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# Prized pets

## Canine fans drool over rare breeds

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE  
 Staff Writer

No barks about it, the 2000 Novi Expo Dog Show was a huge success last weekend.

Sponsored by the Livingston and Oakland Kennel Clubs, more than 2,000 dog breeds came to show off their stuff in a number of different competitions including: breed, confirmation, obedience, agility and even a Doggie Fashion Show.

The center was not only packed with canines, but with a large selection of dog food, vitamins, treats, toys, tee-shirts, figurines and even costumes.

Brad Foster, of Farmington said this is his family's first year attending and they're having a great time.

"We're all dog lovers, so this is great for us," he said.

"Our dog will really be happy when he sees all the toys and treats we bought him."

Sharon Elder, a champion Collie breeder from Lena, Illinois, brought her four collies to compete in the confirmation competition. Elder said dog shows may seem exciting and fun to spectators, but for the breeders and show people, it's serious business.

"Well, if you don't win, you hate the place," she said jokingly.

"It's only fun if you win."

Gus Windshaw, who came all the way from Gainesville, Florida to enter his three Dalmations, said although the shows are very competitive, they're also a great place to socialize with fellow "dog people."

"I've made a lot of friends at these dog shows," he said.

"It's nice because they can relate. I wouldn't give this job up



Photo by LOUIS POULOS

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# Council wary of any threat to downtown

By JAN JEFFRES  
 Editor

How many Main Streets does Novi need?

One is just enough for Jim Chen, president of Evergreen III, the firm that is building a downtown for Novi at Main and Market streets.

But Chen told the Novi City Council on Monday that he's concerned too many look-alike projects are now in the offing for the city.

Newest to the line-up is Novi Gateway Village, a \$40 million mix of 196 townhouses in the \$180,000 to \$230,000 range and almost 34,000 square feet of retail proposed for the northwest corner of Meadowbrook Road and Grand River Avenue.

Chen's worry that this may compete with the still budding Main Street hit a sympathetic chord with the Novi City Council.

"The city does have come kind of commitment to Main Street. We did initiate that development," Mayor Pro Tem Laura Lorenz said.

"I don't think it's good for Main

Street, for land use, to have these mini-Main Streets up and down Grand River Avenue."

Like Novi Gateway Village, the Ramco-Gershenson Fountain Walk shopping center on Twelve Mile Road will also have the feel of a traditional, organically-grown downtown.

Ten years ago, a consent judgment between the city and the developers of the Meadowbrook/Grand River site permitted 117,492 square feet for a strip shopping center at the 15-acre corner at the city's entrance. Earlier, a big shopping mall was suggested for the site, but the legal settlement led to a compromise plan.

However, "political infighting" among the owners then delayed the project, said Matt Quinn, who represents the developers N & Y Properties and Triangle Development.

Instead, brought to the council for input was the redesigned neo-

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Photo by Louis Poulos

**Hot stuff on a cold day**  
 At the Chilly Willy Festival last weekend, Diane Scicluna of Steve & Rocky's restaurant serves homemade chili to hungry folks who flocked to the Novi Civic Center's winter bash. For the complete story, turn to page 14

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# Novi names new football coach

By JASON SCHMITT  
 Sports Editor

In what may have been a surprise to some, but common sense to many, former Novi Assistant Coach Tab Kellepourey was hired as the new head football coach at Novi High School.

Replacing John Osborne, who has coached at Novi since the varsity football program was formed back in 1967, Kellepourey learned of his hiring at the Novi School Board meeting on Jan. 20.

"I have great confidence in Tab," Novi Athletic Director John Fundukian said. "This should come as a surprise to no one who has watched Novi football in the

past." Kellepourey has been one of the leading candidates for the position since it was first posted back in late November.

He said he was extremely happy to get the chance here in Novi, but his first words were those of respect for Osborne.

"John Osborne, he's a great educator and a great coach," Kellepourey said. "He's helped

"The man can flat out coach."

John Fundukian,  
 Novi High School athletic director

many student athletes and young teachers through this school.

coach and as a teacher in the Novi school district. Among those were his experience as both an assistant coach at Novi (eight years) and as a head coach at Hartland High School (six years). Fundukian also stressed the importance of Kellepourey's role as a member of the Novi teaching staff.

