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## A happier ending for potential lawsuit

By JEREMY MCBAIN  
Staff Writer

A court fight between Novi and the Dinsler family over land condemnation was averted recently, after the city discovered property across the street from the well-known local nursery was for sale.

Novi City Manager Ed Kriewall said the city was getting ready to condemn property owned by the Dinsler family — located on Dinsler Road near Ten Mile and Wixom roads — about six months ago for a new fire station when it learned land across the street was for sale. The city entered negotiations for the land and finally closed on it two months ago.

"You have got to be flexible in government. Sometimes you think you got a good plan then something better comes along," Kriewall said.

While the deal allows the Dinslers to keep their property and keeps both parties out of a court proceeding for the condemnation, Kriewall said it also saved the city about \$200,000.

Mike Dinsler, whose father owns the property on Dinsler Road, said the family was happy about the recent turn of events, although they have not received official word from city officials that they are no longer facing condemnation.

"We didn't want to have to go to court with these guys. Nobody wins," he said.

The property obtained by the city is bigger than the Dinsler property and allows enough space and privacy to build a training center for the fire department.

This freed up land on Eleven Mile Road that currently houses the city's Department of Public Works building. The city was considering the land as the location for a new training center, as well as a new fire department.

Originally, the city was planning on selling the entire 33 acres DFW

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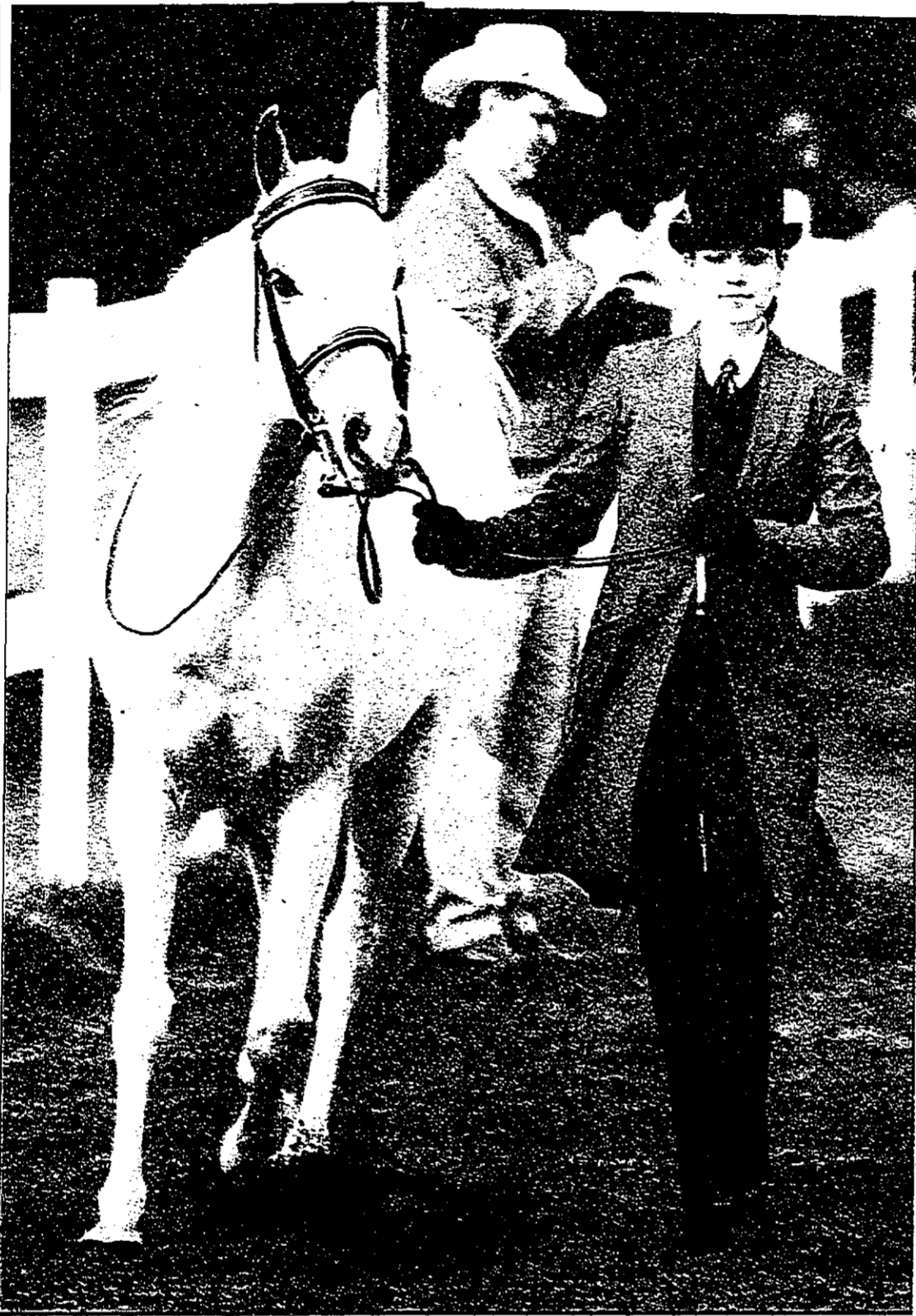


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## Horse set

Howell resident Eliz Coert walks her horse around the ring during last weekend's Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship District

One meet in Milford. A team of Novi residents attending Walled Lake schools competed in the event. More photos are on page 4.

## Party store staffer busted for drug sales

By JEREMY MCBAIN  
Staff Writer

Novi police and the South Oakland Narcotics Intelligence Consortium (SONIC) raided a local business Oct. 8 after an investigation indicated illegal drugs may have been sold at the business.

During the raid at the Food and Wine Bazaar on Ten Mile Road, police searched the vehicle of an employee, Robert Tarik Dehko, a 23-year-old Bloomfield Hills resident, and discovered 59 tablets of Ecstasy. Officers also allegedly found a bag of marijuana and half of an Ecstasy tablet in Dehko's pocket.

Novi Police Chief Douglas Shaefler said he was proud of the SONIC team and its investigation.

"It was an excellent investigation on behalf of the SONIC Team. They are seeing that these kind of people are brought to justice," he said.

Dehko was arrested and arraigned for one count of intent to deliver a narcotic and one count

of possession of marijuana. If convicted of the intent to deliver charge, Dehko could get seven years in jail and/or a \$5,000 fine.

Because the raid took place in a business that sells alcohol, SONIC also forwarded a report of the incident to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

In an interview with *The Novi News*, Dehko stressed he was not selling the drugs out of the business.

"Just me and my friends were using it," he said.

Dehko said he has been using Ecstasy for a couple of months and only for recreation.

But a SONIC team member said Dehko told police that he was selling the drugs out of the store for the last six weeks. To protect police work, SONIC policy prohibits team members names from being used in the media.

"Based on my evidence, investigation and the statement I took from him, my opinion is different,"

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## Derailed train cars blamed on bearing

By JEREMY MCBAIN  
Staff Writer

A failed roller-bearing on a box-car wheel was the cause of a seven-car train wreck early Sept. 10 on tracks near the intersection of Novi Road and Grand River Avenue.

Spokesperson for CSX Gary Wollenhaupt said the roller-bearing overheated and failed, causing the wheel to lock up and not roll.

He said this is something the company checks for with detec-

Find out what is riding the rails through Novi and Northville on page 10A.

tors located at various points along the tracks.

In the case of the Novi train accident, the failure of the roller-bearing was not discovered because it overheated after pass-

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Village Oaks student Chloe Henderson has a friend on her shoulder, one of bevy of butterflies the kids raised from eggs.

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN  
Staff Writer

Monarch magic touched the students of Village Oaks Elementary School as the children gathered together on Oct. 7 to wave goodbye to the butterflies they helped raise.

Reading specialist and enrichment teacher Jane Funfgeld, "the Monarch Mother," said during the last eight weeks the Village Oaks students worked as junior entomologists observing and researching the growth and development of monarch butterflies.

Funfgeld said the students apply many different academic tools in the observance and research during the school's butterfly release.

"This is helpful for the students because of the unique hands-on experience they receive into the miracles of nature," Funfgeld said.

"The best learning comes from real life experiences and the kids have been so thrilled and fascinated by learning about the magical creatures."

By becoming acquainted with the butterflies, the students apply

their knowledge into the fields of geography, science, reading and writing, some internet techniques and math.

The butterfly release began for the Village Oaks students with a living Monarch showcase displayed at the school.

Funfgeld said beneath the milkweed plants in the showcase, nearly 200 more butterfly eggs were waiting to be discovered.

She said the eggs were distributed throughout the Novi Community School District and other areas including Farmington,

Milford, Northville and even as far as Virginia.

"Between 900 and 1,200 students had the opportunity to learn and watch the beautiful process of nature," Funfgeld said.

"Now the children will apply learning techniques as they chart the Monarchs westward migration towards their winter home in the mountains of Mexico."

Funfgeld said she learned about Monarch butterflies from the original "Monarch Lady" her mother, Marilyn Kaestner, a retired third

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## Novi Ice Arena officially under new management

By JEREMY MCBAIN  
Staff Writer

Suburban Arena Management has officially taken over operations of the Novi Ice Arena.

According to Suburban President Tom Anastos, the switch in management is progressing smoothly and a new management team is in place.

"We are very pleased with the way it is going. The city is working with us nicely and the clientele has been cooperative," Anastos said.

Among the many changes Anastos has made with the daily workings of the facility is hiring Sid Fox as the new general manager.

Fox was originally hired by Anastos last February to help launch Suburban's management of a Rochester Ice arena. Fox was previously director of athletics at Herkimer County Community College in New York from 1990 to 1999 and director of athletics

of the University of Michigan-Dearborn from 1987-1990, where he oversaw operation of the university's ice arena.

Fox met Anastos when he was at the University of Michigan-Dearborn and Anastos was a coach.

Fox said he was asked to head up the Novi Ice Arena by Anastos as Suburban was negotiating a contract with the city. Fox had just gotten the Rochester arena going with a new management staff when Anastos called him and asked if he would like to head up the Novi arena.

"I welcome a challenge," Fox said.

His first full day of work as the general manager for the Novi Ice Arena was Sept. 28.

Fox's challenge was to hire a management team, utilize ice contracts and start to turn around the arena's finances as soon as possible.

Right away he started interviewing people for positions. To be fair, he kept some of the

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

New Novi Ice Arena staff are from left Assistant Manager Jason Johns, Office Manager Sue Bray, Assistant Manager Bobby Gorman and General Manager Sid Fox.

## Fly away home

Butterflies are now free to head for Mexico

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## Community Calendar

Thursday, Oct. 14

### Business Network International

Business Network International, the Northville Chapter, meets at 7 a.m. at the Northville Country Club, 4815 W. Ten Mile Road. For more information, call 348-2157.

### Parks meeting

The Novi Parks and Recreation Commission will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road.

### Historical Commission

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

### Novi Rotary

The Novi Rotary Club meets at noon at the Novi United Methodist Church, 41671 Ten Mile Road. For information, contact Bob Limbright at 348-4594.

### 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. at 348-2157.

### Expo Show

The Fall Home Remodeling Show will be held at the Novi Expo Center through Saturday. Admission, \$6. For more information and show hours, call 348-5600.

Monday, Oct. 18

### Novi City Council

The Novi City Council meets tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road.

### ABWA

The Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association meets at the Wyndham Garden Hotel, at 42100 Crescent Blvd. Social hour is set at 6 p.m. and dinner is served at 7 p.m. Meetings are open to all working women. For reservations, call Audrey Guiley at 248-024-1714. For membership information, call Bettie Johnson at (248) 960-9559.

### Cholesterol Screening

Total cholesterol screening by fingerstick method, will be offered 1-4 p.m. at the Botsford Center for Health Improvement-Health Development Center, 39750 Grand River Ave. Cost is \$5 fee. For more information call 377-6193.

### Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters

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

Tuesday, Oct. 19

### Garden Club

The Novi Garden Club will meet at 1 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

### Civil Air Patrol

The Saginaw Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, meets at Novi Middle School, 25259 Fair Rd., from 7:30-9 p.m. Adults and youths who have finished the sixth grade are welcome. For additional information, call 348-2669.

### Novi Concert Band

The Novi Concert Band rehearses at Novi High School at 7:30 p.m. For further information, call (248) 932-9244.

### Chess Club

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

### Bereavement Support Group

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

### Optimist Club

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

Wednesday, Oct. 20

### Planning Commission

The Novi Planning Commission will meet in regular session in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road.

Thursday, Oct. 21

### Novi Rotary

The Novi Rotary Club meets at noon at the Novi United Methodist Church at 41671 Ten Mile Road. For information, contact Bob Limbright at 380-6500.

Friday, Oct. 22

### TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets at 7 p.m. at the Novi Meadows Clubhouse on Napier Road. Call after 6 p.m. (810) 344-2167.

### Novi School Board

The Novi School Board meets at 7:30 p.m. at Village Oaks Elementary School. For information, call (248) 449-1200.

### Walled Lake School Board

The Walled Lake School Board will meet tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Educational Services Center, Building D, 850 Ladd Road, Walled Lake.

### Novi Expo Show

The Sugarloaf Art Fair runs at the Novi Expo Center today through Sunday. Tickets are \$6. For information and show hours, call 348-5600.

Saturday, Oct. 23

### Expo Center show

The Fall Motor City ComicCon runs today through Sunday at the Novi Expo Center. Admission is \$10. For information and show hours, call 348-5600.

Sunday, Oct. 24

### Novi Concert Band

The Novi Concert Band will give its fall concert at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road.

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# Heavenly candy dreams

## New chocolate shop cures sweet tooth with hand-made treats

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN  
Staff Writer

The detailed array of white glimmers with a hint of new on its new display. This sweet but only radiates hand-made beauty, but it is obvious to the taste buds.

The heavenly spirit of chocolate, along with roses, footballs and virtually anything else imaginable are just some of the tasty temptations found at the Chocolate Dream Shop.

Located at 24075 Meadowbrook Road in Peach Tree Plaza, owner Wendy Calabrese has named her first store appropriately after the rarely-cured dream she has had in the past.

"This is something that I have always wanted to do," Calabrese said.

"What we have here is much more than chocolate — it is edible art."

With specialty items such as candy baskets, peanut brittle, old-fashioned hand candy and different kinds of chocolate, Calabrese sees her new business as an opportunity to present something unique to the customers may place no longer offer.

"One of the reasons I decided to do this was because I was tired of walking into a place feeling like a number," she said.

"We do everything here on site and will work to get the customer exactly what they want. We are going to specialize in the old-fashioned service that you don't find anymore."

Open since Aug. 16, The Chocolate Dream

Shop was 10 years in the making for Calabrese.

"I have been making candy for years," she said. "I used to make chocolates and coolies during the holidays and friends used to say to me 'why don't you do this for a living?'"

"It was only a dream, but now it's a reality."

With a wide arrangement of white, milk and dark chocolates, Calabrese said the candy store will continue to be unique with its presentation of sweets.

"We have chocolate-covered potato chips, popcorn and even tosted chips," she said.

"We are going to continue doing things out of the ordinary."

"We have chocolate angels and chocolate roses on sticks, but it is not just solid milk or white chocolate — we add different colors to them to make them unique."

Stocked with an assortment of minis, smores, chocolate-covered apricots and strawberries, Calabrese said the Chocolate Dream Shop is a great place to go for upcoming Sweetest Day shopping, birthday parties, tailgating or any other celebratory events where treats are desired, including the daily dessert.

"We have edible champagne bottles and glasses — for a couple's 25th anniversary, we can even silver dust the chocolate," she said.

"We will try to hit everyone's gimmick. I have the time to listen to every customer and if they have a few minutes they will have a lot of fun here."

"This place is the home of creative choco-



Wendy Calabrese of Novi's Chocolate Dream Shop makes pumpkin lollipops.

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"Don't forget your special someone this Sweetest Day, which is Saturday."

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# These kids horse around while in competition



Competitors trot their horses in a large class of riders as a judge watches over their handling of their horses. At one time, there were more than sixteen riders in the ring.



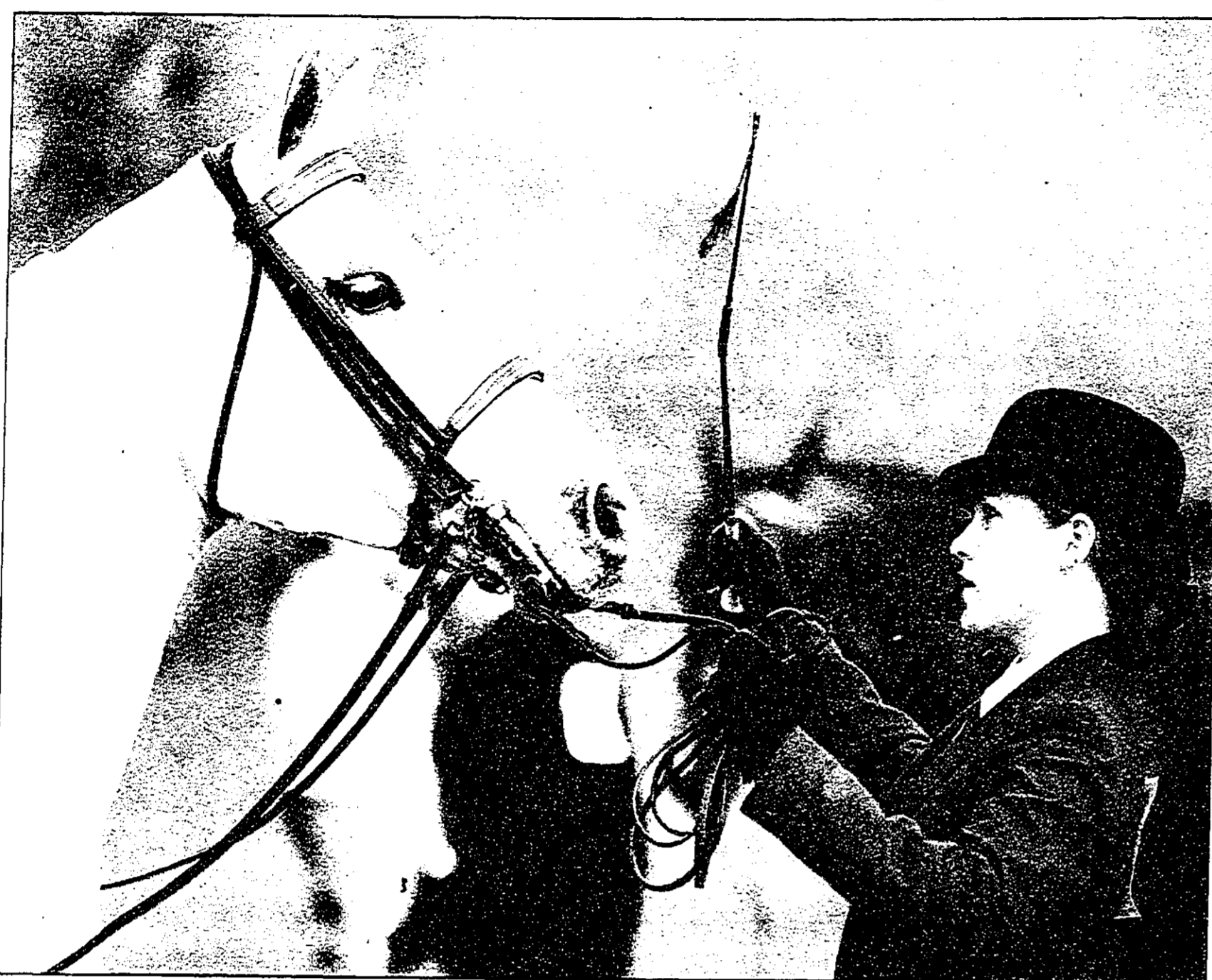
There weren't many young men riding in competition Saturday, but Mark Thomson represented Northville High School in a barrels (speed) riding event.



Riders bring their horses to a halt as a judge watches their control of the frisky mounts.



Walled Lake Central rider Amy Alix makes her way around the show ring during competition.



Howell High School student Heather Coert readies her mount to be judged in the saddle seat fitting and showing part of the October 9 equestrian meet at Milford High.

Area students compete at Milford High School during last weekend's competition. A number of Novi teens were there representing their Walled Lake high schools.



Walled Lake Western and Central High School equestrian team coach Erika Utz, a Novi resident, polishes the boots of rider Jenny Stamper before Stamper heads off to the show ring. Stamper finished off with seven points. The combined team points leader and winner of Utz's Coach's Award of Excellence was Rachel Angelosante. Angelosante finished with 24 points for the daylong event. The Walled Lake Central team finished first Saturday at Milford, and will advance to this weekend's Michigan Interscholastic Horseman-ship Association state finals at the Michigan State Fairgrounds.



MIHA competitors warm up their mounts in a practice ring at Milford High School. The equestrian teams were able to compete in many different types of riding, some where the horses were led by hand to a judge to be examined for their overall appearance and demeanor, other competition featured jumping, pattern riding or barrel racing. Events were held in both English and Western saddle.

Photos by  
John C. Heider

# Purse-snatcher thwarted by victim

Police are looking for a man who attempted to snatch a purse off the shoulder of a 49-year-old woman around 2:30 p.m. Oct. 8 in West Oaks II.

The woman was shopping in West Oaks II with her husband, when her husband left her standing outside of Marshall's while he went to get the couple's vehicle.

While she was standing there, a white male walked by her and grabbed onto her purse strap hanging on her shoulder. The woman was able to keep hold of the purse and refused to let go.

While trying to pull the purse from her grasp, the man pulled the woman to the ground and began dragging her while she screamed for help.

