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With a name tag that reads "The Mayor," Novi's new elected official Dick Clark, at left, and wife, Diane, greet a supporter Tuesday night at his election party at The Oxford Inn. Once sworn-in, he will be the first new mayor in six years.

## Voters speak: it's Mayor Clark



PARKS leader Chuck Tindall is congratulated Tuesday by a supporter on the success of the charter amendment.

## City charter change first since 1970s

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN  
 Staff Writer  
 With a 5,271 vote in approval to a 1,831 vote against the Novi City Charter amendment, voters have loudly and clearly voiced their opinion that they do not want a golf course on the 500-acre North Novi Park.  
 "It's the same thing we said all along," said Chuck Tindall, a leader of People About Reserving Kids Space.

"We never saw any major opposition other than some city council members who are now former city council members."  
 A resounding 73 percent of the voters were in favor of the first change to the Novi City Charter since the 1970s. The new language bars a golf course or a banquet facility on currently-owned city land without a vote of the people.  
 PARKS, a community group organized in

1996, began after the city commissioned studies about the feasibility of building a golf course at North Novi park, most of which was the old Novi Tree Farm.  
 PARKS began a petition drive for a charter amendment and began collecting signatures and gaining support.  
 The petition drive to put the charter amendment on the Tuesday's ballot needed

## Road bond fails; now on city council are Bononi, DeRoche and Csordas

By JEREMY MCBAIN and B.J. HAMMERSTEIN  
 Staff Writers  
 With a backing from 66 percent of the voters, Richard Clark has been voted in as Novi's new mayor, along with two new Novi City Council members, Michelle Bononi and Lou Csordas.  
 Only one council incumbent, Craig DeRoche, held onto his job after Tuesday's election.  
 While 73 percent of the voters threw their weight behind a citizen-initiated city charter amendment, a \$28 million road bond proposal was nixed by 53 percent of the voting taxpayers.

Clark said he was very happy he won, but he's looking forward to a day of rest, after a vigorous campaign.  
 "I think we have got a lot of work cut out for us," he said late Tuesday night.  
 "I'm going to ask the community for their support, ideas, suggestions and above all their patience. We have a lot of issues we need to deal with and they can't all be solved overnight."  
 Clark won the election for Novi mayor with 4,825 votes to his challenger Michael Meyer's 2,155 votes. Council Members Kathleen Mutch and Robert

## Investigation focuses on sewage dump

By JEREMY MCBAIN and B.J. HAMMERSTEIN  
 Staff Writers  
 Novi officials have suspended the sewer and water superintendent indefinitely without pay, after discovering sewage was dumped on municipal property by city employees.  
 "We have to investigate further. We've done enough to where we are pretty upset with this event happening," said City Manager Ed Kriewall.  
 Director of Public Services Anthony Nowicki verified Tuesday that on at least one occasion, grease taken from city sewers by a city truck was dumped behind a salt shed at the Department of Public Works yard, near the intersection of Eleven Mile and Delwal roads.  
 "From my discussions with various individuals in the Sewer and Water Department, it was confirmed..." he said. Nowicki said the practice was contrary to city policies.  
 An independent laboratory study commissioned by *The Novi News* last week found that a water sample taken at the site contained E. coli bacteria at a volume 860 times over the state's maximum

contaminant level.  
 Sewer and Water Superintendent Bruce Jerome was suspended indefinitely without pay at 5 p.m. Tuesday.  
 "He is the only one who was suspended. He is responsible for the training and guidance of his employees," Kriewall said.  
 Kriewall said city employees dumped the sewage behind the salt shed on Oct. 27 and 28.  
 Jerome said Tuesday morning he was unaware of the dumping and he was conducting an internal investigation.  
 However, Kriewall said Jerome was informed by his employees of the incident the day after the grease was dumped at the DFW yard.  
 The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality is also investigating the incident.  
 Both *The Novi News* and the MDEQ started looking into the matter after each received a tip that Novi Sewer and Water Department employees had dumped raw sewage at the DFW yard.  
 Upon referral from the Oakland County Health Department, *The*

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## Sandstone sparring with Vistas residents

By JEREMY MCBAIN  
 Staff Writer  
 Sandstone Associates is embroiled in another legal battle over its Vistas development, but this time the development company is facing off against its own customers.  
 Several people who have bought homes in The Vistas development north of Twelve Mile Road are fighting the company over an estimated \$750,000 special assessment district refund from the City of Novi.  
 "Sandstone has been trying to get it and the property owners believe they are entitled to it," said Tom Ryan, an attorney for many of the property owners.  
 "Somebody is going to have to decide it."  
 Residents in about 150 homes in The Vistas development are wrangling with Sandstone for this rebate. If the residents are awarded the money, they could get about \$4,600 per house.  
 If Sandstone wins, the development company would be issued the entire \$750,000.  
 According to City Attorney Dennis Watson, the dispute arises over left-over funds from a special assessment imposed on the development when The Vistas was being built.

The special assessment paid for construction of a road traveling through the development — Decker Road — as well as sanitary sewer systems and a water main.  
 Watson said once everything was built, the city discovered it had \$750,000 of the special assessment money that was not needed for the project.  
 "Now the question is, should the money be refunded to the property-owners or Sandstone," Watson said.  
 To resolve this, the city has requested help from the Michigan Tax Tribunal.  
 The tribunal dismissed this matter at first, on the ground that it did not have jurisdiction, Watson said. However, recently Watson filed another request contending that the tribunal does have jurisdiction over this case.  
 Watson said he is just waiting to hear back from the tribunal before proceeding.  
 Ryan said residents believe they are entitled to the refund by city ordinance.  
 According to Watson, the city ordinance states any refund from a special assessment will be credited to the owners of the property assessed.  
 The owners of the property are

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**Husky center's a high-tech coup for Novi planners**

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN  
 Staff Writer  
 The ribbon has been cut and Husky Injection Molding Systems Inc. has officially opened its 100,000 square foot Detroit Technical Center here in Novi.  
 Centered around the world's largest dual-plate injection molding machine, which has an 8,800-ton clamp force, Husky, DaimlerChrysler and Decoma International Inc. are all working towards revolutionizing the automotive industry and changing the face of Novi.  
 "This is significant because we are showing the state, county and the road commission that we are able to get a job done quickly in Novi," said Novi Economic Development Coordinator Greg Capote.  
 "This is the kind of low-impact, high-tax base business the OST District is going to attract. It will offer Novi and the community great jobs and great synergy."



Husky's Jim Moran shows how his company makes injection-molded Jeep roofs.

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## Community Calendar

Thursday, Nov. 4

**Novi Rotary**  
The Novi Rotary Club meets tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi United Methodist Church, 41671 Ten Mile Road. For information, contact Bob Lambright at (248) 472-6769.

**Novi School Board**  
The Novi School Board meets tonight at 7:30 p.m. at Village Oaks Elementary School. For information, call 449-1260.

**Walled Lake School Board**  
The Walled Lake School Board meets tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Educational Services Center. For information, call (248) 956-2000.

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

Friday, Nov. 5

**Novi Expo Show**  
The Novi Expo Show runs today through Nov. 7 at the Novi Expo Center. For information, call (248) 348-5600.

Monday, Nov. 8

**City Council meeting**  
The Novi City Council meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road.

**Novi Library Board**  
The Novi Library Board meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Public Library.

Tuesday, Nov. 9

**Civil Air Patrol**  
The Novi Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, meets at Novi Middle School, 25294 Taft Rd., from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Adults and youths who have finished the sixth grade are welcome. For additional information call (248) 349-2699.

**Chess Club**  
The Novi Chess Club will meet from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. There is no charge to attend and all players are welcome. For more information, call Tim Sawmillier, (248) 344-3269 evenings after 6 p.m.

**Northville School Board**  
The Northville School Board meets tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the third floor conference room, Old Village School. For information, call (248) 349-

3400.

**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.

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

**Novi Concert Band**  
The Novi Concert Band rehearses at Novi Meadows on Taft Road at 7:30 p.m. For information, call (248) 932-9244.

**Novi Camera Club**  
The Novi Camera Club meets at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, at 7:30 p.m. The subject of the meeting is a Kodak videotape presentation on "How To Improve Your Photographic Composition." For information, call 380-8980.

Wednesday, Nov. 10

**Seniors potluck**  
The Novi Senior Social Club will gather at noon in the Novi Civic Center for their monthly potluck luncheon.

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

**SPARK**  
The Society for the Preservation of American Racing Knowledge, the all-volunteer support organization for the Motorsports Hall of Fame of America, meets at 7 p.m. at the Novi Expo Center. The meeting is open to anyone interested in supporting the Hall of Fame and Museum.

Thursday, Nov. 11

**Veterans' Day**  
Novi city offices will be closed today.

**Novi Rotary**  
The Novi Rotary Club meets at noon at the Novi United Methodist

Church at 41671 Ten Mile Road. For information, contact Bob Lambright at (248) 380-6500.

**TOPS**

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Friday, Nov. 12

**Novi Expo Center Show**  
The North American Home Spectacular runs today through Nov. 14 at the Novi Expo Center. For information, call (248) 348-5600.

Monday, Nov. 15

**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. Call Audrey Guiley at (248) 624-1718. For membership information, call Bettie Johnson at (248) 960-9559.

**Cholesterol Screening**  
Total cholesterol screening by fingerstick method, will be offered from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Botsford Center for Health Improvement-Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave. Cost is \$5 fee. For more information call (248) 477-6100.

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**FRAGRANCE OF THE MONTH**

# Gone, but not forgotten

## As their remains are finally identified, Vietnam veterans are added to memorial

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN  
Staff Writer

Robert Dale Anderson, Air Force. Robert Curtis Borton, Jr., Marine Corps.

James Devrin Carter, Army. James L. Huard, Air Force. John Andrew Jakovac, Army. Lewis Merritt Robinson, Air Force.

Jynus Ross Jr., Army. David Raymond Wagener, Air Force.

These Michigan men never made it back alive from Vietnam, but in recent years their remains have been identified and sent home. Last weekend in Novi, their lives and deaths were recognized with a 21-gun salute and Taps.

The commemorative ceremony, Michigan Remembers, was held Oct. 30 at the Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens on Twelve Mile Road. Pamy Eddy, President of the POW Committee of Michigan, said the remains were identified by a complex technique of mitochondrial DNA testing. The men had been listed as either missing in action or as a prisoner of war.

There are 84 men from Michigan who were or are still remaining POWs or MIAs, Eddy said.

"The memorial is designed to be a symbol of hope for loved ones and family members here in Michigan," She added that the identification process involved extracting material from bones or teeth and matching the material with a maternal relative in order to properly match names to the remains.

The hour-long service drew more than 250 servicemen, family and community members as background, family and incident information was told about each of the eight individuals.

The ceremony included a Color Guard presentation and the release of eight white doves symbolizing the eight men honored.

The memorial plaque, near the cemetery's Oak Chapel Mausoleum, lists the 84 MIAs and POWs from Michigan, their hometowns, names, branch of service, birth dates and incident dates. As each is sent back to the state, the return date is added to the memorial.

"It was very special day and a beautiful and moving ceremony," Eddy said.

"This is the kind of thing the POW Committee and MIA-POW families work for — closure."

Dan Confer, manager of the Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens, said the ceremony was impressive and the cemetery will continue to hold services to pay tribute to Michigan heroes.

"The ceremony was very moving as it gave closure to the immediate families," Confer said.

"The end was very somber, as it felt as if there was a blanket of unity with all of the attendees of the ceremony."

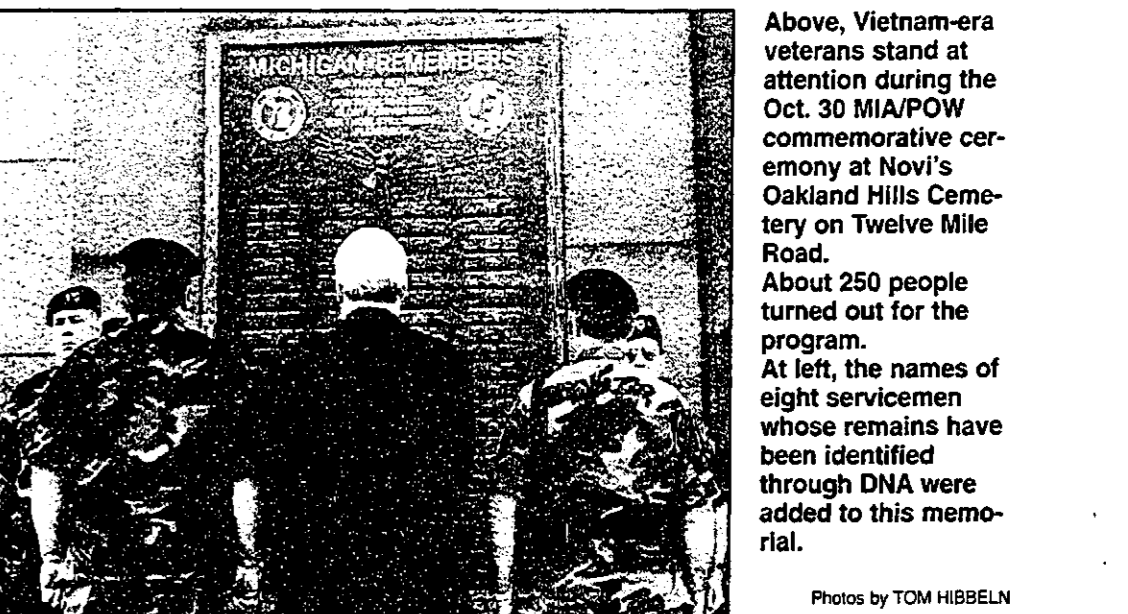
Confer said these kind of programs help rekindle interest in veteran's programs, after there has been a decline over the last few years.

Confer added that out of the 84 names on the memorial, 65 men are still unaccounted for.

"As a cemetery, we are very supportive of programs helping commemorate and remembering these people," he said.

"We will be having a special Veterans' Day ceremony here and we want to help keep the memories in this particular area in the forefront and keep the spirit alive."

B.J. Hammerstein's email is bhammerstein@homecomm.net.