"When you couple the fact that he's in the building everyday and that he's a good football coach, that's what we were looking for," Fundukian said. "The man can flat out coach."

Kellepourey said he's eager to take on the task.

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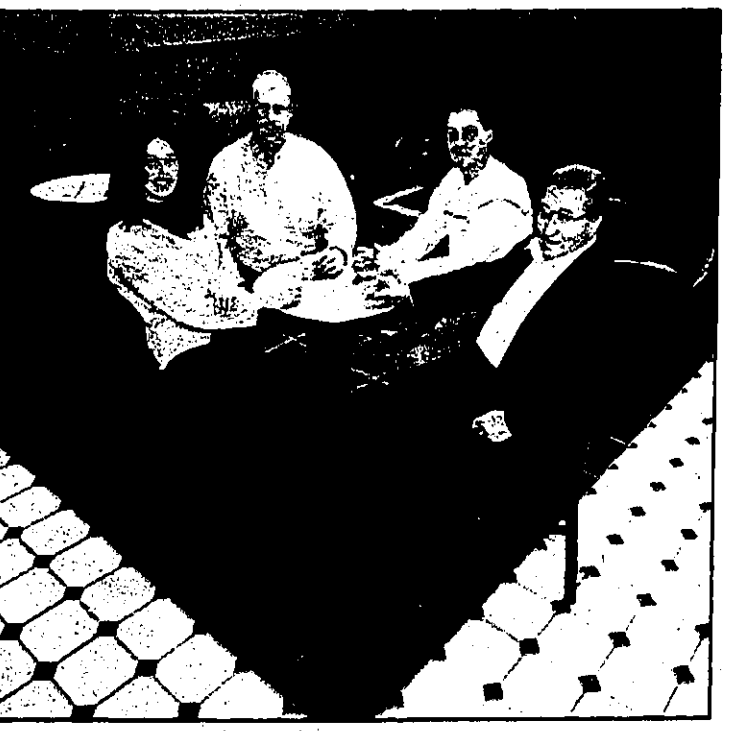


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

From left, Melody Jordan, Basil Stavropoulos, Christopher Scarchilli and Billy Stavropoulos are almost ready for customers at the new restaurant, Billy's On The River.

# Grand River eatery's now served up fresh

By JENNIFER NORRIS  
 Staff Writer

After being closed for nearly two years, Billy's On The River is scheduled to reopen for business in early February.

Formerly known as the Red Timbers restaurant, Billy's On The River - Grand River that is - has spent more than \$200,000 in remodeling the dining area and updating the building's exterior appearance, said owner Billy Stavropoulos.

"We love it," he said. "We took the time to make it right."

Stavropoulos explained he originally purchased the restaurant in 1978 and took over in 1979. He was the owner of the Red Timbers restaurant from 1979 to 1994 until he sold the business to a partner. In 1994, the restaurant

was renamed Timbers Seafood. After the bank foreclosed on the restaurant in 1997, Stavropoulos repurchased it from the bank and is now the owner of Billy's On The River.

Stavropoulos, who works with closely with his cousin, Basil Stavropoulos, said they have over 60 years combined experience in running a restaurant and meeting the demands of their customers.

"I always want to be going," said Billy Stavropoulos. "The worst thing is to be idle."

When the restaurant reopens, guests will find a variety of specialty dishes, including steaks, seafood, and pasta creations. Basil Stavropoulos said that fresh seafood is shipped in from