Her husband and several other bystanders heard her screams and came running.

The man gave up on his attempt at taking the woman's purse and started running through the parking lot with one of the witnesses chasing him.

He jumped into a gray Toyota and drove out of the parking lot towards West Oaks I. However, the witness was able to get a license plate number off of the vehicle.

The woman hurt her leg in the incident, but did not require medical attention.

The man is described as a white male standing about six foot two inches in height with light hair and a medium build. He was wearing a maroon sweatshirt and blue jeans.

## KNIFE ATTACK

## Police News

A 20-year-old Novi man was arrested around 7:30 p.m. Oct. 6 on the 41000 block of Llewellyn Road for attacking a 35-year-old man with a knife.

The Novi man said he was sitting in the front room of the residence and got into a physical fight with the other man because the other man had let his dog sit on the couch.

After the fight was broken up, the Novi man went to his room and noticed he had been bitten in the arm by the other man during the fight.

He grabbed a steak and ran after the other man in retaliation. The fight was broken up before he could harm the other man with the knife.

The woman said she has tried to keep her distance from the manager since he came to the restaurant, due to his violent temper. She added she wants to prosecute.

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## KNIFE ATTACK

She said he grabbed her so tight-

## MARIJUANA BUST

A 19-year-old Commerce Township woman was arrested around 11:30 a.m. Oct. 4 near the intersection of West Road and West Park Drive for possession of marijuana.

An officer on patrol observed the woman's vehicle fail to stop for a stop sign at the intersection and the officer conducted a traffic stop.

On contact with the driver, the officer smelled a strong odor of marijuana coming from inside the vehicle. He also observed a marijuana roach in the ashtray of the vehicle.

The officer asked the woman if she had any marijuana in the vehicle and she said "No."

Since the officer could see the roach sitting in the ashtray he ordered the woman from the vehicle and searched it.

In addition to the roach in the ashtray, the officer found a pack of

cigarettes on the rear seat of the vehicle with another roach in it and a small glass jar that had a small amount of marijuana in it.

While the officer was searching the woman's vehicle, he looked up and saw the woman throw a marijuana joint into the grass at the side of the road. The officer walked over and collected that as well.

## LITTLE TOO LOUD

A officer issued a ticket to a man around 6 p.m. Oct. 5 near the intersection of Meadowbrook Road and Malott Drive for loud music.

The officer was following behind the man's vehicle as it traveled east on Ten Mile Road.

The vehicle's windows were down and extremely loud music was coming from inside the vehicle. The music was so loud, the officer's dashboard equipment was vibrating.

The officer continued to follow the vehicle and noticed several people looking at it. One man was seen shaking his head in disgust.

The officer conducted a traffic stop of the vehicle and issued the driver a ticket for operating an amplified device that causes discomfort to others.

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

## Novi Briefs

### Spooky doings

Glenda's Market invites the community to a free Halloween party on Oct. 23 and Oct. 24 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. "Witches" will be handing out treats and kids will enjoy the games and face painting, as well as a magic show from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on each day. The nursery is at 40575 Grand River Avenue. For information, call 471-4794.

### An era celebrated

The City of Novi will host a farewell reception for Mayor Kathleen McAllen, whose term of office is drawing to a close, on Oct. 18 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The event will be in the atrium of the Novi Civic Center prior to the Novi City Council meeting. On November 2, Novi voters will elect a new mayor to fill the office.

### Halloween hoe-down

Not every Oktoberfest is dedicated to beer. On Saturday, Oct. 16, the Novi Parks and Recreation Department and Jean Rowe of Steppin' Time will host a Country-Western Dance at the Novi Civic Center from 7 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. A dance lesson will be offered at 7:30 p.m. that night.

Both couples and singles are welcome. Admission is \$7 for Novi residents and all seniors, \$8 from non-residents. While no beverages of any kind may be carried into the dance, pop, bottled water and popcorn will be on sale there. Additional free munchies will be offered.

For information, call Jean Rowe at 348-9116.

### Give two cents to police

The Novi Police Department would like to announce the posting of a community suggestion box located in the front lobby of the police station. As part of the community policing philosophy, the department is striving to improve communication with the people they serve and with other departments in the city. All Novi citizens, visitors, and businesses are invited to utilize this avenue when offering suggestions or voicing concerns.

There will be a monthly review of all items submitted. If you would like a personal response to your suggestion, we will need your name and address or a phone number where you can be reached.

There is also a City of Novi web page with general information about the police department. This will be expanded in the near future. (Please note, anything needing an emergency response should be handled by calling 911.)

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# Firefighters visit Novi preschool classrooms

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN  
Staff Writer

It was a very educational and fun day for the kids and adults alike when the Novi Fire Protection Officer Gordon Payton visited the Novi preschool classrooms to educate the children about fire safety.

"This is a very educational program we do all year round," said Fire Protection Officer Gordon Payton. "Working with the other students in the city, we visit the schools and give children demonstrations on the equipment we use and we educate the children about fire safety."

Three-year-olds and 5-year-olds from Novi Southside and Novi Eastside preschools were the first to see the demonstrations from Payton and Fire Protection Officer Scott Perry.

"It was very helpful and informative," said Bethany Gendron, a mother who attended the fire lesson. "The kids were exposed to lots of different things and it will be helpful having learned some of the different safety techniques."

Subjects covered by the lecture included the differences between a good fire and bad fire, the importance of smoke alarms, a 9-1-1 phone call, what to do when clothes catch on fire and the fact that most fire starters are not just soldered toys but tools for adults in the home.

The attempt to familiarize children with firemen dressed in full uniform and the equipment they use to fight fires. Perry should be commended for the time and purpose of the visit.

Payton had a number of fatalities as fires that result from children playing with matches and lighting from items in their equipment," Perry said.

"We have found this technique to be very effective in helping children understand the dangers of fire."

As part of the conclusion of the program, the children were given a tour of a fire truck and were allowed to play with a hose.

"I think Fire Prevention Week is very beneficial for the kids," Southside said.

"For many of the students it was their first exposure to fire safety and having the firemen teach the parents is a good preparation for the children."

With the siren sounding as the lesson in fire safety came to a close, the children gave the two firemen handshakes and hugs goodbye as they parted ways.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi Fire Protection Officer Gordon Payton instructs preschooler Sean Birney on the proper fire hose technique when the department visited the school last week to offer safety tips.

## Library Briefs

### Library Hours

The Novi Public Library is open Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The library is located at 45245 W. Ten Mile Road, just east of Tall. For more information, call (248) 349-0720.

### Fall storytime

Registration forms for Fall 2 Storytimes will be available in the library on Oct. 18. Fall 2 Storytime registration runs until Oct. 30. The session begins Nov. 15.

### Design a plate days

Design-A-Plate Days are slated for Oct. 19 through 21, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. The cost is \$5 per child, payable that day. No registration is necessary. Please allow 20 to 40 minutes for the project.

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# Celebration with style

## Novi Salone Nadwa and Day Spa marks five years

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN  
Staff Writer

It has been a good five years for Nadwa Yono in Novi.

Owner of Salone Nadwa and Day Spa in Novi said she is proud to have served the Novi community for five years already. Here she gives a few style tips for the fall and winter seasons.

Originating with eight employees, Yono now has 50 beauty industry personnel working towards providing customers with a variety of different services from hair cuts to massages.

"My dream was to own a salon but I didn't imagine this," Yono said. "Originally I wanted about 2500 square feet, but this location at 5200 square feet was available."

"We went ahead with the salon and spa and we are expanding into the location next door which is more than 1200 square feet," she added.

With the expansion, Yono said she would like to add more services to the already wide variety the salon and spa offers currently.

From the latest hair styles to a belated facial face lift, Yono and her staff are doing well as anywhere between 100 and 250 clients a day visit the facilities to partake in the services.

"The clients love coming in here because they can get everything they want done," Yono said. "Whatever you get in the spa — it is taking care of the body."

"The cleansing of the facial pores or a massage isn't pampering yourself but stressing your well-being," she explained. "When you leave here, it will be with a relaxed, clean and healthy feeling. It is stress relief — another frame of mind."

Yono attributes her stress on industry education and employee benefits as key

### WHAT'S IN FOR FALL?

- Nadwa Yono, owner of Salone Nadwa and Day Spa in Novi said she is proud to have served the Novi community for five years already. Here she gives a few style tips for the fall and winter seasons.
- Very short hair is hot — especially with lots of texture.
- Shoulder length hair is popular with length being longer in the front.
- Natural curls, wavy and curly are all in right now.
- Coloring should be kept very solid. Don't do too many highlights — if you have highlights just have a couple, for a chunky or bold look.
- For men, a lot of texture and messy hair — not so clean cut.

factors in making her five-year-old business a \$3 million a year operation.

"Everyone here is educated on a continuing basis," Yono said. "We have education reimbursement, we try to give out three scholarships a year and we also do classes here."

Skin care therapist Inna Proskurovsky recently returned from Thailand after a nine day educational seminar with other skin care professionals.

Proskurovsky said the trip was enlightening as she will use techniques taught to her during the seminar for a stone massage for the face and neck and a Thai massage emphasizing foot reflexology.

Yono also said Salone Nadwa and Day Spa is the only place in Michigan which offers its employees a complete paid

health care package and a 401(k) package.

The entrepreneur in Yono doesn't stop there. Yono said she has plans to open a new Salone Nadwa and Day Spa somewhere in Michigan (possibly Rochester Hills) and she is also patenting computer software specific to the salon and spa industry.

As Yono reflects on the past five years of owning her own business, she said success isn't measured by the money made but the way people in the community and industry incorporate success to a great name.

"A great name comes from education and having a goal in life," Yono said. "I have taught a lot of people and have seen many changes in people's lives. Life is easier when your giving people knowledge about hair styles and how to feel and look healthier."

Now a Novi resident, Nadwa Yono and her husband Eric live with their two children Brandon, 10, and Kyle, 5 in the Vistas subdivision.

Yono said her goals now are to look into other locations for new salons, patent the computer software with success, stay educated and keep up with the latest styles in the industry.

Her next move, the Salone Nadwa and Day Spa Fifth Anniversary Party on Nov. 11, from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

She said the client-based party will have a Caribbean theme with many of the guests being from the Novi/Norville area.

Yono said the salon will be making a donation to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan during the party.

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Salone Nadwa owner Nadwa Yono gives a quick clip to employee Claudia Dekhi in her Novi Town Center location last week.

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## Police give Halloween safety tips

Oct. 31 is Halloween and many youths and adults in our community will be enjoying the activities that go with this festive occasion. The Novi Police Department wants everyone to have fun and be safe. Trick or treat hours are recommended between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Drivers are reminded that there will be many children walking throughout the neighborhoods. They will be excited about the evening's activities. They may not look before crossing the streets. Costumes may be dark-colored and difficult to see. Please, drive carefully and use extreme caution. You cannot assume that pedestrians will see you and keep out of your way.

Youths and their parents should keep in mind several safety recommendations:

- Treats are better than tricks.
  - Wear light-colored clothing and add reflectors.
  - Clothing should be short enough to prevent tripping.
  - Make sure children can see well through face masks.
  - Have adults accompany all young children.
  - Try to go out during daylight but if you're out after dark, carry a flashlight.
  - Stay within the neighborhood and only visit homes you know and trust.
  - Watch for traffic at all times. Always look before crossing the street.
  - Only give or accept wrapped or packaged candy.
  - Examine candy before allowing children to eat it.
  - Do not accept rides from strangers.
  - Homeowners can contribute to the safety of the evening:
  - Keep your property well illuminated.
  - Only give wrapped or packaged candy.
  - Don't try to scare children. You may be more successful than you want to be.
  - Watch for suspicious persons trying to pick up children.
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"I try to keep on hand those things my customers are looking for," Charlene said. "I truly value their business. They're so friendly and it's a real pleasure to see them keep coming back." And return they do. Mrs. Hatfield said many of her customers who live out of the area return every summer when vacationing.

"It's fun to visit and they're always looking for something new," she said.

Charlene discovered several years ago how much she loved to knit, decided she wanted to share her enthusiasm and opened her



store - the only one of its kind in the county and beyond.

Recently she added an assortment of collectible Boyds Bears which she found are fun to knit sweaters for.

"The bears, in their hand knitted sweaters, tie everything together and add a comfortable feeling to the store," Mrs. Hatfield said.

Charlene also offers a variety of classes for beginners and experts - basic cross stitch, weaving, knitting, basic hardanger, tatting, and needlepoint. Charlene has also organized several clubs - The Knit In, which meets monthly and is a group of knitters getting together, sharing ideas and having fun, she explained.

"We have a Rowan Club and our newest the Black Sheep Secret Stitches Club, which should be lots of fun. You won't know the project until the night we meet," she said.

Charlene also enjoys offering exhibits of several designers saying she feels it's important for her customers to examine the work of others rather than just looking at pictures.

Needlework framing and finishing is available at Stitch In Time is located at 772 E. Grand River Ave., Howell. Business hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday and Saturday. Charlene Hatfield, owner of Stitch In Time, invites everyone to visit her recently remodeled home located at 772 E. Grand River Ave.

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# New Novi Middle School hosts open house Oct. 17

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN  
 The Novi Middle School has been celebrating an invitation to the community for the open house and visit the new middle school. The open house and visit to the new middle school will be held on Sunday, Oct. 17, at 2 p.m. with the dedication ceremony followed by tours from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Before the dedication ceremony to the public, the Novi Community School District will hold a special reception honoring and recognizing individuals who helped construct the new learning facility. As part of the program, remarks will be made by Lippe, Board of Education President George Korland and Novi Middle School Principal Milan Obrenovich.

"You can tell a lot about a community from the kind of schools the district has," Obrenovich said. "This is the kind of school that speaks loudly and clearly about the support the community has towards the importance of education and their children."



Principal Milan Obrenovich and Superintendent Emmet Lippe can't wait to show off Novi's new middle school during the Oct. 17 open house.

# Authors sign books at Borders

Local son and father writing team Ronald Yolles of Birmingham and Murray Yolles of Bloomfield Hills will speak and sign copies of their book, "You're Retired, Now What? Money Skills for a Comfortable Retirement," at the Novi Borders on Crescent Road, Tuesday, Oct. 17 at 7 p.m.

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# Novi City Council Agenda

City Council members received another report on their contracts at the Novi City Council meeting Oct. 14. Planning and Traffic Consultant Rod Arroyo and Landscape and Woodlands Consultant Linda Lemke are each serving under five-year contracts following positive recommendations by the Consultant Review Committee.

City Council Members also started discussing budgetary upgrades to the Novi City Council.

**ARROYO CONTRACT**  
 With the discussion City Council Member voted unanimously to renew a five-year contract with Novi Planning and Traffic Consultant Rod Arroyo and his firm Bureau of Arroyo Associates, Inc.

Arroyo and his firm provide the city with various degrees of municipal consulting. Among these are site plan review, subdivision plat review, site condemnation review and various other services with zoning ordinances and traffic impact studies as well as providing assistance to the Novi Planning Commission as it prepares elements of the Master Plan for Land Use.

Arroyo must also attend many council and Novi Planning Commission meetings to answer questions regarding development or those proposed plans in Novi.

As part of the contract, Arroyo will be paid a two-part retainer to cover work done for the city by his firm Arroyo and Arroyo's attention at all planning, commission and Novi City Council meetings. The first part is a \$72,984 retainer for work as a planning consultant, the second part is a \$26,000 retainer for work as a traffic consultant.

Arroyo and his employees will also be paid on an hourly basis for special work such as sector studies, corridor plans and town center planning and work on new city ordinances.

Standard costs to the city will range from \$75 an hour for a director of firm to \$30 an hour for clerical work.

Additionally, some of Arroyo's work will be paid for with fees assessed to developers during the planning process. These fees are for planning and traffic reviews for site plans, rezoning and special land use approvals, conferences at city hall with the developers and telephone inquiries from developers regarding their development's under review.

Arroyo has been working for the city under this contract since 1995.

**LEMKE CONTRACT**  
 Novi City Council Members also approved a year-long contract with Linda Lemke as the city's landscape architect and woodland consultant at the Oct. 14 meeting.

Late Arroyo, Lemke's contract received a positive recommendation from the Consultant Review Committee before coming to the Novi City Council.

Under the contract, Lemke will provide the city with landscape reviews for site plans, subdivision plats, site condemnitions, preservation options and other planning proposals for their conformance with city landscaping and woodland ordinances. Lemke must also attend all planning commission and city council meetings to give further information about her reviews as needed.

Lemke will receive a \$28,000 retainer for attending all of these meetings and providing her services for all city work such as answering inquiries and attending meetings with residents and issuing woodland permits.

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# Fire Log

The following is a complete list of the emergency runs of the Novi Fire Department for the week ending Oct. 10. Each incident is listed by type, location, time and the engine and squad number which responded to the call.

**MONDAY, OCT. 4**  
 Investigation, 155 Linhart, 12:01 a.m., Engine 2.  
 Medical, 20649 Glen Haven, 12:29 a.m., Squad 3.  
 Fire alarm, 45182 West Road, 10:13 a.m., Engines 1, 2.  
 Medical, 42500 Arena Drive, 1:18 p.m., Squad 3.  
 Medical, 43100 Twelve Oaks, 5:13 p.m., Squad 3.  
 Fire alarm, 47601 Grand River, 6:43 p.m., Engines 1, 4.  
 Injury accident, Ten Mile and Beck Road, 7 p.m., Squad 4.

**TUESDAY, OCT. 5**  
 Medical, 41666 Sleepy Hollow, 8:31 a.m., Squad 2.  
 Car fire, Ten Mile and Meadowbrook, 8:05 a.m., Engine 1.  
 Medical, 47601 Grand River, 10:21 a.m., Squad 4.  
 Medical, 45182 West Road, 1:01 p.m., Squad 2.  
 Investigation, 22708 Shadow Pine, 2:45 p.m., Squad 3.  
 Medical, 44609 North Hill, 5:19 p.m., Squad 3.  
 Medical, 43100 Twelve Oaks, 5:13 p.m., Squad 3.  
 Fuel spill, Novi Road and Fourteen Mile, 6:14 p.m., Engine 2.  
 Medical, 41563 Ten Mile Road, 8:14 p.m., Squad 3.  
 Electrical fire, 22675 Pavilion Drive, 10:25 p.m., Engine 3.

**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 6**  
 Injury accident, Novi and Grand River, 6:54 a.m., Squad 1.  
 Car fire, 39500 Orchard Hill, 8:31 a.m., Engine 3.  
 Medical, 40760 Grand River, 9:45 a.m., Squad 1.  
 Injury accident, Ten Mile and Haggerty, 12:02 p.m., Squad 1.  
 Medical, 23751 Stonehenge, 12:26 p.m., Squad 3.  
 Medical, 24900 Novi Road, 2:06 p.m., Squad 1.  
 Medical, Napier and Novi Meadows, 3:20 p.m., Squad 4.  
 Injury accident, Fourteen Mile and M-5, 6:21 p.m., Squad 2.  
 Medical, 45182 West Road, 6:28 p.m., Squad 2.  
**THURSDAY, OCT. 7**  
 Medical, 45800 Grand River, 12:32 a.m., Squad 4.

Fire alarm, 43635 West Oaks, 6:31 a.m., Engines 1, 2.  
 Medical, 31031 West Gate, 2:14 p.m., Squad 2.  
 Fire alarm, 1354 East Lake, 12:48 p.m., Engine 2.  
 Injury accident, Ten Mile and Beck Road, 4:58 p.m., Squad 4.  
 Injury accident, Meadowbrook and Grand River, 5 p.m., Squad 1.  
 Medical, 41630 Charleston, 5:18 p.m., Squad 2.  
 Medical, 29650 Glamorgan, 6:04 p.m., Squad 4.  
 Injury accident, Fourteen Mile and M-5, 6:34 p.m., Squad 2.  
**FRIDAY, OCT. 8**  
 Medical, 25650 Glamorgan, 12:27 a.m., Squad 4.  
 Medical, 22869 Cranbrooke, 8:28 a.m., Squad 3.  
 Fire alarm, 1354 East Lake, 12:48 p.m., Engine 2.  
 Injury accident, Ten Mile and Beck Road, 4:58 p.m., Squad 4.  
 Medical, 41630 Charleston, 5:18 p.m., Squad 2.  
 Medical, 29650 Glamorgan, 6:04 p.m., Squad 4.  
 Injury accident, Fourteen Mile and M-5, 6:34 p.m., Squad 2.  
 Medical, 21809 Clover, 7:02 p.m., Squad 3.  
 Medical, 43200 Crescent, 8:48 p.m., Squad 1.  
**SATURDAY, OCT. 9**  
 Medical, 45125 Ten Mile Road, 1:06 a.m., Squad 3.  
 Medical, 28219 Louisiana, 1:20 a.m., Squad 4.  
 Medical, 31248 Springlake, 2:26 a.m., Squad 2.  
 Medical, 23099 Sagebrush, 5:19 p.m., Squad 2.  
 Investigation, 127 Rexton, 8:23 p.m., Engine 2.  
 Building fire, 145 North Haven, 11:22 p.m., Engines 1, 2.

**SUNDAY, OCT. 10**  
 Medical, 23985 E. LeBost, 12:12 p.m., Squad 3.  
 Medical, 23270 W. LeBost, 3:36 p.m., Squad 3.  
 Medical, 27500 Novi Road, 6:40 p.m., Squad 1.  
 Investigation, 47138 Scarlet Drive, 8:08 p.m., Engine 4.  
 Car fire, 21090 Haggerty, 9:46 p.m., Engine 3.

