards. It was necessary in that they

knew they would not be allowed to have the medical histories of the parents and wanted some assurance that they would get a healthy child. After doing some further research China seemed like the most viable option.

"China has low occurrence of AIDS and they are too poor to do drugs," Alyse said. "Plus since our niece is from China we thought that it would be nice that they had a common bond."

So in April of '98 the Hydell's began the lengthy paperwork and screening process. The couple had to complete documents which included full health and drug screenings, FBI background checks, and medical histories, which were all required by the Chinese government before a child can be taken out of the country.

In their first meeting with the adoption agent, the Hydell's had asked for two children, an older boy and a baby girl. The agent informed them that not only was it incredibly rare for two children to be adopted out of the country but that a boy was relatively impossible.

In China families are allowed one child per household. If the first born is a boy, the

family is allowed no more children. If the first child is a girl they may have another. If the second is a girl however, they are allowed no more children. Therefore, most families will adopt out their girls.

"They treat their girls on the same level of a good car," Alyse Hydell said.

The Hydell's were persistent. Even though they could not have a boy, they still wanted two children. It was not until October of 1998 that the couple received word that China had lifted the restriction of one child per couple and that the Hydell's were going to have twin baby girls.

"I started crying right away," Alyse Hydell said.

"I went out and bought \$40 worth of cigars," Andy Hydell added.

In August the couple traveled to Guangdong, China to meet their new daughters. Braving a 14 hour plane ride, a typhoon, overwhelming heat and a language barrier, they finally reached the orphanage where the girls were living.

"We walked in and there were all these babies laying on the floor waiting to be changed," Alyse Hydell said, describing rows upon rows of stainless steel cribs containing

malnourished children of every age.

Finally, the Hydell's long wait was over. One of the caretakers brought them their new daughters.

"It didn't really sink in that we were really doing this until I was holding them," Alyse Hydell said.

The two healthy baby sisters were named Qiu and Chun. However, the Hydells did not feel safe with the twins until the new family was safely back in the States. Andy Hydell related an instance when they took the girls out in public and people on the street would crowd around them. "Twins are really rare in China," he said. "It was a little scary."

The girls, now named Amber and Skye, are about 11 months old and are happily living with their parents in Northville. They plan to tell the girls the story of their adoption and through the organization, Families of Children from China, keep Skye and Amber in touch with their culture. "The Hydell's feel that it is important for them to know who they are and where they came from. But no matter where they came from Mrs. Hydell recalled what she thought when she first held her twins, "they're ours. They are really ours."

# Township man says goodbye to Tiger Stadium with art



Photo by CHRIS C. DAVIS

Northville resident Mike Mullen is the creator of "Long Gone," a linotype image of Tiger Stadium. The piece is as much a tribute to Mullen's father and brother as it is a farewell to the ballpark.

By CHRIS C. DAVIS  
Copy Editor

There are a number of reasons why Monday afternoon's last-ever baseball game at Tiger Stadium was important to Northville resident Mike Mullen.

For one, he's a self-described baseball nut, who had the chance to see Hank Greenberg, Al Kaline, Denny McLain and Gates Brown take to the field back in 1968. He still listens to Tigers games, but only on a 1960s-model transistor radio that weights slightly less than a hot dog vendor's cart.

But more importantly, the stadium holds an extra-special place in his heart. It was at Tiger Stadium where Mullen's father took him to see his first-ever baseball game. Mullen's father's health is now failing.

Which helps explain why Mullen took it upon himself to create a six-color linocut print entitled "Long Gone," a tribute to the Tiger Stadium, the love of baseball, his father, and the trademark Ernie Harwell farewell to home runs blasted into the stands.

"I tried to capture the impressions and memories Tiger Stadium and Tiger baseball has meant for me in this print," Mullen said.

"In a lot of ways, this was a spiritual journey for me that I wasn't sure I would be able to pull off."

Linocut is an old art form whereby the artist carves away at a block of linoleum. The material left behind on the block is covered in ink and pressed onto a sheet of paper. Each block will hold the ink for one color layer. Eventually, six colors are pressed onto the paper, one on top of the other, creating the illusion of a uniform print, even though each finished product is unique, with subtle differences in the density of color.

"It's a very delicate process," Mullen said. "If you make one mistake, the whole thing could be ruined."

Mullen began creating "Long Gone" at the Tigers' opening home game this year. While at Tiger Stadium, he shot two rolls of film to capture the architecture and color differences in various portions of the park. He returned home and began sketching the facility, then transferred the sketches to the linoleum blocks. From there, about eight hours were spent on each of the blocks, carving away at the soft linoleum to create a negative image.

The project wrapped up in mid-

August, when the finished plates were taken to V-Tech Printing in Livonia, where one of Mullen's friends volunteered to print the completed product.

Waiting for the first page to emerge from the 1890-model printing press was a delicate moment.

"I never knew what I was going to get," Mullen said. "Every time I talked about what I was working on, I prefaced the sentence with 'if it comes out.'"

Either through luck or surgeon's hands or both, "Long Gone" emerged from the press looking just the way Mullen envisioned it. The sight of the finished product, he said, provided the personal closure he needed to say goodbye to the ballpark and to his father.

Opening Day was packed with fanfare and special decorations at the stadium. No such decorations exist in the finished product, Mullen said.

"I wanted this to be an image that could come from any summer afternoon at Tiger Stadium," he said. "It's just sunshine, green grass and baseball."

The image depicts a batter at the plate hitting one deep. It even

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# Networking a critical part of job hunt

Networking is not asking people for a job. It is asking people for information. Asking for information makes people feel good. Asking for a job makes people feel uncomfortable. Asking for information makes people feel good. Asking for a job makes people feel uncomfortable. Asking for information makes people feel good. Asking for a job makes people feel uncomfortable.



**Joyce Fortier**  
Career

Prepare a 60-second networking pitch. Explain why you left your last job, what kind of job you're looking for, in what kinds of industries. Then clarify, with examples, by listing five companies you'd like to work for. Try to network face-to-face, not over the phone. You'll get more buzz than by the personal

touch. Ask for just 10 minutes of your contact's time, then stick to it. Pick their brain. Whom do they know who might be able to help you? Where could you get more information? Do they have any ideas? Live on the phone during your job search. Call everyone you know. Telephone listening service to the public. The organization is a Christian telephone ministry devoted to the metro Detroit area. Conversations are free and confidential. The Northville CROP Walk at 1:30 p.m., then return to the church for a barbecue. T-shirts and prizes will be available.

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## Church News

**Holy Family Roman Catholic Church** will be celebrating its 25th anniversary on Oct. 3. Parish members will be participating in the Northville CROP Walk at 1:30 p.m., then return to the church for a barbecue. T-shirts and prizes will be available.