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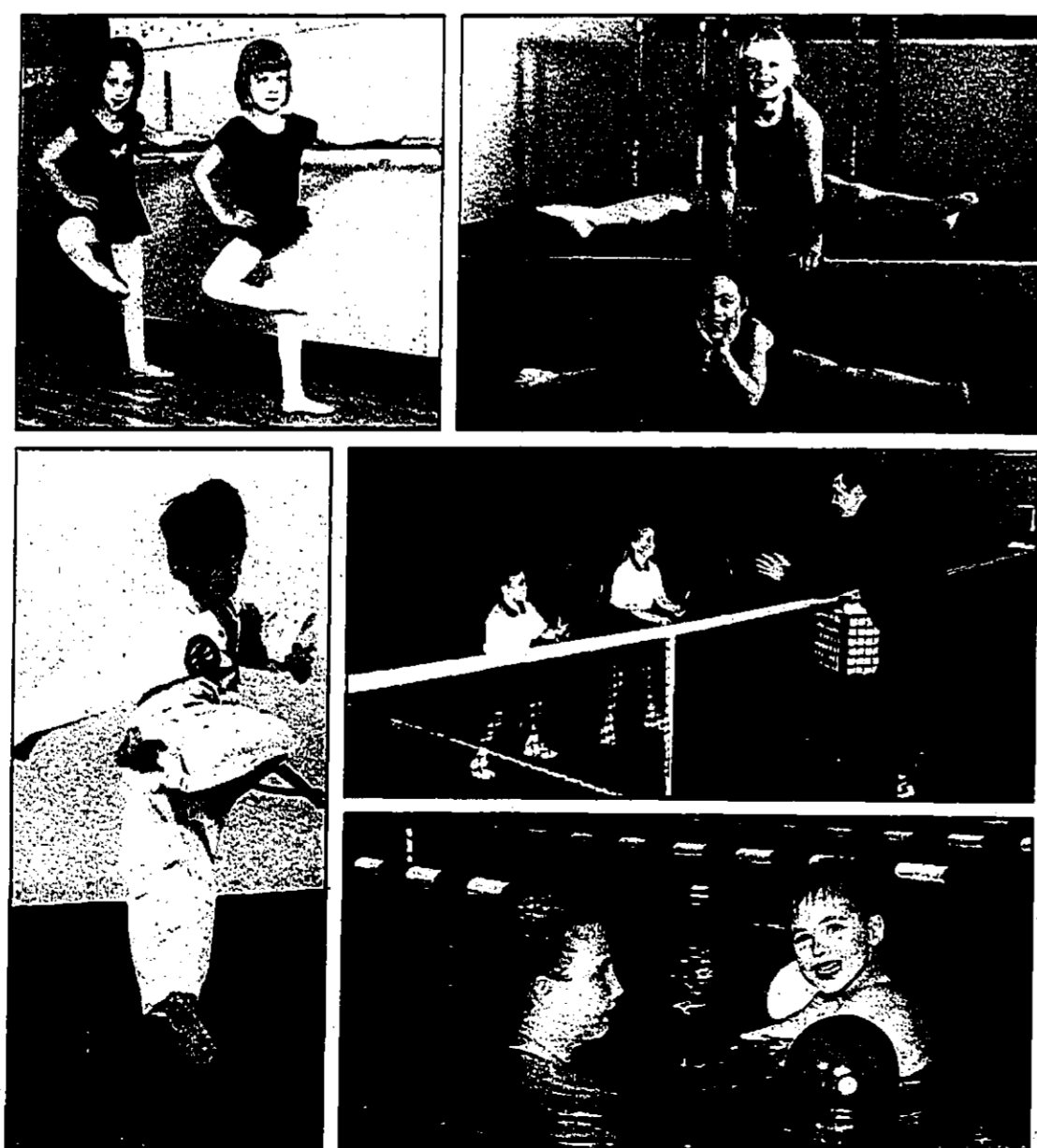
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## City manager candidate discusses former job

Richards got out of "miserable" work situation in Northville Township

BY ANDREW DIETDERICH

Staff Writer  
A finalist for the city manager position in Novi shouldn't be chastised for leaving a similar position in Northville Township in the early 1990s, said one township board trustee.

After all, said Sue Hillebrand, township clerk and board member, Bill Richards, Jr. was the township manager at a time when government in the township was "horrendous."

In addition to a whirlwind of governmental changes at the time, Richards said he blames his resignation after just a few months on the job on his ethics being publicly and he believes wrongfully challenged.

"Bill Richards was the victim of not having a strong enough ordinance in place so he could do his job," Hillebrand said. Richards, now assistant city manager in the city of Farmington, made the list of 27 qualified candidates to fill the city manager position in the city of Novi.

Ed Krievall, city manager of Novi, retires next month after being city manager for 30 years. Richards, who served as Northville Township manager from June 1993 to February 1994, said since his first manager job in the township he's grown and feels now is the time in his career to take the jump — title-wise and financially — to the next level.

"I am much more ready at this point in time than I was at the township to be a manager," Richards said. Since Richards left the township he's been assistant city manager for Farmington. He said his time there has been educationally priceless in terms of technical and personnel experience.