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## RIDING THE RAILS

# An accident waiting to happen

## Residents worried about loose CSX tracks

By ANDREW DIETDERICH and MELANIE PLENDIA Staff Writers

One year after a six-car train derailed in Novi, the Township directed 11 crew members to train from its local, continues appearing for another similar accident.

And it's a problem that appears to be slipping through a town-wide, ongoing inspection of the railroad, but might get by a 71-year-old Novi-based Township resident stopped at the tracks for a passing train.

The company that owns the tracks, CSX Transportation, has made plans to fix the area after being contacted about the problem by this newspaper.

"We will be doing some major work at that crossing," said Gary Wallenhaupt, spokesman for CSX Transportation.

The problem is that for the last three months, the train tracks, said Joe Macura, a Novi-based Township resident who used to work for Michigan Central. Rain has washed dirt away from underneath the tracks and with it a major part of the support system for huge trains that travel through the area every day.

Macura, who used to repair tracks at Michigan Central, said he first became concerned about the crossing near the intersection of Secret Mile Road and Northville Road.

The tracks bowed wildly as the train crossed, he said. "They must have been moving about eight to 10 inches up and down," he said. "They're not a real problem."

About 18 trains with three companies, CSX, Norfolk and Conrail, pass through the Northville area daily on the tracks owned by CSX. CSX also is the major carrier of chemicals for Bay City-based Dow Chemical. Trains rolling through Northville often bear loads containing hazardous materials such as sulfuric acid, anhydrous ammonia, and liquid petroleum, the company said.

The track is made up of four components: the rails, which the train rolls on; the ties, which are perpendicular and underneath the rails for support; the block, which sits on top of the ties on the outside of the rail to keep the rails and ties in place; and the stake, which goes through the block.



Seven cars went off the CSX tracks in Novi last month due to a mechanical problem.

## What kind of chemicals are rolling through Northville?

The following are the most common hazardous chemicals transported by rail, according to CSX Transportation. While many of the chemicals are useful they can be extremely damaging to human health.

CHEMICAL	OTHER NAMES	PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION	BENEFITS	HAZARDS	SYMPTOMS OF EXPOSURE
Sodium Hydroxide	Caustic soda, lye, soda lye, sodium hydrate	Colorless to white, odorless solid in flake, bead or granular form.	A useful bleaching agent used in paper.	When put in contact with water may generate enough heat to ignite combustible materials.	Irritating to eyes, skin and mucous membranes; pneumonitis; eye, skin burns; temporary loss of hair.
Liquid Petroleum	Bottled gas, compressed petroleum gas, liquefied hydrocarbon gas or petroleum gas	Colorless, noncorrosive, odorless gas when pure.	Used as fuel for gas grills and cigarette lighters.	A flammable gas.	Ignttheadress, drowsiness, asphyxia; contact with liquid in pure form can result in frostbite.
Sulfuric acid	Battery acid, hydrogen sulfate, oil of vitriol	Colorless to dark-brown, oily, odorless liquid.	Used in the manufacture of fertilizers, iron and steel.	Capable of igniting flammable and reacts violently with water with evolution of heat.	Irritation of eyes, skin, nose and throat; pulmonary edema, bronchitis, emphysema, conjunctivitis, stomatitis, dental erosion, tracheobronchitis; eye, skin burns; dermatitis.
Elevated temperature materials	Mainly asphalt.	Varies.	Varies.	Materials in this category are considered hazardous.	Irritation of eyes, skin, nose and throat; burns.
Chlorine	Molecular chlorine.	Greenish-yellow gas with a pungent, irritating odor that is shipped as a liquefied compressed gas.	Used to keep pools clean and help purify water.	Strong oxidizer that reacts explosively or forms explosive compounds with many common substances such as acetylene, ether, turpentine, ammonia, fuel gas, hydrogen and finely divided metals.	Burning of eyes, nose, mouth; tearing, cough, choke, substernal pain; nausea, vomiting; headache, dizziness; syncope; pulmonary edema; pneumonia; hypoxemia; dermatitis.
Vinyl chloride	Chloroethene, chloroethylene, ethylene monochloride, monochloroethene, monochloroethylene, vc, com	Colorless gas or liquid with a pleasant odor at high concentrations that is shipped as a liquefied compressed gas.	Used in PVC pipe and other useful plastics.	A flammable gas that reacts badly with copper, oxidizers, aluminum, peroxides, iron and steel.	Weakness; abdominal pain, gastrointestinal bleeding; enlarged liver; pallor or cyanosis of extremities.
Methanol	Carbinol, Columbian spirit, wood alcohol, wood naphtha, wood spirit	Colorless liquid with a characteristic pungent odor.	Useful ingredient in eyes, pharmaceuticals, cleansers.	Flammable liquid that reacts strongly with oxidizers.	Irritation of eyes, skin, upper respiratory system; headache, drowsiness, nausea, vomiting; visual disturbance, optic nerve damage; dermatitis.
Phosphoric acid	Orthophosphoric acid, white phosphoric acid.	Thick, colorless, odorless, crystalline solid.	Used in soft drinks and fertilizers.	A noncombustible solid that reacts strongly with most metals and bleach or ammonia.	Irritation of eyes, skin, upper respiratory system; eye, skin burns; dermatitis.
Molten sulfur	Amorphous sulfur.	Very hot yellow liquid.	Used in the manufacturing of tires, detergents, dyes, drugs, explosives, insecticides and other products.	A nasty-smelling substance that causes severe physical burns to anyone who touches it and gives off a gas that explodes or burns easily.	Irritation to breathing passages, temporary loss of smell or crowd out air in lungs for suffocation.
Anhydrous ammonia	Aqua ammonia, aqueous ammonia.	Colorless gas with a pungent, suffocating odor shipped as a liquefied compressed gas.	Used in fertilizers and as a refrigerant.	A flammable gas that reacts strongly to oxidizers, acids, halogens, salts of silver and zinc.	Irritation of eyes, nose and throat; difficulty breathing, bronchospasm, chest pain; pulmonary edema; pink froth sputum; skin burns, vesiculation.

SOURCE: The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, CSX Transportation.

"FRA believes that more specific measures can be taken by each railroad that conducts operations on track subject to hazards from flowing water to reduce the likelihood of future derailments caused by these hazards," the advisory said.

When first contacted by the Record, Wallenhaupt said CSX was not aware of a problem in Northville.

After an internal investigation by CSX, however, he said repairs are on the way.

The company plans to tear out the crossing and fix any ties that need replacing, he said, as well as add grades over the gaps at the intersection in order to level it with the surface.

Zimendak said he didn't believe the tracks are inspected that much. "We make a lot of trips back and forth across there and we very seldom see anyone walking the tracks," he said.

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"I would expect people to take charge of the company to take

full responsibility for the tracks, just like the fire department takes full responsibility of monitoring safety in the township," he said. "We definitely don't have the resources to inspect the tracks ourselves."

And Macura said he hoped the fire department wouldn't have to be called to the intersection before CSX performs any scheduled work.

"I hope they (the tracks) hold up that long," he said.

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## Wheel jam Bearing caused recent train derailment in downtown Novi

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ing one of the detectors on the tracks through Novi.

Wallenhaupt said the detectors are close enough together to usually catch this sort of failure, but added "we can't catch every possibility."

He said because of the detectors, train wrecks caused by overheated roller-bearings are rare.

Crews from two Novi fire stations were called to the scene of the train wreck Sept. 10. The train had a total of 32 cars; seven of them came off the tracks in the wreck. None of the cars involved in the

wreck contained hazardous materials.

Some pot ash and ammonium nitrate spilled on the ground from the cars. These compounds are used to make fertilizer.

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

Novi Fire Chief Arthur Lenaghan added, "About four cars back was a LP Gas Tanker, which stayed on the tracks." The area was not evacuated.

Jeremy McBan's email is jmcban@homecom.net.

had the area cleaned up by the next day.

Figures logged by the Federal Railroad Administration's Office of Safety Analysis indicate that within the State of Michigan, CSX had 219 derailments last year. That was a 123 percent increase in derailments from 1995, when 98 were listed by the FRA.

According to Lenaghan, before this accident, a train has not derailed in Novi since 1977, when several trains derailed within a short period of time.

Jeremy McBan's email is jmcban@homecom.net.

Fire crews and railroad workers

emergency personnel attend classes put on by CSX, Conrail and other train-related organizations and businesses.

The township department has a contingency plan in place for handling a derailment.

It would begin with an emergency dispatcher telling the location of the derailment with pertinent information such as if the derailment occurred in a residential or business area.

Wind direction also is given to the responders so as to not expose them to hazardous material in the air, Zimendak said.

After they arrive, the train is examined from a distance with binoculars to see what the train

# Northville parents demand weighted grades

By MELANIE PLENDIA Staff Writer

The open forum at Northville High School Oct. 5 left some parents irate over weighted grades and some school administrators scratching their heads.

"This seems like such a neutral issue," said Principal Tom Johnson.

"I don't understand why parents are so upset."

Admissions representatives from the University of Michigan, Kalamazoo College, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Purdue University were on hand to discuss admission policy and where weighted grades fit into their equations. By the end of the discussion, parents were instead firing questions at Johnson and guidance counselors. The most vocal of the parents wanted to know why the

school hadn't gone to weighted grades yet.

"It's up to the school improvement committee to decide whether we are going to go to weighted grades," Johnson said.

"I really don't give a good doddly damn which way they go, it's not my decision."

The school improvement committee is comprised of representatives from the student, parent and teacher populations at NHS.

Together, the members have been considering the weighted grades issue for the past several months after superintendent Leonard Rezmierski asked them to do some fact-finding on the subject. The group has not yet reached a decision, nor has a vote been taken. The decision to weight grades would involve assigning a higher grade point value to

Advanced Placement classes and accelerated classes.

While on the fact-finding mission, the committee contacted admissions officers from several universities including Stanford, Purdue and Michigan State.

Most admissions officers claimed, as they did at the forum, that they have their own system of rating an applicant. They said that they look at factors such as type of curriculum offered at the school, classes students chose and grade point average, among other things.

However, according to parent Linda Jo Hare, colleges weren't telling parents the whole truth. She said that in her experience she said that colleges will tell a parent or student whatever they want to hear to get them to apply. Then, once a student is in the interview process, admissions officers say that stu-

dents whose grades are weighted do better.

"One of the admissions reps told me after the forum that our kids would do better if their grades were weighted," Hare said. She declined to give the name or school of the representative.

Hare said it was not so much how weighted grades figure into a student's GPA as it was how the grades translate into class ranking. This was important, Hare said, not only in admissions but in scholarships.

That sentiment was echoed by a number of the parents. They also were concerned that the school was not doing enough to present their children in the best light to colleges.

"This is not a new issue," Hare said. "The reaction from some of the parents at the forum shows the

underlying dissatisfaction with the way the school presents its kids."

Parent Lori Brown Platts agreed at the meeting, saying that the issue came up in 1994 and that it was ignored. Johnson acknowledged that the issue had come up but that the students voted it down.

Platts also accused Johnson of withholding her letter of support for weighted grades from the school improvement committee.

Johnson said that he had received the letter and written her back. He said that he did not pass the letter on because it was sent March 6, 1999, before this was an issue before the committee.

Overall, Johnson said he was disappointed in the parents' behavior at the forum. He said that the forum was meant to gather information from the representatives

and not to debate this issue.

"Parents are supposed to be role models," Johnson said. "It's terrible that it had to be that way."

As for the future of weighted grades, the school improvement committee is set to meet Oct. 29 at 9:15 a.m. Johnson was skeptical as to whether it would take a final vote until the Nov. 19 meeting. He encouraged committee members to talk to their constituents.

"I hope that they vote how their constituents want them to and not how their hearts tell them to," Johnson said.

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## Northville School Briefs

### Final bid for new high school ready to be awarded

The Northville school board is set to approve the final bid award for the new high school Oct. 11.

The board agreed to a \$87,000 bid award for porcelain tile. It will be installed by Artisan Tile and the project is an added cost to their bid package. The work includes adding the tile to the second floor corridor spaces, which was However, during the rebid process for carpet, the decision was made to have tile instead. If the district had chosen to go with carpet the cost would have been \$91,500.

### Elementaries to receive special plaques

Amerman and Silver Springs Elementary Schools will receive commemorative plaques in honor of the renovations in the schools.

Amerman's will recognize office renovation and the library addition, while Silver Spring's will recognize the addition of six classrooms.

The plaques will bear the names of the school board members since the beginning of the project, administrators, the architect, and project manager. Those honored are Michael Poterala, Martha Wild, Thomas Gudrutz, Joan Wadsworth,

### Judy Handley, Gregory Pelc, Jerry Ruple, Leonard Rezmierski, David Bolino, Kenneth Pawlowski (Silver Springs), Stephen Anderson (Amerman), Richard Brown, Jr., Jean Hansen, Robert McMahon, Architect Farnum/Howe & Associates, Inc., and Construction Manager A.J. Ekin.

Woods add woods to high school lot

The board accepted two more tree donations from the Woods of Enderbury Subdivision on Oct. 11. T. B. Conwell and Matthew Ladipolo donated a total of 20 evergreens to be planted at the perimeter of the new high school property. It was the hope of the residents that the trees would be used as a natural buffer between the school and their properties and that the trees would block lights from cars in the parking lot and the soccer field.

The total cost to the residents for the trees were \$12,550.

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## Local fire departments are on Wayne County Haz-Mat team

By ANDREW DIETDERICH Staff Writer

Jim Allen, Northville Fire Department chief, said preparing for a train derailment comes close to training for a high school shooting.

That is, you're not really sure what the emergency really is like until it happens.

"There are always situations that are tough to handle, such as a high school shooting or train derailment," Allen said. "You just try and prepare the best you can so you can make some good decisions when the situations come up."

According to CSX Transportation, which owns the railroad property in Novi, Northville and Northville Township, the volume of

hazardous materials carried by the nation's railroads has more than doubled since 1980. At CSX alone, the company said, the volume of hazardous materials carloads handled has increased by 22 percent over the last decade.

In 1998, CSX handled 340,000 carloads of hazardous materials with 15 cars releasing toxins as a result of derailment, including one in Northville Township.

Public safety personnel for the cities of Novi and Northville, as well as Northville Township, are trained to handle a train derailment, officials said, although each goes about it slightly differently.

For example, in the City of Northville, preparing to handle

train derailments is considered to be part of the regular training to handle any situation, Allen said.

In the event of a train derailment, the city fire department would have the job of executing an evacuation and "securing the situation," Allen said.

The area Hazardous Materials team, which consists of specially trained emergency personnel from western Wayne County, would be called to assist with handling leaks and bringing in special equipment, such as trucks designed to move train cars.

The equipment is kept in facilities in Farmington Hills and Metro Airport in Romulus. Novi Fire Department officers are members

of the Wayne County Haz-Mat team.

Additionally, Allen said, emergency responders from the city attend classes sponsored by train companies on how to handle train derailments.

"I don't think we're pretty well-prepared to handle a derailment," Allen said.

More intense in-house training is conducted at Northville Township, said William Zimendak, fire department chief.

"I don't think a lot of people realize Wayne County and the greater Detroit area is one of the largest chemical manufacturing areas in the country," he said.

That's why Northville Township

contains so they can determine what should be used to put out any existing or potential fires.

It is determined at that time who should be contacted for further help or information, such as last year's derailment when neighboring communities were informed about diesel fuel that had spilled into a stream that led to their communities.

Additionally, any evacuation and securing of the area would be conducted by the fire department with assistance from the police department.

"We're aware of how we would handle this situation," Zimendak said.

After they arrive, the train is examined from a distance with binoculars to see what the train

### Public Access

#### MONDAY, OCT. 18

7:00 p.m. — Community Connections  
 7:00 p.m. — Candidates Forum: Farmington Hills  
 7:30 p.m. — Chamber Spotlight: Tastes of Farmington Hills  
 8:00 p.m. — Harvest Ministries: Harvest Ministries and Company  
 8:30 p.m. — Impressions Word  
 9:00 p.m. — Financial Strategies  
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 10:00 p.m. — Candidates Forum: Farmington Hills  
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 11:00 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y  
 11:30 p.m. — Christian Singles  
 12:00 p.m. — Bagels and Talk With  
 12:30 p.m. — Genesis Connection  
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#### TUESDAY, OCT. 19

7:00 a.m. — Legislative Forum  
 7:30 a.m. — Fall Harvest  
 11:00 a.m. — Law Talk: Maury  
 11:30 a.m. — (con't)  
 12:00 p.m. — Summit University  
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10:00 a.m. — Salon Glamour and Etiquette With Gloria DeLoring  
 10:30 p.m. — Talk With Ben Marks: Novi Mayor Candidates  
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#### FRIDAY, OCT. 22

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 6:30 p.m. — (con't)  
 7:00 p.m. — Cosby and Company: Financial Strategies  
 7:30 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen: Novi Candidates No. 2  
 8:00 p.m. — Good News for Living Healthy  
 8:30 p.m. — Alcohol: Middle School Years  
 9:00 p.m. — Movie Lovers Guide to Horror Movies  
 9:30 p.m. — (con't)

## Small businessowners prefer quicker tax phase-out

By Mike Malott  
 The Novi News Service  
 State lawmakers may have voted this spring to get rid of the hated small-business tax phase-out over the next 25 years, but Michigan business leaders are not doing with the phase-out.

“We are beginning to realize that some adjustments will be needed. It was not the intention of the Legislature in eliminating the SBT to increase it for some and make them wait for 15 years for tax relief,” she said.

“Why can't you speed it up? You should have gone for five years,” Well, now that we have the phase out in place, we can speed it up. It's not a matter of if, it is a matter of when, I can assure you we will accelerate it, but not this term. We've had two tax cuts already and another is coming. But I can assure you it will happen and in the next few years.”

“Think about it on a personal level. What's the income tax on a personal level, 4.4?” Clark continued. “In the marginal tax rate to the federal government, it's 39-40 percent. If you were earning \$100,000 and you paid the federal government \$40,000 of that, you would only pay \$4,000 to the state of Michigan. Then you turn into a business and you pay \$20,000 to the federal government and you pay \$40,000—double it—to the State of Michigan.”

Clark said that because the SBT is calculated in part on payroll and the benefits paid to employees, it penalizes companies that are generous, that is companies which try to avoid layoffs during economic recessions.

“Back in 1976, when this tax was first passed, I was invited to the Rotary to explain the new Single Business Tax,” Northville CPA Lee Holland said. “I looked at it and I said, this is the most complicated thing I have ever seen. Even though you are operating at a loss, you have add back your compensation, add back your depreciation. I didn't understand it then and I don't understand it now.”

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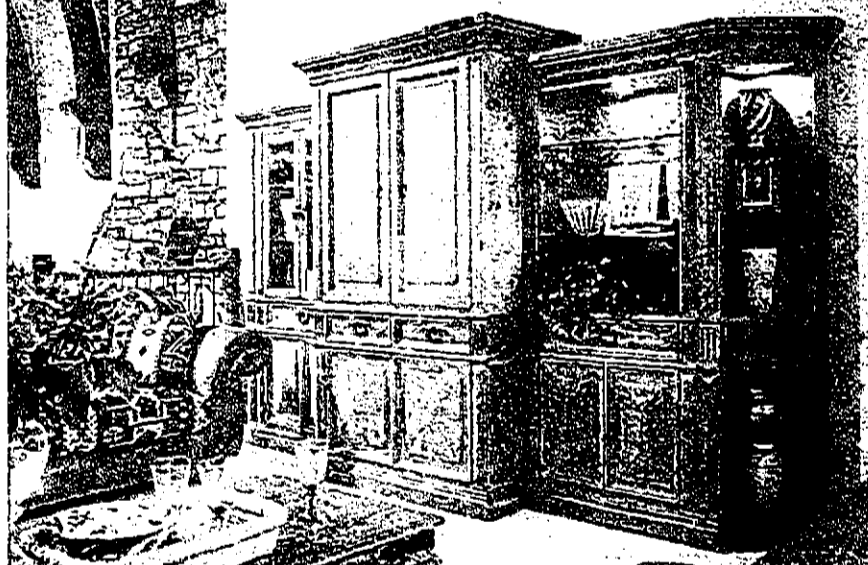
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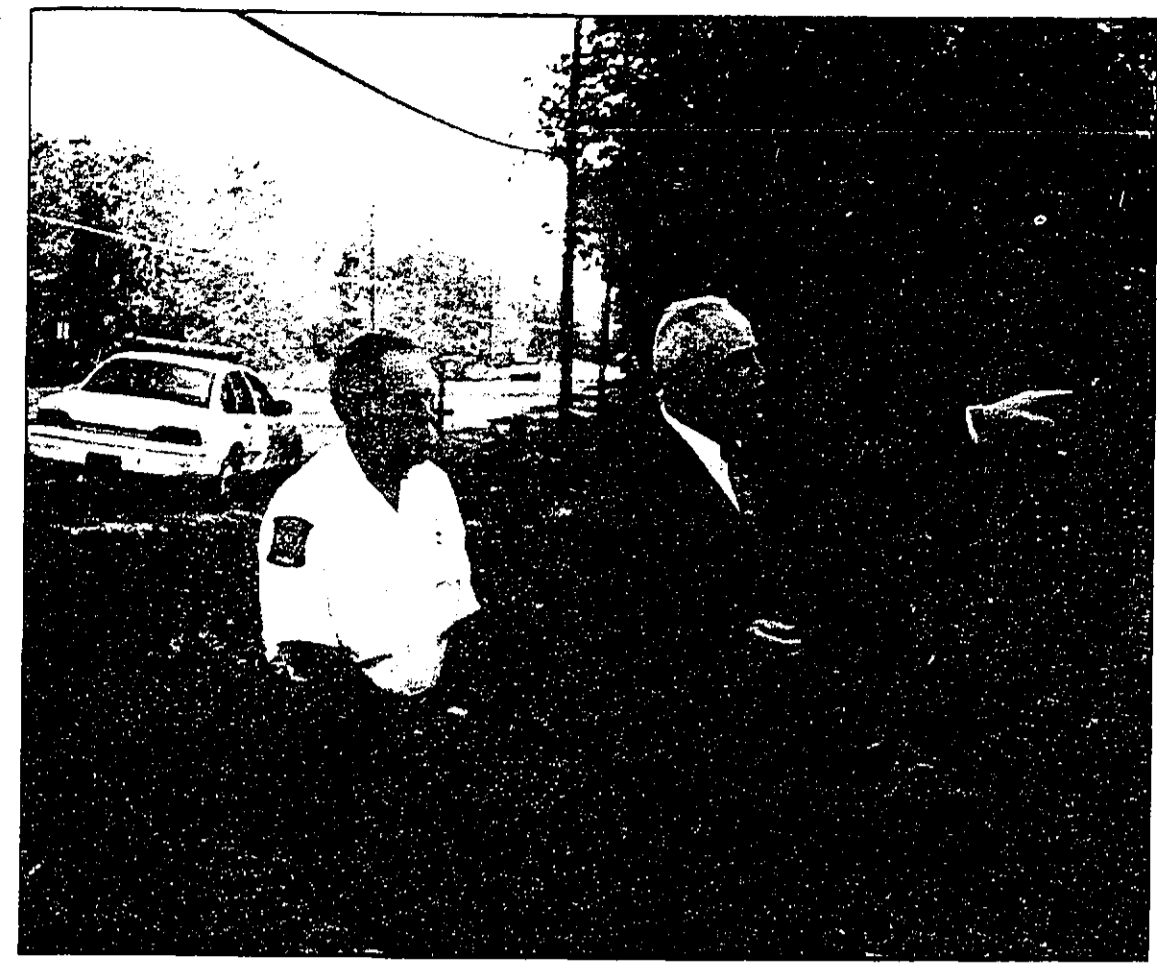


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From left, Novi Fire Chief Art Lenaghan and Assistant City Manager Craig Klaver at station site.