Above, Vietnam-era veterans stand at attention during the Oct. 30 MIA/POW commemorative ceremony at Novi's Oakland Hills Cemetery on Twelve Mile Road. About 250 people turned out for the program. At left, the names of eight servicemen whose remains have been identified through DNA were added to this memorial. Photos by TOM HIBBELN

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Each incident is listed by type of call, time and the location and street number with the response by the fire.

**MONDAY, OCT. 25**  
 Injury accident, Ten Mile and Nov. Road, 11:45 a.m., Squad 1.  
 Injury accident, M-5 and Twelve Mile Road, 11:25 a.m., Squad 1.  
 Injury accident, Eight Mile and Greenwood, 11:30 a.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 27574 Nov. Road, 10:28 a.m., Squad 1.  
 Injury accident, M-5 and Twelve Mile Road, 11:25 a.m., Squad 1.  
 Injury accident, Eight Mile and Greenwood, 11:30 a.m., Squad 3.

**TUESDAY, OCT. 26**  
 Medical, 41904 Express, 8:42 a.m., Squad 2.  
 Fire alarm, 43155 Main St., 11:08 a.m., Engines 1, 3.  
 Medical, 1332 Marica, 12:59 p.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 27574 Nov. Road, 10:28 a.m., Squad 1.  
 Injury accident, M-5 and Twelve Mile Road, 11:25 a.m., Squad 1.  
 Injury accident, Eight Mile and Greenwood, 11:30 a.m., Squad 3.

**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 27**  
 Medical, 45182 West Road, 8:50 a.m., Squad 2.  
 Fire alarm, 43525 Grand River, 1 p.m., Engine 1.  
 Building fire, 25311 Fountain Park, 6:48 p.m., Engines 1, 3.  
 Fire alarm, 20755 Emily Court, Squad 1.

Medical, 50835 Arizona, 2:11 p.m., Squad 4.  
 Medical, 30225 Harrison, 3:03 p.m., Squad 1.  
 Medical, 41197 De Terra, 2:11 p.m., Squad 1.  
 Fire alarm, 30152 Warley, 6:30 p.m., Engines 1, 2.  
 Car fire, M-5 and I-275, 7:05 p.m., Engine 1.

**THURSDAY, OCT. 28**  
 Medical, 170 Eram, 3:23 a.m., Squad 3.  
 Medical, 29203 Stonehenge, 3:30 a.m., Squad 3.  
 Injury accident, Haggerty and Eight Mile Road, 9:16 a.m., Squad 3.  
 Dumpster fire, 26550 Orchard Hill, 11:01 a.m., Engine 3.  
 Medical, 45182 West Road, 12:35 p.m., Squad 2.  
 Fire alarm, 45182 West Road, 12:35 p.m., Engines 1, 4.  
 Fire alarm, 42005 Twelve Mile Road, 1:10 p.m., Engines 1, 4.  
 Medical, 1566 Rest Area, 1:27 p.m., Squad 4.  
 Injury accident, 45175 Ten Mile Road, 2:42 p.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 45182 West Road, 12:35 p.m., Squad 2.  
 Fire alarm, 45182 West Road, 12:35 p.m., Engines 1, 4.  
 Fire alarm, 42005 Twelve Mile Road, 1:10 p.m., Engines 1, 4.  
 Medical, 1566 Rest Area, 1:27 p.m., Squad 4.  
 Injury accident, 45175 Ten Mile Road, 2:42 p.m., Squad 3.

**FRIDAY, OCT. 29**  
 Medical, 23376 Londonderry, 2:29 a.m., Squad 3.  
 Mutual aid, Livonia Fire Department, 8:32 a.m., Response 506.  
 Investigation, Novi and Grand River, 9:54 a.m., Engine 1.  
 Medical, 24645 Old Orchard, 10:36 a.m., Squad 3.  
 Injury accident, Eight Mile and Haggerty, 11:11 a.m., Squad 3.  
 Car fire, Thirteen Mile and Haggerty, 4:03 p.m., Engine 2.  
 Investigation, 27720 Beck Road, 4:48 p.m., Engine 4.  
 Building fire, 21994 Picadilly, 10:28 p.m., Engine 3.

**SATURDAY, OCT. 30**  
 Injury accident, I-96 and Novi Road, 12:24 p.m., Squad 1.  
 Medical, 23602 Stonehenge, 2:28 p.m., Squad 3.  
 Injury accident, I-96 and Novi Road, 3:26 p.m., Squad 1.  
 Medical, 45182 West Road, 8:26 p.m., Squad 2.  
 Medical, 41840 Manor Park, 9:22 p.m., Squad 1.

**SUNDAY, OCT. 31**  
 Investigation, 39555 Squire, 4:48 a.m., Squad 3.  
 Medical, 42600 Eleven Mile Road, 11:26 a.m., Squad 1.  
 Medical, 45182 West Road, 5:15 p.m., Squad 2.

## Obituaries

**HELEN D. WOOD**  
 Helen Delphine Wood, 67, died Oct. 30 at her residence in Farmington Hills.

She was born in 1931. Mrs. Wood was survived by her husband, Daniel J.; sons, Daniel J. (Marion, Peter) and Alan (Debra); and Kevin (Ellena); daughters, Patricia (David) Strain and Virginia (David) Strain; Virginia Perry and Mary (Judekowsky) LeVet; Alex (Bohdanuk), 16 grand-children and one great-grandchild.

A 10 a.m. funeral service will be held Nov. 4 at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Farmington Hills. Interment will be in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Arrangements were made by O'Brien Chapel/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi.

**LORNA A. ABITZ**  
 Lorna A. Abitz, 98, died Oct. 29 in Marywood Nursing Home of Livonia. She was born June 29, 1901, in Tustin, Michigan to Paul and Jenny (Bowers) Johnson.

Mrs. Abitz had been a resident of Barrington (Dunbar Lake) since 1972. She is survived by son, Roger (Barbara) of Northville; daughter, Patricia (Wayne) Westra of Allen Park; one sister, Geri Harrison of El Paso, Texas; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Abitz was preceded in death by her husband, Erwin C.

Services were conducted Nov. 1 at Northrup-Sawston Funeral Home in Northville, with the Rev. E. Neil Hunt of Meadowbrook Congregational Church in Novi officiating.

Funeral service was held Nov. 2 at Flake Cemetery, Ford Township, with the Rev. Donald Ruff of Barrington Church of Christ officiating.

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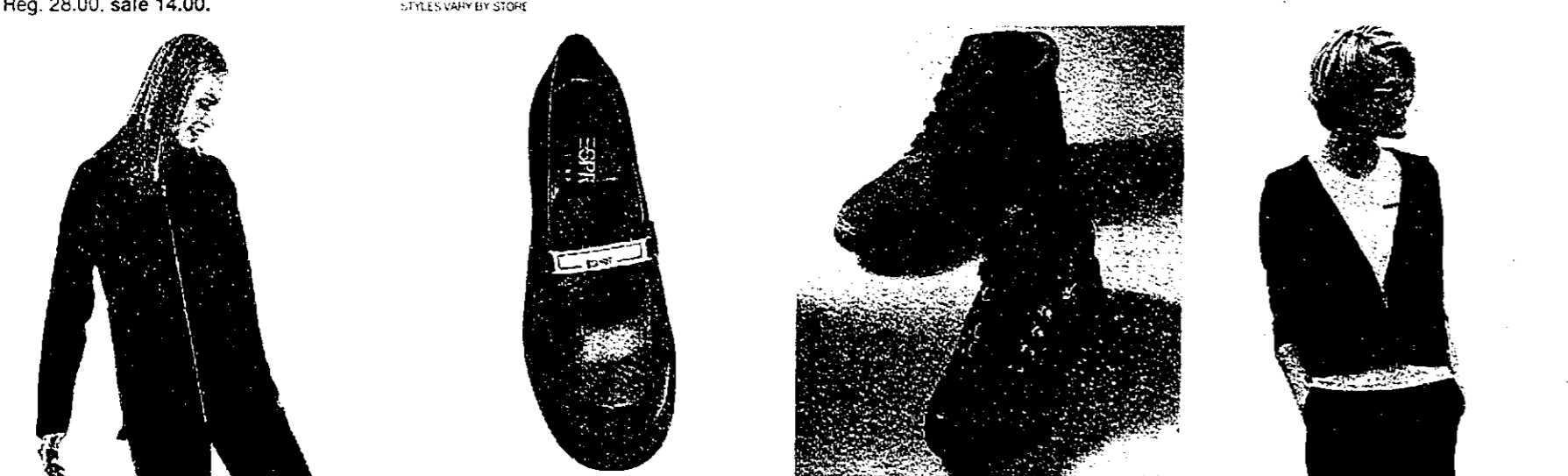


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Costumed trick-or-treaters swarm the hallways of Novi's Whitehall Convalescent Center last Wednesday. Residents passed out candy to the children and shared fond memories and stories of Halloween past.

## Trick-or-treaters help elderly residents celebrate Halloween

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN Staff Writer  
 Pokemons, hippies, Men in Black and more than 25 other children dressed up and participated in Halloween trick-or-treat festivities at the Whitehall Convalescent Home.

Activities director Christine Valley along with her sister Mary Vanzandt, a fifth-grade teacher at St. Fabian's in Farmington Hills, decided to organize the trick-or-treat event after residents at the Whitehall Convalescent Home told Valley they missed Halloween and passing out candy to children.

"The residents approached me and told me this is something they missed and wanted to do," Valley said.

"Many of the people here haven't passed out candy during Halloween for a couple of years — it looks like everyone is having a great time."

With Whitehall Home decorated from ceiling to floor with Halloween goodies, about 70 residents lined up last week outside of their rooms as trick-or-treaters had their bags filled with tasty surprises.

Resident Anna Zink said she hadn't celebrated Halloween since she was a teenager.

"It was a little different back when I was growing up," Zink said.

"When we were children, if we didn't get anything from somebody we would mark up people's windows by putting soap on it."

"We have been preparing for the kids to come here for awhile. All of our children are all grown up — so it is real nice for these kids to come here and celebrate Halloween with us."

Whitehall Administrator Melv Parks said this is the first Halloween being celebrated in the home, but plans are being made to have more activities like this for the residents.

"The residents approached us and expressed a desire to do things like this," Parks said.

"After the children trick-or-treated, everybody met in the dining room where Halloween songs were sang, new friendships were made, and apple cider and donuts were shared."

Halloween alien Matt Hiltz, 11, and his hippie sister Jennifer Hiltz, 10, said they heard about the party during school and thought it would be a nice thing for them to come and participate.

"They don't usually get the opportunity to give out candy," Jennifer Hiltz said.

"We discussed it and we are excited to come here."

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# Boxer stolen while owner dining

Somewhere in the town an unknown vehicle around 1:30 a.m. on Oct. 26 in the parking lot of Mr. H. of Walled Lake at 1100 East Lake. The owner of the dog, said he stopped at the restaurant for dinner and left his dog in the car with the window cracked. When he returned to his car, his dog was gone. His dog was a 5-year-old tan boxer named Bruta. Bruta was wearing a brown collar at the time of her abduction.

## EGGED

A 17-year-old Novi girl was arrested around 2 a.m. on Oct. 31 for egging the home of a neighbor. An officer on patrol was directed down by a man claiming his house had been egged. The man said he had witnesses who saw the girl throwing the eggs.

The officer noted a broken egg on the front window of the victim's home. While interviewing the man, the officer saw the girl walking across the road.

The officer stopped the girl and asked her why she egged the man's home.

The girl said she egged his home because the man had when he tried to trouble and had her evicted from the subdivision.

The man said he desired prosecution and the girl was transported to the Novi Police Department.

## BREAK-IN

A Novi man returned home around 5:30 p.m. Oct. 30 on the 4300 block of Fondra to find someone had broken in and taken some jewelry from his bedroom.

The man said he left the home around 11 a.m. that day and when

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those that tested positive for alcohol were transported to the Novi Police Department.

## TEENS BUSTED AT FOOTBALL GAME

Two 17-year-old Novi boys and a 16-year-old Novi boy were arrested around 10:30 p.m. Oct. 29 at a house party on the 2100 block of Portsmouth.

Officers were dispatched to the residence to investigate reports of a party.

When they arrived, one of the officers walked through the open garage and knocked on the back door leading to the home's kitchen.

Officers searched the area and said he did not know where the resident of the home was.

The officer noted two large bottles of alcohol were sitting on a counter in the kitchen.

Officers searched the home, but could not find the resident. They did find two young girls upstairs in a bedroom.

The officers ordered the girls out of the bedroom and into the kitchen with the rest of the people in the home.

While interviewing the group, the officers learned that the resident of the home ran out the back door when he saw the officers arrive.

Portable breath tests were given to the people in the home and

those that tested positive for alcohol were transported to the Novi Police Department.

## BUSTED II

A 16-year-old Novi boy was arrested around 8:30 p.m. Oct. 29 at the Novi High School football game for being in possession of alcohol.

Officers on patrol at the football game smelled an odor of intoxicants on the boy's breaths.

The boys were given portable breath tests that indicated they had been drinking.

They were all transported to the Novi Police Department.

## POT BUST

A 20-year-old Westland man was arrested around 9 p.m. Oct. 27 near the intersection of I-96 and Novi Road for possession of marijuana.

An officer on patrol noticed the Westland man's vehicle traveling down the road without a license plate light and a busted brake light.

The officer conducted a traffic stop. On contact with the man, the officer noticed the man's eyes were bloodshot and glassy.

The officer asked to search the man's car and the man gave him permission.

The officer also asked the man if he had smoked marijuana. The man said no.

The officer then asked the man if he had any marijuana on him. The man said, "I won't lie to you, I have a little."

The man pulled a cigarette box out of his right front shirt pocket containing a baggie with a small amount of marijuana inside.

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

## Novi Briefs

### The Novi News is in the mail

Beginning with the Nov. 18 edition, The Novi News will be mailed to subscribers, rather than brought by paper carriers.

The newspaper will be delivered by the U.S. Postal Service, along with the rest of the customer's mail, as part of a HomeTown Newspapers drive to improve the overall effectiveness and timeliness of home delivery.

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### Studies add up

Walsh College students ranked sixth in the nation among all first-time undergraduate Certified Public Accounting exam candidates who took the test in November 1998.

The results were recently reported by the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy.

The association also noted that Walsh students achieved the second highest passing rate in the nation in a section of the four-part test that covers taxation, governmental accounting and cost/managerial accounting.