Additionally, he continues to be involved in Northville Township by coaching a baseball team and a softball team. He also spends time during the holiday season volunteering for Meals on Wheels. But what went wrong in Northville Township?

**New board + new manager = trouble**  
Richards said he made the final cut for the township manager position out of more than 50 candidates. He came to the township after working for the city of Wayne as assistant city manager and personnel director.

He said he was so committed to the job from the beginning that he transplanted his wife and two children to Northville Township, where the family still lives.

Richards said as he began to do his new job, though, things grew increasingly difficult as a newly-elected board of trustees became too involved in day-to-day operations of the township.

"The bottom line is that the problems were mostly attributable to the relative inexperience of the board," Richards said. "There weren't any personal issues there."

Richards was hired by the previous board of trustees but didn't begin work until October, after an entire new board was elected in August.

Richards said he was met with gigantic hurdles to overcome as he attempted to make decisions and key staff appointments. Then he received a phone call one night in September from a board member.

"I got a call one Friday night from a board member asking me if I wanted to go to a (University of Michigan) game the next day," he said. "I said 'Sure.'"

It was the first time Richards would go to an athletic event in his capacity of township manager. The tickets were given to the board.

Later, Richards said tickets for athletic events came from the township attorney and township labor attorney. He offered them first to elected officials, then to staff members as extra incentives and in some cases would use them himself.

Richards said neither he — or anyone else for that matter — had any idea about the township's recently adopted ethics policy that limited the value of gifts officials could receive to \$25.

"There were two things with that whole situation that were problematic: the policy was adopted and never distributed," he said.

Additionally, the value of certain tickets was disputed. For instance, Richards said he received tickets to see a Detroit Pistons game from a suite at the Palace of Auburn Hills. The ticket had \$200 printed on it, which he said was the price of the entire suite.

"That wasn't when the Pistons were winning," he said. "You couldn't give those tickets away," Richards said he considered the value of the tickets zero and subsequently didn't see fit to disclose it as a gift. Additionally, he said a board member also was in the suite.

"If Richards was not aware of the policy as township manager, shame on him," said Gai Britton, the board member who questioned Richards. "When he was hired he should have made himself familiar with all policies."

Richards said he was publicly lambasted for taking the tickets by Britton at board meetings and in articles in *The Novi News* newspaper. Northville Recorder stated

He said he first read Britton was upset in the newspaper. "She thought something was wrong and I took exception to that," he said. "It ultimately caused me to resign."

Richards said his life was made so miserable at work he resigned. "I had a strong record of public service and decided I wouldn't put up with that," Richards said. "As a public official your record is your stock and trade." He challenged the board to fully investigate the matter, but no investigation ever took place.

He said the ethics question may have been a personal attack. "I will leave it to any prudent person to figure out whether it was an organizational problem or personal attack," he said.

Britton said the main problem wasn't that Richards was taking gifts but he was allegedly soliciting for specific events and seats.

"Some employees told me he wasn't just using tickets given to him, but was actually soliciting for specific events and tickets," Britton said.

Richards said those allegations were "absolutely 100 percent untrue."

Additionally, Britton said she tried to investigate the matter by writing a letter to Richards asking him to respond to the allegations. "He went ballistic," Britton said. "He said he felt I targeted him and rather than responding to me he went to a public meeting and basically said either him or me had to go. Well, I didn't go."

Richards said Britton was wrong and he never even used her name in addressing the board of trustees.

Today, Richards said he still accepts gifts in Farmington as long as they meet city guidelines and that he would continue to do so.

"There's nothing illegal about it as long as it sticks to the policy. It's not that uncommon," he said. "It really depends on what municipality you're in because some prohibit it altogether."

In 1991, a Novi ethics policy was implemented that includes a clause that "a public official, employee or consultant shall not solicit or accept a gift or loan of money, goods, services or other thing of value for the benefit of a person or organization, other than the city, which tends to influence the manner in which the public officer, employee or consultant performs official duties."

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Bill Richards

Richards said "But I couldn't turn my back on them then and I'm not prepared to do it now."

On Jan. 31, the Novi City Council will hold a special meeting at 6 p.m. to whittle down their list of candidates to a final set who will be called in for second interviews. Five candidates remain to be interviewed for the first time this week.