## Plans moving forward for NPD building expansion

By JEREMY MCBAIN  
 Staff Writer  
 Almost one year after Novi voters approved a \$3.5 million bond for upgrades to the Novi Police Department, the final architectural design of the project is almost complete.

Shaefter expects the project to be ready for bids by November. The final drawings are coming in at any time," he said. The architect for the police department upgrade, CDPA of Southfield, designed the original Novi Police Department and several other police facilities throughout southeast Michigan.

While the current police department has proved its worth over the years, Shaefter said it is 20 years old and in desperate need of upgrades due to the tremendous growth of the community. This has resulted in a need for more police officers and changes in the police force, most notably the addition of more female police officers.

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### Alternative to condemning Dinsler land for station is found

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 site to a developer. However, Kriewall said, he was informed by the fire chief that the fire station and current training facility on Grand River Avenue were in dire need of space.

He said about one-third of the site may be sold to a developer out of Chicago for office space. The city can sell the land for about \$1 to \$2 million, Kriewall said.

“The upside is we think we have a site that is superior to the Dinsler site,” Klaver said.

To meet the need, the city started to plan a new fire station and training facility on the DPW site, as well as a new fire station on the Dinsler Road.

Assistant City Manager Craig Klaver said the city should have preliminary site plan for the fire department and training center in a couple of months. Construction could begin next spring.

Dinsler said when the city came to the family about buying their property, the family informed the city it was not interested in selling and indicated the property across the street was for sale.

## Plans moving forward for NPD building expansion

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A Village Oaks teacher waits for Monarch butterfly to launch its flight to Mexico from her finger.

## One of last flights for Mexico departs from Village Oaks

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grade teacher from Amerman Elementary School in Northville.  
"We have been raising butterflies for about 15 years," Funfeld said. "It has been a lot of fun."  
As the students and butterflies parted ways, the learning will continue as many of the children will be sending letters to Mexico to communicate with Mexican children about the progress of the monarchs' trip to their winter home.  
"The butterfly release was really good," said second grade student

Brendon Henderson.  
"I really liked it when the butterflies made their chrysalis."  
B.J. Hammerstein's email is bhammerstein@t1.home.com.net.

## The low-down on high-flyers

**Monarch Facts**  
• It takes about two months for monarchs to reach their winter home in the mountains of Mexico about 75 miles from Mexico City.  
• It is unknown how monarchs find their winter home and their way back up north again, but it is known that monarchs need ample sunlight, warm temperatures and humidity.  
• Monarch butterflies wing spans are four inches wide.  
• During the trip back north in April or May, monarchs mate with each other. Each female lays close to 300 eggs.  
• The life cycle of the monarch has four stages: The egg is the first, in the second stage the larva or caterpillar hatches. In the third stage the larva changes into a pupa or chrysalis and in the final stage the adult butterfly emerges.  
• In 1986, a Mexican presidential decree provided for "ecological preserves." No more tree cutting would be allowed where the monarchs migrated, providing a safe habitat for the butterflies.

## Bill passes, granting no taxes on Holocaust reparations

An estimated 2,000 to 2,500 Michigan residents are expected to receive payment soon as a result of an international lawsuit over assets lost by victims of the Holocaust during World War II.  
And those settlements will be tax free, according to a bill approved by the state House last week. Representatives voted 103-0 Wednesday, Oct. 6, to approve House Bill 4796, sponsored by Rep. Marc Shulman, R-West Bloomfield. All local lawmakers voted for the legislation.  
"Nothing can erase the horror of the Holocaust as one of the darkest periods in human history," Shulman said, but the passage of his bill shows "a realization that the pain and suffering these people have endured is tax enough."  
Senate passage is expected to be swift, as it is a signature from the governor.  
"A tax already has been paid on these items," Gov. John Engler said, "and survivors of Nazi persecution have more than earned the right to enjoy the full benefits of their return."  
Similar legislation is expected to win approval at the federal level.  
At issue in the lawsuit are assets — bank deposits, artwork, insurance proceeds — left by Jewish families with companies in Switzerland between 1920 and 1945. Some 120 Swiss companies have been identified as possessing an estimated \$1.25 billion in assets from victims of the Holocaust. Six Swiss banks have found 50,000 unclaimed bank accounts left behind by victims of Nazi persecution.  
The international suit seeks to recover those assets for survivors or the heirs of those who died. A proposed settlement is now under review by a Swiss commission, which is expected to issue its report in November, after which payments could begin.  
Some survivors or heirs are expected to receive as much as \$200,000, producing a significant tax liability unless exempted from taxation by these proposals.

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## Cops say liquor store staffer was selling the drug Ecstasy

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the SONIC officer said.  
According to the SONIC officer, the team received a tip Oct. 6 that narcotics were being sold at the business and Dehko had sold alcohol to a minor.  
The team investigated and had a search warrant by Friday.  
He said the team, along with the Novi Police, entered the business and "secured" everyone inside. Dehko's pockets were searched and police allegedly found a bag of marijuana and the tablet of Ecstasy.  
Two other people in the store were searched. Police allegedly found on bag of marijuana on one, a 20-year-old Northville man and nothing on the other. The Northville man was taken to the Novi Police Department, booked and released.  
Police also searched Dehko's vehicle and allegedly found 59 more tablets of Ecstasy with a total street value of \$1,800 to \$2,000.  
Ecstasy is a relatively new drug that has been on the streets for the last five to 10 years, the officer said. It comes in pill form and each tablet costs about \$25 to \$30.  
Because it is in pill form, it can be easily hidden and has become very popular, the officer added.  
He said it is a very powerful drug that gives the user a "euphoric high that can last as long as seven to eight hours."  
Regardless of the feeling it gives the user, the drug is made in clandestine chemical labs, by people who are not chemists and know very little about chemistry, making it very dangerous to use, the officer said.  
Many times the maker will get the mixture wrong and the user will overdose on it, the officer said.  
The SONIC officer refused to say how the investigation was preformed.  
"We had a witness that was willing to cooperate. That is what helped us out," he added.  
Dehko said he believes someone set him up.  
The officer added other than what was on Dehko and the customer, the team did not find any other drugs in the store. However, he said, SONIC allegedly found a hand scale they believe is used to weigh drugs and noted a large display of nitrous oxide canisters.  
"Nitrous Oxide" is quite popular with the kids to inhale. But just possession is not a violation of the law," the SONIC officer said.  
Dehko said he never sold alcohol to a minor and the nitrous oxide canisters are for food whipped cream canisters used for just sold at the store.  
When the team raided the store, Dehko said he did not know what to think.  
"They came in here and threw everyone on the floor," he said.  
As for his job, Dehko said he probably will not be working at the Food and Wine Bazaar any more.  
The SONIC officer added Dehko's 1998 Ford Explorer and about \$435 in cash were confiscated and the team is planning of having it forfeited in accordance with state law.  
Jeremy McBatn's email is jmcbatn@t1.home.com.net.

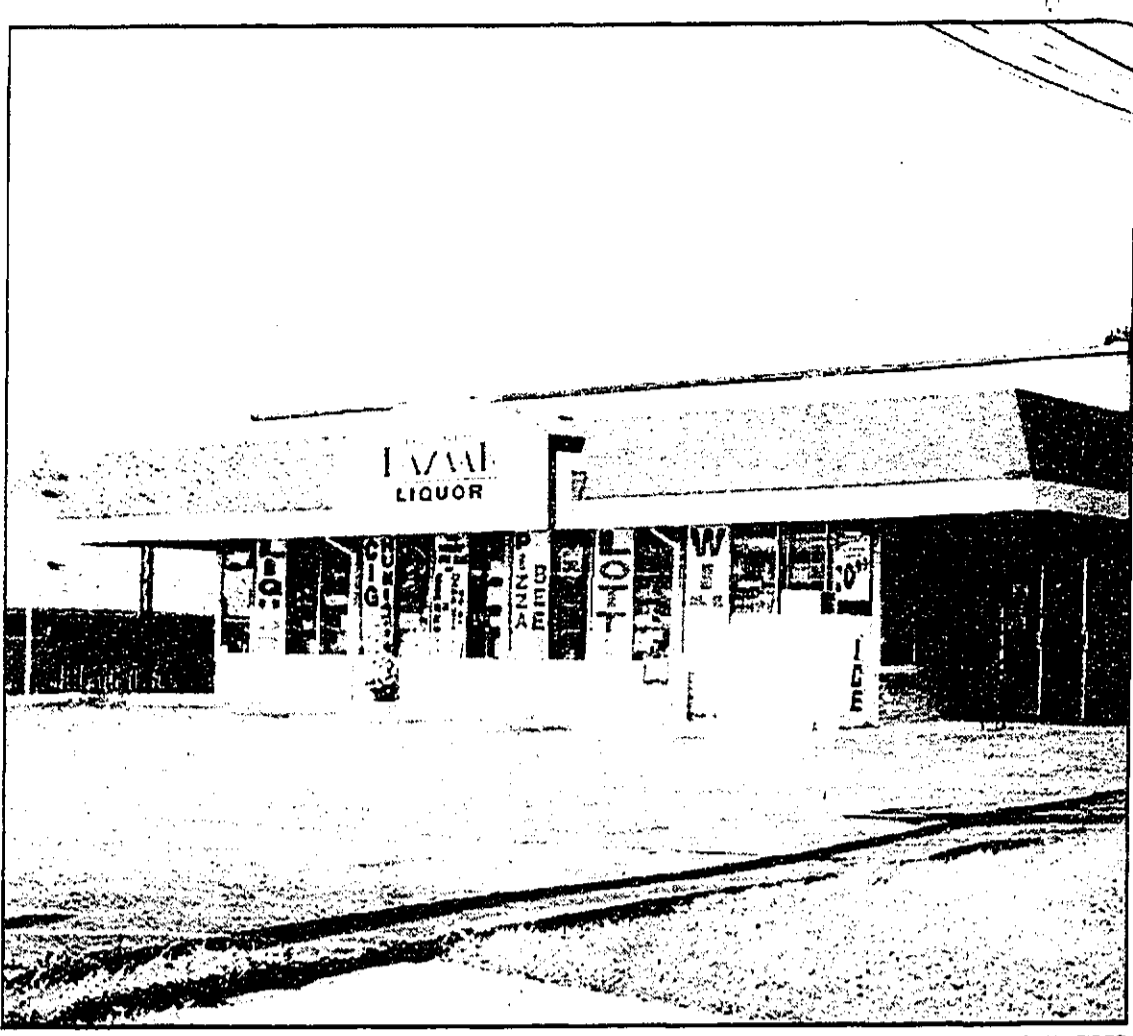


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SONIC investigative multi-city police team busted an employee of this Ten Mile liquor store.

## Bill would ban school administrators from unionizing

**By MELANIE PLEDA Staff Writer**  
A controversial piece of legislation that would ban school administrators from unionizing passed the state Senate in a 21-17 vote Tuesday, raising eyebrows across the state and in Northville.  
The bill would prohibit school administrators from striking unionizing. The bill was taken as an insult to administrators in districts across the state, especially in Northville, according to state Senator Thaddeus McCotter, who opposed the bill.  
"It is sending the message that principals across the State are not doing a good job, when in reality it is because (Detroit Superintendent) Adamani wants to be able to get rid of bad administrators in his district," said McCotter, R-Livonia.  
McCotter was referring to the fact Adamani had with his administrators during the recent teachers' strike.  
Though administrators may not meet formally or strike, they have retained the right to meet informally to discuss contracts and working conditions with their school boards. They also have the right to notice of a non-renewal of their contracts and cannot be terminated for arbitrary or capricious reasons.  
Assistant Senate majority leader Loren Bennett, R-Canton, who backed the bill, agreed that Adamani brought the issue to his attention but that it addressed an imbalance in union organization that applied to the whole state. Bennett believed that the bill would realign Michigan with federal standards of labor relations that generally makes a distinction between central office management and school administrators.  
Additionally, Bennett said that the removal of administration from the equation would improve the overall working conditions for teachers.  
"If there is a bad administrator who is not allowing teachers to do their jobs, they can get rid of that administrator," Bennett said. "It should be in everyone's best interest to improve administration."  
Roy Danley, Northville school district personnel director, didn't believe the matter was a state-wide issue and instead was a slap in the face to Northville.  
He said that the bill was a knee-jerk reaction to what was essentially a Detroit problem that was best settled in Detroit.  
"A better way to handle it would have been to address the problems in Detroit before it fell into the deplorable state that it's in," Danley said. "This law isn't going to correct something that absolutely needed to be done 30 years ago."  
Bennett disagreed and said that the bill was justified in light of what he said was a problem in policy.  
"I find it difficult to believe that we've identified skewed public policy but we only want to change it for a certain class or economic background," Bennett said.  
Danley said that while it would be unfortunate if the bill became a law it would have no long-term effects on Northville because of the loose association that Northville administrators have, which would be protected by the bill and is completely lawful.  
Northville High School principal Thomas Johnson said that the Northville Association of School Administrators is a group that meets informally once a month to discuss common concerns. He said the group also negotiated contracts each year with Danley.  
"Negotiations have never been hard-fought," Johnson said. "Most of the time we go in and agree on rights and sums. It is more of a collegial thing and striking has been a moot point."  
Danley and Johnson expressed a mutual respect for both sides and said Northville has never experienced or has been close to experiencing a strike.  
"Our administrators are extremely professional," Danley said. "They would not do anything to hurt the kids or the trust that this community and central office has in them."  
"Though the bill may prove to be fairly innocuous for Northville, Danley believed that it would create a state-wide backlash.  
"I think that it is going to enrage unions, school boards, PTAs, working and retired administrators," Danley said. "It may cause them to rise up and send the message, 'the solution you chose went beyond what was necessary and it hurt a lot of people.'"  
Bill 683 will now go onto the State House of Representatives where a committee will be formed to review it. They are expected to vote on it in the next couple of weeks.  
Melanie Pleda may be reached via e-mail at mpled@t1.home.com.net.

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## Obituaries

**SHIRLEY A. VISNYAK**  
 Shirley Ann Visnyak, 61, of Northville died Sept. 29 in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor. She was born in 1938.  
 She is survived by her husband, Zoltan; daughters, Cheryl (Larry) Zoltan and Ann (Steve) Nichols; sons, Joe and Joel (Frank); brother, Lawrence Trombly; and her grandchildren, Kevin, Jonathan, Benjamin, Lidia and Paul.  
 Mrs. Visnyak was preceded in death by a brother, Vincent Trombly, Jr.  
 Services were held Oct. 2 in St. James Church, Novi. Interment was in Rural Hill Cemetery of Northville.  
 Arrangements were made by Gittern Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan, Funeral Home, Novi.  
 Memorials to the Breast Cancer Research, Women's Health, St.

Joseph Mercy Hospital Development Department, P.O. Box 995, Ann Arbor, MI 48106 would be appreciated by the family.  
**AMY L. BLACKWOOD**  
 Amy Louise Blackwood, 24, died Oct. 11 in an apartment fire in Waterford.  
 She was born June 15, 1975, in Livonia, Mich.  
 Miss Blackwood was a 1993 graduate of Livonia's Churchill High School and a 1998 graduate of Western Michigan University. She was a waitress at the Pizzeria Uno in West Bloomfield at the time of her death. Miss Blackwood was trained and would have been employed at the Greektown Casino, upon its opening.  
 She is survived by her parents, Gregory (Donna) Blackwood of Walled Lake and Elizabeth (Craig

Barbee) Bouchard of Livonia; two brothers, David (Theresa) Blackwood of Garden City and Timothy (Gina) Blackwood of Roseville; three stepbrothers, Jan Philip Bolton, Ryan Bolton and Matt Bolton; grandmother, Mary Louise Bouchard of Marysville, Mich.; and godparents, Mary Louise and Timothy John Blackwood.  
 Visitation for Miss Blackwood will be on Thursday, Oct. 14, from noon to 9 p.m. at Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home in Northville, with a rosary recited at 7 p.m. Funeral services will be conducted in the funeral home on Friday, Oct. 15 at 10:30 a.m. The Rev. Kenneth Chase from St. Joseph Catholic Church in South Lyon will officiate. Interment will be in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.  
 Memorial contributions to the Michigan Humane Society would be appreciated by the family.

**CITY OF NOVI**  
 Water and Sewer Department  
 26300 Delwal Drive  
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**1998 CONSUMERS ANNUAL REPORT ON WATER QUALITY**  
 The City of Novi is pleased to present the 1998 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. This report contains mandatory information about water quality issues and potential health effects. Lists the source of our water and provides the results of the water quality monitoring tests for 1998. Our water is safe to drink and treatment and monitoring complies with all mandatory Federal and State Drinking Water Regulations. If the water quality is compromised we will notify our customers immediately.

Title XIV of the United States Public Health Service Act (Chapter 373, 88 Stat. 1660), popularly known as The Safe Drinking Water Act, and the Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act (1976 PA 399 as amended to 1998 PA 56) require a supplier of water to provide annual Consumer Confidence Reports (CCR) to its customers.

**Drinking Water, including Bottled Water,** may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

**Some people may be more vulnerable** to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer (undergoing chemotherapy), persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)/Center For Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).  
 The City of Novi purchases treated water from the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD). The DWSD water supply source is from surface water. The majority of the water supplied to the City of Novi comes from the DWSD Lake Huron Water Treatment Plant which is located north of Port Huron Michigan at the lower end of Lake Huron. The DWSD treatment facilities operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Chlorine is used for disinfecting the source water and Fluoride is added to the treated water for the dental care benefits.

**Important Information about Lead and Copper**  
 In 1992 we began testing homes with plumbing systems which may contribute lead and copper to the household water supply. The results of lead and copper testing have all been below the action levels.

**Health Effect:** Lead is a common metal found throughout the environment in lead-based paint, air, soil, household dust, food, certain types of pottery, porcelain, pewter and water. Lead can pose a significant risk to your health if too much of it enters your body. It builds up over many years and can cause damage to the brain, red blood cells and kidneys. The greatest risk is to young children and pregnant women. Excessive lead levels could cause delayed physical and mental development.

**City of Novi Residential Lead and Copper Testing (1998)**

Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Samples Collected	Samples Exceeding AL	Action Level (AL)	90th Percentile Value
Lead	8/98	MGL	5	0	0.015 MG/L	<0.002
Copper	8/98	MGL	5	0	1.30 MG/L	0.016


The Major source in Drinking Water of Lead and Copper is from corrosion of household plumbing; Erosion of natural deposits.  
**General Information about Our Distribution System:**  
 In 1998 we purchased 2,033,523,100 gallons of treated water from DWSD. We currently have more than 9,000 customers on our Water Distribution System. In an effort to improve the reliability and meet the needs of our growing community we have Capital Improvements valued in excess of \$ 24,000,000.00 scheduled for construction in the next 3 - 5 years.  
 If you have questions or concerns about this report you can contact Bruce Jerome, Superintendent, at (248) 348-7751.

**Detected Contaminants Tables**  
 The tables on the next page are based on tests conducted by DWSD in the year 1998 and within the last five (5) calendar years. DWSD conducts many tests throughout the year, however, only tests that show the presence of a contaminant are shown.