One year earlier, Walsh students had ranked third nationwide in this category.

"Our accounting students continue to have a remarkable success rate on the exam," said Robert Yerkey, chair of the college's accounting department.

"They compete exceptionally well against students from major colleges and universities throughout the country."

The schools who ranked ahead of Walsh are all out-state universities. Headquartered in Troy, Walsh has a Novi campus.

### Wildcats now consulting

A group of 11th and 12th grade students at Novi High School have formed a consulting group (part of the Making Connections program between schools and businesses) allowing Novi Chamber of Commerce member businesses a chance to receive a free analysis of business problems and challenges during the past year.

By checking the mail for correspondence from Wildcat Consulting House, member businesses can fax back the form allowing the students a chance to consult on projects.

Last year, 30 chamber members responded to the students' request for projects.

By responding to Wildcat Consulting House, businesses will gain the insight, creativity and talents of Novi High School students and the students will gain experience with team work and the understanding of business functions.

### On camera, the schools

Each month Novi Community School District Cable Channel 10 will show "Kaleidoscope," a program about people, places and events of the district. Each show will highlight a day in the life of a school or department.

November's "Kaleidoscope" will feature Novi Community Education.

## NOVI HIGH SCHOOL FALL PLAY



Jim Kirby (Mr. Kirby) center and the Novi High School cast of "You Can't Take It With You" rehearse a scene from their upcoming production.

# Drama students learn "You Can't Take It With You"



John Kohl (Tony) and Maureen Sebastian (Alice Sycamore) have the two main romantic leads in "You Can't Take It With You".

### By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN Staff Writer

The curtain will rise tonight as the Novi High School Drama Club performs their rendition of Hart and Kaufman's play, "You Can't Take It With You."

Directed by Heather McKaig, Novi High drama and science-fiction literature teacher, the three-act play will be performed in the Fuerst Auditorium tonight, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

"In general, the play is about a very wacky family named the Sycamores," McKaig said.

"None of the family members work outside their home and they all have very eccentric hobbies."

Freshman Matt Britten, who plays Grandpa on Friday night, said his experience with the play and meeting new friends has been lots of fun.

"They give us the stage and we make the art," Britten said.

"It is my first year here and I have already been accepted into the great drama program at Novi High School."

Junior Maureen Sebastian, who plays Alice Sycamore, falls in love with Senior John Kohl, who portrays Tony Kirby.

Complications arise when Tony's very wealthy and upper-class family comes to dinner at the wacky Sycamore household.

"The basic theme of the play is the title, 'You Can't Take It With You,'" McKaig said.

"It is about life experiences — not money or status, but what you do while you are here."

In an attempt to spark interest in drama and performance, McKaig said she double-casted some of the parts, allowing different people to play different characters.

The play's line-up will be the same for tonight's and Saturday's performances, but on Friday some of the characters will be played by different people.

"This play is so good, you would have thought that (former director) Paula Joyner-Cinard directed it," Kohl said.

"I have been connected with drama all four of my years here. The show will be great if we can remember all of our lines."

Stapleton said the two-and-a-half hour show is going to be a fun time for the audience as this year's performance highlights the Novi High School actors' comedic talents.

"There isn't much drama at all — it's an all-out comedy," Stapleton said.

"There are lots of different side plots — but it is mainly a love story between Alice and Tony and the two different families."

McKaig said the cast auditioned for roles in the play during the second and third weeks of school and have since been practicing every day after school.

The cast and crew worked together in constructing the set and learning their lines, while becoming a tight-knit grip of friends.

In his first high school production, Britten said the performers who will read the boards this weekend, a crew of 13 people, anchored by student director Jessica Cole, a junior, worked hard at constructing the performance.

Taking on tasks of lighting, programs, props, costumes and sound, Cole said there is awesome power that comes with helping in the production of a play.

"It has been a lot of hard work but it has also been real fun," she said.

Tickets for "You Can't Take It With You" will be on sale this weekend during the high school lunch period. Adult tickets are \$4 and for children and senior citizens tickets will be \$3. Tickets will also be sold at the door and will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for children and senior citizens.

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Above, Novi High School theater director Heather McKaig watches her cast go through their rehearsals before the big night arrives. Below, as sets go up the players get comfortable with the stage before an empty audience.

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 "This is a prime example of grassroots democracy," Southwick said.

outcome of Tuesday's election.  
 "This is the end result of three years of a lot of hard work by many different people in Novi," Bruder said.  
 "I want the city to put in picnic shelters, open up the park and improve access for the residents of Novi. Let's have people come out and see what they have."

## Library Briefs

**LIBRARY HOURS**  
 The Novi Public Library is open Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The library is located at 45245 W. Ten Mile Road, just east of Tall Pines. For more information, call (248) 344-6729.

**STORYTIME NOTES**  
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# New council to be sworn-in on Monday

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 Schmidt lost their seats.  
 The new mayor and council will be sworn in Monday at 7 p.m. by Judge Brian MacKenzie.

"I believe this is the first time we have had a road bond issue not pass. It would appear some of the issues in the community are effecting the road bond issue."

Ed Kriewall, Novi City Manager  
 "Meyer is one of the most honorable men I have had the privilege to call a friend," he said.  
 Meyer, who said he was disappointed he won't be mayor, added that the people will benefit with their choice of Clark.  
 "Clark is thoughtful, logical and assertive when necessary," Meyer said.  
 "I will continue to be committed to the city while working on the Zoning Board of Appeals and the hospital board."

Ed Kriewall, Novi City Manager  
 "I had to explain that I had a difference in opinion and the vote tonight indicated the people differentiated myself from the majority of the council."  
 "The support I received was very flattering and encouraging and I plan to work very hard not to let the voters down and keep the important issues out there."  
 After 20 years on the job, Schmidt said while he was disappointed with his loss, he has no regrets and believes he is leaving with a good track record of service to the city.  
 Council Member Hugh Crawford said he was extremely disappointed with the road bond's results.  
 "This may set the community back years as far as economic development and residents getting around town," he said.  
 Crawford said the road bond may have failed because there is a sense of negativity in the community lately that is "kind of against anything the current council and any proposals."  
 Novi's new mayor said he supported the road bond, but thinks it failed because of its packaging.  
 "People were taking a very conservative tack. What we are getting from the residents is there is just too much on the plate right now," he said.  
 Clark added one of the early tasks for the new council will be to look at the road bond proposal and create a new one that residents will support.  
 However, Bononi — who was against the proposal — said she was "glad the citizens of Novi acquainted themselves with the issue and looked at the numbers and realized they would not benefit as much as the developers."  
 Jeremy McBain's email is [jmcbaib@home.com.net](mailto:jmcbaib@home.com.net). B.J. Hammerstein's email is [bhammerstein@home.com.net](mailto:bhammerstein@home.com.net).

ch. The new mayor has impressed voters quite a bit. If I had to leave, I'm glad most of them got on," he said.  
 "I am leaving with a good feeling," Schmidt said he has no future plans to run for city office again. However, he said there is an "outside" chance he may run for state representative when Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Nowi, reaches her term limit.

Muteli was not available for comment by press-time.  
 Also leading overwhelmingly Tuesday night was the charter amendment prohibiting the city from building a golf course or banquet facility on city land. The amendment won 5,271 to 1,831.  
 In a big surprise to city officials, the \$28 million road bond proposal failed in a close race of 3,867 votes against the tax increase to 3,295 votes for it.

Ed Kriewall, Novi City Manager  
 "I believe this is the first time we have had a road bond issue not pass," Kriewall said.  
 "It would appear some of the issues in the community are effecting the road bond issue."  
 These issues concerning voters would be the Sandstone lawsuit and the Novi Ice Arena deficit, Kriewall said.  
 Council Member Hugh Crawford said he was extremely disappointed with the road bond's results.

**VOTE TALLY**

Only 23 percent of Novi voters hit the polls on Tuesday. Here's the percentage of the votes each candidate and issue took.  
 (Every voter did not vote on all issues and candidates.)

**Mayor:**  
 Dick Clark 66 percent  
 Michael Meyer 30 percent

**City Council:**  
 Michelle Bononi 54 percent  
 Craig DeRoche 51 percent  
 Lou Coardas 36 percent  
 Brooks Decker 33 percent  
 Kathy Mutch 30 percent  
 Bob Schmid 28 percent  
 Steve Reed 26 percent

**City charter amendment:**  
 Yes 73 percent  
 No 25 percent

**Road bond proposal:**  
 No 53 percent  
 Yes 45 percent

**CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING**

There will be a Public Information Meeting on Tuesday, November 16, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. for Nine Mile Road Sanitary Sewer from Beck Road to Napier Road. The Meeting will be held at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, in Council Chambers. The public is invited to attend this meeting to discuss questions and concerns with this project.  
 (11-4-99 NFR/N 935551)

**NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

The Northville Public Schools is soliciting sealed bids for the following:  
 • Painting of Cooke Middle School, 21200 Tall Road, Northville, Michigan 48167. Bids should be returned to the Business Office at 501 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, no later than 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 8, 1999. A Mandatory Pre-Bid Walk-thru will be held at Cooke Middle School on Thursday, November 23, 1999, from 2:30-5:30.  
 • Bids should be in sealed envelopes clearly marked "Cooke Middle School Paint Bid." Specifications are available to be picked up in the Operations Department, 501 West Main Street, between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Please contact Chris Geams at (248) 344-8445 if you have any questions.  
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## As We See It

### Revolution at the polls slams once quiet Novi

Was it the \$53 million Sandstone judgment? Was it the Novi Ice Arena deficit? Was it the golf course feasibility study for the North Novi Park? Was it the stubbornness of the council majority in not putting the golf course concept on the ballot? Or was it the chilling effect of cold weather and rain?

Novi voters have spoken, admittedly not very many of them, and when the next city council convenes on Monday night, 43 percent of the members will be newcomers.

That big change is ahead for Novi in the next election isn't the surprise. What is, is that only 23 percent of the voters got off their couches, office chairs and car seats to vote.

Going into the election, voter interest seemed so strong that City Clerk Toni Bartholomew was predicting a 50 percent turnout. Novi didn't make half of that.

And that's a real disappointment. Spin doctors for those who didn't get the top votes might deduce that the nasty weather only inspired the truly disgruntled to head for the polls. That theory would be wrong.

For what appears to be the first time, a road bond issue did not pass in Novi. It seems that voters, not knowing what financial toll may lie ahead with the Sandstone judgment, were unwilling to raise their taxes one penny for a bond issue.



### Government

So what's ahead for Novi? Those who will be taking office next week face some formidable challenges, among them making sure Novi gets the money from somewhere to match the state funds for the Beck Road interchange reconstruction.

Serious planning for the future of the North Novi Park is now a pressing need. That gorgeous tract of land must be more accessible to residents. We suggest talking to the folks at Farmington Hills city hall, where that city's beautiful Heritage Park features hiking trails built by the low-cost sweat equity of Boy Scouts and other volunteers.

It's also time for city officials to create some sort of plan for the worst-case scenario of the Sandstone appeal failing. And the public must be kept up to date on this.

Good luck, Mayor Dick Clark and Council Members Michelle Bononi, Craig DeRoche and Lou Corsodas. The voters (at the least the 23 percent of whom care) are looking to you to do your best.

## Show off the Baseline Jug

For more than a decade, the (Baseline) Jug sat idle in the athletic trophy cases of Novi and Northville High schools, save for one day each year when the item was up for grabs between the rivals. The Jug never teased the opposition, nor did it defiantly gesture at the crowd. Some — and we emphasize some — players did, however. But the majority of the young men we saw playing for the Jug simply took in the thrill of victory or made silent vows to win the coveted prize the following year.

from *The Novi News*  
Nov. 5, 1998

One year ago, we wrote what appears above, and the Novi varsity football team squeaked by Northville 21-17.

One year later, Novi claimed another victory — also 21-17 — and the Jug is still nowhere to be found at Ten Mile and Taft Roads.

The Jug has been in our office almost every day since it was rebuilt in October 1998. Sure, it looks pretty, and it gets more than its share of compliments when people see it. But the truth of the matter is that the trophy doesn't belong in our office. It belongs at Northville or Novi High school, like any other sports trophy would.

We presented the Jug last year to the Wildcats at their sports banquet. Dressed in shirts and ties and stuffed from a year-ending banquet, the team gathered around the Jug for a few photographs before it was whisked away, not to be seen for another year.

It was a nice gesture and one that put smiles on more than a few faces

at the banquet, but it wasn't quite what we had in mind, nor what we think most parents, students and players had in mind.

If you haven't seen the Jug, it's a beautifully-painted milk canister donated by Guernsey Farms Dairy. The scores from each one of the modern-era Jug games have been affixed to either the orange or green side of it to denote the winner for each year.

Did we mention it's durable and weighs slightly less than a battle tank?

Quite honestly, it's not made to be handled with white gloves. It's made to be hoisted by a group of sweaty, muddy, tired and overjoyed players at the end of hard-fought game. Get the idea?

We understand the concern held by administrators that the return of the Jug might mean excessive celebration on the part of spectators and participants, but we don't necessarily believe it. Properly instructed ahead of time, we've convinced players would be able to take in the joy of a victory without getting confrontational with the losing team.

That's called sportsmanship, and it's something both districts have worked diligently to improve.

We've done our part. We've got the Jug here, ready to pass it on to the right people. It's now up to everyone else — particularly school administrators — to come to their senses and allow the Jug's return.

Like the saying goes: ships are safest in the harbor, but that's not where ships are supposed to be.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

This newspaper welcomes letters to the editor. We ask, however, that they be issue-oriented, confined to 400 words and that they contain the signature, address, and telephone number of the writer. The writer's name may be withheld from publication if the writer fears bodily harm, severe persecution, or the loss of his or her job. The writer requesting anonymity must explain his or her circumstances. Submit letters for consideration by 4 p.m. Monday for that Thursday's paper. We reserve the right to edit letters for brevity, clarity, libel, taste and relevance. The week prior to an election, this newspaper will not accept letters to the editor that open up new issues. Only responses to already published issues will be accepted, with this newspaper being the final arbiter. This policy is an attempt to be fair to all concerned.