At the special session, the council will also discuss the selection process for a new city clerk. Last week, Clerk Tonni Bartholomew announced she was accepting the post of deputy clerk in Troy.

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# Driver found slumped at wheel

A Novi police officer found a slumped driver slumped at the wheel of a 1997 Chevrolet with a severely damaged front end in the middle of a residential street on Jan. 23. The driver was not seen at the scene.

## Police News

**MAN'S PURSE SWATCHED**  
An unidentified man's purse containing a wallet, keys, and other items was stolen from the driver's side of a 1997 Chevrolet on Jan. 23. The car was found with a shattered window and the driver was not seen at the scene.

**BOWLING NIGHT**  
A 31-year-old man was injured when he slipped on a pool table in the back of a bar. The man was taken to the hospital and is recovering.

**ONE FOR THE ROAD**  
A 21-year-old female was arrested on Jan. 21 for driving while intoxicated. She had a blood alcohol content of 0.13.

**TOO SPEEDY DELIVERY**  
A woman on Charlotte Avenue called the police to report a UPS package weighing 15 pounds had been taken from her front porch. The woman reported the delivery, but when she returned home, the package was gone.

**PHONETHEFT**  
A 1997 GMC Jimmy was parked in front of a building on Jan. 23. The car was found with the phone stolen from the passenger side.

**WALLET OVERLOOKED**  
A 1997 GMC Jimmy was parked in front of a building on Jan. 23. The car was found with a wallet containing cash and a driver's license left in the back seat.

## Novi Briefs

**Showtime**  
The Novi Parks and Recreation Commission meetings are now broadcast on Cable Channel 13. The first airing was on Jan. 17.

**Novi Woods Blood Drive**  
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# Coonce awarded for commitment to Novi community

Jerry Coonce, president of the Novi Rotary Club, was recognized by the Novi Rotary Club for his commitment to the Novi community. Coonce has been active in the community for a year and has been an active Lions member for eleven years. He is on the Diabetes Education Committee, White Cane Week Committee, a volunteer for Leader Dogs for the Blind, a member of the Sergeant At-Arms, and a board member of the Penrickton Center for Blind Children in Taylor.



Jerry Coonce was recognized by the Novi Rotary Club for the Lion president's record of charitable work.

Coonce said he's proud of the money the Lions have raised for the community. He said, "I've never found a better group of people to work with. They really care about helping others and making a difference in the world. I'm proud to be a part of this organization and to represent Novi in the community."

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# Northville keeps moving on bond project construction

By MELANIE PLENDI

While the rest of the city has on location, Northville schools construction workers repaired the holiday break, completing more of the bond projects.

"We want to get as much of the work done as we can over breaks so the students are not disrupted," said Assistant Superintendent Dave Bolito.

He said the projects were all progressing well and the district was still under budget. Though Bolito did not have the exact amount the district was in the black, he said he kept an eye on the dollars and cents element weekly.

Over the two weeks of vacation several projects were completed. At Silver Springs Elementary construction workers repaired a portion of the roof. However, several more still need to be finished. He said the district was near its limit on the bonding budget.

"We still have about \$20,000 to \$50,000 left to spend. We are not dangerously close, but we are getting there," he said.

American Elementary and Waverley Elementary received permanent walls between their vocal music rooms and neighboring classrooms. Bolito said the temporary walls that were there did not do enough to muffle the sounds from the music rooms, causing dis-

turbances for other classrooms. Bolito said the district would continue the work started over the break while school was in session, and said the work would not affect classes, nor inconvenience the students.

The new high school was also making some progress. Bolito said workers were continuing planning and saving around with the structure, interior and painting where possible.

"Progress is being made but I would caution that the audio-visual pool and boiler rooms may not be finished by fall of 2000," he said.

Another area bond related projects were also completed. Last week Silver Springs received a letter for a new kindergarten play area. Bolito said bids for the project came from the special education fund.

The school has 14 physically impaired children in the school, several of whom are averages 4 to 5 years old.

Further, Bolito said he would meet with the future facilities committee on Jan. 31 to discuss its findings.

The committee then develops capacity figures which will tell the district at what point it may need to build another school, if at all.

# Names taken for hometown heroes

Hometown heroes in Oakland County, those who volunteer their time and effort for the betterment of their community and to help others, will be honored in a new awards ceremony slated for March.