Copies of the report are available at the Water Department at: 26300 Delwal Drive, Novi, MI 48375

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# Armed robbers hit local video store

Novi Police are looking for two men who robbed a Novi Video store at gunpoint.  
 Around 11:30 p.m. Oct. 6, two white males entered the Rent-A-Flick-Video store at 4720 Ten Mile Road, pulled out silver steel revolvers and announced the robbery to the clerk.  
 The men took an undetermined amount of money from the register drawer and fled on foot from the business.  
 The clerk was the only occupant of the store at the time and was unharmed.  
 Novi Police Officers and a K-9 Unit from the Oakland County Sheriff's Department checked the area, but came up with no results.  
 The first suspect is described as a white male, approximately 18- to 20-years-old, standing five foot, eight inches to five foot, 11 inches tall with a thin build and weighing approximately 170 pounds. He had blonde hair—possibly shaven—and blue eyes. The suspect also is described as having an acne problem and a low voice.  
 He was last seen wearing a black hooded sweatshirt with a hood over his head, black pants and a colored bandanna covering his face.  
 The second suspect is also a white male, approximately 18- to 20-years-old, standing five foot, 10-inches to six feet in height, a thin build and weighing approximately 180 pounds. His hair and eye color is unknown at this time, but he did have a low speaking voice. He was last seen wearing all black clothing, a black hood on his head and a dark bandanna covering his face.  
 Last week, in an unrelated incident, an armed robber sitting at a woman in the parking lot of Dick's Sporting Goods on Haggerty Road.  
 An employee of the video store, who wished to remain unnamed, said she believes this is just an isolated incident.  
 "We've been here for five years and nothing has ever happened. I worked here until midnight for four years

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**NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 99-050**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Tony Angelo Cement Construction Company is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow the placement of a portable concrete batch plant for the paving of Cabot Drive from October 18, 1999 through December 18, 1999. Cabot Drive will be located west of Haggerty Road between Twelve Mile Road and Thirteen Mile Road.  
 A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for temporary use permit.  
 This request will be considered at 3:00 p.m. on October 20, 1999, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Official and must be received prior to October 20, 1999.  
 GERIE HUBBS  
 PERMIT ANALYST  
 (248) 347-0415  
 (10-14-99 NR, NN 928953)

**CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, November 3, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Official and must be received prior to October 20, 1999.  
**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SUBSECTION 201.04 OF ORDINANCE NO. 97-18, THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE TO PERMIT STORAGE OF A SMALL AMOUNT OF FIREWOOD ON LAKEFRONT LOTS.**  
 All interested persons are invited to attend. The proposed ordinance is available for review at the Planning and Community Development Department. Verbal comments will be heard at the public hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning and Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375, until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 3, 1999.  
 NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION  
 ROBERT CHURELLA, SECRETARY  
 TONNI L. BARTHOLOMEW, CITY CLERK  
 (10-14-99 NR/NN 928962)

**NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 99-051**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Kenny's Firewood is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow the outdoor sale of firewood at 40695 Thirteen Mile Road from October 20, 1999 through January 20, 2000.  
 A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for temporary use permit.  
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**CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 99-115.04**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Novi City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 99-115.04 — AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 33-108, 33-681, 33-683, 33-687 AND 33-689 OF THE NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES, TO ALLOW THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES TO REMOVE VEHICLES IN A SNOW EMERGENCY TO PROVIDE GENERAL NOTICE OF THE SNOW EMERGENCY ORDINANCE BY BI-ANNUAL PUBLICATION, TO REQUIRE THE PUBLICATION OF A SNOW EMERGENCY IN THE LOCAL NEWS PAPER IF TIME PERMITS AND TO ALLOW FOR THE ENFORCEMENT BY PERSONS APPOINTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES.  
 The provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, October 4, 1999. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. prevailing local time.  
 TONNI L. BARTHOLOMEW, CITY CLERK  
 (10-14-99 NR/NN 928977)

**REQUEST FOR BIDS — NOTICE TO BIDDERS NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOVI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BID PACK NO. 3**

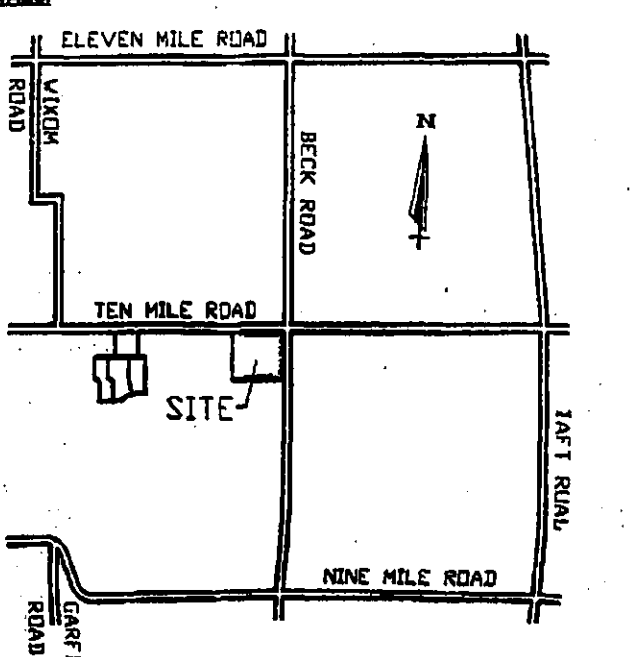
The Novi Community School District invites the submission of Sealed Bids for: **ELECTRICAL**  
 On or about Friday, October 15, 1999, bidding documents will be made available. Call A. J. Etkin Construction Co. at (248) 797-5800 to confirm availability.  
 A Fifty Dollar refundable deposit must be payable to Novi Community School District is required to obtain construction documents at A. J. Etkin Construction Co. Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 28, 1999 at A. J. Etkin Construction Co., 30445 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 250, Farmington Hills, MI 48333-9061.  
 All bids will be publicly opened and read at A. J. Etkin Construction Co., 30445 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 250, Farmington Hills, MI 48333-9061, Thursday, October 28, 1999 at 2:15 p.m.  
 Specifications and Bid Form may be obtained only at A. J. Etkin Construction Co. main office. The right to reject any and/or all bids is reserved. Any bid will be binding for sixty (60) days after the date of the bid opening. Bid Security in the amount of 5% of the proposal amount is required for all bids over \$14,473. All bidders must be able to furnish a Labor and Material Payment Bond and Performance Bond each in the amount of 100% of the proposal amount.  
 Mandatory Pre-Bid walk thru at the job site to be held on Tuesday, October 19 at 9:00 a.m.  
 (10-14-99 NR/NN 928900)

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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 and Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 20, 1999.  
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...In the late 1980s and early 1990s, a whole established neighborhood was torn up and many people essentially forced out of town when their homes and yards were bulldozed to make way for the Haggerty Connector.

...Over the past year, the City of Novi has been involved in a number of controversial land condemnation cases. The Adell Brothers Children's Trust is in court with the city over Novi's desire to take some of the Novi Expo Center land for a ring road.

...Based on an appraiser's estimate, the city offered several property owners in that area a ludicrous sum of \$1 apiece for their land. While this was based on the estimated value of the property after the ring road is built, many residents rightfully view this as a bully tactic.

...Last month, an Oakland County Circuit Court jury granted Karen and John Woodson \$250,000 for a half-acre of their land needed by the city to build West Park Drive.

...Novi had originally offered \$38,000, including attorney fees and expenses for the Woodsons, the city will pay \$375,000, almost ten times the original offer.

...In this case, the Woodsons used the land to store trees for their landscaping business. If you really want to see someone's blood pressure spike, just mention the possibility that the city wants some of their front yard.

...How fantastic then that what was poised to become an ordeal for the Dinsers family instead has a happy ending. The Dinsers have for many years owned a nursery near the corner of Ten Mile and Wisom roads. Then, the city determined that with the growth in western Novi's population, this particular site would be ideal for a new fire station.

...Few will argue the need for a fire station in this neck of Novi. In fact, voters approved a bond proposal for that very purpose.

...When the city first approached the Dinsers with the plan to acquire some of their land, the family notified the officials that the property across the street was for sale. However, Mike Dinsler said his father, who owns the land, was reluctantly braced for a court battle with Novi.

...Luckily, the folks at city hall were not prepared to play hard ball. They did the sensible thing and approached the owner of the vacant land on the south side of Ten Mile Road and a deal was made.

...Now, the Dinsers are spared, the fire station will be built in a secluded spot behind trees and Novi saved about \$200,000 by avoiding a court battle. City Manager Ed Kriedwell said.

...So while the city has taken some hard knocks lately for its land condemnation policies, this deal deserves a round of applause. It proves it pays to do the right thing.

Battle lost, but fighter was heroic



Jeremy McBain

There are two three-word sentences in the English language that are more powerful than the best written poem or novel. The first is, "I love you." The second is, "She is dead."

I never realized the power of the second. I like you, only thought of the first. I had never really heard the second, so I never understood its effect.

That is, until last week. Upon arriving home from a day of interviewing people, frantically writing stories and running about the city, I received a phone call from a cousin.

She called to tell me another cousin who had been fighting cancer for years finally succumbed to the dreaded disease. The first sentence "I heard when I picked up the phone was, 'She is dead.'"

Powerful, simple and to the point. That one sentence told me my close-knit family was going to be dealing with the death of one of its own and one of its youngest.

Stacie was just 22 years old when she died. She had been fighting cancer for about six years. At times she was winning and at others she was losing. For about a year, it seemed she had won the fight because doctors could no longer find the cancer in her body.

But a few months ago the cancer came back strong. Doctors desperately tried to save her as she fought her old enemy, but the end of this war was not in her favor. Or was it?

Throughout all of this, Stacie was a shining star. Even while the doctors tried various nauseating drugs to fight the disease that made her sick and weak, Stacie remained hopeful and vibrant.

She was not going to give up without a fight and she was positive she was going to win. In many battles she did win and it seemed like nothing could stop her.

And she was not alone. Her army was her loving partner, sister and beloved father, Jimmy. With this army, she faced down horrors and pain that most of us have never known.

The muscle-bound, Rambo-type heroes of the movies had nothing on this tall, skinny girl with a bright smile. Rambo would have run screaming from the pain Stacie faced daily.

She was an inspiration to me and others who have known her. She embodied the idea that there is nothing you can not do and nothing you cannot overcome.

People tend to look in their favorite sports star for inspiration. They tend to think the ability to spit fire that thing in a net is the work of a hero.

That is just a talent. A real hero is someone who in their battle with a foe, teaches and something in the process.

People like Stacie, or on a more local front, Novi Police Chief Douglas Schaeffer - who also waged his war against cancer - are the real heroes.

These are people who battle killers on a daily basis and do so with confidence and heart. Their battles show us how precious life is and what it means to live.

Before I wrote this, I was worried about meeting my deadlines and fretting over an upcoming bill. Now I realize these are only hula things in life. It is useless to worry and fret. Life is too short and too fragile for that.

Stacie fought like the mightiest warrior known to man and she fought against one life's darkest villains. She fought with passion and she fought with vibrancy and in the process became an inspiration.

She is a hero who taught me one of the greatest lessons...how to enjoy life.

For that I thank her and will never forget her. While it may have taken her life, the cancer will never truly take her.

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'Bureaucrat' is mind-boggling



Phil Power

Nathan is 17 years old. He has a level 2 Michigan graduated driving license. Although Nathan disagrees with me, I think the graduated license program is a fine idea because it sets up an incentive for new drivers to drive safely for a period before they get an unrestricted license.

Nathan is a good case in point. The speeding ticket (45 mph in a 40 zone) he got in August is his third since he started driving. Both Nathan and I realized at the time that he was going to have to wait a while longer before getting an unrestricted license.

I believe your letter has to do with this violation, although I must say it's hard to tell because of the way it's written.

It starts: "Your level 2 license is now extended through 08/21/2000 and your probationary period is now scheduled to end on 06/17/2000." The extension to August 21, 2000 seems reasonable; that's a year after his speeding ticket. But why does the probationary period end on June

Chamber endorses the road bond

The board of directors of the Novi Chamber of Commerce has thoroughly reviewed the road bond appearing on the ballot in the upcoming election on Nov. 2.

The board of directors, on behalf of the 486 members of the Novi Chamber of Commerce, has voted to support the road bond proposal. It is our opinion that as taxpayers, the business community needs to be supportive of an improved road system that will enhance and improve resident satisfaction with their community and overall living environment.

In addition, good roads are essential to attracting customers and visitors and to supporting a healthy business climate. For these reasons, we urge the citizens of Novi to vote on Nov. 2 and to cast a yes vote for the road bond proposal.

Lisa Willard, Executive Director, Novi Chamber of Commerce

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underway. Land is being cleared for townhouse structures at the Thirteen Mile and Meadowbrook area and both the east and west sides of the new Novi Road cut-through are being cleared for housing.

Sandstone should not be receiving such a large sum for their over-estimated delay until the project is fully completed. Maybe a little interest for a delay in time, but certainly not because the profits are not on the books according to their speculated plan. This project, when it was first presented, looked like a ten- to 15-year proposition, not an overnight achievement.

Jerome J. Roy

YES TO CHARTER CHANGE

To the Editor: As a long-time resident, retired police administrator and community organization volunteer in the City of Novi, I feel compelled to write and urge my fellow citizens to get out and vote Nov. 2 on the city Charter Amendment that would prohibit the use of existing city property to develop a golf course.

For these reasons, we urge the citizens of Novi to vote on Nov. 2 and to cast a yes vote for the road bond proposal.

Lisa Willard, Executive Director, Novi Chamber of Commerce

NO TO 'OLD BOYS'

To the Editor: Council candidate Lou Cooradas is running on a platform that appeals to me to be elected for the Richard Clark (mayoral candidate) brochure. Lou, I told you several weeks ago at the Lakes Area Homeowners Association meeting that my mother gave me a copy of your brochure (absentee) and said, "Read this." I certainly was thrilled. It certainly sounded like the second coming of a savior we need so desperately. Then, I read your name and realized you must have a two-page spread on the planning commission.

The brochure talks of natural resources...of listening to residents...and all sorts of the wonderful things we need to hear and in which we want so desperately to believe. Have you decided to turn over a new leaf if you are elected to council, because you have done anything but preserve natural resources...listen to local residents...or any of the other things you profess to do as a "...valued member of the planning commission..."

Richard A. Faulkner, Member, P.A.R.K.S.

VISTAS AWARD UNJUSTIFIED

To the Editor: The Sandstone Associates Ltd partnership award for \$53 million for a failed development along Novi Road north of Twelve Mile Road, called the Vistas, has got to be one of the most ridiculous judicial awards I've ever read about.

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# Don't send this city council member back to office

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city manager.

Soon to be ex-mayor Kathy McLallen, Hugh Crawford, Ed Kramer and Kathy Mutch all voted in favor of a generous \$10,000 pension increase for the city manager. The council members knew the city manager was going to announce his retirement minutes after his raise was approved. Council Member Kathy Mutch said the pension increase was a reward for loyal service. Ms. Mutch, did you ever consider that it would have been more appropriate to just present him with a gold watch? To pad a city employee pension with the knowledge that a retirement announcement would be the end result is an insult to the taxpayers of Novi.

The voters of Novi have started the process of replacing the people responsible for a host of problems this city now faces. Removing Kathy McLallen from the position of mayor was the easy part, now it gets complicated. Not all the city council members responsible for this mess are running for office this year. Hugh Crawford and Ed Kramer still have two years left in office. The voters of Novi will have to be patient in order to remove these gentlemen from their posi-

tions.

If you liked Mayor McLallen, then you'll love Kathy Mutch. Ms. Mutch is currently on the ballot this November. Her voting record is a mirror image of our soon to be ex-mayor.

Councilman Bob Schmid, Councilwoman Laura Lorenzo and Councilman Craig DeRoche all voted against padding the city manager pension. Bob Schmid fought long and hard against the approval of the housing project that has received the \$53 million judgment. This project is located on land that is zoned one house per acre. What did the developer get? Instead of the 280 homes they were originally allowed, over 1,200 homes were approved to be constructed. Also approved were detached garages, alleys, zero lot lines, 50-foot lots, 10-foot setbacks from the road to the housing unit, a large commercial strip mall, a gas station, and a "mock" cemetery (don't ask).

Councilman Schmid felt that this "new urbanism" housing project was wrong for Novi and consistently voted against it. Bob Schmid is on the ballot this November and deserves the support of Novi voters. Councilwoman Laura Lorenzo is an

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intelligent and hardworking representative for the citizens of Novi. Laura's seat on council is up in two years and deserves your support if she decides to run.

The bureaucrats at city hall would like you to believe that this \$53 million judgment is the result of an evil developer collaborating with a corrupt judge and that the city manager is simply a victim of circumstance. The voters in Novi should be outraged about this scandalous pension padding, and for now we can only take our anger out on Ms. Kathy Mutch.

Glenn Bonaventura

### WHAT DO WE GET FOR TAXES?

To the Editor:  
How come Becky Staab does not ask her husband, Charles Staab (a parks and recreation commissioner) to ask Dan Davis, parks and recreation director, about the city's

past golf course dreams, i.e., proposed purchase of the Bob-O-Link golf course, building a municipal golf course at Ten Mile and Taft and taking over the Providence Hospital golf course. Check the records — they were all identified as potential monetary nightmares for the city and its taxpayers.

Why aren't there repeat broadcasts of the council and commission meetings on Channel 13?

With all of the tax money that we, the Novi taxpayers, give each year to the county and the State of Michigan, it seems that our city gets next to nothing in return.

The Oakland County Road Commission does not pave or pay our county roads — we the Novi taxpayers do.

The county executive and county board of commissioners collect our taxes every year, but I cannot think of anything that they have done for Novi in recent years.

The last thing that the State of Michigan did in our area was to dust off an old set of M-275 road

blueprints and recycle them as the new M-5 project. Of course, that allowed them to accept federal funding for the project and to possibly recoup some lost monies from the old M-275 effort.

Why aren't more city administration, city council, committee, and commission meetings cablecasted?

Without the strong, strong support of the residents and taxpayers of the Village Oaks subdivisions in the 1970s, the first road fund mileage (which the city administration still collects each year) would not have passed. So how come the Village Oaks subdivision's streets may not be paved without the proposed road bond issue passing?

How come the police department does not have and use motorcycles?

Where did all of the money come from to build the Pork Barrel Avenue No. 6 road and put up the traffic light for the ice arena and sports arena sites?

Why did everyone get raises this year when the city administration and city council have so many damaging financial disasters? Was nobody responsible for any of these colossal blunders and costly, costly conspiracies?

How come the city administra-

tion and city council do not periodically report to the residents on how well or how bad they are doing? Why do we, the taxpayers have to first read about it in the newspapers?

Where did the over \$300,000 rescue loan and other monies for the ice arena Financial Bankruptcy Bailout Program come from?

Why isn't there a brief financial status and summary report each month at the city council meetings? Do the city council members really think they have their fingers on the financial pulse (and health) of the city?

Why are the commercial lawn sprinklers washing down and flooding Haggerty Road north of Eight Mile Road while I am trying to shower in the mornings?

Joseph G. Toth

## OLV fields Special Olympics team

By MELANIE PLENDIA  
Staff Writer

The women's soccer team from Our Lady of Providence is a force to reckon with at this year's Special Olympics in Warren.

"By the second week coaching these girls I didn't even think about their disabilities or feeling sorry for them," Coach Jim Holloway said.

The women will compete in a two day competition Oct. 15 and 16 at Halmich Park in Warren. The team of 15 OLP women will play Friday in preliminary tournaments with the winners going on to the final competition Saturday. The women range in age from mid 20's to early 40's and vary in ailment and physical condition. None of this seems to be a deterring factor for Holloway, the other volunteers or the players themselves.

"We got a handful that are as competitive as Michael Jordan" Holloway said.

Holloway said this was his first adventure into soccer in three years, but he has never regretted his decision to volunteer. Though Holloway has coached other teams in Northville for over 15 years, he made the transition to work with the mentally and physically challenged for one very simple reason.

"How could I not?" he said. "Those girls need me more than anyone else could."

Holloway said with the assistance of Special Olympics coordinator Darlene Johnson and assistant Vaughn Mooradian they have taught the women the benefits of sports as a means of staying healthy and gaining independence.

"Some of the ladies were tentative at first," Holloway said. "But with a little instruction and given the chance to perform, they have really improved."

He explained that some of the team members have ailments such as Down's Syndrome which precludes them from participating directly. But they do get to practice other skills involved in the game. The coaches help them keep calendars which track their progress.

"We have a great time and get a lot of exercise," Holloway said. "And the improvement in their confidence and their physical ability is really noticeable."

Johnson said it helps the women with socialization skills because they have to work as a team as well as meet other women from across the state. The competition and the exercise gives them a reason to try and goals to achieve, she explained.

In addition to the benefits the women get from the games, Assistant Mooradian said that the volunteers also grow from the experience.