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## Best B-day gift is helping others



Mike Malott

Aaron Morehead wanted a birthday party. After all, you only turn 8 once. But mom Joan Morehead was none to thrilled about the idea in the beginning. "Do you really need more toys?" she asked. Aaron said he really didn't care about getting gifts, he just wanted a get-together with his buddies from school. As Joan later put it, kids love to play with their pals, and they love to host parties in their own homes. What came of the dilemma was a truly unique event. Aaron, Joan and dad Kurt Morehead hosted a birthday shindig earlier this fall with all the usual trappings — cake, pop, balloons and party games.

Except there was one big difference — no gifts.

Instead, this Walled Lake area family took donations for a favorite charity. They asked guests to bring toys, living necessities — like washcloths and towels — or cash donations to be given to HAVEN, Oakland County's shelter for battered and abused spouses and children.

Joan — Kurt gives her all the credit for coming up with the idea — explained that she tries to get her son involved several times a year in volunteer activities like the CROP Walk and Clean Sweep in Detroit. She wants him to know there are children who are less fortunate and get some hands-on experience helping others.

When it came time to host the birthday party, HAVEN was chosen because kids would get the benefit. Aaron and Joan wanted it to be a matter of "kids helping kids."

When the family headed off to HAVEN to hand over what they had collected — a sizable collection of toys and necessities as well as \$90 in donations — Aaron got a tour of the facility. He learned about the shelter, what it does for its users, and why such shelters are needed.

But it still begs the question, did Aaron miss getting gifts? Was his birthday diminished at all by not getting presents from all his pals?

Not at all, reports Joan. The party was big hit with the kids. They got to do all the things party-goers do. And after all, Aaron still got presents from mom and dad, grandpa and grandma.

Aaron's reaction to the idea was one of excitement. Says Kurt, when it was explained to Aaron that they might be doing something unique, untried before, Aaron's responses was that "they couldn't stop him." He was genuinely excited about the prospect of helping out a charity that in turn would help other children.

The party was hit with other parents too. I've heard from a number of those whose boys were at the get-together, and they all have given the idea very positive reviews. Most say they plan to do something similar.

And why not? Most kids these days have toys in great abundance. I know it is certainly true at my house. With three youngsters, our family has bedrooms full of toys, closets full of toys. The garage is half taken over by them, and from time to time they seem to spill out on the lawn.

We live in prosperous times. Parents and relatives lavish gifts on their kids. At Christmas, especially, but during birthdays too, toys arrive at our homes literally by the carload. Of course, they never quite seem to leave in the same volumes.

So when it came time for my son, Charlie, to host his birthday party recently for his eighth birthday, we too talked to him about collecting donations. He eagerly agreed. The charity we chose was Ronald McDonald House of Ann Arbor, which puts up family members so they can be close by when kids are sick and in the hospital at the University of Michigan Medical Center.

Did Charlie miss getting gifts? He didn't seem to. He got play time with a bunch of his pals, pizza and a trip with friends to a hockey game. It seems to me that makes life pretty good. And Charlie agrees.

When Aaron and Kurt arrived at Charlie's get-together, I confessed we were stealing their idea, shamelessly ripping off their concept.

"That's OK. We want people to steal it," Kurt said. "Use it cookie-cutter fashion. Just pick your favorite charity, something your child can connect to, and do it."

"This is one time you can steal and not have to worry about being prosecuted," Joan said.

Every once in a while an idea comes along that's worth copying. And this appears to be one of them.

## In Focus

### By John Heider



Oakland County Health Division Nurse Elen Leach gives Novi Fire Captain Gilbert Van Sicke his flu shot last week.

## Wiping frost off windshield a bad sign



Chris Davis

More random thoughts and observations on life...  
 • I've been trying to think of a job where critics tear you apart more than in journalism. Here's my complete list of the possible contenders: 1) PR person for a tobacco company, 2) Geoffrey Fieger.  
 • I have determined that the hope of the return of even an isolated 80-degree day is completely vanquished once you've scraped frost off a windshield for the first time in a season. Any meteorologists want to back me up on this? (By the way — why don't meteorologists study meters?)  
 • Someone pinch me...is Interstate 275 actually complete?  
 • About six months ago, I did a story on a Northville dentist who swore by the Dr. Atkins eat-a-lot-of-meat-and-lose-weight diet. It was the first time I'd heard of such a thing and based on the phone calls I received from running it, I dare say it was the first time for a lot of readers, too. Well, it's October and Dr. Carnivore is everywhere you turn. I bet Ponderosa couldn't be happier.  
 • I didn't need to read those stories about how using a cell phone might cause damage to the brain. If you're driving a car and yapping on your cell phone, you're already halfway there.  
 • If Coke is going to create a pop machine that jacks up the cost of a can when it gets hotter, does that mean we can purchase a Sprite for nickel in February?

• Here's what I think — if you're in an elevator at midnight this New Year's Eve, and the Y2K doomsdayers are proven to be correct (i.e., the car gets stuck, then you deserve to be there. It's the biggest moment in the last thousand years. What were you doing in an elevator?)  
 • Halloween is now a three-week holiday. Christmas is up to six weeks. Yet Thanksgiving is still one day. (Okay, maybe two, but that's if you're one of those loonies who heads to the malls at the crack of dawn.) I say this only because Thanksgiving is the one day when everyone, regardless of religious affiliation or nationality, should take the time and count our blessings, rather than our number of miniature candy bars or presents under the tree.  
 • That must have been some crash. It's November, and the Northville city clock still hasn't been repaired and replaced. I'm starting to miss it.  
 • Another excerpt from the NewJwed's Guide To Living: If you ever want a clean house, just invite company over.  
 • I miss seeing the clubhouse for the Old Sliders' Driving Range on the north side of Grand River in Novi. I used to go there with my dad when I was younger, then to some little daze a little further west. I was told the place had great butter milk, but since I couldn't stand the stuff (still can't), I wouldn't know. I do know the chocolate milk was second to none.  
 Chris C. Davis is the copy editor for the Novi News and Northville Record. He can be reached via e-mail at cdavis@h.homecom.net.

## Upgrading education is MEAP's role



Phil Power

Gov. John Engler last week transferred responsibility for (a) adult and vocational education to the Department of Career Development and (b) state education assessment tests (MEAP) to the Department of Treasury. Both programs previously had been run by the Department of Education.

I thought the headline in The Macomb Daily caught it just right: "Is Engler power mad or just for the efficiency school of thought, consider the shift of career and technical services and adult education to the Department of Career Development."

I chaired the Job Training Coordinating Commission during the 1980s. In those days, responsibility for job training and career development was inefficiently splattered all over state government.

That's why I thought it was right for Engler to create the new Department of Career Development: it concentrated responsibility and accountability for career-related programs and job training into one administrative unit.

Now moving staff overseeing adult education and vocational schools, including vocational courses at community colleges, to the Career Development department makes sense for the same reason. It strategically links adult and vocational education together with community colleges in one coherent part of state government. Given how important high skills are for Michigan kids and businesses alike, I can only applaud Engler's move.

As evidence supporting the power mad charge, consider what the governor has done to the MEAP program.

MEAP stands for the Michigan Educational Assessment Program, covering reading, writing, science and math, with social science to be added soon. Eleventh graders who pass all tests can be awarded \$2,500 Merit college scholarships, beginning with the June 2000 graduating class.

Responsibility for the MEAP test has been in the hands of the Department of Education for years.

Under its leadership, the test has been one of the most powerful tools for school reform because it assesses what kids actually learn in school and provides solid evidence where individual schools need to do better.

Last year, however, in creating the Merit scholarship program and linking it to MEAP test results, the legislature created a new Michigan Merit Award Board. This provided a convenient rationale for moving oversight of MEAP tests from the education folks to, of all places, the Department of Treasury.

The relevant paragraph from the governor's press release read: "Because the law requires that the Michigan Merit Award Board review and approve the assessment tests before they may be used to determine eligibility under the scholarship program, the responsibility for the administration of MEAP is transferred to the Department of Treasury."

What's that? Transfer responsibility for the biggest tool for school reform from educators to bean counters in the treasury?

As evidence for "power mad," consider that of the seven members of the Merit board, six are Engler appointees: Mark Murray, head of Treasury; Barbara Bolin, director of Career Development; Kathleen Barclay, vice president of global human resources for General Motors; Clark Durant, who recently resigned from the

## Scouts scouting for cans on Saturday

To the editor:  
 On Saturday, Nov. 6, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts from all over Novi will be going door-to-door passing out bags for "Scouting for Food." These bags are to encourage families to donate canned goods to the food banks in Oakland County. These scouts will return on Saturday, Nov. 13 to collect the bags from the porches.

Cub Master Chris Pence of Parkway School's Pack No. 50 has challenged the Cub Scouts and parents of Pack No. 50 to collect 2,000 canned goods. Chris has already donated the first 100, 1,900 to go. If the 2,000 goal is met, Chris will dress up as a woman at the next pack meeting on Nov. 16.

The last cub master that posed the same challenge to the scouts of Pack No. 50 with a goal of 1,500 was surprised when they collected 2,100 that year.

We will be collecting the cans in the parking lot of St. James Church on Ten Mile between Beck and Taft on Saturday, Nov. 13 between 10 a.m. and noon.

Ken Wardrop  
 Former Cub Master  
 Pack No. 50

## Letters

work and the losers are those people who chose to make personal attacks and misquote/interpret the words of others.

I take very seriously the plaque on the wall in my home, which says "in recognition of dedicated volunteer service, which will serve as a lasting reminder and inspiration to others in our community." Therefore, when accused publicly of scurrilous and dirty politics, I think it only fair to make sure that those who don't know me (those who do know me, know me for the person I have always been) understand the manipulation of words which others practiced on these editorial pages.

First, Mr. Davis' statement was very clear. Residents did not show up for the discussion meetings on the North Novi Park even with the required prior notice published in *The Novi News*. If proper notice had not been given, *The Novi News* would have brought that to your attention. The truth is that residents didn't show up because they didn't care at that time. It is not unusual for these public hearings to be poorly attended. Mr. Davis and his staff are to be applauded for their patience and professionalism in dealing with the public every day.

Second, I did not say that banning the city from developing a banquet facility would affect the senior housing currently under construction or any other existing city facility. I have spoken with several seniors over the past week, none misunderstood my letters. What I did say was that "if an additional building is needed at the senior housing project," the charter amendment would block the building of said additional building with or without a vote of the people. As for the quote from Assistant City Attorney Dennis Watson, he did not back up what the P.A.R.K.S. representatives have been saying, he said it would "probably not" block additional buildings. "Probably not" is not a definitive statement. A deer will probably not run into my car on my way home from shopping for groceries in Novi, but it might. With a definition of banquet facility, it is left up to the elected officials at the time the building is needed to define on a case by case basis.

Third, I never mentioned a hot dog stand with a bench nor would my family consider eating at a patio table in the building. I was talking about a BEG grill in Mr. Tindall's backyard. Just for the record, that would be a Staab party of five. If you can't get that fact right, what other facts were wrong in your letters?

Also, the parents who would have their children believe that a golf course would destroy hundreds of trees and many animal homes should consider a field trip to Kensington Metro Park where a nature center, picnic areas, boating and a golf course without a banquet facility exist successfully together.

Finally, for those who feel that the golf course and ice arena should have been approved by a

public vote, why aren't they screaming that they didn't get to vote on the senior housing of the development of the soccer fields at the Community Sports Park and/or the building of the Tim Hope playstructure. If we must vote on one city development of city-owned property, shouldn't we have to vote on all developments of city-owned property?

Ms. Jeffries, I hope you mean it when you say you hope the letter writing continues. I have no intention of becoming one of your weekly letter writers, but I think that people like Frank Brennan, Jodi Capello, Kathy Mutch, Andrew Mutch and Margaret Schmidt should be applauded for making positive points. People who are an inspiration to others in our community with their volunteer service and positive attitudes should not have to spend time defending themselves against the defamation of character that was allowed by negative letter writers on these editorial pages.

Becky Staab

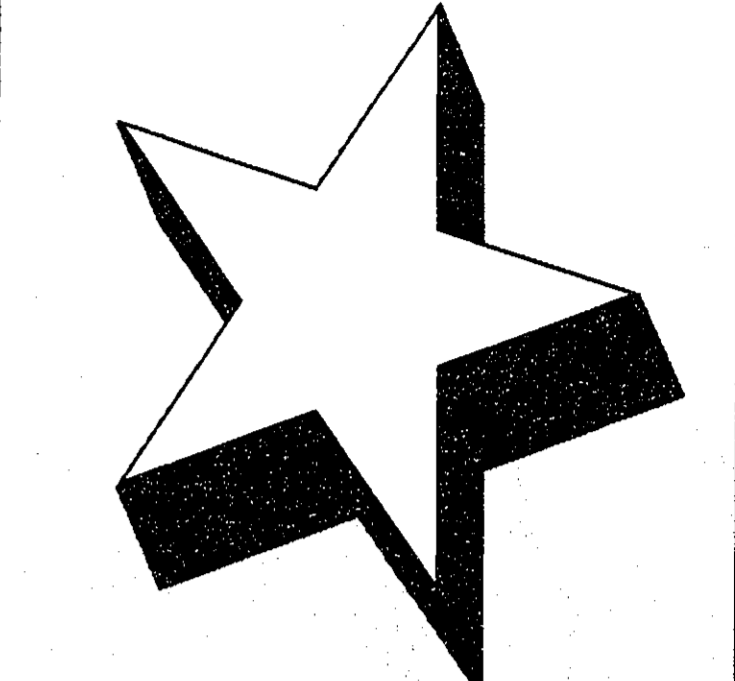
## LETTERS PROMPT RESPONSE

To the Editor:  
 Having read the letters to the editor column in the last issue, I think there are a few points that demand my response.