Nominations are now being accepted for the Hometown Heroes Awards, to be given to volunteers in six categories: seniors, youth, boards and commissions, direct service, faith-based and business volunteers.

The awards are being sponsored jointly by Lighthouse of Oakland County, Hometown Newspapers, Observer & Eventer Newspapers, Mirror Newspapers and Crain's Detroit Business.

They'll be handed out at a luncheon March 29 in the Townsend Hotel in downtown Birmingham, the first luncheon to be held in that facility's new addition. The speaker for the event will be Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson.

The luncheon will be sponsored by Northern Trust Bank, located in Bloomfield Hills. With Northern Trust covering the cost of the event, it can then double as a fundraiser to spur even more volunteer activity in Oakland County, according to Noreen Keating, CEO of Lighthouse.

The \$40 per seat ticket price for attendance at the lunch will raise funds for a Volunteer Place, a new volunteer recruitment and placement center to be built in Birmingham. Its purpose is to connect volunteers to programs that need the help in northern Oakland County.

The center is a joint project between Lighthouse, Catholic Social Services, Oakland Family Services, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, United Way of Oakland County, Volunteer Impact and AmeriCorps at Oakland University.

A ballot to nominate volunteers is printed elsewhere in this edition of the newspaper. The deadline for nominations is February 25.

Winners will be selected by a committee of representatives of the volunteer organizations participating in the Volunteer Place.

Keating said Lighthouse is seeking corporate sponsorships for tables at the luncheon, to allow volunteers to attend who might not otherwise be able to afford to go. A table of ten is \$400. Contact Lighthouse at (248) 335-6752 to sponsor a table.

For more information regarding the purchase of tickets for the luncheon, call (248) 204-5053.

# Oakland University growing

Oakland University has won a \$31.5 million grant from the State of Michigan, through its \$203 million capital outlay budget, for construction of a new education building on campus.

The university will use the money for a new building for its school of education and human services, according to Rochelle Black, Oakland's director of government relations.

Details of the building's design, square footage or number of floors, are not yet available, according to university spokesman Ted Montgomery.

Architecture of the building has not yet begun. The awarding of the grant will now allow OU to begin that design work.

The grant is worth \$31.5 million. University funding will have to cover another 25 percent of the cost of construction, he said.

Enrollment at Oakland University is at an all-time high, with 14,664 students, Montgomery said.

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# New development may create competition for downtown area

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Greggory Novy Gateway Village 14 architects Victor Sirota & Associates.

And overall, council members said they liked what they saw.

The consent judgment authorized businesses such as restaurants, banks and larger shops at the site. Along with the condominiums, the new commercial would feature a bank or drug-store at corner, as well as operators such as a dry cleaner's, florist, office shop, ice cream stand and video store.

But Chen questioned how much this would duplicate his development, which includes 143, Morgan Hill Barbeque, Local Color Brewing Company, Red Hot & Blue and a future mix of shops, eateries and offices.

"Evening III can never stop any new commercial development in Novi, but it has to be well-defined. Is it a strip mall or convenience center or big box center?" Chen said.

"We were told it would be 80,000 square feet of big box, now it's 33,000 square feet of retail and

restaurants," the development's site plan for businesses, this retail center would create competitors of the existing Web-Book and Mead buildings, Chen said.

"We don't see how this is an serious competitor to the Main Street project. We're not looking at the larger commercial that belongs down on Main Street," he said.

Instead, Chen added, the project will bring a people who will walk to Novi in progress, downtown, less than a half mile away.

Because of the legal settlement, the project will have to gain site plan approval from the Novi City Council. This first duty was to the council's reaction. Generally, members agreed that the design was moving in the right direction, but they'd like to see less residential and commercial density.

"I see this as creative and innovative thinking. I'm glad they're taking this approach," Council Member Ed Kramer said.

Council Member Lou Cordas agreed that overall the plan was better for Novi than the one in the consent judgment, although like the rest he warned the developers off of competing with Main Street.

"Talk to Main Street. They'll tell you what's going in. Have that sensitivity," Cordas said.

"I'd like to see the project. I think that it fits. The other is a disaster."

Council Member Michelle Bononi suggested that the city could hold Triangle and X & Y Properties to architectural and retail specifications during the approval process. City Attorney Dennis Watson agreed that the council has this option.