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**First United Methodist Church** of Northville is seeking contributions which, when pooled, will go toward support of local youth ministries and to allow youth to attend workshops on race, gender and orientation issues. For more information, call (734) 662-4536.

Also at First United — church members will be serving lunch at Cass Community Church and Center in Detroit. First United members will prepare a lunch for 300 persons on Oct. 8 in the church's kitchen and serve it Oct. 9 at Cass Community. For more information, call (248) 365-8324.

**LifeCare Ministries** is offering its telephone listening service to the public. The organization is a Christian telephone ministry devoted to the metro Detroit area. Conversations are free and confidential. The Northville CROP Walk at 1:30 p.m., then return to the church for a barbecue. T-shirts and prizes will be available.

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## Cooke Middle School PTSA News

The meeting of the Cooke PTSA was held Sept. 2. Several reports were presented to the membership.

The 1999-2000 budget was presented and the motion to adopt the new budget was made by Terry Grubey and seconded by Sue Laabs. The motion was voted on and passed.

Debbie Reisman showed the membership a copy of the check request form and asked everyone to use it when requesting a check.

The audit committee — Diane Johnson, Mary Demesezek and Lisa Engles — submitted their report. Motion was made by Sue Laabs to accept the audit committee report and was seconded by Jean Nordstrom. The motion was voted on and passed.

Have Bethjo reported on the status of the construction at the new high school and also of all construction projects at the various schools.

Judy Wollack introduced Jean Nordstrom as chairwoman for Box Tops for Education. Also discussed was the need for chairpersons for a silent auction, parent awareness, and for the transitional move

to Hillside. Abbie Holden reported that she had co-ordinated PTSA calendars for sale for \$4. She also reported that Cooke would once again have its Victorian Box Lunch event called "What's Cookin' at Cooke" prepared by PTSA and the staff.

Dr. Radwanski introduced interim assistant principal Clark Kelly. He welcomed everyone to Cooke and reminded them that picture day is Sept. 28. Make checks payable to Josten's Photography. He reported that breakfast is served in the school cafeteria from 7:15-8:10 a.m.: cereal, yogurt, bagels, granola bars, drinks and pizza may be purchased. Students must arrive in the cafeteria before 7:45 a.m. to purchase breakfast.

He also reported on the proposed new foreign language program. Changes have come about as a result of the elementary schools offering French and Spanish. The proposal is as follows: Sixth grade will receive a three-week class of cultural experiences of Spanish, French and German-speaking cultures. That will be followed by a seven-week introduction to German

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Dr. Radwanski introduced interim assistant principal Clark Kelly. He welcomed everyone to Cooke and reminded them that picture day is Sept. 28. Make checks payable to Josten's Photography. He reported that breakfast is served in the school cafeteria from 7:15-8:10 a.m.: cereal, yogurt, bagels, granola bars, drinks and pizza may be purchased. Students must arrive in the cafeteria before 7:45 a.m. to purchase breakfast.

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### Bun on the run

It wasn't just another Saturday at the Laut home, when the Oscar Mayer Wienermobile stopped to help Clare Laut celebrate her birthday. The family won a visit from the famed hot dog vehicle when Judy Laut attended a taping of "The Rosie O'Donnell Show" in November. One of the Wienermobiles is currently on display at Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn.

### Business

Denise Miller of Howell was recently named corporate controller at PM One Ltd. She will coordinate individual property financial systems, and analyze and coordinate corporate financial systems. Miller is a 15-year employee at the PM Group. She has served as controller in various capacities for the past 13 years.

PM One Ltd. also announced the appointment of Cris Helle as director of senior housing. A graduate of Eastern Michigan University, Helle holds certified property management and certified housing specialist designations, and is licensed with the state as a broker and associate broker.

He has more than 20 years of property management experience. Prior to joining PM One, Helle served as Midwest Regional vice-president with Insignia Financial Group of Chicago.

The firm of Howard & Howard Attorneys of Bloomfield Hills announced the addition of Thomas H. Walters. Walters specializes in litigation, primarily concentrating in the defense of municipal entities, commercial disputes, and various employment law matters. Walters received a J.D. degree cum laude from the University of Detroit School of Law in 1994.

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**Michigan Anti-Cruelty Society**  
Third Saturday of each month: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
PetSmart (17677 Haggerty, Northville) (248) 947-4337

**Critter Connection**  
Saturday: 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Pet Supplies Plus (41680 Ten Mile, Novi) (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 non-profit 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.

To find out if your dog is showing signs of CDS, your veterinarian will ask some questions about your dog's behavior. The questions will focus on the signs typically associated with CDS, including:

- Disorientation or confusion
- Decreased or altered interaction with or response to family members
- Abnormal sleep-wake and activity patterns or
- Loss of house-training (accidents in the house)

In addition, your veterinarian may perform a physical and neurological examination as well as take a blood sample for routine laboratory evaluation. The results may indicate that your dog has canine Cognitive Dysfunction Syndrome, a disorder that affects memory and learning. If CDS is diagnosed, your dog will receive the first month of treatment for your dog free of charge.

Anipryl is available by prescription only from a licensed veterinarian. In studies, the most common side effects were vomiting, diarrhea or changes in behavior. As dogs grow older, they are likely to experience more health problems. Senior dogs should be observed more closely because changes in normal appearance, activity and behavior all can be signs that veterinary attention may be needed. Consult your veterinarian before using Anipryl with other medications or with tick collars.

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## Home show comes to Expo Center

The Fall Remodeling Show opens Thursday, Oct. 14 and runs through Sunday, Oct. 17 at the Novi Expo Center.

The show, remodeling is a business that is here to stay," said Peter Barton, president of the Building Industry Association of Metropolitan Detroit, and Executive Director of the Home Improvement Show.

More than 200 exhibitors will show their most interesting and up-to-date products and services for kitchens, baths, doors, windows, remodeling, interior design, furniture, arts and crafts, spas, decorative accessories, electronics, pet accessories, heating, cooling and appliances.

BIA also sponsors the Builders Home and Detroit Flower Show at Cobo Center, the Macomb Home Improvement Show at Macomb Sports and Expo Center and the Home Improvement Show and the Spring Home and Garden Show at Novi Expo Center.

Additional show features include the National Kitchen and Bath Association members' sale of cabinets, counters and other discontinued items to benefit Habitat for Humanity. The sale is sponsored by WJR Radio and The Observer and Examiner newspapers. Other show highlights are WJLS' "The Appliance Doctor" Joe Gagnon and "The Garden Show" Dean Krauskopf, the pictorial display of the fourth annual Showcase of Distinctive Homes

artisan and home improvement expert from Britain, turns walls and ceilings into works of art with his texturing and faux finishing techniques as seen on CNBC, Lifetime and HGTV.