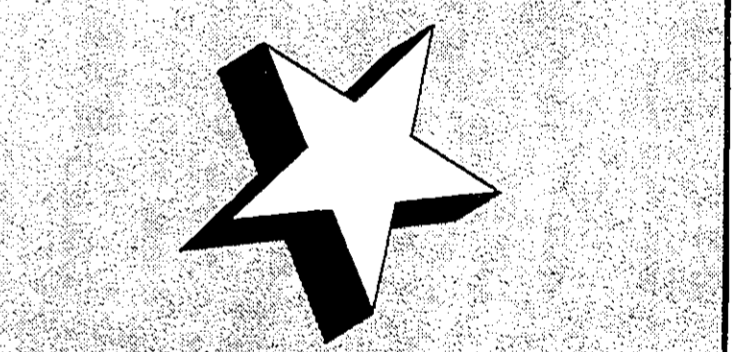
Margaret Schmidt accused me of construction or any other existing city facility. I have spoken with several seniors over the past week, none misunderstood my letters. What I did say was that "if an additional building is needed at the senior housing project," the charter amendment would block the building of said additional building with or without a vote of the people. As for the quote from Assistant City Attorney Dennis Watson, he did not back up what the P.A.R.K.S. representatives have been saying, he said it would "probably not" block additional buildings. "Probably not" is not a definitive statement. A deer will probably not run into my car on my way home from shopping for groceries in Novi, but it might. With a definition of banquet facility, it is left up to the elected officials at the time the building is needed to define on a case by case basis.

As to independence, I can think of no major issue on which Mutch broke ranks (with McLellan). She did run McLellan's campaign — the best — and told another mayor candidate the following election that she'd not run her campaign again. She may well be an independent, but she voted with the mayor and her majority on every major decision in the past four years: taxes, ice arena, golf course, raise for the manager, Andris, the consultants and on and on and on. She chose to run again this year because she wanted to finish what she'd started. We can't afford her. Mr. Hoadley gave Mrs. Mutch the credit (he took it for himself, too) for shutting down the lake frontage development by Bristol Corners. No, sir, that was me, citing the state laws and Novi ordinances that were applicable. Inter-

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# Frequent writer surprised by response to his correspondence

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wherefore and knowledge of the soccer field give innate ability to manage storm water and the impact on our wet and woodlands? Because someone has ability to raise many children, does this guaranty the ability is there to run a city?

Capello, I never said you weren't a good father. I never said you didn't take the time to help out at school. How fortunate you are to be able to live but three minutes from home and school. I never accused you of not paying appropriate rent. The point was: is there nowhere else in the city that you could lease space without the impression of impropriety or conflict of interest?

As usual, Diana Canup has acted like she has in the past. She has again proven that my comments have not challenged her opinion of her own self-worth. As usual, she has come out looking like a lady. I also would presume without getting into her business that she understands her husband's self-worth is not challenged by anything I have to say of their political persuasions.

As to the comments that I call the police too much. "...several times a week..." is totally incorrect. There are, in fact, days when I call them several times an hour. And you'd do the same if you lived with the awful tenant-infested area as I do. Do you get up in the morning and walk to see what damage has been done in your area the night before? Do you have children destroying landscape and flowerbeds alongside the street? Do you watch your neighbors kick raw garbage off their property into the

road? Do you listen to the worst vile language screamed by adults and children alike at all hours of the day and night? Do you listen to the squealing of tires and the throwing of stones at all hours?

Do your neighbors put cans and bottles on top of your car and then do target practice toward your home? Do you duck when you hear gunfire because you're not sure at whose windows it's aimed this time? This is the Novi I live in.

What Novi do all you chic, pretty people live in? How many of you pay almost \$1,000 a month in taxes to this city to own houses that you could not possibly rent to civilized people? Oh, please, don't think when you dress your children and send them off to school in the morning that they'll even get to the bus stop without getting filthy and dirt-ridden. You didn't have a barricaded gunman near you who has now moved back in. When was the last time the nars cruised your street watching for the cocaine dealers? When was the last time a police sergeant knocked on your door at 6:30 a.m. telling you "...if you see this person, we want him bad." Shall I go on and on or have I made my point? This is my personal business and I really don't think you want to get involved with it now, do you?

James E. Korte

## RESIDENTS FEEL ABANDONED

To the Editor:

The forgotten corner of Novi and Wixom.

Senior residents in Wixom are voicing loud dissent over their

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treatment by the city. "We are good, law-abiding citizens who pay our taxes. There are no criminals here, we meet our obligations and are not a burden on the city, but we are neglected seniors, the last to benefit," declared Enima Aiello, vice-president of Phase I, Leisure Cooperative on Grand River.

"Safety, safety to all concerned is of primary importance," 17-year resident, Don Ebaugh remarked angrily. "Does there have to be a fatal accident here before we get any attention?"

Leisure Co-Op residents are up to 93 years old. Novi borders the complex on the south to Napier Road. The City of Wixom is primarily to the north of Interstate 96. Leisure Co-Op is off Grand River Avenue, northwest of Wixom Road and south of Meijer. The members lived quietly in peaceful surroundings for over 20 years, then "progress" began. The residents now dwell amidst the furor of construction and unrestrained traffic. McDonald's, Arby's, Taco Bell, Burger King, Meijer, Varsity Ford dealership, Mobil and Shell gas stations have erupted, ballooning the traffic to monumental proportions, and is 50 mph from Napier to Wixom Road.

Don Ebaugh continues, "Meijer promised turn-out lanes when they first opened up over two years ago. We finally got one last week after several accidents at this entrance. Just ask Bob Simon about that."

Bob Simon, a recently-shaken

80-year-old resident stated, "I was making a left hand turn onto Grand River from Leisure Co-Op earlier last month. I was going to the pharmacy in New Hudson. I looked both ways and proceeded into the westbound lane when this beat-up 1988 station wagon came tearing into the right side of my car. The fellow who crashed into me didn't want a police report, but I thought it wise to call them. I said to the fellow, "You must have been coming pretty fast" (he was passing me off the road, he was on the shoulder). The fellow replied defensively, "Well, it's 50 mph, you know." Mr. Simon mentioned, "The accident resulted in \$1,200 damage to my car."

Mr. Ebaugh continued, "What about Wixom Meadows condominiums? They adjoin us to the west." Three years since construction began, people are living there and still no sod or grass, just blowing dirt and sand. Twenty-one units surrounding a filthy hole that is supposed to be a pool and fountain. Why is the city allowing this?"

Another resident questions Novi's neglect, "Novi leveled the entire parcel at the southwest corner of Wixom and Grand River roads over a year ago. The wetlands were annihilated. The land was stripped clean. They tore down the trees and turned it into a barren dustbowl. The last big rain-storm flooded the intersection. It never flooded there before." Another turn-out lane is badly

needed 50 feet east of Leisure Co-Op, where the west entrance to Meijer is located. Traffic jams are created at this point. It is risky to make a left-hand turn into Meijer at this west entrance. Autos streaming east still use the soft shoulder to pass cars making a left-hand turn into Meijer. A screech of tires and a cloud of dust are what often occur.

Leisure Co-Op is an appendage in the lower southeast corner of Wixom, which was previously Novi property. How did this happen, you might ask?

When I moved here in 1971, I called up the Novi city clerk, Mabel Ash and asked her if Novi was a township or a city? She emphatically replied, "You bet your life it's a city. Wixom will never steal any more of Novi's property."

It happened that Wixom had annexed the northwest corner of Novi when Ford Motor Co. came to Wixom. Since then, this has been the forgotten corner of both cities.

Lora McComas

## CURIOS ABOUT CABLE

To the Editor:

I have not heard a thing about the state of the cable franchise. Everything appears to be "business as usual." The public sees releases from SWOCC which support that, yet things are not at all business as usual.

Novi, Farmington and Farmington Hills are negotiating with Ameritech as an alternate program provider. This may allow some rate adjustments initially, but mark my

words — it will not serve us well in the long term.

Further and more importantly, the three cities will watch as the voice of community access television fades off.

It will not serve us well because Ameritech will not provide money for upgrades and if Time Warner fails to see the importance of maintaining the citizens voice, there will indeed be lost hope. Time Warner might not see fit to provide money, either. Community access is the only place where anyone may speak out on issues.

Perhaps, this is too much for SWOCC and the cities to get behind. They can justify and control their city channels, but by definition, community access is meant to be free of these controls.

I have seen access centers around the country change and adapt, and in places with a lot less money.

For community access to thrive, things must change. A champion must be found for community access. SWOCC is not a champion.

We need not only new equipment, but a new way of doing things. Friendlier policies to get people into studios and someone who really cares about growth and making it work in charge.

If you don't like what you see on access TV, go in and change it. Make your own show, speak your mind. Don't be a couch potato, or if you are already involved in access, keep on speaking out on your shows. Keep community access strong. Because if you don't, it may be gone.

Mark Adler

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Above: In traditional garb, Don Morgan of Alpha and Omega Chimney Sweeps pulls a flue-brush out of a Northville chimney along with a puff of creosote.

Right: Alpha and Omega employee James Hanlon vacuums out debris from a Clement Road home's fireplace on a recent Wednesday morning.



Story by Andrew Dietderich  
Photos by John Heider

## Look before you Light

Preparing your fireplace or wood stove before use helps make sure indoor fires are safe as well as warm and cozy.

You'd probably be hard-pressed to find many things more comforting than a roaring fire in your living room fireplace when its 25 degrees outside.

But before it gets too deep into the late fall and winter seasons, officials warn you'd better take extra special care in making sure your fireplace is ready for what you throw at it and that you use your fireplace wisely.

"As soon as the cold weather starts, we get a lot of calls related to fireplace use," said William Zhmendak, Northville Township fire chief.

"And most of the time it's because people didn't get their chimney cleaned."

Zhmendak said more people are using fireplaces than ever with most Northville area homes being built with one or two fireplaces in them.

And whether or not the fireplaces are for appearance or a main source of heating, caution needs to be used, Zhmendak said.

### Step one: preparation

"One of the big things is to make sure the chimney is inspected annually," he said. "Most chimneys need to be cleaned and inspected by a professional."

Rick Starling, chief building inspector in the city of Northville, said the first step of getting the fireplace inspected professionally goes a long way toward prevention.

"Because of the fact that a naked eye visual inspection is very limited, we recommend a licensed and insured contractor clean and then perform a video inspection of the entire chimney passage area, smoke chamber and damper assembly," Starling said. "If the inspection indicates a problem such as loose joints, cracked flues or tiles, a smoke test should be performed to locate the location and any leakage within the chimney."

The build up of creosote, a tar-like substance formed by the combination of fire smoke and debris hitting a cold chimney on its way out the chimney, can block off smoke from leaving and catch fire easily.

Additionally, Starling said a visual inspection to determine the condition of the firebox, lintel, hearth, interior wall veneer and exterior of

the chimney should be performed. The installation and repair of any type of fireplace in Northville must be inspected by the building department, however, Starling said his department doesn't have the necessary equipment to perform a complete inspection of existing chimneys and fireplace.

However, he said, accommodations may be made to have city staff present during inspections and the review of the inspections.

### Step two: more preparation

After the necessary inspections and cleaning have taken place, there are more steps to follow once you get the fire going.

For example, Zhmendak said, keep all furniture and other flammables a minimum of three feet from the fire. Don't burn trash, don't use any flammable liquid to get the fire going and always use fireplace doors and screens.

Additionally, short hot fires instead of long, smoldering fires are preferred.

"A short, hot fire will keep the chimney hotter and prevent the build-up of creosote," he said.

Decorations should not be hung from the mantle and chimney, no matter how much care is used, Zhmendak said.

"A spark could easily leave the fire and start a fire on any one of those things," he said.

Zhmendak said care should be used in selecting what kind of wood to burn and he suggests not using any kind of synthetic logs because of carbon monoxide given off by them.

"I don't really like them because they burn unevenly and release a high level of carbon monoxide," Zhmendak said.

When you're done with the fire for the evening, be sure the fire is out completely and don't close the damper if ashes are still hot. Ashes should be removed with a metal container, Zhmendak said.

More information may be obtained by calling the Northville Township fire department at (248) 348-5807 or the city of Northville building department at (248) 349-1300.

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William Zhmendak,  
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## 'Misplaced' cases bring improvements to Novi Police

More than 120 old police cases were found stuffed into a locked file box shoved to the back of the property room at the Lee C. Begole Police Headquarters.

"We did find an old file cabinet with some old cases dated from 1988 to 1991," said chief Douglas

Schaeffer earlier this week. "They are in various stages of completion. On some of them, you couldn't tell if any work had been done on any of them."

Although police are unsure who the cases were assigned to, the department has contacted several recently-retired detectives to ask about the files. Five detectives retired in January of 1996.

- from the Novi News  
November 7, 1996

By CHRIS C. DAVIS  
Copy Editor

There was perhaps no one more upset about the discovery of mothballed police cases in 1996 than Novi police chief Doug Schaeffer.

Except for maybe the people who were waiting in limbo for their cases to be attended to by the police.

"I didn't have the privilege of firing the person," Schaeffer said. "It's too bad that individual was gone before I could."

Regardless, the guilty party is no longer working for the Novi police department and probably won't be seen around Ten Mile and Novi roads anytime soon. But what's more important, Schaeffer said, was the improvements that were made in the cataloging of incident reports once they were taken by the Novi police.

"I'm very confident, based on the changes we've made, that what happened before will never happen again," he said.

According to Schaeffer, the cases — which Schaeffer said were hidden from plain view — were discovered by accident when officers were going about their normal course of business. Most of the cases, Schaeffer said, had to do with checks that were returned as having insufficient funds to cover.

Because of the time lapse between when the incidents were originally reported and when police discovered the dated cases, many of the trails were stone cold, Schaeffer said.

"We were able to prosecute a few of the cases, but most of them we weren't," he said. "It was a very frustrating thing for us."

Schaeffer said that after investigations on the cases resumed, police supervisors tried getting in contact with the parties responsible. Schaeffer said those persons declined to speak with their former employer. Prosecutors opted not to take on a case against the ex-cops, he said.

So what's changed since that time? Much, said Schaeffer, including a new tracking system and more streamlined internal approach to handling files.

"Ever since that happened, we've made it a habit to work through cases on a daily basis," Schaeffer said. "We've got a new computer tracking program that makes it virtually impossible to forget about a case. Once it's entered into the system, it's in there forever. It can't go anywhere."

Schaeffer said that though what happened three years ago was disappointing to him, the modifications made in the case-tracking process were made substantially better as a result.

"There's no question we're better off now than where we were," he said. "We definitely don't want a repeat of that again."