"I would like specifics designating retail usage, agreeable to both parties. They would not be uses that would be duplicative or predatory to businesses on Main Street," Bononi said.

Peter Paisley, owner of Local Color Brewing Company, agreed with Chen that the proximity of Novi Gateway Village to Main Street was ominous.

"I think the property development would not be beneficial to our area in Novi," Paisley said.

# Novi names new grid coach

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"That's the exciting part — to get back around the kids," the new coach said. "This coaching staff here is a solid one, and it's now just a matter of me getting back here and in the groove. It's a golden opportunity from what I can see. Now it's just a process of falling back in love with these Novi kids."

As a head coach with Harland, Kellepourey recorded a 27-27 regular-season record and led his Eagles to their first ever Kennington Valley Conference championship back in 1998. His teams also made the state playoffs that season, as well as in 1994.

He was a top-notch coach on John Osborne's staff when I got here in 1988, the year Novi reached the semifinals," Fundulian noted. "As a varsity coach we've known and seen his abilities."

Kellepourey takes over for his mentor, who began the Novi football program 33 years ago. In Osborne's 33 years on the sideline, Novi has amassed a 178-123 record and made four playoff appearances.

The new coach and his wife, Marilyn, have four children, all of whom attend Harland Schools. His oldest son Tim, is a freshman at Northwood University and played under him while he was at Harland. He also has a daughter, Megan, 17, son Adam, 13, and another daughter Amy, 12. Kellepourey has taught at Novi High School for 15 years.

"We want to keep building on these things John Osborne has built here at Novi," Kellepourey said. "I feel very honored to be a part of this football program."

The KVC has undergone some major coaching changes this offseason. Along with the resignations of Osborne and Kellepourey, Milford and Howell have also lost their coaches and Finckley's arrival to the conference next year means another new face among the coaching ranks.

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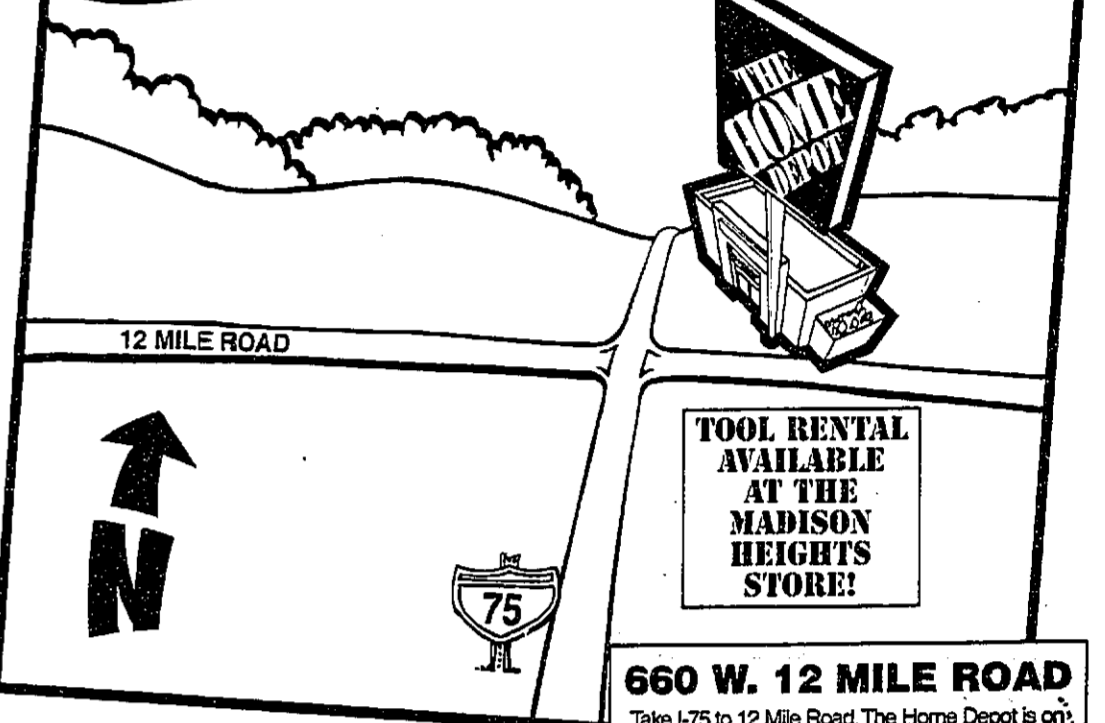
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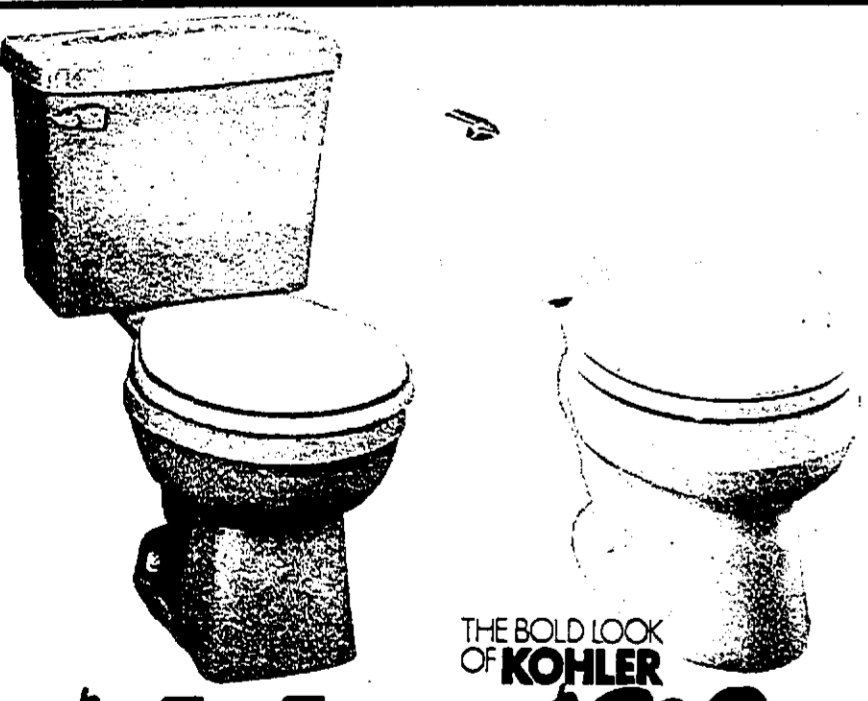