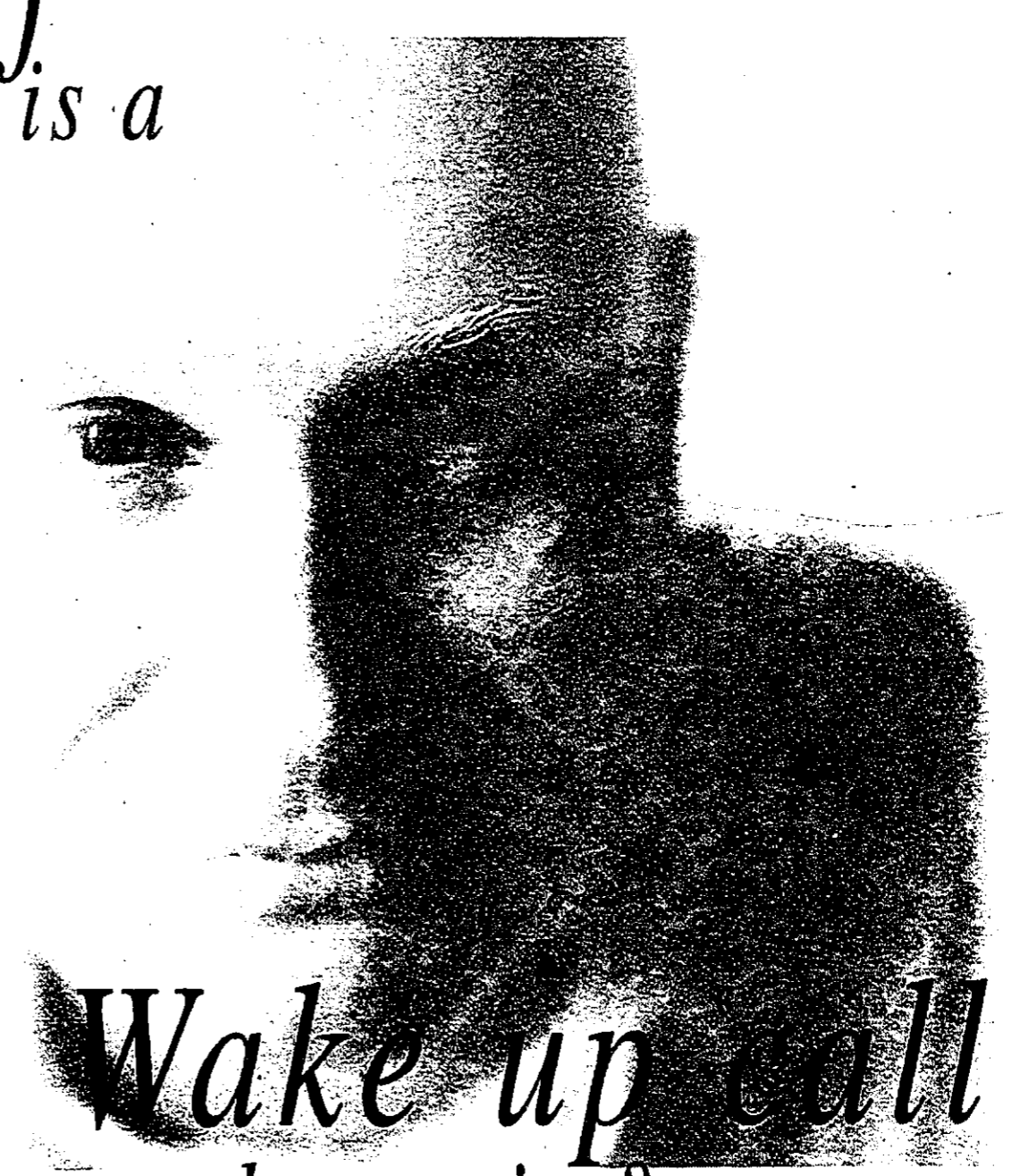
"We have a lot of advantages and take them for granted," he said. "These ladies have taught me that I could be a taker all my life but it is so much better to give."

Overall, Holloway, Mooradian, and Johnson say that this weekend isn't about winning.

"You don't go into something like this with preconceived notions," Holloway said. "The important thing is that we all go out and have a lot of fun."

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Halloween USA employee Larry Yaldo, dressed as an old man, rings up a customer's purchase.

Photos by JOHN HEIDER

## Witches and monsters and ghosts, oh my!

Halloween is just around the corner and soon the haunting will commence. So, with ghoulish thoughts in mind, we decided to take a look at how the spooky celebration began and why it's so frightfully popular.

By VAMPIRE HAMMERSTEIN  
Staff Writer

The witching season has arrived.

### Folklore

The Day of the Dead, derived from the ancient New Year's Day Celtic festival called Samhain, occurred on Nov. 1 during a time when it was believed that the souls of the dead who had died during the past year were allowed access to the land.

Many traditional beliefs and customs came from Samhain. Most notable that night was the time of the wandering dead and the practice of leaving offerings to costumed revelers on the Eve of All Saints, Oct. 31.

As time loomed on, the spirits of Samhain, morphed from being wild and powerful to pure evil.

The church said spiritual beings of traditional religions were deceptions, but the spiritual forces people had experienced were real, originating from evil forces misleading people to worship false idols.

These representations we know today, ghosts and skeletons — symbols of the dead — are the origins of today's customs associated with Halloween.

### A celebration for everyone

From a bag full of sweets to elaborately themed parties, Halloween has become a holiday for everyone to celebrate.

Rituals such as hanging false spider webs, filling a witch's cauldron with a unique stew and carving jack-o-lanterns may still be popular, but it is the experi-



A large assortment of masks is available at Halloween USA in Farmington Hills. Right: Novi Lover's Lane employees show off some of the sexy outfits they'll have for Halloween customers. From left: Yvonne Irimesco (cowgirl), Samantha Reslock (angel), and Jillian Anderson (devil).

ence of dressing up as something different that makes the holiday so popular.

"Halloween is a time when everyone becomes an actor or actress," said Bobbi Gelman, manager of Halloween USA in Farmington Hills. "It is the day when people get to be something else they can't be the other 364 days in the year."

Gelman said Halloween USA and Gags and Gifts are specialty stores that are dedicating their merchandise specifically to Halloween costumes, gags and decor.

From a large selection of fangs, bleeding masks, makeup, foggers, and music, Halloween shopping can be done in a swift trip when planned correctly.

"These days, Halloween is getting more sophisticated," Gelman said. "Parties are

becoming more theme-oriented with more of the high end effects like foggers, flying bats, mechanical skeletons, voice synthesizers and strobe lights."

Gelman said this year the popular costumes range from characters from "Star Wars Episode 1: The Phantom Menace," "Austin Powers," and the cartoon character Pokemton.

She said the traditional characters are still as menacing as ever and Halloween USA even has costumes for pets.

"We have body parts galore in every form of dismemberment imaginable," Gelman said. "Everything does something here."

"We have temporary tattoos, hair spray in every color, candles that drip blood



and a Cameron Diaz wig from the movie "There's Something About Mary".

With costumes for all ages, genders and sizes, Gelman said the importance to Halloween shopping is to get the store early.

"People should shop early because stores will get more crowded as Halloween approaches," Gelman said. "There is more merchandise available early on and people should take advantage of daytime shopping."

"For smaller kids, parents should buy costumes larger, so they can dress their children warm. Really, if people have a dream in their mind we will help them get it."

### For mature trick-or-treaters only

"Halloween is a time for people to

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## Unique program teaches middle school students the value of teamwork

By MELANIE PLEDA  
Staff Writer

Meads Mill Middle School students are climbing the walls. They are also crossing raging rapids, mastering mazes, and sliding through giant spider webs, in their parking lot.

On Sept. 16, the school sponsored a team building adventure day, where the seventh graders worked together to conquer an obstacle course.

"The goal is to get them to trust each other, to communicate, and to help and support each other," Bryan Masi, physical education teacher at Meads Mill, said.

Masi helped develop the program about four years ago. Since then the project has grown to include 30 initiatives and several free-standing year-round structures. Some of the obstacles include a silent maze. Here a piece of carpet is marked off into square sections. There is a certain path that the students must take to reach the other side.

Each takes turns crossing, but if they step on a "wrong" square, they are out and another student takes over. The process continues until the maze is figured out and each student has successfully made it through. However, the students must do all this without speaking.

"The goal is to encourage more positive communication," Masi said. "We want them to start thinking about each other's feelings."

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— Bryan Masi  
physical education teacher,  
Meads Mill Middle School

"Each initiative has a story that relates to a subject in the

classroom," Masi said. Masi said this was done in an effort to ensure that the messages of the day were not forgotten when the day is done.

He also emphasized that on a social level, the students are learning more about their classmates. Masi said that it not only gives the individual students a sense of accomplishment and positive self image but also that they get to see "kids helping them who they didn't think would ever help them."

When Amanda Darish said she had to stand on the shoulders of another student who she didn't particularly like, she said she learned that she and the class-

mate were a team and discovered that they could help each other. For Mia Cuhtanen, the course was a stepping stone to her future.

"We're learning teamwork," she said. "And that will be important when you grow up and get a job."

Her thoughts were backed up by Masi, who said he got the initial idea from team building exercises that are being conducted all over the country by employers for their employees.

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# Michigan Smockers have busy autumn

Members of the Michigan Smockers are busy with their fall projects. They expect an increase in projects during the month of October. The group is planning a number of projects during the month of October. The group is planning a number of projects during the month of October.

## Novi Highlights

**Novi Chamber of Commerce**—A luncheon meeting will be held Oct. 19 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Livonia. Networking will start at 11:30 a.m. with lunch at 12:30 p.m.

**Novi United Methodist Church**—A luncheon meeting will be held Oct. 21 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Livonia. Networking will start at 11:30 a.m. with lunch at 12:30 p.m.

**Novi City Council**—A meeting will be held Oct. 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. The agenda includes the approval of the 2000 annual budget and the nomination of members to the Novi City Council.

**Novi Community Presbyterian Church**—A luncheon meeting will be held Oct. 21 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Livonia. Networking will start at 11:30 a.m. with lunch at 12:30 p.m.

**Novi Girl Scouts**—A meeting will be held Oct. 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. The agenda includes the approval of the 2000 annual budget and the nomination of members to the Novi City Council.

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## Business

**Novi Art Van** will be held on Sept. 28. Carol Ann Mada is a special guest at the event, which benefited Angels Place—a non-profit organization providing homes to men and women with developmental disabilities.

The Apartment Association of Michigan will host a professional maintenance course at the Building Industry Association of South-East Michigan headquarters in Farmington Hills on Oct. 22. The course fulfills the requirement for Educational Standards Corporation Institute Certification for Maintenance Professionals under the Clean Air Act. Registration fees are \$75. For more information, call (248) 862-1001.

Novi businessman **Charles Ely** was honored by the Michigan Petroleum Association by being named the 1999 recipient of the Association's Pioneer Award. He was given the award at a conference held by the group in Traverse City. Ely served on the Michigan Petroleum Association, as well as the Northville planning commission. He sold Ely Fuel to Fisher Fuel of Walled Lake in 1997, though he still retains the original office and properties in Northville.

Business Network International will be hosting a regular meeting at 7 a.m. at Kerby's Key Island in Northville. For more information, call (810) 323-3800.



Charles Ely

## Rec Briefs

The Northville Parks and Recreation Center. Reservations are recommended to ensure that ample shots are available. For more information, call (248) 349-4140.

Rosalinda Coronado of Dade City, Fla. and Gabriel Dolan of Northville were married July 24 at St. Rita Catholic Church in Dade City. Fr. Roman Hernandez officiated the ceremony. Bridesmaids were Alicia and Margarita Coronado.

## Weddings

Karen Jean Marzonie of Northville and Lawrence Joseph Flannery of Ypsilanti were married Sept. 10 at Tanglewood Golf Course in South Lyon. Judge John Kirwan officiated the service. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Marzonie of Northville. The groom is the son of Mrs. Carrie Flannery of Ypsilanti.

The bride wore an off-the-shoulder white silk-satin dress with a toned floral pattern. It had a slim skirt and detachable bustle and train. She carried a bouquet of gardenias, stepanotis, bebe mums and trailing ivy.

Bruce Jacobson served as best man, while Steven Smith was the junior groomsmen.

The bride is a 1976 graduate of Northville High School and is currently attending Eastern Michigan University while student teaching at South Meadows Elementary School in Chelsea. The groom is product manager at Ford Motor Company.

The couple presently makes their home in Dexter. The wedding took place on the 50th anniversary of the bride's own wedding.



## Anniversaries

Theodore and Joan Marzonie celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 10 with a celebrated Mass at Holy Family Roman Catholic Church and reception at Meadowbrook Country Club.

The former Joan Marie Myers married Theodore Marzonie on Sept. 10, 1949 at All Saints Church in Flint.

They are parents to Jan Marzonie of Las Vegas, Paula Carter of Walled Lake, Barbara Porter of San Jose, Calif., John Marzonie of Winnetka, Ill., Karen Flannery of Dexter, Doug Marzonie of Greenwich, Conn., and Ted J. Marzonie, Tom Marzonie and Rob Marzonie of Novi. They have 16 grandchildren.

The couple has lived in Flint, Allen Park and Northville since being married. Theodore Marzonie is a retired engineer with Ford Motor Company. Joan Marzonie has worked for Buick, Northville special education, and as a homemaker. Both are members of Holy Family Roman Catholic Church.

The couple's anniversary fell on the same date as their daughter's wedding.

## Church Directory

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<b>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 9 Mile & Meadowbrook Worship: 10:00 a.m. Thurs. 7:00 a.m. (Elder: Pastor) Sund. 8:30 a.m. (Elder: Pastor)	<b>FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE</b> 2015 W. Northville Worship: 10:00 a.m. Sund. 8:30 a.m. (Elder: Pastor)	<b>CHURCH OF TODAY WEST (Unity)</b> New Location Meadowbrook Elementary School - Walled Lake (South of 13 Mile on Meadowbrook Road) Sund. 10:00 a.m. Services at 10 AM Children's Church 10 AM Minister: Barbara Ovinger	<b>OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> 770 Hayes Northville Worship: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m. Sund. 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. Services at 10 AM Children's Church 10 AM Minister: Barbara Ovinger	<b>NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> 4167 W. 1st Mile - Meadowbrook Worship: 10:00 a.m. Sund. 8:30 a.m. Nursery Care Available Lutheran Church	<b>ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN MISSOURI SYNOD</b> High & Walled Lake Worship: 10:00 a.m. Sund. 8:30 a.m. Nursery Care Available Lutheran Church	<b>MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH</b> 2155 Meadowbrook Worship: 10:00 a.m. Sund. 8:30 a.m. Nursery Care Available Lutheran Church	<b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE</b> 349-1144 8 Mile & Tott Road Worship: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m. Sund. 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. Nursery Care Available Lutheran Church	<b>WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</b> Dr. James N. McGuire Senior Pastor 4000 So. Main Road - Northville, MI 48167-1400 Worship: 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. Sund. 9:00 a.m. Nursery Care Available Lutheran Church	<b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 4500 11 Mile of Tom of Tom Dorothy Abbott - Sr., Past. (Retired) Sun. School 9:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m. Worship: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting: Wed. 7:00 p.m. Ch. Conf. Serv. Pastor	<b>ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH NOVI</b> 4520 10 Mile Rd Novi, MI 48162 Sund. 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. Reverend: James J. Coyne, Pastor Pastor Office: 347-7778	<b>NEW HORIZON COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> Meets at Novi Civic Center 10:15 a.m., between Nov. & Tott Road Sund. School 9:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & Children's Church Mike Heppner, Pastor Kurt Schumacher, Music Director A Contemporary & Reverend Church	<b>CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY</b> 2450 Meadowbrook Rd. Novi, MI 48175 Worship: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m. Sund. 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. Nursery Care Available Lutheran Church	<b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE</b> 217 N. Wang Novi, MI 48162 Worship: 10:45 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Week. Youth Meeting: 7:00 a.m. Boys Brigade: 7 p.m., Pioneer: 8:30 a.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.	<b>WORLDWIDE HARVEST CHURCH</b> "A Place to Grow" Sund. School: 10:00 AM Wed. Prayer: 7:00 PM Lutheran Church	<b>FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</b> 12120 Haggerty, Northville 48178 (between 8 & 9 Mile Sts. near Novi Hwy) Sund. School 9:45 am Worship: 11:00 am Discipline Service 6:00 pm (nursery provided) Dr. Carl M. Lehr, Pastor	<b>FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</b> 4420 W. 10 Mile Nov. Nov. 48162 172 Newland Ave. Nov. 48162 Richard J. Henderson, Pastor Jennifer M. Spaul, Associate Pastor E. C. Smith, Parish Associate Worship: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship & Church School: 9:30 a.m. Sunday	<b>SPIRIT OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH E.L.C.A.</b> Ten Mile between Haggerty and Meadowbrook Worship: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. Sund. 8:30 a.m. Pastor: Matthew M. McClendon - 248-477-9290	<b>OAKLAND BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 23893 Beck Rd. Nov. 48176 Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 10:00 AM Morning Worship: 11:00 AM (Nov. Church: 11:00 AM) Sunday Evening Church Service 6:30 PM Wed. Evening Bible Study, Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM Pastor: TRACY WHITE (248) 346-7748	<b>OAK POINTE CHURCH</b> Northville High School Auditorium 8 Mile & Center St. Sunday 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Causal, contemporary Ave band (248) 615-1050	<b>PRASE CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD</b> 7000 W. 10 Mile Nov. 48162 Eight Mile & Haggerty Road - Novi Hwy Children's Church & Nursery Home Study Groups 6:00 PM Meeting: Thursday 7:00 PM 2120 Haggerty Road - Northville Church Sund. School: 9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. Pastor: Donald R. White Sun-School: Pastor	<b>CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH</b> AMC-20 on Haggerty N. of 7 Mile Sund. 10:00 am Causal, Contemporary & Rock (248) 888-1188	<b>CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL</b> 10 Mile between Tott & Beck Nov Phone: 349-1175 Sunday 7:00 a.m., Holy Eucharist Sunday 11 a.m., Holy Eucharist 11 a.m. Sunday School & Nursery The Rev. Leslie J. Harding	<b>ST. ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH</b> 420 Nicollet St. Walled Lake 9 am Worship Service Church School The Rev. Leslie Harding Vicar	<b>WATERFORD</b> Pastor: Eric 248-888-8888	<b>WESTLAND</b> Pastor: Eric 734-975-0225	<b>WHITE LAKE</b> Pastor: Eric 248-887-9009	<b>WOODHAVEN</b> Pastor: Eric 248-887-9009	<b>WYANDOTTE</b> Pastor: Eric 734-258-0700	<b>YPSILANTI</b> Pastor: Eric 734-757-7224	<b>YPSILANTI</b> Pastor: Eric 734-757-7224	<b>YPSILANTI</b> Pastor: Eric 734-757-7224	<b>YPSILANTI</b> Pastor: Eric 734-757-7224
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## On Campus

Novi residents **Caitlin Parent** and **Nitasha Ahluwalia**, along with Northville residents **Bella Feldbaum**, **Stacey Taylor** and **Melissa Apple** participated in the University of Michigan's Future Science-Future Engineering program this past summer. The program is designed to encourage girls to push forward in math and science curriculums.

Novi resident **Matthew Pleze** was invited to be a participant in the 16th Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Program for Young Professionals. The one-year program was initiated by Congress and the German Bundestag to commemorate 300th anniversary of the first German immigrant to North America in 1683.

A listing in last week's edition of the *Novi News* and *Northville Record* misidentified recipients of the University of Michigan's Regents Merit Scholarships. The listing should have included Northville residents **Kristin Patchynak** and **Mahabid Pirzadeh**.




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## Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. Gard Andresen of Northville announce the engagement of their son, **Gard Erik**, to **Lisa Anne Auli**, daughter of Rev. Donald K. Auli of Gagetown.

The bride-elect is a 1991 graduate of Milford High School and is currently employed with Parke-Davis Pharmaceuticals. The groom-elect is a 1991 graduate of Michigan State University and is employed with LSG Lufthansa Service Group.

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**Coronado-Sievert**  
Dade City, Fla. She is employed at Eastern Michigan University. The groom is the son of Nancy and Dolan Sievert of Northville. He is a graduate of 1993 graduate of Northville High School, a graduate of EMU and is employed as a long-term substitute teacher at Central Academy in Ann Arbor.

**Dietrich-Hersberger**  
The bride is the daughter of Rich Dietrich of Durand and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Bercher of Cassopolis. The groom is the son of Richard Dietrich.

**Marzonie-Flattery**  
The bride is a graduate of Baker College and is currently attending the University of Michigan-Flint while working as a contract employee for General Motors. The groom is a graduate of Novi High School and Ferris State University.

**Andresen-Erik**  
The bride-elect is a 1991 graduate of Milford High School and is currently employed with Parke-Davis Pharmaceuticals. The groom-elect is a 1991 graduate of Michigan State University and is employed with LSG Lufthansa Service Group.



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# Being a reporter and a parent can take your breath away

Being a firefighter, Wendy Pierman Mitzel, says, "I'm starting the obvious, but in this case, I mean I can't even wait to tell you the same thing. Those cops show I love to watch too make me cringe any time the siren blares around a child. So that I wasn't sensitive before, but now I have a complete understanding of the person." Wendy is also an agent on ABC 44. He had me holding my breath.



**Wendy Pierman Mitzel**

## Parenting

Case Northville Township firefighters were called to assist an 8-month-old baby and who was not breathing. I later learned it was Sergeant Michael O'Brien and firefighters Dan Dipple and Brian Striani who were sent to the

scene. I stopped trying to listen. I couldn't help myself as I imagined the panicked parents hovering over their infant. From the moment the firefighter received the call his voice seemed changed as he communicated with dispatchers. My heart stopped as I heard him call for additional help as route breathing tubes to help. Yet, seconds later he reported the baby was breathing again. As it turns out, the parents had effectively used CPR on the child. And although she was having a rough time and needed oxygen when help arrived, the very fact they were able to get her breath-

ing again quickly made the difference so much at stake. Knowing it and performing it at a crucial moment are two different things, she explained. Still, CPR is an important skill to have, especially with children in the house. They eat things they're not supposed to. They get into all sorts of unforeseen accidents. It just makes sense. Unfortunately, it's one of those things many people put off. Even me, until I had no choice. Now I know better and even have a poster in the house with step-by-step instructions. CPR is something you can learn in a few hours. Many hospitals and community education pro-

grams offer it for minimal cost. Providence offers many three-hour courses at several locations now through December 6, 2000. For information call (877) 345-8500. Don't put it off any longer. While I'm sure emergency crews like Sergeant Michael O'Brien and firefighters Dan Dipple and Brian Striani would be there in a minute, you don't want to take that chance.