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sponsored by BIA, Standard Federal Bank and The Detroit News and Free Press. Classified Marketplace, Detroit Edison safety experts' demonstration of electrical safety and the need to play it safe around power lines and a Treasure Chest contest with daily prizes.

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# Movies



In Nazi-occupied Poland during World War II, poor Jewish cafe owner Jakob Heym (Robin Williams) keeps hope and humor alive among the ghetto inhabitants when he invents fictitious news bulletins about Allied advances against the Nazis.

## Fictitious news bulletins keep hope alive

In Nazi-occupied Poland during World War II, Jakob Heym (Robin Williams), the owner of a long-closed cafe in the Jewish ghetto, accidentally overhears a forbidden radio news bulletin signaling Soviet military successes against the Germans.

The next day, Jakob whispers his secret good news to two despondent friends. As the news spreads, so does a rumor — Jakob must have a radio, an offense punishable by death.

Despite the danger, Jakob continues to relay fictitious news bulletins about Allied advances against the Nazis. These lies keep hope and humor alive among the inhabitants of the ghetto — the suicide rate drops, spirits are lifted and optimism is reborn. The Germans learn of the mythical radio, however, and begin a search for the resistance hero who dares operate it...

On his well-worn jacket the man

wears two yellow stars. One on the front, near his heart, the other on his back. Overcome with melancholy, he wonders why they couldn't have at least left the trees — trees are not Jews.

Such is life for Jakob Heym, living in a Nazi-occupied Polish Jewish ghetto in 1944. Most of the members of this community have already been sent to the camps. Those who remain cling to the only things they have left, each other and their sense of humor.

They have learned to live their lives one moment at a time, appreciating what little they have — for tomorrow that, too, may be gone.

On one particular night, at the beginning of our story, Jakob is sent to the police commandant's office to be punished for a curfew violation.

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## Cops and robbers: unbeatable team

Two years ago, talented jewel thief Miles Logan (Martin Lawrence, "Life" and "Bad Boys"), was forced to hide his stolen, precious diamond at a construction site when his \$20 million heist went bad.

Today, Logan is out of jail — and willing to go to outrageous lengths to get that diamond back.

The problem? The site where he hid the diamond is now an L.A. police precinct.

In "Blue Streak," a hilarious comedy packed with high-voltage action directed by Les Mayfield ("Flubber," "Encino Man"), Miles impersonates a detective in the hopes of making a quick and easy getaway with the rock.

But teamed with rookie partner Carlson (Luke Wilson), Logan instead becomes the toast of the department — and "falls upward" to become head of detectives — when his criminal expertise ends up inadvertently solving cases and winning the admiration of this "telling cops."

"Blue Streak" is directed by Les Mayfield. In addition to Lawrence and Carlson, the cast includes Dave Chappelle, William Forsythe, Peter Greene and Nicole Ari Parker.

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

**INNER BEAUTY**  
 She is an outgoing SWF, 49, 5'7", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys motorcycles, dining out and dancing, is looking for a tall SWM, under 55, to spend quality time with. Ad# 1106

**PLEASANT**  
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 She's a down-to-earth SWCF, 47, blue-eyed blonde, ISO a loyal, truthful SWCM, N/S, to share a meaningful friendship. Her hobbies are bowling, motorcycles and outdoor activities. Ad# 1234

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**IS IT FATE?**  
 She's a fun, intelligent SWF, 19, 5'2", who enjoys the little things in life. She is looking forward to meeting a caring, honest SWM, 19-23, to go out and have a good time with. Ad# 7180

**HOOKED ON LOVE**  
 This shy, attractive DWCF, 48, 5'4", with blonde hair and blue eyes, who enjoys dancing, playing cards and bowling, is looking for a caring DWCM, 45-55, who shares similar interests. Ad# 6982

**MAKE THE MOVE**  
 Outgoing, never-married SWF, 33, 5'6", with dark hair/eyes, who enjoys sports, long walks and picnics. She's looking for a SWCM, 32-42, with similar interests. Ad# 1308

**THE PRIME OF LIFE**  
 Charming Catholic WWWW, 68, a brunette, is seeking a youthful, sweet SWCM, 65+, with whom to share common interests such as Bingo, dining out, dancing, sports, bowling and long walks. Ad# 5720

**LIVE IT UP**  
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**GIVE ME A CALL**  
 Petite and sweet, this active SWF, 45, 5'2", with blonde hair and green eyes, who enjoys bowling, the outdoors and much more, is looking for a friendly SWM, 40-55, who is family-oriented and down-to-earth, for friendship first. Ad# 3335

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**BEST THERE IS**  
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**GIVE ME A CALL**  
 Kind-hearted, active SWF, 35, is looking for an interesting SWM, 29-39, N/S, to share animals, travel and more. Ad# 3333

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**STOP THE WAITING**  
 Vibrant DWCF, 51, 5'7", who enjoys church activities, dining out and the arts, is ISO a kind, considerate SWM 50-60, N/S. Ad# 1947

**SWEET THINGS**  
 Friendly SWF, 45, seeks a SWM, for friendship first, maybe more. She enjoys bowling, picnics, boating, long walks and the outdoors. Ad# 6999

**ATTENTION**  
 Friendly, affectionate, never-married SWCF, 33, 5'10", who enjoys movies, the theater and new adventures, is looking for a SWM, 35-45, without children at home. Ad# 2758

**AMBITION'S**  
 Fun-loving SWCF, 23, 5'8", with long brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys sports, music and spending time with friends, is seeking a sincere, outgoing SWCM, 22-35. Ad# 5036