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Entertainment

NOV. 4
What: Jim Henson's Open House Jam
Where: Henson's Inn 1103 East Lake
When: 7:30 p.m.
Phone: (313) 424-9667

NOV. 4-13
What: A Story I Took Christmas With Me
Where: Fox Shelter Hills Museum 11609 Fox Shelter Hills Drive, Fox Shelter Hills
When: Various times
Phone: (248) 456-3663

NOV. 4-21
What: The Mars Show: History of the Exploration of Mars
Where: Longway Planetarium 1310 E. Fowler Street, Flint
When: Various times
Phone: (517) 769-1181

NOV. 4-27
What: "The Figure in Motion" sculpture and drawing display
Where: Washington Street Gallery 215 E. Washington, Ann Arbor
When: Various times (artist will be on hand Nov. 12 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.)
Phone: (734) 761-2287

NOV. 4-JAN. 2
What: Railroad Days
Where: Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village 12090 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn
When: Various times
Phone: (313) 271-1620

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Business

The Novi Community Credit Union has won a first place award in the Dora Maxwell Social Responsibility Program for Credit Unions.

Northville Downs will be resuming live racing at the tracks on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings.

Gift certificates redeemable at any one of Twelve Oaks Mall's shops are now available for purchase.

Katherine Mastantuono, owner of The KPM Group, was awarded the 1999 Businesswoman of the Year award at the Novi Hilton on Oct. 18.

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Community Events

The 21st annual Children's Christmas Workshop is slated for Dec. 4, but registration for the event begins Nov. 5.

The Salvation Army kettles will be in Northville for the Christmas season again beginning Nov. 26 and running through Christmas Eve.

Christmas trees will be on display in businesses throughout Northville beginning Nov. 8 which can be won through a raffle sponsored by the Friends of the Northville District Library.

Smoking cessation programs have been scheduled for Nov. 1 and Nov. 6 at St. John Macomb Hospital and Southfield Providence Hospital.

The fourth annual Women of Virtue Conference in Detroit is slated for Nov. 6 beginning at 8 a.m.

Cub Scout Pack 746, Bear Den 3 will be collecting returnable cans and bottles to raise money for purchase of a new digital camera.

The Northville Seniors will be taking a trip on Nov. 12 to the Gem Theater in Detroit to see the stage production "Escanaba in Da Moonlight."

The Roses-West Rose Society will be holding its final meeting of the season on Nov. 4 at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center.

The Certified Instructors of Snowmobiles Ski Club and officers of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division will be hosting a snowmobile safety class for young and adult snowmobilers on Nov. 6 at 8:30 a.m.

Registration for winter 2000 classes at Madonna University will run Nov. 15 through Jan. 7. There is no application fee.

A blood drive will be held at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church on Nov. 18 from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The Northville Woman's Club will be holding its 24th annual holiday greens sale shortly.

Reunion organizers are seeking Northville High School graduates from 1982 to 1999 who sang under the direction of Mary Kay Pryce.

Schoolcraft College's 1999-2000 theater season will open Oct. 29 with William Shakespeare's comedy, "The Merchant of Venice."

A doll show will be hosted by the Northville Garden Club.

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## He's all shook up, but still rockin'

Elvis impersonator hits Milford stage

A headstone bears Elvis Presley's name, but the legend of the original singing rock and roll star of the 1950s will live on this Friday at Baker's of Milford.

Dave King, an Elvis impersonator, will take stage in Milford at 8:30 p.m. Backed by a 10-piece band, King strikes the familiar poses and duplicates the mannerisms that have become Elvis trademarks, right down to the sweat-soaked sleeves tossed into the crowd.

King began performing with his band in 1974, highlighting Presley's music. The shows have won praise from Rolling Stone critic Dave Marsh.

"His legend gets royal treatment," Marsh wrote. "King's care and excellence to portray the late Presley is uncanny. Other people have rocked, but nobody's done it better."

Tickets for King's show are \$17 in advance or \$22 at the door. They are available at Baker's, Schaffer's House of Music (Brighton), Read Between the Lines (Milford) and Musi-Go-Round (Novi). Doors to the show open at 7:30 p.m.

Baker's is located at 20225 South Milford Road. For more information, call (248) 685-0505.

- THANK YUH**
- Here's a rundown of Dave King's "Elvis Lives" show:
- Mystery Train
  - That's All Right Mama
  - Teddy Bear / Don't Be Cruel
  - Heartbreak Hotel
  - One Night
  - Hound Dog
  - Jail House Rock
  - Are You Lonesome Tonight?
  - Return To Sender / Blue Suede Shoes / All Shook Up
  - 2001 Space Intro
  - C.C. Rider
  - Wonder of You
  - Burning Love
  - It's Now or Never
  - Suspicious Minds
  - Devil In Disguise
  - You Gave Me A Mountain
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The King will be played by Dave King this weekend at Baker's of Milford.

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# Movies

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## Pokemon trainers lured into battle

Ash Ketchum and his fellow Pokemon trainers, Misty and Brock, are about to embark on a great adventure — the continuing quest to become the greatest Pokemon masters of all time!

Pokemon, the worldwide phenomenon which began as a handheld video game and virtually exploded across the globe in every form from trading cards to the number one rated television kids show on the kids' WB!, hits the big screen with an exciting adventure about the greatest Pokemon battle yet.

"Pokemon: The First Movie" follows Ash and Pikachu and their pals to a remote island where they are lured into a massive Pokemon battle which will take all their courage and skill.

In the ultimate showdown on New Island, the rare and legendary Pokemon Mew must do battle with the bio-engineered Mewtwo, a master trainer and the world's most powerful Pokemon.

Let the match begin!

Kids' WB! presents a 4Kids Entertainment Production, the American adaptation of "Pokemon: The First Movie" is written by Norman J. Grossfeld, Michael Haigney and John Touhey with voice direction by Michael Haigney.

Norman J. Grossfeld, President of 4Kids Productions, is the Producer. The animated film is directed by Kunihiko Yuyama and produced by Choji Yoshikawa, Tomoyuki Igarashi and Takemoto Mori.

The film, written by Takeshi Shudo, is based on characters created by Satoshi Tajiri. It is distributed by Warner Bros. Family Entertainment, A Time Warner Entertainment Company.



Ash and his friend Pikachu are surrounded by characters from "Pokemon: The First Movie."

A brand new Pokemon, Donphan, makes his debut in "Mewtwo Strikes Back," the episodic feature of "Pokemon: The First Movie."

Additionally, a short called "Pikachu's Vacation," starring Ash's furry pal Pikachu, the most charming and beloved Pokemon of them all, makes its American debut along with the feature-length film, "Pikachu's Vacation" introduces two new Pokemon, Snubbull and Maril.

"Pokemon: The First Movie" opens nationwide on Nov. 12.

## This 'Fight' should not be missed

Chris Sandberg  
GUEST MOVIE REVIEW

When you go to the theater in anticipation of seeing "Fight Club" your mind is open. You expect practically everything. As you watch it, the film pulls off everything that you least expected.

Even if you go in expecting a masterpiece you won't be disappointed. The film deserves all the praise it gets. There is no doubt about it. This is going to be the film of the year.

The plot, adapted from the novel by Chuck Palahniuk, is really hard to explain without giving it away so I'll just give the basics of what you already know.

Tyler Durden — projectionist, waiter, and dark anarchist genius — is the creator of the Fight Club. A group that encourages young men with good jobs and absent fathers to take off their shoes and shirts... and fight to the death.

The almost legendary fights draw a political campaign coordinator into a growing pool of insanity that reaches into boardrooms across America.

The acting in the film is not surprising. You have Oscar nominee Brad Pitt, who has been giving great performances like "Seven Years in Tibet" and "12 Monkeys," the film that earned him the nomination.

You also have Edward Norton who basically gives nothing but great performances like "American History X," which, like Pitt, earned him an Oscar nod.

They don't disappoint and they both are a shoe-in at the Oscars.

The cinematography is some of the best I've seen since "Saving Private Ryan" and already probably has the Oscar.

Jeff Cronenweth leads you to believe that when it comes to this kind of stuff he is very experienced when, in fact, this is his first cinematography effort.

For the two hours and 20 minutes that you're in the theater you are trapped in the insanity that Tyler Durden lives in. This film will knock your socks off seven times over.

**MOVIE REVIEW**

Forget the first 30 minutes of "Saving Private Ryan." This is definitely the most intense film I've ever seen.

When you leave the film you are so worn out and exhausted. You're blood is rushing through every vein in your body and the only word you can say is "WOW!"

This could have been some standard Hollywood thriller/action film. Instead Fincher treats us to almost two and a half hours of the most surreal and absorbing material you're likely to see all year.

He asks questions no other filmmaker has ever dared. He does things with the camera that you and I can only visualize in our wildest and most bizarre dreams.

He creates an utterly original form of narrative that is equal parts unique and disturbing.

Finally, a movie, which accurately depicts the apothosis of a current pervasive American theme: consumerism has become our way of life and has ultimately become our reason for living.

"Fight Club" is truly a theatrical marvel.

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 This DWCF, 34, 5'8", who enjoys bible study and riding Harley's, is waiting for you. If you are an outgoing, warm-hearted, SWCM, under 45, then give her a call. She'd love to hear from you. Ad#:9445

**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

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

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

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

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 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#:9028

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 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

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 This outgoing DWCF, 51, 5'7", is a member of the choir who's ISO a romantic, considerate SWCM, 50-61, N/S, for friendship, maybe more. Ad#:5127

**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

**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

**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, 5'2", 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/DWCM, 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

**ON YOUR MARK**  
 Busy SW mom 35, 5'8", is looking for adult companionship and a sharing of mutual interests and activities. She seeks a friendly, outgoing SWM, 30-40, whose interests include movies, music, sports and dining out. Ad#:1103

**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

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 Attractive, sincere SWF, 57, 5'7", who enjoys cooking, camping and having fun, is looking for a sweet SWM, 50-62. Ad#:1941

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 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

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

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

**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 DWCM, 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

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

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**SINCERELY**

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**INNER BEAUTY...**

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Photo by LOUIS POULOS

Mitch Maier (12) and the rest of the 'Cats were manhandled by the Falcons defense all night long.

# Crushed

*Novi suffers worst defeat of the season, 24-6 to Farmington in playoff opener*

By JASON SCHMITT  
Sports Editor

Over almost as quickly as it started, Novi's first playoff game in 11 years ended on a sour note in a 24-6 loss to Farmington last Friday night.

The Falcons took it straight at the Wildcats both on offense and defense, and accomplished perhaps its biggest goal: to keep Mitch Maier off the field. Novi was limited to just 10 yards of offense on 11 offensive plays in the first half, whereas Farmington grounded out 73 yards on 18 plays in an opening drive that gave the team a 7-0 lead 8:58 into the first quarter.

"I was very disappointed we could never get into this game," Novi coach John Osborne said. "Normally we can make up for early mistakes in games, but here our mistakes finally caught up to us. And they played a mistake-free game."

One of the mistakes Novi made came on its first play from scrimmage. Maier's option pitch attempt was behind running back Dan Jilg and dropped to the ground. Farmington plopped on the ball at Novi's 18 yard line. Six plays later, all on the ground, the Falcon's Scott Rycer scored from three yards out to give his team a 14-0 lead with 11:22 left in the half.

Novi's lack of offense continued for the rest of the half, as the 'Cats went three and out on three consecutive possessions and ended the half with Maier taking a knee.

On Novi's first possession of the second half, the team picked up a pair of first downs. But a loss on a Maier rush, a deflected pass attempt and a sack of Maier again forced a punt from Andy Christofferson.

Farmington went two and four yards on their next two rushes before quarterback Grant Weber broke loose and scrambled 34 yards for a first down. On the next play, Brian Brinsden went 36 yards to all but ensure the first-ever playoff win for Farmington.

The Falcons would complete their scoring on a Stephen Wayne 25-yard field goal with 10:12 left in the fourth quarter.

Novi did save face with a late scoring drive to get on the scoreboard. Maier hit Jon Cervi for a five-yard touchdown pass with 3:08 remaining.

The 2-point conversion attempt was no good. Maier was 6 for 7 on the drive for 51 yards.

"We fought them off, but they kept knocking at our door all night," Osborne said. "They were very opportunistic that night."

Osborne said one of the biggest differences between the first game of the season and the last (both played against the Falcons) was that Farmington played more of a pressure defense, with more blitzes.

"We traded tapes with them, and they saw something in the Hartland and South Lyon games that worked against us," the coach said. "They didn't blitz us in the first game."

In the end, the Wildcats ended up with 178 yards of offense. Maier led the team with 31 yards rushing and completed 10 of 23 passes for 113 yards. Muston was hit main target, hauling in four catches for 40 yards. Matt Gorman had a pair of receptions for 47 yards and Jilg and Cervi each caught two balls.

Defensively, Maier had a monster game with 11 solo tackles and six assists for 17 points. Adam Borashko had 11 first hits and three assists. Matt Luschas, David Tardella, Scott Minke and Aaron Harbin had eight total points in tackles each.

"We played ugly and it was discouraging," Osborne said. "We had a great practice week coming into the game and we thought everything was going good."

All that's left for the Wildcats is the season-ending banquet Monday night at Vladimir's in Farmington Hills.

**DIVISION II PLAYOFF RESULTS**

**REGION 3**  
**DISTRICT 1**  
Farmington 24, Novi 6  
Garden City 27, Wyandotte 14

**District Final: Farmington (6-3) at Garden City (6-2), Friday, 7:30**

## Cagers near KVC title

By JASON SCHMITT  
Sports Editor

With only a pair of Kensington Valley Conference games remaining on its schedule, the Novi varsity basketball team is looking to finish unblemished and wrap up its first KVC title since 1992.

The Wildcats (10-0 KVC, 16-1 overall) scraped their way to a 60-54 win over Milford last Thursday, knocking the Redskins from the title chase and setting up a conference championship showdown with Howell tonight at Novi High School.

The Highlanders (9-1, 15-2) are the only team that can challenge Novi for the title. Howell played Milford in an important game Tuesday night (after The Novi News' deadline). If the Highlanders lost, Novi would gain at least a share of the league title and would win it outright with a win against either Howell tonight, or Lakeland this upcoming Tuesday.

"We're just gonna go into this game as we have all the other," Novi coach Dennis Cichonski said of tonight's Howell contest. "Why change what's been successful for us?"

The last time Novi squared off against the Highlanders, Howell guard Sarah Piepho was not in the lineup. This time she will be back for the game.