Wendy Pierman Mitzel writes a parenting column for The Novi News and Northville Record. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700. Give her a call if you have questions or column suggestions.

## Community Events

Admission free and the Alzheimer's Association is sponsoring an **Alzheimer's support group**. Meetings are held the fourth Thursday of every month at 10 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Northville. For more information, call (248) 326-5900.

The **Western Wayne Genealogical Society** will be meeting Oct. 20 at the Lavonia Civic Park Senior Center Building. The event of the meeting is "Detroit and Wayne County research." Guests and new members are welcome to join. For more information, call (248) 324-4846.

The **Northville Garden Club** is taking orders for Christmas wreaths and ripsing. The proceeds from which will be used for local scholarship funds, community beautification and civic improvement projects. Prices range from \$13 to \$30, depending on the item. For more information, call (248) 339-7709.

Color lake at either Crosswind Marsh in Sauter Township or Nankin Mills Interpretive Center in Westland. Both events take place Oct. 16, with the Crosswind tour running from 10 a.m. to noon and the Nankin Mills walk from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The hikes are one mile in length and will help explain how nature prepares for colder weather during the autumn months. Each hike costs \$1 per hiker. For more information, call (734) 261-1950.

The **Novi Concert Band** will present its annual autumn concert on Oct. 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center. The live concert will feature concert soloist Dorian Kocyan, as well as traditional band music. For more information, call (248) 932-9234.

The **Farmington Players** are holding a used book sale at the Farmington Players barn in Farmington Hills. The event is slated for Oct. 16 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call (248) 553-2855.

**Schoolcraft College** will be hosting a forum on the workplace of the 21st century at 7 p.m. Oct. 19. The discussion will be moderated by Richard Gauthier, author of two books on jobs and job hunting. The fee for the seminar is \$7.50 and \$5 for high school or college students. For more information, call (734) 462-4421.

The **Daughters of the American Revolution Northville-Plymouth Chapter** will be meet for a sandwich luncheon at a member's home on Oct. 18 at noon. The program is entitled "Bringing Our Veterans Home," and will discuss the collection of material for veterans' Christmas materials. For more information, call (734) 455-5325.

A children's Halloween party will be hosted at the **Nature Center of Indian Springs Metropark** near White Lake on Oct. 15 and 16

at 7 p.m. The event is open to children in grades one through four and their parents. Tickets must be purchased in advance at the Nature Center. No tickets will be sold at the door. For more information, call (248) 625-7260.

A seminar on retirement distribution planning is slated for Oct. 19 at **Botsford Hospital's Zieger Center**. The seminar begins at 3:30 p.m. Registration is strongly recommended. For more information, call (248) 442-5045.

The **Northville Seniors** will have the chance to listen to the Detroit Symphony Orchestra on Oct. 14 in a tribute to Nelson Riddle. For more information, call (248) 349-4140.

Auditions for "The Frog Prince" will be held Oct. 18 and 19 by the **Novi Theaters** little people's players, for children ages seven to 11. The auditions begin at 6 p.m., at the Novi Civic Center, while the play itself is slated for Feb. 4-5 and 6. All actors must pay a \$125 participation fee one week. For more information, call (248) 347-0400.

A fundraiser for **breast cancer research** will be held at Penny Lane Salon in Farmington Hills on Oct. 15. All proceeds from the day's hair and fingernail services will be donated to breast cancer awareness charities. For more information, call (248) 489-9510.

## Church News

**Spirit of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church** of Novi will be hosting a series of midweek adult education classes, the next one being scheduled for Oct. 20 at 7 p.m. The group is studying the ELCA's book "Use of the Means of Grace." Also at Spirit of Christ — a Halloween party is slated for Oct. 22 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the church. All children are invited to attend. For more information, call (248) 477-6295.

New membership classes with **Hope Lutheran Church** of Farmington Hills are underway and will run through the remainder of October. For more information, call (248) 553-7170.

A "MOMS Night Out" with **First United Methodist Church** of Northville is slated for Oct. 20 at 7:30 p.m. at Papa Vito's in Northville Township. All church members will be invited to participate in the church's Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup on Oct. 23 beginning at 9 a.m. For more information, call (248) 349-1144.

**Meadowbrook Congregational Church** will be hosting a rummage sale at the church on Oct. 22 and 23. For more information, call (248) 349-7575.

**Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church** is offering transportation, visitation and light home repair to needy seniors. Ward is also offering a worship and fellowship time for high school-aged persons Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 10 a.m. For more information on either event, call (248) 374-7400.

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## Entertainment

**OCT. 14**  
**What:** Sacramento Kings vs. Detroit Pistons preseason basketball  
**Where:** Palace of Auburn Hills (2 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills)  
**When:** 7:30 p.m.  
**Phone:** (248) 377-0100

**OCT. 14 - NOV. 13**  
**What:** The Sun Messengers  
**Where:** 5th Avenue Ballroom (25750 Novi Road, Novi)  
**When:** Evening  
**Phone:** (248) 735-4011

**What:** Tim Flaharty Open Blues Jam  
**Where:** Frigate's Inn (1103 East Lake Drive, Novi)  
**When:** 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.  
**Phone:** (248) 624-9607

**OCT. 14 - 16**  
**What:** "Shivaree" stage performance (contains adult themes)  
**Where:** Varner Lab Theater, Oakland University  
**When:** 8 p.m. (Oct. 14, 15); 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. (Oct. 16)  
**Phone:** (248) 370-3013

**OCT. 14 - NOV. 13**  
**What:** Halloween Zoosafari Safari  
**Where:** Detroit Zoo (8450 W. Ten Mile, Royal Oak)  
**When:** Various times  
**Phone:** (248) 398-0900

**OCT. 14 - 29**  
**What:** "Back To The Future" art exhibit  
**Where:** The Art Center (125 Macomb Place, Mt. Clemens)  
**When:** Various times  
**Phone:** (810) 469-8666

**OCT. 14 - 30**  
**What:** "Color Harmonies" acrylic painting exhibit  
**Where:** Washington Street Gallery (215 E. Washington, Ann Arbor)  
**When:** 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. (artist)

**OCT. 14 - NOV. 13**  
**What:** Pumpkin patch hayrides  
**Where:** Kensington Metropark (2240 W. Burn Road, Milford)  
**When:** Various times  
**Phone:** (248) 685-1561

**OCT. 14 - NOV. 13**  
**What:** Windsor Spitfires vs. Plymouth Whalers hockey  
**Where:** Compuware Sports Arena (14900 Beck Road, Plymouth)  
**When:** 7:30 p.m.  
**Phone:** (734) 453-8400

**What:** Air Force Band of Flight Chamber Winds  
**Where:** Pease Auditorium, Eastern Michigan University  
**When:** 8 p.m.  
**Phone:** (734) 487-4380

**What:** Ronnie Baker Brooks  
**Where:** 5th Avenue Ballroom (25750 Novi Road, Novi)  
**When:** Evening  
**Phone:** (248) 735-4011

**OCT. 15 - 17**  
**What:** Northwood University Automotive Industry Show  
**Where:** Northwood University (3225 Cook Road, Midland)  
**When:** 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. (Oct. 15); 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Oct. 16); 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Oct. 17)  
**Phone:** (517) 837-4237

**What:** "Dancing at Lughnasa" stage drama  
**Where:** Quirk Theater, Eastern Michigan University (124 Quirk)  
**When:** 8 p.m. (Oct. 15, 16); 2:30 p.m. (Oct. 17)  
**Phone:** (734) 487-1221

**What:** Grand Hotel Murder Mystery Weekend  
**Where:** Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island  
**When:** All weekend

**OCT. 15 - 31**  
**What:** Huckleberry Ghost Train  
**Where:** Huckleberry Railroad, Farmington Hills  
**When:** Various times  
**Phone:** (810) 736-7100

**OCT. 16**  
**What:** "Halloween Soup" stage performance  
**Where:** Marquis Theatre (135 E. Main, Northville)  
**When:** 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.  
**Phone:** (248) 349-8110

**What:** Indianapolis vs. Wayne State football  
**Where:** Wayne State Stadium, WSU  
**When:** Noon  
**Phone:** (313) 577-4250

**What:** Ohio University vs. Eastern Michigan football  
**Where:** Rynearson Stadium, EMIU  
**When:** 6 p.m.  
**Phone:** (734) 487-2282

**What:** Barrie Colts vs. Plymouth Whalers hockey  
**Where:** Compuware Sports Arena (14900 Beck Road, Plymouth)  
**When:** 7:30 p.m.  
**Phone:** (734) 453-8400

**What:** ZZ Top, with Lynrd Skynrd  
**Where:** Palace of Auburn Hills (2 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills)  
**When:** 7:30 p.m.  
**Phone:** (248) 377-0100

**What:** Philadelphia Flyers vs. Detroit Red Wings hockey  
**Where:** Joe Louis Arena (600 Civic Center Drive, Detroit)  
**When:** 7:30 p.m.  
**Phone:** (313) 983-6606

**What:** Poulenc & Chopin Celebration  
**Where:** Varner Keitt Hall, Oakland University  
**When:** 8 p.m.  
**Phone:** (248) 370-3013

**What:** Dallas Mavericks vs. Detroit Pistons preseason basketball  
**Where:** Palace of Auburn Hills (2 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills)  
**When:** 7 p.m.  
**Phone:** (248) 377-0100

**OCT. 17**  
**What:** "Halloween Soup" stage production  
**Where:** Marquis Theatre (135 E. Main, Northville)  
**When:** 2:30 p.m.  
**Phone:** (248) 349-8110

**What:** Boychoir of Ann Arbor  
**Where:** St. Matthew and Joseph Church (8850 Woodward Ave., Detroit)  
**When:** 3 p.m.  
**Phone:** (734) 663-3377

**What:** San Jose Sharks vs. Detroit Red Wings hockey  
**Where:** Joe Louis Arena (600 Civic Center Drive, Detroit)  
**When:** 7:30 p.m.  
**Phone:** (313) 983-6606

**What:** "Shivaree" stage performance (contains adult themes)  
**Where:** Varner Lab Theater, Oakland University  
**When:** 8 p.m.  
**Phone:** (248) 370-3013

**What:** Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra  
**Where:** Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor  
**When:** 8 p.m.  
**Phone:** (734) 764-2538

**What:** The Reemfers  
**Where:** 5th Avenue Ballroom (25750 Novi Road, Novi)  
**When:** Evening  
**Phone:** (248) 735-4011

## Costume shops dressing patrons

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"It is okay to get out of your skin and to be somebody or something else." Not known specifically for Halloween costumes, Lovelace Lane in Novi has a wide variety of adult costume selections and accessories at a 50 percent discount. "We have got sexy, great costumes guaranteed to take home costume prizes everywhere," Lovelace said. "There is all kinds of make-up, full-body stockings, eye patches, ear rings, swords and even a full Indian head dress with natural feathers available. Schwark said she gets requests for all kinds of different costumes throughout the year, but this is the time Lovelace Lane carries everything. "We have got everything you may need, want or imagine," she said. "This is a chance to live out a fantasy as the character we are tonight."

## Pet Corner

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

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

**Cat Connection**  
 Saturdays  
 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
 Pet Supplies Plus (41660 Ten Mile, Novi)  
 (248) 380-0007

**Volunteers For Action**  
 Saturdays and Sundays  
 PetSmart (17677 Haggerty, Northville)  
 (248) 626-8051

**Animal Welfare Society of Southeastern Michigan**  
 Variety of times  
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In addition, the Pet-A-Pet group spends time bringing animals to nursing homes, hospice locations, and residences of physically and emotionally challenged children and adults. Vol-

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## Novi hosts Fall Remodeling Show

The annual Fall Remodeling Show will take place at the Novi Convention Center on Thursday, October 14, 1999. The show is free of charge and open to the public. Registration is available from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the Novi Convention Center and Ball Room. The show is the perfect alternative for those who don't want to spend the time and money to remodel their homes. The show is the perfect alternative for those who don't want to spend the time and money to remodel their homes.

Industry of Southeastern Michigan. The show features a multitude of ways to bring older homes up to the standards of today's new homes. For a special highlight of the show, Michael Collin, master artisan and home improvement expert from Great Britain, will demonstrate how to convert walls and ceilings into works of art with his texturing and faux finishing techniques. Additional show features include

the NKBA members' sale of cabinets, counters and other discontinued items to benefit Habitat for Humanity. WJR's Joe Gupton, "The Appliance Doctor," will be on hand, as will WJR's Dean Krauskopf, host of "The Garden Show." More than 200 exhibitors will be at the event to showcase the most interesting and up-to-date products and services for almost any room in the home. Aside from the opening day free

admission (with coupon), admission is \$6 for adults, \$4 for seniors, \$3 for children age six to 12, and children under six are admitted free of charge. Family tickets for two adults and accompanying children are available at Farmer Jack locations for \$9. The show runs 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Oct. 14 and 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Oct. 15, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Oct. 16. For more information, call (248) 862-1019.

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# Movies

## CROWNING GLORY

George Clooney's journey in 'Three Kings' leads him to unexpected discoveries

A small group of adventurous American soldiers in Iraq at the end of the Gulf War is determined to steal a huge cache of gold reputed to be hidden somewhere near their desert base. Finding a map they believe will take them to the gold, the soldiers embark on a journey that leads to unexpected discoveries, enabling them to rise to a heroic challenge that drastically changes their lives.

March, 1991, the Iraqi desert. Special Forces Captain Archie Gates (George Clooney), US Army Sergeant Troy Barlow (Mark Wahlberg), Staff Sergeant Chief Elgin (Ice Cube) and Private Conrad Vig (Spike Jonze) have spent weeks marking time in base camp while the Persian Gulf war is fought by high-tech specialists. The impersonality of the war has left the men bored and disoriented and now that the cease-fire has become official, they're looking forward to leaving this bleak landscape behind.

Archie Gates is a career soldier, a Green Beret who's proven his bravery and intelligence in conflicts around the globe, but his experiences have left him cynical, detached and unwilling to take orders from those less seasoned than he is. He's ready to leave the Army behind, but the undefined civilian existence ahead of him holds only marginally more appeal.

Troy Barlow is young, capable, sincere, and homesick for his wife and baby daughter back in Detroit. An Army Reserve soldier, he believes in the job he was sent to do and he's proud to be doing it for America.

Chief Elgin is a baggage handler at Detroit Airport when he's not on active duty. His civilian life offers him little, as does his military life, but his firm Christian beliefs and his stoic commitment to his responsibilities earn him respect.

Conrad Vig is a redneck who never finished high school. For him, the Army offers a chance to live out adventures he'll embellish back home; he has little understanding of the political implications of the conflict in Iraq, or of the consequences of war. Being out of his element has stimulated Vig to the point where his naivete and excitement are on the verge of becoming an explosive combination.

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George Clooney (from left), Mark Wahlberg and Ice Cube star in Warner Bros.' unconventional drama, "Three Kings."

## Director spends months researching Gulf War

Screenwriter/director David O. Russell spent 18 months exhaustively researching the Gulf War and its aftermath before writing "Three Kings."

The unorthodox filmmaker of the critically acclaimed features "Spanking the Monkey" and "Firting with Disaster" felt compelled to have a complete understanding of this historical landscape before setting it on its ear.

"When I started investigating the war I only knew the official story—that we went to the Middle East and kicked Saddam Hussein out of Kuwait. But when I looked at it more closely, I saw that Hussein was left in power and George Bush encouraged the Iraqi civilians to rise up against Hussein and said 'We'll help you do it.' And the people did rise up, and we didn't support them... and they got massacred by their own army," says Russell.

"I thought that this would be an interesting backdrop for a story about a band of soldiers who go into this surreal, corrupted Iraqi atmosphere after the war. They think Iraq is littered with the cell phones, luxury cars and booty stolen from rich Kuwait, and they want to steal something for themselves," he said. "But

they suddenly find a situation that completely confronts their humanity and demands that they re-think what they're doing and who they are."

"Almost everything in the film is true," continues Russell. "Saddam did steal all the gold from Kuwait, and it was missing for a long time. When he had to return, it some was missing."

Producer Charles Roven was very impressed with Russell's take on the basic material. "The story could have been told as strictly an action-adventure film, but David turned it into a dramatic story with a lot of action and a tremendous amount of comedy, a distinctive David Russell kind of comedy," says Roven.

"David always takes reality and puts a funny twist on it; he just has an off-center perspective on things. For instance, when Vig is about to plant a bomb inside a vent, he gets a splinter in his finger. You know the thing we never count on is that splinter."

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**SET UP A TIME & DAY**  
 This outgoing SWF, 19, 5'7", who enjoys sports, spending time with family and going to movies, is in search of a SWM, 18-22, to spend quality time with. Ad# 1111

**OUT OF THE SOUTH**  
 Here's a DW mom of one, 37, 5'4", who would be a perfect match for a SWM, 37-45, who enjoys the outdoors, bowling, family times and more. Want to prove me right? Ad# 6456

**PLEASANT**  
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**IN THE HANDS OF GOD**  
 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

**LOVES ATTENTION**  
 Friendly, honest DWCF, 60, 5'3", 129lbs., with blonde hair, and green eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, travel, the theater, and spending time with family, is looking for an honest SWCM, 55-67, who shares similar interests. Ad# 2417

**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 DW, 48, 5'4", with blonde hair and blue eyes, who enjoys dancing, playing cards and bowling, is looking for a caring DW, 45-55, who shares similar interests. Ad# 6992

**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**  
 This outgoing SW mom, 38, 5'4", full-figured, who enjoys camping, long walks and spending time with family, is looking for a family-oriented SWM, 35-45, to spend quality time with. Ad# 3028

**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

**YOUR SERVE**  
 Ambitious, athletic Catholic SWF, 29, 5'3", a blue-eyed blonde, who enjoys tennis and working out, is seeking a confident, humorous Catholic SWPM, 28-36, for friendship leading to more. Ad# 2570

**BEST THERE IS**  
 Friendly DWPF, 48, 5'8", who enjoys a variety of interests, is looking for an intelligent, attractive SWM, 44-60, who enjoys life, to spend time with. Ad# 2289

**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 DW 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 SWM, 37-50, who likes children. Ad# 4383

**UNTIL NOW**  
 Retired SWF, 36, 5'6", enjoys horseback riding, nature and the movies. She's looking for a sincere, honest SWM. Ad# 5560

**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

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

**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

**AMBITIOUS**  
 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

**A KEEPER**  
 Kind-hearted SWF, 45, 5'2", who enjoys movies, traveling and more, is looking for a loving, funny WWWW, 40-55. Ad# 1066

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

**COMPANIONSHIP**  
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**QUALITY TIME**  
 SWF, 44, 5'7", a green-eyed blonde, who enjoys sporting events, NASCAR, fishing, quiet evenings at home and dining out, is seeking a kind, caring SWM, for a possible relationship. Ad# 1954

**MOVE QUICKLY**  
 Sincere, SW mom, 36, who enjoys camping, movies and cooking, wants to share friendship and fun with a kind, caring SWM, 35-42, N/S. Ad# 1110

**LIFE IS AN ADVENTURE**  
 Outgoing SWF, 33, 5'8", who enjoys reading, sports, auto racing and volunteer work, is looking for a humorous, smart SWM. Ad# 4117

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

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

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

**SHARE MY LIFE**  
 Comfortable in any situation, this DWCF, 47, 5'6", is seeking a versatile SWCM, 45-58. She enjoys animals, the outdoors and more. Ad# 1951

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

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

**FRIENDSHIP FIRST**  
 Dining out, outdoor sports and dancing are interests of this delightful, Catholic SWF, 23, 5'6", 105lbs., with brown hair and green eyes. She's looking for that special someone, an outgoing, Catholic SWM, 21-27. Ad# 3178

**WAITING ON YOU**  
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**TRULY BLESSED**  
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**SINCERELY**  
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**MUSIC LOVER**

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**COUNTRY LIFESTYLE**  
 DWCM, 37, 6'2", 185lbs., who enjoys camping, fishing, collecting antiques, dining out, and quiet times at home, is ISO an attractive, slender SWCF, 32-42, for friendship first, possible long-term relationship. Ad# 9665

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

**INNER BEAUTY...**  
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## Lady runners 2nd at Oakland County, again

By JASON SCHMITT  
Sports Editor

It's not always the same team, but there always seems to be one team at the Oakland County cross country meet better than the Novi girls.

This year Rochester Adams, led by two-time defending state champion Katie Boyles, won the county title with 85 points. Novi was a distant second with 144 points and Rochester was third with 159.

The runner-up finish marked the sixth-straight year the Wildcats have finished first or second, with the later taking place five times and the last three years.

Leading the way for Novi was freshman sensation Nina Schmitt, who finished eighth overall in a time of 20 minutes, 17 seconds. But she wasn't the only one to medal. Kristin Echols placed 16th overall (20:35) and Bethany Kittle was third on the team at 26th overall in a time of 20:53.

The team win was the third straight for Schmitt, who is really coming into her own this season.

"She's now had close to a years practice at the varsity level," Novi Coach Norm Norgren explained.

"She's also a darn good athlete to start with and she's taking to heart all the things we're doing up here."

Norgren said Echols is still running a little tight and is still recovering from a hip injury she suffered in the track season last year.

"She was quite disappointed with here finish, but I told her to medal at the county meet with all these athletes is something," Norgren said.

"I think these girls put a lot of pressure on themselves, a lot more than I do."

Val Stefanson was the fourth Wildcat to finish the race, in the 43rd position in a time of 21:36. Brittany Albright was fifth in 21:53, good for 51st place. Both had been suffering from respiratory infections and as well as the team, had not raced in over a week.