**OCEAN BREEZES**  
 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

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

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

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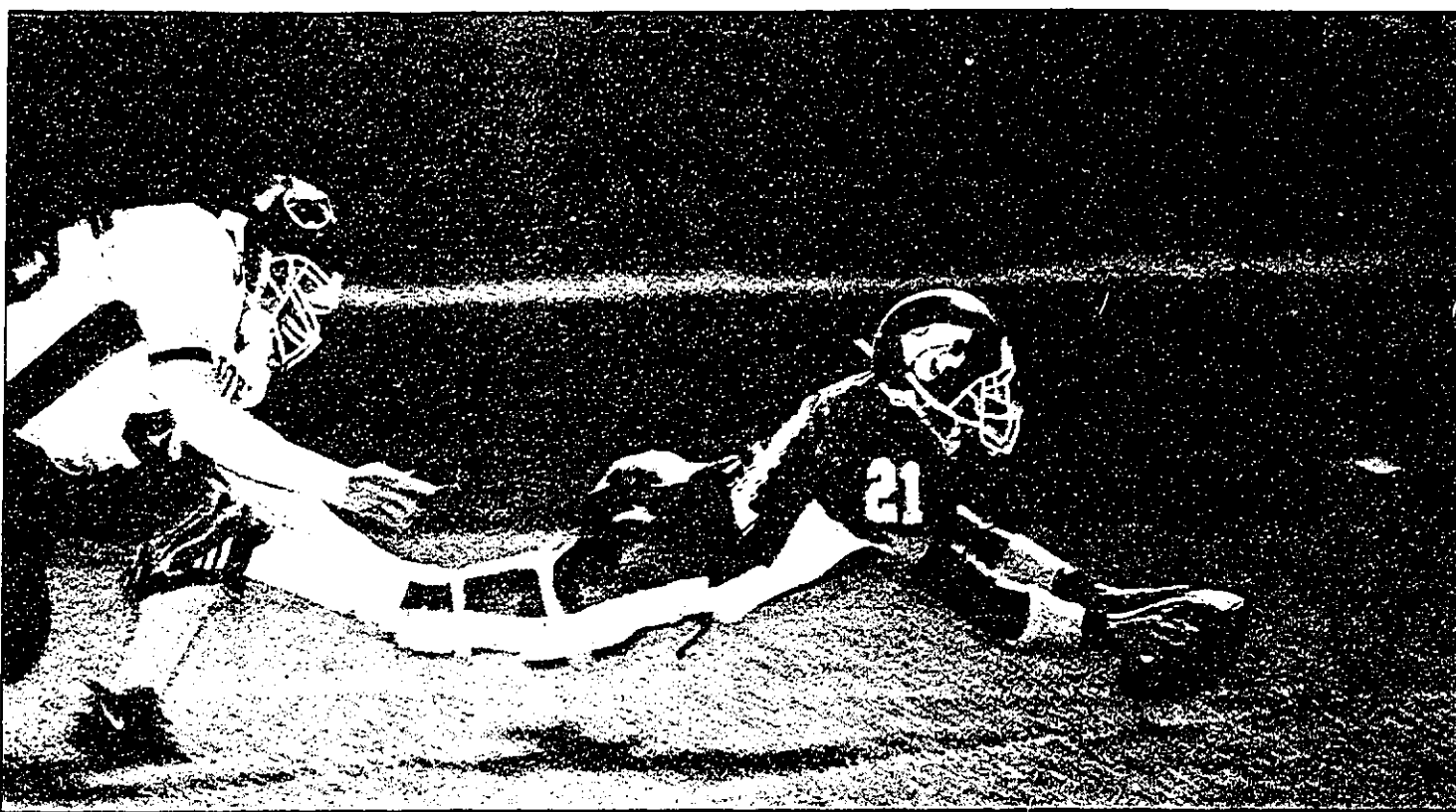
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Novi senior back Dan Jilg reaches for the corner of the end zone to score Novi's third touchdown last Friday night.

## Flying high

### Novi takes out Milford for third win

By JASON SCHMITT  
Sports Editor

If the time of possession meant the difference between winning and losing, then the scoreboard at Novi High must have been wrong last Friday night.

Novi took advantage of great field position and big plays the entire night en route to a 34-19 win over Milford. The win moves Novi to 3-2 with a homecoming game against Flushing Saturday on the table.

The Wildcats average starting field position for their first five drives was on the Milford 46-yard line. Novi ran just 16 plays on their first four drives, which resulted in 20 points.

Senior Mitch Maier returned from a mild concussion he suffered in last week's game against Hartland to lead Novi offensively. On its first possession, Maier had runs of 19, nine and finally 14 yards for the touchdown with 8:14 left in the first quarter.

But Milford came right back, using a 14-play drive to chew up six minutes and cut the Novi lead to 7-6.

A 27-yard kickoff return by Pat Muston set up Novi's next touchdown. After Matt Gorman gained a yard on the initial play, Maier kept the option for a 19 yard gain to the Milford 39. From there Maier let loose for a 39-yard touchdown pass to Muston, who used his speed to run under the well-thrown ball. Andy Christofferson's second extra point gave Novi a 14-6 lead with :27 remaining in the first.

After both teams punted back to each other

once, Matt Luschas sacked Milford's quarterback and forced a fumble that he recovered to give his team the ball on the Redskins' 29 yard line. From there Novi needed five plays to put the ball in the end zone to take a 20-6 lead. Senior Dan Jilg took a pitch from Maier, who kept the ball up to the last second, and scored around the left side from six yards out.

"Mitch played a great game, and the line did very well," Novi coach John Osborne said. "It was a nice job of blocking and we had great efforts by the backs."

It was uncertain how Maier would feel coming into the game after suffering the concussion in the third quarter last week. Osborne said he was ready to rotate Maier and Scott Minke in and out if needed.

He stayed in and led Novi to a score on their second possession of the second half. Jon Cervi took the pitch from Maier and rumbled in for a 17-yard touchdown with 5:40 left in the third quarter to all but end any chances for a Milford upset. It was rectification for a 59-yard touchdown run he had on the drives' first play that was called back because of a holding penalty on Novi. The entire nine-play drive was on the ground, with four different backs touching the ball.

Milford added a touchdown just 10 seconds into the fourth quarter, but another Cervi touchdown with 7:10 left put the game out of reach for the Wildcats.

"Everybody was clicking," Osborne said, noting that it was an entire team effort. "Our kicking game had a good game, and Adam

DeBiasi put good pressure on their punter and gave us good field position."

Maier led the rushing attack with 92 yards on 13 carries. Cervi had 15 carries for 64 yards and two touchdowns and Gorman added 24 yards. Maier also completed 3 of 9 passes for 91 yards, 76 of which went to Muston.

Defensively, Cas Werda had seven solo tackles and two assists. Garrett Safford had seven first hits and one assist. Josh Rzepecki had six firsts and two assists and Aaron Harbin had four and three.

#### NEXT UP...HOMECOMING

At 3-2, Novi stays home to host Flushing this Saturday at 1 p.m. Last year the Raiders pummeled the 'Cats 41-21 at Flushing.

Novi needs another win to ease the pressure of having to finish the season without another loss. They need six wins to reach the state playoffs.

"We really can't afford to look ahead (at that)," Osborne said. "If we want to keep that goal alive."

Osborne said Flushing graduated a good number of players from last year's team, but they reload, not rebuild.

"Last year they had the athleticism and experience that we have this year," the coach said. "They are a very solid football team and they execute well."

The Raiders are 4-1 this season and are currently ranked 10th in division II by the *Detroit Free Press*.

## Tennis squad ties Milford

By JASON SCHMITT  
Sports Editor

It's rare that you see a Novi tennis team root for Brighton to win.