"I think they'll be a little more of a point-guard oriented team this time around,"

Cichonski said. "They'll use her as a half-court weapon."

The coach said he'll start senior guard Erin Rice on the Highlander's best player, while fellow senior Erin Quinn will have her hands full with Stephanie Benaar. Kristen McGlennen will be matched up against Kate Reed and Jessica Gilbert will cover Carrie Morrow.

Cichonski said his team has a slight size advantage, but he expects the Highlanders to play a physical, aggressive game.

"We want to control the tempo of the game," he said. "And we'll need to rebound well."

### NOVI 60, MILFORD 54

They don't make high school games much better than this one. Novi overcame a 26-24 halftime deficit to knock off and eliminate the Redskins from the KVC hunt.

Bendernagel, Quinn, Rice and Gilbert hit 8 of 10 free throws in the final 57.1 seconds of the game to seal the win. Milford's Christie Schumacher hit a 22-foot three pointer with 23.0 remaining to pull the 'Skins to within a point at 55-54, but Gilbert hit one of two free throws and Rice rebounded the second miss to retain a two-point lead. Rice proceeded to hit a free throw and Bendernagel added two more for the final margin of victory.

"We've been able to play a pressure-type defense without fouling," Cichonski said.

"We've been going to the line more than our opponents, and that stems from our discipline."

Novi hit 24 of 34 free throws in the game, and were 12 for 16 in the fourth quarter alone. Bendernagel led the team with 16 points.

Schumacher was "limited" to 28 points and 13 rebounds, although at times she had free reign in the paint.

"At first we tried to double team her too early, and she was able to find other players," Cichonski said.

Novi's current record of 16-1 is the best start in school history, and the team's perfect record of 10-0 in the KVC is also a school record.

"The kid's slogan is 'It's time,'" the coach said. "They've got that determination about them now."

### NOVI 47, HARTLAND 34

The Wildcat's pressure defense led to a 24-2 lead after one quarter and a 37-6 halftime lead.

"It was our ability to defend against their flex (offense) that helped us out," Cichonski said. "It was one shot and out for them, and we were able to play everybody in the game and put many different combinations out there."

Bendernagel led the team with a 10 points.

## Novi boys advance, Moore wins regional

By JASON SCHMITT  
Sports Editor

Over the last few weeks, the Novi boys' cross country team has had its share of health problems. And thus the team has seen the number of doubters grow when it comes to asking the question: can this Novi team repeat as state champions?

For a select group of Saline runners, the answer was obvious this past weekend at the regional meet held at Ann Arbor Pioneer High School.

The Hornets raced to a regional title, knocking the Wildcats off the pedestal, at least for a week. Saline scored a meet low 42 points, well below Novi's 74. Livonia Churchill had 112 points, which was good enough for third place and an automatic trip to this weekend's state championships at Michigan Speedway.

Despite a second-place finish, there were no runners better than Tim Moore and Chris Toloff, who took the top two spots overall. Moore won the race in 15 minutes, 36 seconds, while Toloff was second in 15:44.

**Tim Moore**

Both of them beat out the defending regional champion, Paul Niedzwiecki of Adrian, who last year beat Kevin Avenius out for the title.

"They're really running fast right now," an excited coach Bob Smith said. "As fast as anyone in the state. They've really blossomed this year, and I think their best is yet to come."

Moore joined Avenius as the

only two Novi boys ever to win an individual regional title. And the 1-2 finish by Moore and Toloff is unprecedented in school history.

Eric Walle continued his impressive string of races, finishing eighth in a time of 16:37. Senior Nick Bassitt was 27th overall in 17:14 and Evan Foster rounded out the scoring with a 36th-place finish in 17:38.

With Mark Avenius missing the race due to illness and a sore calf, Mitch Erickson (41st in 17:36) and Steve Szawst (42nd in 17:38) were Novi's last two varsity runners.

"We're a big meet team this year," Smith said. "When you have two guys in the front like we do, you like the bigger invites. The better the field, the better team we are."

Smith said that although Saline's top five easily outdistanced Novi's, the points his top two runners will gain over Saline's top two will be greater at a bigger meet, like this weekend's state finals.

"At this meet, we only gained a few points on them, but at a bigger meet, there'll be a lot more placers in between us," he explained. "We're gonna have everyone healthy and fast for this meet. We'll be ready."

Rockford is the favorite to win the state title this season, as it was last year. Novi was able to knock off the Rams thanks to their fourth and fifth runners: Jason Hartmann and Dathan Ritzenhein nabbed one and two, and Kevin Avenius and Dan Christopherson were seventh and eighth. But Novi more than made up the difference with Toloff and Mike Burns easily outdistancing

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## Schmitt, Echols advance to states

By JASON SCHMITT  
Sports Editor

For the second-straight year, the Novi girls' cross country team will not go to the state finals as a team.

This comes after the Wildcats qualified and placed among the top-10 teams at the state meet for five consecutive years. This season the team was snubbed by a tremendously-strong field of teams at the Ann Arbor High School regional.

Novi finished fourth out of 18 teams, but only the top three teams and 25 individual runners advance to the state meet. Therefore, Novi freshman Nina Schmitt and senior Kristin Echols will be the lone representatives from their team at Brooklyn this weekend.

Schmitt finished fourth overall in a time of 19 minutes, 45 seconds. Only Stevenson's Andrea Parker (19:03), Pioneer's Amber Culp (19:14) and Ypsilanti's Danielle Chase (19:37) finished ahead of Schmitt.

"Nina's quite a unique person," her coach Norm Norgren said. "She loves the competition. She thrives on competition. I told her going into the race that there were two other top girls (Parker and Culp). All she said was 'okay'. And she finished that well."

Echols started off the race too slowly, according to her coach. But she came back to qualify for the state finals with her 21st place finish in 20:29. It will be her third-straight appearance at the finals.

"I'm hoping at the state meet that she'll say to herself, 'This is my last shot,'" Norgren said.

Despite Schmitt and Echols' strong performances, Novi (148 points) was still a distant fourth to Stevenson, which was the third and final qualifier with 97 points. Pioneer was first with 51 points and Saline was second with 86 points.

Val Stefanson was third on her team and 37th overall in a time of 21:09. Bethany Kittle and Margo Wolowicz were 44th and 45th to round out the scoring for their team: Kittle came in at 21:11.5 and Wolowicz was right behind at 21:11.9.

Brittany Albright was 53rd overall and Cat Waller was Novi's sev-

enth runner in 97th.

Norgren wasn't disappointed with his team's efforts, but said he was disappointed that his team was placed in a very tough regional with so many other solid programs.

"It's not just us, but Salem (5th), Churchill (6th) and Franklin (13th) are all great teams and they're not going either," he said. "I was talking with some of the other coaches before the meet and we were talking about how things are, and how we could change things."

The state finals will be held at the Michigan Speedway in Brooklyn on Saturday. The Class A girls race will be held at 2:30 p.m. Tickets to the event are \$5 and includes parking.

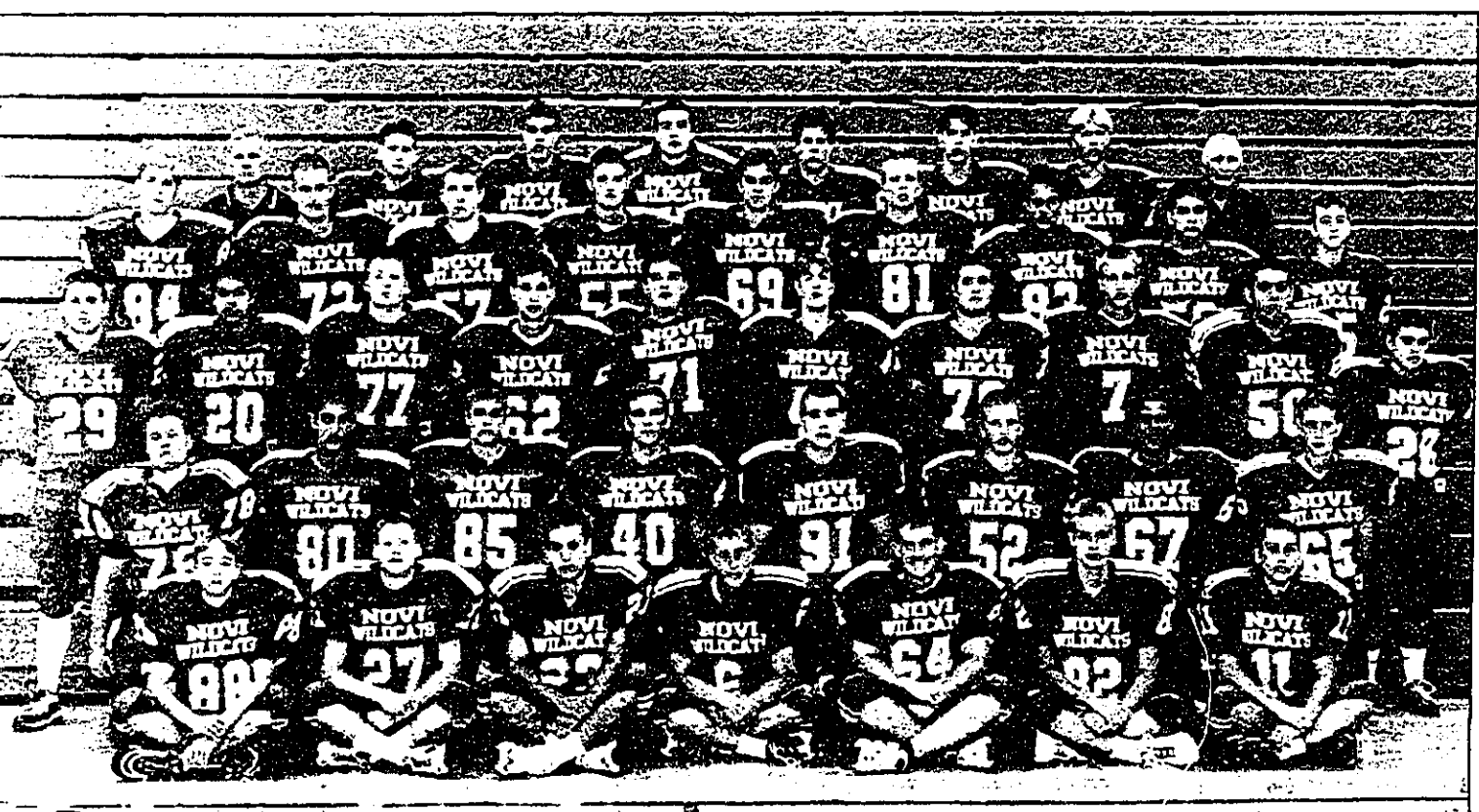


# Kobylyarek among the area's best

Novi's Matt Kobylyarek was one of the best players in the state. He finished with a 75 and was named MVP of the state tournament. He was also named MVP of the KVC press-on tournament. He was named MVP of the KVC press-on tournament. He was named MVP of the KVC press-on tournament.

**Tom Borda**  
**Northville sophomore**  
Borda was named MVP of the state tournament. He was named MVP of the KVC press-on tournament. He was named MVP of the KVC press-on tournament.

**Brian Cervin**  
**Millford junior**  
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The Novi junior varsity football team (above) finished the 1999 season with an 8-1 record. It's only loss was to Northville, 14-7.

# JV gridders complete fine 8-1 season

By JASON SCHMITT  
Sports Editor  
What started off so great ended on a bit of a sour note for the Novi junior varsity football team.

## JV FOOTBALL ROSTER

Player	Pos.	Def.
Drew Doll	QB	DB
Adam Kenny	WR	DB
John Fitzges	WR	DB
Ryan Goodman	QB	DB
Fred Napier	RB	DB
Trey Simpson	RB	DB
Brett Terbeck	RB	DB
Adam Skinner	RB	DB
Matt Ludwig	RB	DB
Jack Ray	RB	DB
Stephen Raudszus	RB	DB
Scott Kortlandt	RB	DB
Brandon Pratt	RB	DB
Adam Lienhardt	C	DT
Matt Ragsdale	G	LB
Mike Vohwinkel	G	LB
Brian Doyle	G	LB
Matt Kolich	T	DT
Chris Tuller	G	DT
Andy Becker	G	LB
Josh Christofferson	T	DT
ACL Sansom	DE	DE
Danoy Williams	DE	DE
Aaron Sorenson	DE	DE
Jeff Glover	DE	DE
Ryan McPhee	DE	DE
Cassey Kozlowski	DE	DE
Alex Burich	DE	DE
Derek Grizzow	DE	DE
Jeff Glover	DE	DE
ACL Sansom	DE	DE
Danoy Williams	DE	DE
Aaron Sorenson	DE	DE
Jeff Glover	DE	DE
Ryan McPhee	DE	DE
Cassey Kozlowski	DE	DE
Alex Burich	DE	DE
Derek Grizzow	DE	DE

**Brian Downing**  
**South Lyon senior**  
Downing qualified for the state finals for the second consecutive season, and he made the cut at Mason. Far and away South Lyon's most consistent player, Downing's nine-hole average was 37.8. He finished ninth at the Oakland County tournament, where he shot a 75, and was runner-up at the KVC press-on tournament, where he shot 73. Downing's low game was 36 against Redford Thurston.

**Justin Goyt**  
**South Lyon senior**  
One of South Lyon's two seniors, along with Brian Downing, Goyt provided moments of occasional brilliance of the course of his final season. At the Farmington Invitational he shot 71, which set a South Lyon record for 18 holes. His 33 against Redford Thurston established a school record for nine holes at Salem Hills. South Lyon's home course. Another of his best games came at the Oakland County tournament, where he shot 77. Goyt's nine-hole average was 38.8.

**Pete Kobylyarek**  
**Novi sophomore**  
A second-team all-KVC selection, Kobylyarek led the Wildcats for most of the season. He was the low scorer at regionals, shooting an 82, and was fifth at the pre-KVC meet with a 76. He was ninth at the Farmington Invitational with a 77 and shot his season best round of 35 against Birmingham.