"Not to take anything away from Adams," Norgren said.

"They're a solid team led by Boyles. I'm not disappointed to lose to them at all."

Vidya Mahadevan and Cat Waller finished 74th and 89th to round out the Wildcats seven.

In the junior varsity race, Novi finished second to Troy, but ran an impressive pack time just the same.

Margo Wolowicz and Jenny Thomson finished third and fourth overall in times of 22:36 and 22:37. Caitlin McMann was ninth overall in 23:08 and Kelley Phelps was right behind her at 23:09. Emily Cross was 16th at 23:24 to complete the scoring, but Novi's sixth and seventh runners were not far behind. Anna Cynar ran a 23:23 and Kim Thompson came in at 23:51, good for 24th place.

"This really shows me that this is a team," Norgren said.

"If somebody's sick, someone else can step in and take their place."

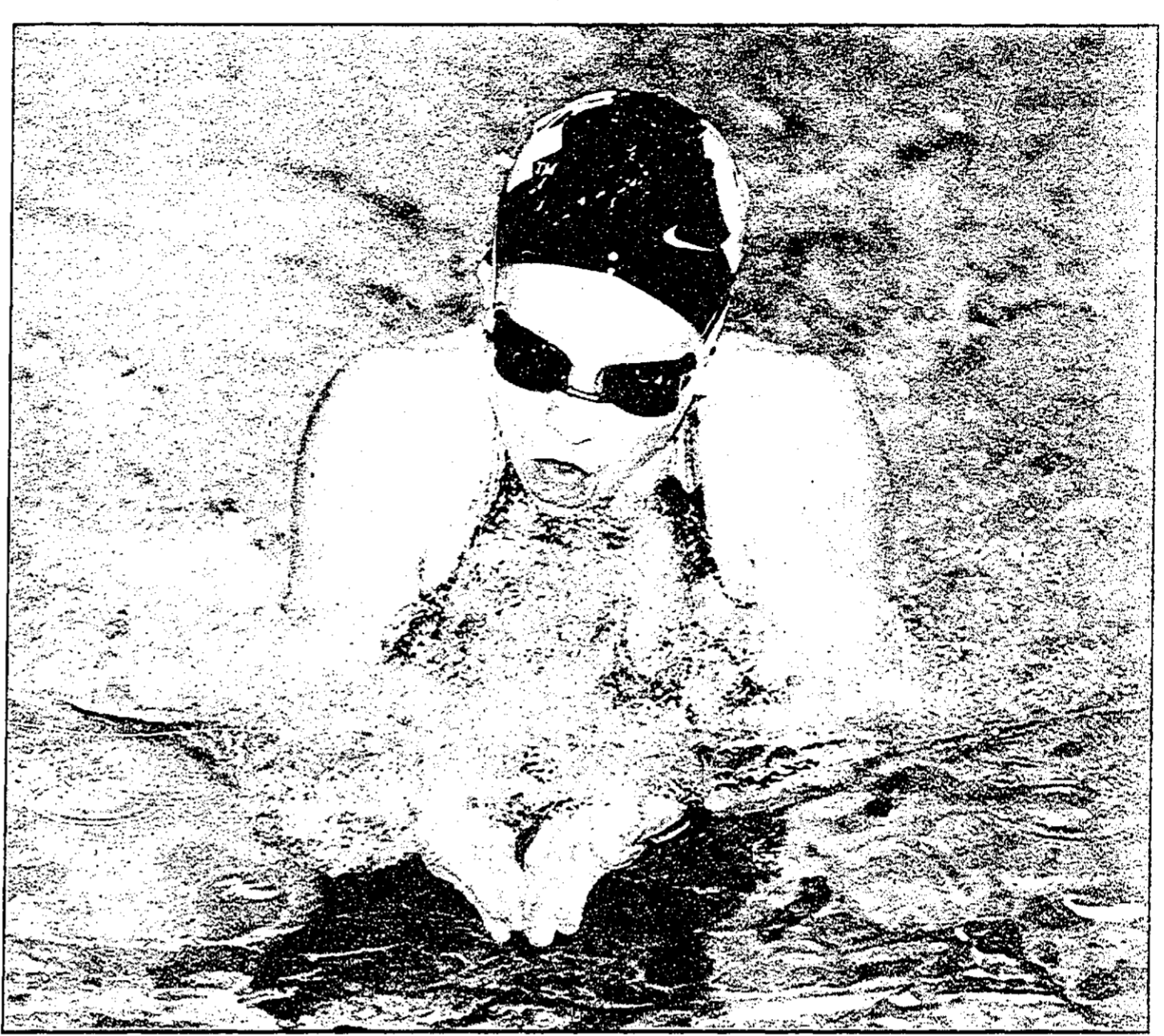


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Novi sophomore Blair Tyler cuts through the water in the breaststroke, finished second in the 200 IM and helped both the 200 and 400 free relays to victories. For more information, please look to the swim coverage on page 5.

## Swimmers top Howell

By JASON SCHMITT  
Sports Editor

Swimming with an undermanned lineup, Novi found enough depth and talent to topple Howell 102-84 last week.

The Highlanders took control of the freestyle events, but the Wildcats fought back in the relays, winning all three. Novi led by just 10 points heading into the second-to-last event, the breaststroke. However, the team finished 1-3-4 to all but ensure the win.

Blair Tyler won that event in 1:16.32. Christina Barlage finished third and Meredith Greer was fourth to give Novi a 16-point lead with one relay left. Krysta Lynch, Lindsey Vermillion, Tyler and Kristina Utley put the finishing touches on the win by taking that event as well.

Vermillion, Andrea Yocum, Amy Harland and Lynch opened up the meet with a win in the medley relay (2:00.29). Vermillion and Tyler went 1-2 in the 200 IM.

Laurel Weiss won the diving competition with 196.70 points and Yocum was first in the butterfly in a time of 1:03.39.

Tyler, Yocum, Utley and Harland teamed to win the 200 free relay (1:45.47) and Vermillion won the backstroke (1:05.41).

"They have some very good swimmers, and I wasn't 100 percent how we'd do," Novi Coach Larry Teahan said.

"We had somewhat of a makeshift team, but the girls were confident."

Novi swam against Salem Tuesday (after *The Novi News*' deadline) and will compete in the MISCA swim meet Saturday.

## Carpenter out, Wildcats almost in

By JASON SCHMITT  
Sports Editor

Five down, one to go.

The Novi football team rode the back of their all-league quarterback Mitch Maier, who scored two rushing touchdowns and passed for another and routed an overmanned Howell squad 27-9 last Friday night.

The win was the fifth of the season for Novi (5-2) and puts them within one win of an automatic playoff berth. That win could come next week against winless Lakeland (0-7) or if need be Northville (3-4) the last week of the season.

"We'd like to get in and lock that one up next week," Novi Coach John Osborne said.

"We'd like to get out of here next week with that win and avoid having to get it against Northville."

Northville and Novi will play in the 29th game in their "Baseline Battle" on Oct. 21. Each team's records are usually thrown out the window for that game.

Against the Highlanders, Novi controlled the pace of the game all night long. The 'Cats

built a 27-0 lead before nearly self destructing in the fourth quarter. After Howell scored on its first possession of the fourth quarter, the Highlanders kicked off to Novi. Expecting an on-side kick, Novi sent two guys deep for the kickoff. The ball went over their heads and the momentum of the ball carried one returner into the end zone, where he went

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down on a knee. The official signaled a safety and the score suddenly became 27-9 early in the fourth.

Fortunately for Osborne and his team, the Novi defense stepped up and shut down Howell the rest of the game to preserve the win.

Offensively, Novi got it going on early, scoring on a 50-yard drive on its first possession. Maier used a quarterback sneak from a yard

out to give Novi the first score of the game. Andy Christofferson's extra point made it 7-0.

From there, however, things slowed up for the Wildcats. The team turned the ball over on downs on its next possession and then fumbled twice before the half ended.

"We were just shooting ourselves in the foot," Osborne said.

"We should have scored a couple more times in the first half."

Whatever problems the team had in the second quarter was forgotten by the start of the third. The team drove the initial kickoff down the field in 16 plays and capped off their second score on a 10-yard run by Matt Gorman. Maier and Jon Cervi had key runs in the drive, covering 18 and 12 yards. Christofferson's second extra point gave Novi a 14-0 lead.

Howell received the kickoff and Novi's defense held them to three plays before forcing the punt. Senior Matt Lusebas broke through the line and blocked the punt, which was recovered by Dan Jilg in the end zone.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Karen Andrews and her partner Emily Dinsmore won the KVC second-doubles title last week.

## Netters come back to gain a share of KVC title

### Doubles teams come up big in tournament

By JASON SCHMITT  
Sports Editor

The never-say-never attitude of Novi tennis came through once again for the netters, as the team overcame the odds and beat Brighton at the conference meet to earn yet another share of the Kensington Valley Conference title.

Brighton had beaten the Wildcats twice during the regular season, but could not match Novi's strength in doubles this time around. Three of four doubles flights won championships and the third doubles team finished runner-up.

"You've got to get points at every flight, and we had to win two of the last three doubles flights to win and we did," Novi Coach Jim Hanson said.

"Brighton was the favorite. They had the top two players in the conference and a lot of depth back from last year. That's what makes this championship so sweet for the girls."

As they have all year long, Christina Cypher and Tara Stevens led the doubles' charge by winning the championship at first doubles. They defeated Milford's Lacie Rudolph and Steffanie Roose 6-2, 6-3 in the finals. They beat Lakeland in the semifinals.

Karen Andrews and Emily Dinsmore came from the bottom half of the bracket to defeat three opponents, two in three sets. In the championship the pair defeated Brighton's Erika Shankland and Kelly Wallace 6-2, 2-6, 7-5. They also beat Milford 3-6, 6-1, 6-2 and Howell 6-1, 6-0.

At fourth dubs, Sarah Ehlers and Mami Ito picked up a hard-fought 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 win over Brighton's

Marissa Smith and Meghan Ray in the finals. They beat Milford 7-6, 6-3 in the semis and Howell 6-4, 6-2 in the quarters.

Three different flights made it to the finals before losing. Janina Hahn and Nicole Hapanowicz beat second-seeded Hartland and won by default over Milford before falling to Brighton 2-6, 4-6 in the finals.

Taeko Nakazawa beat Lakeland and South Lyon, but stumbled against Milford's Ann Marie Jastie-nicky 6-7, 5-7 in the finals at three singles.

Carolyn Vermeulen came in as the top seed and beat Brighton 7-5, 3-6, 6-3 in the semis before losing to Lakeland 6-1, 3-6, 4-6 in the championship match.

Both Melissa Roemer at first singles and Amrutha Nagarajan at second singles gathered a point for their team with opening-round wins.

The title is the fourth in a row for the 'Cats, who also shared it with Brighton in 1996 and 1997 before winning it outright last season.

**'CATS SEASON ENDS**

On a darker note, the netter's season ended last Friday as the team finished third at the Division II regional at Ann Arbor Pioneer. The team finished with 2 points, well behind qualifying Pioneer and Huron.

Five of the team's seven flights reached the semifinals before bowing out.

Roemer beat Churchill 6-2, 6-3 and Canton 6-3.

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# Avenius drops out, Novi still finishes 2nd at Oakland

By JASON SCHMITT  
Sports Editor

To win the big invitational, almost everything had to go right for the Novi boys of last Saturday's Oakland County meet at Kensington Motorsport.

Mark Avenius pulled up with a sore calf at the halfway point, dropping out of the race and leaving Novi with a lot of catching up to do. They made up some of the ground, but fell just short of Clarkston, who won the county title with 50 points. Novi finished second with 45 points.

Tom Moore and Chris Toloff finished fourth and fifth in the race and Eric Walle finished a solid seventh to give Novi the kind of start it needed.

"He was right there when Mark dropped out, and he knew he had to make up for him."

At 17:29, eclipsing his previous best by .45 seconds, Mitch Erickson then became the No. five runner and took 28th place in a time of 17:41.

Moore and Toloff were in a pack of six elite runners, keeping pace with some of the state's best. Todd Mulvey of Walled Lake Central won the race and Tom Greenless of Milford was runner-up. David Sage of Clarkston was third, followed by Novi's tandem. Moore finished in 16:12 and Toloff in 16:27.

Walle surprised many by sticking right behind the lead pack, all by himself, for much of the race. "To be honest with you I didn't think he'd do that well," Smith said.

"But he's just improved by leaps and bounds. He was just behind that lead pack."

Steve Sawast was Novi's sixth runner and finished 56th overall in 18:00.

"This is a testimony of how good of a program we really have," Smith said about the second-place finish without one of his top runners.

"Although we finished runner-up, it's something to brag about."

Smith said that his team really wanted to win this meet, but he's happy Avenius decided to drop out instead of further injuring his leg.

Milford finished third in the race and Lakeland was fourth, showing just how strong the Kensington Valley Conference really is.

In the junior varsity race, Todd Foren finished third in 18:02. Eric Saurer was sixth overall in a time of 18:18.

# Tennis team wins 4th-straight KVC title

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Before losing to Pioneer's Emily Marker 6-4, 9-6.

Nakazawa had a bye in the first round and then beat Franklin in the quarterfinals 6-2, 6-1. She then faced Pioneer in the semis and lost 6-3, 6-0. Vermeulen took similar route, beating Franklin 6-1, 6-0 in the quarter before losing to Huron 1-6, 0-6 in the semis.

Stevens and Cypher had a bye, beat South Lyon 6-2, 6-1, but then lost to Huron 1-6, 4-6 in their semifinal match. Andrews and Dimpinger beat Canton 6-3, 6-2 and Churchill 1-6, 7-5, 6-4 before losing to Pioneer 2-6, 1-6.

Hahn and Ito beat Canton in the first round 6-3, 5-7, 6-2 and then lost to Huron 6-2, 6-1.

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South Lyon at Hartland	South Lyon	South Lyon	South Lyon	South Lyon	South Lyon	South Lyon	Hartland
Michigan State at Purdue	Purdue	Michigan State	Michigan State	Michigan State	Purdue	Purdue	Michigan State
Ohio St. at Penn St.	Penn St.	Penn St.	Penn St.	Penn St.	Penn St.	Penn St.	Penn St.
Minnesota at Detroit	Minnesota	Minnesota	Michigan State	Detroit	Detroit	Detroit	Minnesota
Green Bay at Denver	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay	Denver
Oakland at Buffalo	Buffalo	Buffalo	Buffalo	Oakland	Buffalo	Buffalo	Oakland
Miami at New England	New England	New England	New England	New England	New England	New England	Miami
Last Week	5-5	7-3	7-3	5-5	6-4	7-3	5-5
Season Record	48-22	49-21	43-27	43-27	42-28	44-26	47-23

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 SoccerZone of Novi is accepting walk-in and mail-in registration for its first session of indoor soccer starting Aug. 25. Registration continues through Oct. 13. The session 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 48375.

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

The session 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.

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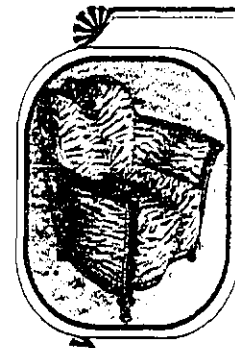
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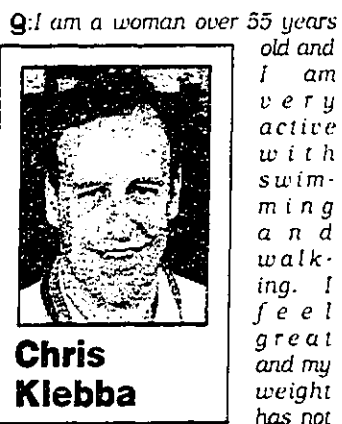
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## Health Column

# Do I really need weight training?



**Chris Klebba**

*I am a woman over 55 years old and I am very active with swimming and walking. I feel great and my weight has not*

*changed much for years. Do I really need the weight training that you always talk about?*

**A:** First of all, let me congratulate you on keeping active. Asking if you do or do not need weight training is a good question. Let me give you some facts on how the human body functions and let you decide if you want to add weight training to your current program.

I know you mentioned you feel great. It would take a little more of an in-depth assessment to determine any negative effects lack of resistance training has had on you. For example, how is your strength compared to five years ago? How about your posture or

your current bone density? (Which of course relates to potential osteoporosis.) How about your current body composition (which is your ratio of body fat versus lean muscle)?

My goal here is not to talk you into how really out of shape you might or might not be, rather to get you to think about fitness on a broader basis. Let's look at some of the potential negative effects of lack of resistance training can have on the body.

• We lose lean muscle at a rate of 1/2 to 2 pounds per year starting somewhere in our 30s. Sometimes body weight does not change much over the years, but what is happening is, we are gaining body fat and losing muscle, which would not be reflected on a traditional weight scale but would be reflected in our quality of life and overall appearance.

• The average female, from 55 to 70 years of age, loses an average of about 1 percent bone density a year, slowing down from the rate of up to 2 percent the first five years after menopause. This contributes to the fact some 25 million Americans, mostly women, are affected by osteoporosis and many don't even know it.

• Often times our quality of life is

affected by weaker muscles. Picking up our grandchildren, playing catch with our children or simply carrying groceries becomes tasks people often give up due to age. When in reality it is another story - lack of resistance training in our lifestyle has caused the muscles to weaken.

The jury has been in for a while... proper strength training consistently at least twice a week can stop and reverse the situations I have listed here and many more. There are mountains of studies and data easily accessible to confirm this. I highly recommend the book, "Strong Women Stay Young" by Miriam E. Nelson Ph.D. With a little research, I think you will want to add this valuable two days a week to your program.

**Q:** I have recently become involved with the group exercise movement. It really helps keep me motivated and I am losing weight. Is this enough if I attend two or three times per week?

**A:** Enough for what? Depending on the type of class: kickboxing, spinning, aerobic, etc., it probably is a great start for cardiovascular exercise. But unfortunately, probably not enough for the resistance training component. Even if the

group class involves dumbbell weights, you should consider proper resistance training at least twice a week. Again as in the question above, you may be losing weight but what is happening to your body composition? I feel like a weight training preacher here, but think about it... If you lose 5 pounds and it comes from muscle or water, is that what you really want? I mean, who wants to lose weight while becoming less toned or more dehydrated? A person could actually be getting smaller while adding more body fat.

I realize weight training may not seem as fun to you, but try to find a partner or consider a trainer. Believe me, stick with this type training for a couple of months and get your food intake on track and the changes to your body will be all the motivation you need.

This column was written by Chris Klebba, owner and operator of the Water Wheel Health Club and a certified personal fitness instructor. For more information or for any fitness-related questions, please call (248) 449-7634.

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

### Cancer Support Group

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

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

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

### Diabetes Education

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

This is a continuously revolving six-week program held on Monday evenings from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Providence Medical Office Center, Ten Mile and Haggerty roads. There is a \$20 fee. Call (248) 424-3903 to register.

### Surgical Preparation

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

Admission to the program is by appointment only. There is no charge. Call the Providence Medical Center-Providence Park at (248) 380-4170 to register.

### Weight on the Run

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

A \$300 fee includes enrollment in the class "ABC of Weight Loss." For more information and to register, call (248) 473-5600.

### Child Health Clinics

Oakland County Health Division's Child Health Clinics provide free ongoing well care for children from birth to school entry. Families who do not have an HMO or Medicaid may be eligible. Clinics are held at 12 locations throughout Oakland County.

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Appointment is required. For more information, call: North Oakland, Pontiac, (248) 858-1311 or 858-4001; South Oakland, Southfield: (248) 424-7066 or 424-7067; West Oakland, Walled Lake: (248) 926-3300; and Holly residents: 1-888-350-0900, extension 8-1311 or 8-4001.

### Healthy Solutions Seminar

Healthy Solutions are offering a seminar series over the next few weeks.

All seminars are free and begin at 7:30 p.m. Please call (248) 305-5785 or stop in healthy solutions to reserve a seat (space is limited). You may show up the night of the seminar, however a seat may not be available.

### Hot Flash Study

Women who suffer from multiple daily hot flashes associated with menopause are being sought to participate in a nationwide study to assess the safety and effectiveness of an investigational hormone replacement skin patch to treat hot flashes. Women may be eligible if they are between the ages of 45 and 65, have not had a menstrual period in six months, or a hysterectomy. For more information, call 493-6580.

### Blood pressure checks

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

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

For more information call (248) 380-4225.

### Food Allergy Counseling

Individuals with food allergies can receive counseling on food choices and substitutions from a Botsford Hospital professional. The fee is \$30.

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

### Prostate Cancer Support Group

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

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

### Foot and ankle consultations

Experiencing heel pain, bunions, hammertoes, fungus nails, warts, ankle pain, ingrown nails or other foot ailments? The Foot Health Centers offer an initial consultation free of charge, excluding x-rays, lab tests or treatment. The Foot Health Centers, operated by Dr. Ken Poss and Dr. Randy Bernstein, are affiliated with Botsford, Sinai, Oakwood and Kern hospitals. They have two area locations, at 41431 W. Ten Mile Road in the Novi Plaza at Meadowbrook, and 30931 W. Seven Mile Road in Livonia. Call (248) 349-5559 or (248) 478-1166 for more information or to schedule a consultation.

### Menopause Support Group

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

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

For information, call (248) 424-3014.

### Free Foot Screenings

Free foot screenings are offered every Tuesday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Botsford General Hospital, Suite 200, South Professional Building, 28060 Grand River Ave. in Farmington Hills.

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

### Heart Disease Risk Reduction Programs

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