But at least for one match, the Wildcats will be looking for a Bulldog victory.

A Brighton win over Milford today would ensure Novi of standing alone in second place heading into next week's Kensington Valley Conference tennis tournament at Novi High School.

Milford was able to tie Novi in a dual meet last week, leaving the teams with identical 7-2-1 records in conference play. Novi had yet to face Howell (Tuesday after the *Novi News* deadline) and square off against Lakeland today in the regular-season finale.

If Novi were to win the league tournament and Brighton finish second, the two teams would share the title. If Brighton wins the tournament, they would take the title outright.

Against Milford Sept. 22, Novi dropped three of the four singles matches and settled for a tie with the Redskins. With Sarah Holt still missing from the lineup, Novi struggled in singles. In the team's first meeting earlier this month, the 'Cats took three of four singles matches and

swept the doubles to win 7-1.

This time around, Carolyn Vermeulen was the lone winner at singles, taking the fourth slot 6-1, 6-3 over Anna Saputo. Melissa Roemer (1st singles), Amrutha Nagarajan (2nd) and Taeko Nakazawa (3rd) all fell to their Redskin opponents.

Novi did fare better in doubles, taking three of the four matches and coming close to sweeping them. Christina Cypher and Tara Stevens topped Lacie Rudolph and Steffani Roose 6-1, 7-6 (8) at first doubles. Karen Andrews and Emily Dinsmore won 6-3, 6-2 at two dubs and Sarah Ehlers and Mami Ito won 6-1, 6-1 at fourth doubles.

Janina Hahn and Nicole Hapanowicz won their first set 6-3, but dropped the next two 3-6, 4-6.

"They deserved to tie us," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "We're a good team, but not a dominating team like we were last year. We can't overlook anyone."

Holt is expected to return this week after taking the last two weeks off with an ankle injury. The league tournament will not be played on a Saturday like in year's past. The tourney will take place next Tuesday and Thurs-

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## Lady harriers take out Hartland 25-34

By JASON SCHMITT  
Sports Editor

They had the front-runners to do it, but in the end Hartland just didn't have the depth to stay with the Novi girls cross country team.

Hartland's top two runners crossed the finish line first, but Novi then had seven of the next eight runners come across in a 25-34 win over the Eagles.

Colleen Faes and Katie Frank led the field with times of 19:34 and 19:48 to take the top two spots.

Novi's Kristin Echols, Bethany Kittle and Nina Schmitt then came across the finish line within three seconds of each other. Echols was third overall in 19:56, Kittle was fourth at 19:57 and Schmitt was close behind in fifth in 19:59.

Brittany Albright (20:45) and

Val Stefanson (21:02) were sixth and seventh to ensure their team of the win. Margo Wolowicz and Kelley Phelps continued to make good strides and finished as Novi's sixth and seventh runners, according to coach Norm Norgren.

"We're trying to go deeper," he said of his team's depth. "We're working on it."

Senior Cat Waller missed the meet with a sore leg, which took away some of the team's depth. Freshman Jenny Thomson ran a 22-flat to also earn praise from her coach.

Next up for the Wildcats is the Redford Union Invite. The team took on Milford Tuesday (after the *Novi News* deadline). The results of that match will be in next week's edition of the *Novi News*.

## Cagers jump out quick, win three

By JASON SCHMITT  
Sports Editor

The Novi High basketball team is riding a high right now and it stems from the stifling defense the squad has been able to come up with in the early portions of recent games.

Last Saturday the Wildcats limited Walled Lake to just five first-half points en route to a 44-26 win on the Warriors' home court. Novi held a 21-5 halftime lead, and extended that to 37-13 after three quarters.

Coach Dennis Cichonski said because of his offense's recent struggles, his defense has been critical to his team's recent five-game winning streak.

"That's been helping us because we had been missing a lot of put backs and other easy shots," he said.

Cichonski praised the defensive efforts of Jessica Gilbert and Erin Rice, who put constant pressure on the Warrior guards in both the halfcourt offense and in Novi's trapping press.

Rice finished with a team-high 12 points and Kristen McGlennen added 10 points. Gilbert had seven for the Wildcats (7-1 overall).

#### NOVI 54, ANN ARBOR HURON 41

Don't let the final score be deceiving. Novi led 30-10 at the half and upped their lead to 52-18 after three quarters. Huron made it respectable with a 23-2 fourth quarter run last Thurs-

day. Cichonski wanted his team to keep Huron's best player, Tabatha Pool, under control. They did, limiting the junior forward to just eight points through three quarters. She picked up 11 points in the fourth quarter after the game was decided.

"They had a small, quick team. You would have thought this would be a race to the finish," Cichonski said. "We were really able to push the ball up the court well."

Rice played a fabulous game, both offensively and defensively. The senior led the team with 11 points and collected 10 steals. Kelly Bendernagel had 10 points and 10 rebounds and Gilbert and Colleen Lewis added nine and eight points.

Cichonski noted that Lewis and Rice did a nice job limiting Pool throughout the game and McGlennen's help defense down low.

#### NOVI 50, SOUTH LYON 29

McGlennen scored 15 points and pulled down 12 boards in Novi's second win in conference play last Tuesday night.

Her team built a solid five point lead after the first quarter, and extended it to 12 after a 10-3 third quarter.

"We've been able to get decent starts in the third quarter and it helps us go out ahead and relax," Cichonski said. "South



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Continued on 2 Senior Kristen McGlennen displays the type of defense Novi came up with in three big wins last week.

## Career-best times are everywhere

By JASON SCHMITT  
Sports Editor

Not every meet can be a tremendous challenge to the boy's cross country team. But every meet can be another learning experience for the team.

Such was the case last Tuesday (Sept. 21) in an 18-45 dual-meet win over Hartland. Novi coach Bob Smith knew the meet wasn't going to be close, but gave his team a game plan. And they played it out perfectly.

The Village Elementary course at Hartland was flat and fast, and because of the nice running conditions, 16 Novi runners set career-best times.

Chris Toloff won the race in a time of 15 minutes, 49 seconds and was followed across the finish line by Tim Moore, who came in at 15:52.

After Hartland's top runner squeezed in there, Nick Bassitt and Mark Aventus strolled across the finish line in 16:40 and 16:43. In the next "mini pack" was Eric Walle and Mitch Erickson at 17:05 and 17:06. Evan Foster and Steve Swast were the next two in at 17:10 and 17:14.

"We used this meet as an opportunity to run as a unit," Smith said. "The kids have to sacrifice a little bit when you do that, and these guys were will-

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## Tankers win invite

By JASON SCHMITT  
Sports Editor

It just doesn't get any closer than this. Needing to win in the last relay of the day, Novi came through with more than enough, winning both the A and B heats of the 400 freestyle relay at the West Bloomfield Invitational this past Saturday.