## 1999 ALL AREA BOYS GOLF

Name	School	Grade
Brian Downing	South Lyon	Senior
Tom Borda	Northville	Sophomore
Pete Kobylyarek	Novi	Sophomore
Brian Cervin	Millford	Junior
Justin Goyt	South Lyon	Senior

Name	School	Grade
Dave Olajac	Northville	Freshman
Pat Kerekas	South Lyon	Sophomore
Matt Peurach	Novi	Sophomore
Brent LaLonde	Millford	Senior
Ryan Duff	Millford	Junior

### Honorable mention

Lakeland - Trevor Andrzejewski  
South Lyon - Tommy Gelardi  
Novi - Rob Overfield, Ryan Miller  
Northville - Kris Bekker, Brian Arndt, Dean Conway

# Mercy too much for Novi swimmers

By JASON SCHMITT  
Sports Editor  
Usually it's Novi that has all the depth, all the talent, all the big names. But for one meet a year, the Wildcats are on the other side of the spectrum.

Near the end of each season, the Novi swimmers face a team from Farmington, one that highly excels at the sport of swimming. One night each year, Mercy comes to town.

But no matter how mighty the Marlins may have been, Novi made the meet respectable. Mercy has tremendous depth, and for the Wildcats to score 69 points means the team fared quite well in several different events.

The Marlins led throughout the entire meet, and took first and third in each of the three relays. They won eight of the 12 events, and outscored Novi in 11 of 12.

Kristina Utley, Amy Hardland, Laurel Weiss and Lindsay Vermilion each won an individual event for Novi.

Utley finished atop the 100 freestyle field in a time of 56.69 seconds. Unfortunately for Novi, that was an event where Mercy snatched 2nd, 3rd and 4th place to outscore the Cats.

Hardland followed that up with a win in the 500 freestyle. The senior raced to the victory in 5:18.21. But again, the Marlins captured the next three spots.

Weiss did her best to help the Wildcats stay alive in the diving competition, winning the event with 191.1 points. Mercy grabbed the next three spots to outscore Novi 9-7 in the event.

# Kickers win districts

Playing the same style soccer it has displayed over the past two months of the regular season, The Novi soccer team won the Division I soccer district title Saturday.

The Wildcats topped West Bloomfield 4-0, thanks in part to a pair of Brandon Davis' goals and one each from Joe Irmesuc and Scott Jettie. Goalie Nick Sloan made three stops in goal to record yet another shutout.

The win came just three days after Novi shut out Walled Lake Western 3-0. In that game, Davis also scored two goals and Kevin Callender added the other. Ryan Rzepka picked up two assists and Sloan was there to record the win in goal.

"We'll take 'em," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said of two more shutouts. "It works out good for us, with everything being turned around as far as districts are concerned."

In the past, Novi would be placed in the same district as the Livonia and Plymouth schools.

Novi was scheduled to face Dearborn Tuesday (after The Novi News deadline) at South Lyon with the winner taking on either Livonia, Stevenson or Monroe tomorrow night at South Lyon Middle School. O'Leary was confident his team could beat Dearborn, and expected Stevenson to get by Monroe.

Currently, there are just eight teams remaining in the Division I playoffs.

# Peurach leads 2nd team

It may look as if the sport of golf is growing younger, and it is. Just look at this year's all-area team, which includes just three seniors and two juniors among the 10 selections.

There is a freshmen and four sophomores among the elite, including a combined three on the second team alone. Professional golf's marketing to youngsters has really paid off.

Here's a look at HomeTown Newspaper's all-area second team for 1999.

**Ryan Duff**  
**Millford junior**  
"He was up and down all year," Millford coach Jim Sander, "but he played really well in some big matches."

The biggest being the Division I state finals. Millford qualified as a team and though it didn't make the cut, Duff shot well enough — 77 — to play the second day. He also came through at the Oakland County tournament, shooting a 76. Duff's 18-hole average was 84.

**Pat Kerekas**  
**South Lyon sophomore**  
No South Lyon player improved more over the summer Kerekas, and he became a key contributor on a team which finished seventh in Oakland County and fourth at its regional. With Brian Downing and Justin Goyt, not to mention coach Bill Thomas, Kerekas' role will be even greater.

Kerekas' nine-hole average was 42. Over 18 holes, he shot 79 at the regional and 83 at the KVC press-on tournament.

**Brent LaLonde**  
**Millford senior**  
He'll be the only player not returning to the Millford five which made the state finals, and coach Jim Hill said he will miss his consistency.

LaLonde's 18-hole average was 81.7, his nine-hole average was 40. He shot 79 at the Oakland County tournament, and in KVC duals had low games of 37 against both Howell and Novi.

**Dave Olajac**  
**Northville freshman**  
You couldn't find him stop Northville's scorecard anytime cut, but it was difficult to find a scorecard without his name scoring for the team.

Olajac made a great impression in his first year of high school golf, averaging 41.7 in match play. He was the lone member of the Mustang squad to earn all-Western Lakes Activities Association first-team honors, just one of six players chosen in the 12-team conference. He fired a 38 against both South Lyon and Novi.

"Even if he played number six for us on a given day, it didn't mean he was our sixth-best player," Northville coach Brad Siedley said. "Dave really came through and fired some good rounds for us."

**Matt Peurach**  
**Novi sophomore**  
All Peurach did was golf his best at big invitationals.

The sophomore finished an impressive third at the Oakland County meet after firing a 73. His 74 at the Farmington Invitational placed him second and contributed to his 18-hole average of 82. He averaged 40 in all matches.

He and first-team selection Pete Kobylyarek along with fellow sophomore Rob Overfield give Novi one of the more promising teams next year in the Kensington Valley Conference.

"They know now, it's time to make something happen," the trio's coach said. "I'm really looking forward to it."



Sophomore Matt Peurach finished 3rd at the Oakland Co. meet.

# Even without Avenius, runners move onward

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their Ram counterparts.

With the way Moore, Toloff and Walle are running, the 'Cats will rely on strong races by Mark Avenius and Nick Bassitt.

"I think Nick's ready to make a run for it," Smith said. "He's been battling the flu the last week and he's still feeling the effects of that [the regional]."

Whoever else runs varsity at the meet (Erickson, Szawast, Foster, etel) will also play a big part in the team's success. If Novi hopes to bump off a team like Rockford, Novi's sixth and seventh runners may be needed to bump a Rockford runner or two down.

"We're a state-power team, and I think we'll go in as one of the few teams who could win it," Smith said. "We're excited about the challenge."

The Michigan cross country state finals are being held at the Michigan Speedway in Brooklyn Saturday morning and afternoon. The boys' Class A race will begin at 1:30 p.m. Tickets to the event are \$5 and includes parking.

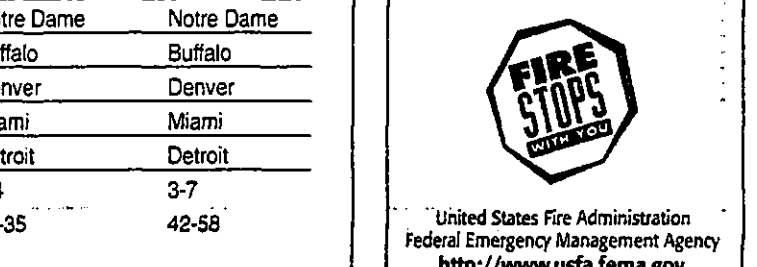
# Hot Picks

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

WL Western at DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	DCC	WL Western
Jackson at MSU	Brighton	Brighton	Brighton	Brighton	Brighton	Jackson	Jackson
Ohio St. at MSU	Ohio St.	MSU	Ohio St.	MSU	Ohio St.	MSU	MSU
Northwestern at Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
Wisconsin at Purdue	Purdue	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Purdue	Wisconsin	Purdue	Wisconsin
Notre Dame at Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Notre Dame	Notre Dame
Buffalo at Washington	Washington	Washington	Washington	Washington	Washington	Buffalo	Buffalo
Denver at San Diego	Denver	San Diego	Denver	Denver	Denver	Denver	Denver
Tennessee at Miami	Miami	Miami	Tennessee	Miami	Tennessee	Miami	Miami
St. Louis at Detroit	St. Louis	Detroit	Detroit	Detroit	Detroit	Detroit	Detroit
Last Week	7-3	6-4	7-3	6-4	7-3	6-4	3-7
Season Record	67-33	64-36	61-39	59-41	61-39	64-36	65-35

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**Kristina Utley - Senior**

"It's not easy to pick up a win over one of the state's elite teams, but that's exactly what Utley did last Thursday against Farmington Mercy. The senior won the 100 freestyle in a time of 56:69 seconds, edging out a pair of Marlins. She also helped the team's runner-up finishes in both the 200 and 400 freestyle relays."

**Kelly Bendermager - Senior**

"(Northville) got after us pretty good," the coach said. "It was hard for our kids because they weren't used to that kind of adversity."



# Health

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## Health Column

### Prepare now for "The Great Smokeout"

It can make your breath, hair, car and home smell bad. It will make you look older than your years. It will stain your teeth and hands. It is associated with heart disease, cancer, stroke, asthma, emphysema, gum disease and osteoporosis, to name just a few health problems. About 430,000 people die from diseases related to it in the United States annually, 15,000 deaths each year in Michigan alone. But, you don't catch it - you choose to participate. Yes, those are some of the risks you live with when you choose to smoke.

Clearly, smoking is a dangerous habit. Every time you smoke a cigarette, you're taking minutes off your life. But, even with that information, 23.2 percent of people in the United States smoke - and the rate for Michigan residents is even higher, at 26.1 percent.

If it is time for you or a loved one to quit, the time to start is now. "The Great American Smokeout" is Nov. 18. "The Smokeout allows us to quit for a day to gain confidence in

preparation to quit permanently," said Sharon Sheldon, M-Fit health educator University of Michigan Health system.

She says the most important ways to succeed are to mark the quit date on your calendar, then build a support network by telling your family and friends the date that you plan to quit. If you're helping someone else to kick the habit, start reminding them of the day now.

Next, prepare by reducing the amount of nicotine in your body. After all, the United States Surgeon General has concluded that nicotine is a high-powered stimulant with an addiction comparable to that of heroin or morphine. Cut back on the number of cigarettes smoked per day. "This allows your body to get more used to a lower level of nicotine in the body so that on your quit date your body will be able to acclimate to not having nicotine at all," said Sheldon.

Many non-smoking aids are available on the market, both nicotine and non-nicotine pharmacological therapies. Sheldon says it is

best to discuss the aids with your primary care physician to determine the most appropriate approach. "Combining a pharmacological aid with behavioral change has shown to be the most successful approach to quitting smoking," she said. "People will use chewing gum, mints, carrots, celery sticks, and pretzel sticks that allow you to get that oral and manual gratification that perhaps you used to get from cigarettes."

If you've already quit, or you don't smoke, the Smokeout is a time to help others lose the tobacco habit. Every day about 3,000 kids are taking up the smoking habit. The message that smoking is a very dangerous habit is not getting through. Sheldon encouraged young people and educators to use "The Great American Smokeout" in schools and community centers to help kids quit before it really takes hold of their lives.

University of Michigan Health System. For more information, call TeleCare at (800) 742-2300 and press category 1010.

## Health Notes

### HEALTH RISK APPRAISAL

Do you know what your health risks are? Botsford's health risk appraisal includes blood pressure, total cholesterol and HDL readings. There is a \$50 fee and an appointment is required.

For registration and information, call (248) 477-6100.

### INTERMEDIATE WATER AEROBICS

This is a 50-minute water exercise class for postnatal and postphysical therapy patients. There is a \$35 fee for the six-week course and registration is required.

For registration and information, call the Botsford Center at (248) 473-5600.

### CHILD CLINIC

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 14 locations throughout Oakland County.

Services include heights and weights; head to toe physical examination; immunizations; vision, hearing and lab testing; growth and developmental screening; and counseling as needed.

Appointments are 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) 926-3000.

### ABC'S OF WEIGHT LOSS

A registered dietitian will work with you individually for three months to set up a realistic weight loss plan, organize your appetite and discuss the best strategies for weight loss. A \$95 fee and appointment is required.

The class is sponsored by Botsford's Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave. in Novi.

For more information and to register, call (248) 477-6100.

### ASTHMA EDUCATION

Individual sessions with a registered nurse can provide the tools to better understand and manage asthma. Day and evening sessions are available. Families are welcome.

There is a \$30 fee and an appointment is required.

For more information and to register, call (248) 477-6100.

### BREASTFEEDING BASICS

This workshop covers the "how to's" of breastfeeding and answers questions and concerns of women who are already breastfeeding.

The fee is \$20, and the classes are held at Botsford's Health Development Network in Novi.

For information and registration, call (248) 477-6100.

### CIRCUIT TRAINING

This is a multi-stationed exercise and education program designed for the individual with limited experience using fitness equipment. Participants will be instructed on the proper use of weight and cardiovascular machines.

The class meets Mondays and Wednesdays from 7 to 8 p.m.

The fee is \$70 and preregistration is required.

For registration and information, call the Botsford Center for Health Improvement at (248) 473-5600.

### MARTIAL ARTS FOR CHILDREN

Conducted by a black-belt martial arts instructor, a physical therapist and an exercise therapist for children ages 5-16 with special needs such as cerebral palsy, add, or sensory integration dysfunction.

This is a continuously revolving eight-week course held on Friday evenings from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi. There is a charge of \$100.

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

### PANIC ATTACK AND AGORAPHOBIA SUPPORT GROUP

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

### 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.

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### 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.

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### HEALTHY SOLUTIONS SEMINARS

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.

### STEPPING STONES

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

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

### HOT FLASH STUDY

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### BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

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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.

### ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

The group for caregivers meet the first Tuesday of every month at 7-8:30 p.m., Botsford Continuing Health Center, 21450 Archwood Circle, Farmington Hills. For information, call (248) 477-7400.

### CAREGIVERS PROGRAM

"Caring for Dementia Patients," a free program for individuals caring for adults with Alzheimer's disease or closed-head injuries, co-sponsored by Botsford's Geropsychiatric Services and the Detroit Area Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. Topics covered include overview of dementia, managing difficult behaviors and coping skills for caregivers.

Held on Monday evenings, 6-7:30 p.m. Free. Botsford General Hospital's Conference Room 2-East B, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. For information and registration, call (248) 471-8723.

### 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.

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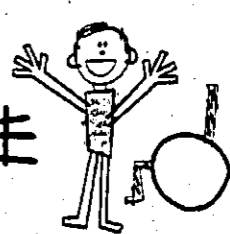
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