With the two wins, Novi vaulted past Monroe to lay claim to the title. The Wildcats scored 235 points to Monroe's 229. North Farmington was third with 137 and Canton was fourth with 129. West Bloomfield and Churchill rounded out the field.

The meet was unique in that there were four heats in each event, meaning those teams with greater depth had a better shot of winning the title. "I knew going in it was going to come down to us against Monroe," Novi coach Larry Treiman said. "It was a lot of fun."

Monroe led coming into the last event and they won the C-heat relay, extending their lead some. Novi, however, struck back for wins in both the B and A heats.

The A-team of Kristina Uley, Amanda Smith, Andrea Youcum and Amy Hartland won their race in a time of 3 minutes, 46.99 seconds. The time was better than the state-qualifying cut, but the team had already qualified for the state meet.

The B-team of Kate Hamblin, Emily Nicol, Kristina Uley and Lindsey Vermillion set the team up for the win by taking their heat in 4:01.

In all, Novi won 19 heats. The meet only scored the A, B and C heats.

Vernonville, Youcum, Hartland and Emily Nicol were tops in the A heat of the medley relay. Prantity Varshney, Erin Gibbons, Lindsey Ochab and Loren Haskett were first-place winners in the D heat.

In the last relay, Smith, Nicol, Blair Tyler and Uley went on to win the A heat of the 200 free relay. Megan Berre, Hamblin, Jenny Bouen and Christina Barbague won the B race.

Individually, Novi brought home a slew of top finishes. Tiffany Kell took first in the D heat of the 200 free while Youcum won the B heat in the 200 IM. Nicol and Tyler were B and C winners in the 50 freestyle and Hamblin won the C heat of the 100 free. Smith finished a close second to a state qualifier in the 100 free.

Novi fired really well in the 100 butterfly and 500 freestyle. Hartland (A), Tyler (B) and Leslie Simer (C) all won their 100 butterfly races and Uley (A), Vernonville (B) and Amanda Gee (D) each won their 500 free races.

Youcum won the A heat of the 100 breaststroke and Meredith Greer was first in the D heat.

Photo by TOM HUBBELL

Andrea Youcum pulls ahead to win her freestyle event in a recent swim meet at Novi High School.

## Sport Shorts

### LYSKAWA FARING WELL

When Novi soccer standout Alan Lyskawa and Notre Dame's head coach have played a big role in the first success this year for the team currently has a 3-2-1 record, however it has only scored two goals in those six games. Four of those five goals have been scored by their freshman.

Lyskawa has one of them and assisted on teammate Ryan Cox's game-winning goal against Cleveland State last week.

### HOCKEY LEAGUES BEING OFFERED

ICE Sports Hockey Leagues are now accepting players and teams for adult hockey leagues for the fall season. The games will be played at the Novi and Brighton Ice Arenas. There will be leagues for boys 20, 20+, 40 and 50. For more information or for an application, please call Ed at (1-800-924-6114).

### SOCCER AND HOCKEY SIGN UPS

SoccerZone of Novi is accepting walk-in and mail-in registration for its fall season of indoor soccer starting Aug. 23. Registration continues through Oct. 13. The season begins Oct. 21 and runs through Dec. 17. The team fee for soccer is \$750 and \$70 for individuals wanting to be placed on a team.

These fees include referee fees and SoccerZone T-shirts which serve as a jersey. For more information please call SoccerZone at (248) 374-0500. SoccerZone is located at 41550 Grand River Avenue in Novi, MI 48275.

The zone is also accepting walk-in and mail-in registration for its fall season of inline hockey starting August 25. Registration will continue through September 26.

The season runs from October 10 through December 11. Team fees are \$795 for youths and \$825 for adults. For individuals wanting to be placed on a team the fee is \$75 for players who have played at SoccerZone before and \$90 for those that have not. Referee fees and two jerseys are included in this price.

For more information please call SoccerZone at (248) 374-0500. SoccerZone is located at 41550 Grand River Avenue in Novi, MI 48275.

### REFEREES NEEDED

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



## Loviscek wins Ladies Pro-Am...Northville well represented

Flint resident and Futures Tour member Amy Loviscek took home first prize at the Fifth Annual Red Holman Pontiac, GMC and Toyota Ladies Pro-Am tournament after defeating Rochester's Lisa Marino in a five-hole sudden death playoff. Both ladies shot a 77 to force the sudden death at Meadowbrook Golf Club in Northville. Ann Arbor's Diane Patterson finished a close third with a 78 and South Lyon's Leslie Owens and Grandville's Lauri Berles each shot 81s to round out the top five. West Bloomfield's Caroline McMillian shot an 82 for sixth place.

Franklin's Suzy Green led her Pro-Am team to a first-place finish in the team division. She teamed with Meadowbrook members Barb

## Golfers earn way up at Oakland County

By JASON SCHMITT  
Sports Editor

What goes up, must come down. Novi's golf team realized that in the nick of time Monday, firing a 303 at the Oakland County meet and finishing second in the lower division.

Each year the county is split up into two equal divisions, one for the upper echelon of teams and one for the lower. Novi has spent the last couple years in the lower division, but with a second-place finish this year, the team automatically qualifies for the big dance next season.

"I told them if we really want to be taken seriously, we had to golf well here," coach Brad Huss said. "We wanted to be considered a good team going into next year."

Pontiac Notre Dame Preparatory won the invite with a 298. Both they and the Wildcats will switch places with the two last-place teams in the upper division.

Matt Pevruch fired a 73 at the Pontiac Municipal course to finish third among the medalists. Ryan Miller and Rob Overfield each shot 76s to tie for 10th place. But they both lost the 10th-place medal in a scorecard tiebreaker. Jack Tyler's 78 rounded out the team score.

"It shows us that, as individuals, our team did real well," Huss said.

Huss said he found it strange that his team seemed to be a bet-

ter 18-hole team than a match play team, which would explain why the team was 0-5 in Kensington Valley Conference play.

"Our team hits a lot of birdies, and with 18 holes they have more opportunities to offset their mistakes," he explained.

HOWELL 159, NOVI 174

Playing its "worst" match of the year according to their coach, the Wildcats lost their fifth-straight match in league play last Tuesday (Sept. 21).

Pevruch again was team medalist with a 41. Miller had a 43 and Pete Kolyaruk and Overfield shot 45s.

"There's actually one green that they have a three-putt maximum on because of the slope of the green," he said. "But no excuses, we really didn't play well that day. We didn't play as well as we're capable of."

The Cats faced Lakeland Tuesday after The Novi News' deadline and will compete at the post-KVC meet this upcoming Tuesday. Novi finished third at the pre-KVC meet and are currently tied for sixth in the match standings.

The team will take on Walled Lake Western next Wednesday before heading to regionals Oct. 8.

## Wildcats take three last week

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Lyon is a hard-working team. They scrap back and you have to be prepared when you go in to play them. They're a team that will sneak up on someone on any given night."

Rice scored 12 points. Tuesday the team played Hartland (after The Novi News' dead-

## Netters tie Milford

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day at Novi, with matches beginning at 3:30 p.m. The first two rounds will be played on Tuesday and the finals on Thursday.

NOVI 7, HARTLAND 1

The Wildcats were able to ward off the Eagles just enough to win their seventh conference dual meet of the season. Hartland won at third doubles, but took Novi to three sets in three other matches.

"Sometimes the score doesn't indicate how close a match really is," Hanson said. "You might say

7-1, what a blowout, but six of the eight matches could have gone either way."

Roemer, Nagarajan and Nakazawa all won in straight sets, and Vermeulen needed three sets to win her match against Nicole Mann.

Cypher and Stevens steam rolled their opponents 6-1, 6-2 at first doubles. Andrews and Dinsmore won 6-4 in the third set and Ehlers and Ito won 6-2 in the third set at fourth doubles.

"Our kids came through, and that's a good sign," Hanson said.

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Sophomore Rob Overfield watches as his putt is about to find the hole.

## McDONALD FORD SALUTES NOVI ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Blair Tyler - Sophomore



All Tyler did was help the 200 freestyle relay to a win, and won individual events in the 50 freestyle and the 100 butterfly.

Novi ended up edging out Monroe at the West Bloomfield Invitational this past weekend, winning the last two relays to take the title.

Erin Rice - Senior



The senior led Novi to three wins this past week. She scored 21 points on the team and was the top scorer in the team's 100 butterfly race. She also won the 100 butterfly race in the 500 freestyle relay.

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## Novi tops Northville 3-1

By JASON SCHMITT  
Sports Editor

If there's one thing the Novi soccer team took out of its 2-0 loss to Brighton on Sept. 2, it's that if you play hard and aggressive, good things are bound to happen.

Such was the case Saturday morning against Northville. Novi controlled the play for nearly the entire first half and broke loose for three goals late in the half en route to a 3-1 win over the Mustangs.

Northville dodged a few bullets midway through the first half, including a shot off a free kick that hit the crossbar and sailed high. But with 13:45 left in the half, Novi's Joe Irimescu scored on a turn-around kick, placing the ball in the upper-right hand corner of the goal. The shot hit part of the crossbar and dropped down behind Northville goalie Jon McCloy to make it 1-0.

The Wildcats struck again 2:25 later when Vince Sloan headed in an Irimescu corner kick to keep the momentum with Novi and give it a 2-0 lead.

Capping off the rally was Frank Raburn, who scored off a headed pass from Scott Jettie to make it 3-0 with 4:52 remaining in the half. The score came off a throw-in from Kevin Callender, who found Jettie for the header back to Raburn.

"We've been doing a good job of scoring off of set plays this year," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said. "All three of our goals here were set up by a set play."

The second half saw Northville pick up its intensity, but Novi played well enough to hold on.

Northville's Pat Kelleher headed in a

goal off a pass from Brendan Mullender with 17:11 remaining for his team's only goal.

"Ever since we lost to Brighton, when we play a team that's good, we play really well," O'Leary said. "Scott Jettie and Sean Thompson really did well on the 50-50 balls. Who's being more aggressive won the game."

The win moves Novi's record up to 6-1 overall.

NOVI 4, HOWELL 0

Once again, Novi started the game off slow, but came back for four second-half goals in this Kensington Valley Conference contest.

Thompson scored off a corner kick by Irimescu to get things going for Novi about 10 minutes into the second half. Mike Crawford added another just two minutes later off a pass from Callender.

Daisuke Matsuzaka took advantage of a penalty kick with 12 minutes to play, lacing a shot past the Howell goalie for a 3-0 lead. Kevin Southworth took a cross pass from Ryan Rzepka and scored with three minutes to play to finish the scoring for Novi.

NEXT UP...BRIGHTON

After Tuesday's game against Lakeland (after The Novi News' deadline), the Wildcats remained at home to take on Brighton tonight at 7 p.m. Novi fell to the KVC-leading Bulldogs 2-0 a month ago, and O'Leary said he hopes his team can stick to its game plan this time around.

"We're going to want to shut down their best players," he said, referring to Jeff Krass, Jason Leppl and Doug Rice. "Last game we talked about that, but we didn't do it."

Scoreboard	
<b>FOOTBALL</b>	
KVC Standings	Doyle (Pinckney) ..... 7
Brighton ..... 3-0/5-0	Heger (Milford) ..... 4
South Lyon ..... 3-1/3-2	Mair (Novi) ..... 4
Novi ..... 2-2/3-2	Gerkin (Howell) ..... 2
Howell ..... 2-2/3-3	
Milford ..... 2-2/3-3	
Hartland ..... 1-2/3-2	
Lakeland ..... 0-3/3-5	
<b>RECEPTIONS</b>	
Redden (Northville) ..... 20	
Muston (Novi) ..... 17	
Jeter (Pinckney) ..... 15	
Shook (Brighton) ..... 14	
Landry (Brighton) ..... 13	
Schurg (Brighton) ..... 13	
Kessler (Pinckney) ..... 11	
Snow (Howell) ..... 9	
Hohn (Pinckney) ..... 9	
Anolik (Northville) ..... 8	
McAvoy (Lakeland) ..... 7	
Ratke (Howell) ..... 6	
Carpenter (Howell) ..... 6	
Cervi (Novi) ..... 6	
Jig (Novi) ..... 3	
<b>RUSHING YARDS</b>	
Carpenter (Howell) ..... 652	
Langston (Northville) ..... 515	
Reese (Brighton) ..... 425	
Mize (South Lyon) ..... 402	
Mair (Novi) ..... 398	
Robertson (South Lyon) ..... 354	
Click (Pinckney) ..... 297	
Schulmeister (South Lyon) ..... 291	
Crowley (Milford) ..... 280	
Cervi (Novi) ..... 278	
<b>RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS</b>	
Reese (Brighton) ..... 9	
Langston (Northville) ..... 9	
Carpenter (Howell) ..... 6	
Click (Pinckney) ..... 4	
Mize (South Lyon) ..... 4	
Mair (Novi) ..... 3	
MacKenzie (Brighton) ..... 3	
Buckland (Pinckney) ..... 3	
Schulmeister (South Lyon) ..... 3	
<b>PASSING YARDS</b>	
Doyle (Pinckney) ..... 859	
Finnerly (Brighton) ..... 791	
Mair (Novi) ..... 391	
Cooley (Northville) ..... 314	
Gerkin (Howell) ..... 287	
Houck (Lakeland) ..... 272	
Heger (Milford) ..... 251	
<b>PASSING TOUCHDOWNS</b>	
Finnerly (Brighton) ..... 7	
Muston (Novi) ..... 5	
Schurg (Brighton) ..... 3	
Click (Pinckney) ..... 2	
Christoferson (Novi) ..... 2	
Schulmeister (South Lyon) ..... 1	
Cervi (Novi) ..... 1	
Jeter (Pinckney) ..... 1	
Kelleher (Northville) ..... 1	
<b>INTERCEPTIONS</b>	
White (Howell) ..... 4	
Minke (Novi) ..... 3	
Mair (Novi) ..... 2	

## Toloff and Moore leading Wildcats

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ing to do that."

Smith said Walle sacrificed some time off of his finish to help out sophomore Mitch Erickson. The two ran together, and finished one second apart.

"Eric Walle and Mark Avnetius were the unsung heroes of this meet," the coach said. "Mitch (Erickson) is our young talented sophomore, and Eric could have broken 17 minutes, but he helped Mitch along in the race. I think that's going to help Mitch out in the future."

Toloff's time was five seconds better than his previous career best set last year at the Michigan International Speedway at the state finals.

Moore's time was one second slower than his time at MSU.

"I think Tim and Chris proved themselves that they're premier runners in the state," the coach said. "They know they are top 25 runners."

Bassitt's time was a career best, as was Erickson's. Foster's and Swast's. Also setting career-best times were Todd Foren (17:46), Eric Saurer (17:47), Tim Kava (17:58), Matt Harsha-Strong (18:01), Steve Shubert (18:44), Ryan Slater (18:58), Steven Duda (19:01), Alex Kazanits (19:04), A.J. MacDonald (19:25), Derek BuWalda (19:28) and Scott Retman (20:53).

On Tuesday, Novi competed in its toughest dual meet to this point against Milford (after The Novi News' deadline). Smith has felt that that meet may decide the winner of the regular-season KVC title.

The team will compete at the Redford Invitational at this weekend and will take a week of competition before taking part in the Oakland County meet Saturday (Oct. 9).

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## Health Column

# Performance-enhancing drugs may put teens at future health risk

An athletic boost in the short term may mean health problems in the long term for teens who use performance-enhancing drugs, warns a youth sports medicine specialist from the University of Michigan Health System. In fact, the same substances that athletes take as teens to have more muscles, power and endurance may cause them to grow into shorter adults - and may even make them take on some secondary physical characteristics of the opposite sex.

The consequences may turn out to be dire, says Dr. David Marshall, a clinical instructor in the U-M Department of Pediatrics and a physician at the U-M Bright Health Center. But still, he says, more and younger athletes than ever before are imitating their professional sports heroes by using outlawed drugs and unproven supplements to pump up their bodies and their game.

What's most frightening, Marshall says, is that doctors just don't know exactly what performance enhancers will do to teens later in life: Research on side effects from banned substances such as anabolic steroids, and over-the-counter products such as creatine and androstenedione, has only been done on adults.

That's because until a few years ago, doctors didn't need to worry much about teens taking steroids and other substances, he adds.

"We used to be concerned that the athletes were using them at the elite level, the professionals, the aspiring Olympians," he says. "But now we are starting to find that these types of performance-enhancing substances are coming down more to the high school levels, and recent studies show that the junior high kids are also starting to get involved in banned, illegal performance-enhancing substances, and that is concerning us."

That's because teen bodies, including tissues, bones, kidneys and livers, are still developing. So are teen muscles, though not at the pace that some would like. As a result, up to 4 percent of boys and 2 percent of girls turn to the same performance-enhancing legal and illegal drugs that their pro idols use, according to studies by scientists at the U-M Institute for Social Research.

With competitive pressure mounting to make the team, beat the competition, keep their weight down, win the medal or snag the college athletic scholarship, teens may even double or triple the suggested doses to get more results.

Marshall says, "This 'more is better' attitude that they have for performance-enhancing drugs and everyday life can lead to problems or hazards as the body is flooded with extra levels of the biologically active substances."

They may think that the over-the-counter products are safe because they see professional ballplayers, wrestlers and others wearing their logos, and because they are often easily available at vitamin, drug and grocery stores. Even regulated substances such as anabolic steroids may take on an appearance of safety when fellow athletes offer them at the gym.

Instead, steroid performance enhancers can cause teens' growth plates, the flexible stretching regions in bones, to fuse solid at an accelerated pace - stunting their height prematurely. They can cause boys' breasts to enlarge and ache, a condition called gynecomastia and nicknamed "gyno" by athletes. They can cause girls' voices to become lower-pitched or whisperry, and keep their normal hip and breast curves from developing.

While Marshall reserves his largest concerns for drugs that have been banned by professional sports organizations, he also warns about protein supplements and other nutrient aids.

"I think one of the biggest concerns we have about those is the purity of the compound, because they are not regulated by the Food and Drug Administration," he says. "They don't have to go through clinical trials, and so we are not sure about their purity when they're sold, or even whether they work." Teens who eat a balanced diet will get plenty of protein, he says.

So what should parents look for, to tell if their teen may be using performance enhancers? Boys who take anabolic steroids may gain weight and muscle rapidly, far faster than normal, changing their pre-puberty boyish body into a man's physique. Girls who use the banned substances may be easier to spot, because their

bodies will lose or not develop the normal curves of a woman's body.

Still, many of the signs - acne on the face and back, mood swings - are easily mistaken for normal teenage developments. Many of the new performance enhancers may cause no visible side effects or are so new that physicians don't yet know what they will do. And while some side effects will reverse if teens go off the drugs, Marshall stresses that too much is unknown about other effects.

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### UM-FACTS

Facts about kids, sports and performance enhancers:

• According to the Monitoring the Future study conducted by the University of Michigan's Institute for Social Research, 2.7 percent of 50,000 students in the high school class of 1998 who were surveyed had used steroids sometime in their life, a slight increase from previous years. About 0.3 percent had used steroids in the past 30 days.

• Similarly, the 1997 Steroid Use Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance by the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (part of the Centers for Disease Control) found that nationwide, 3.1 percent of students had used illegal steroids (i.e., without a doctor's prescription) during their lifetime.

• Another U-M survey found that 44.5 percent of high school seniors said it would be fairly easy or very easy for them to get hold of steroids if they wanted them.

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## Health Notes

### Stepping Stones

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