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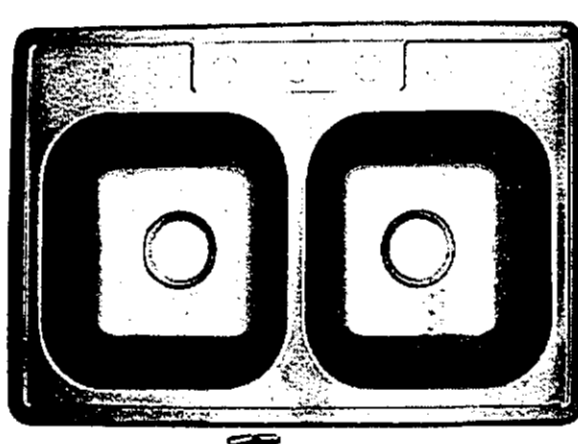
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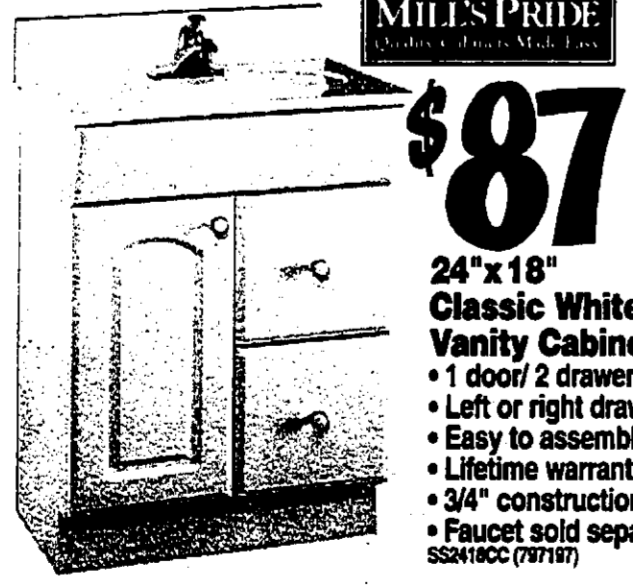
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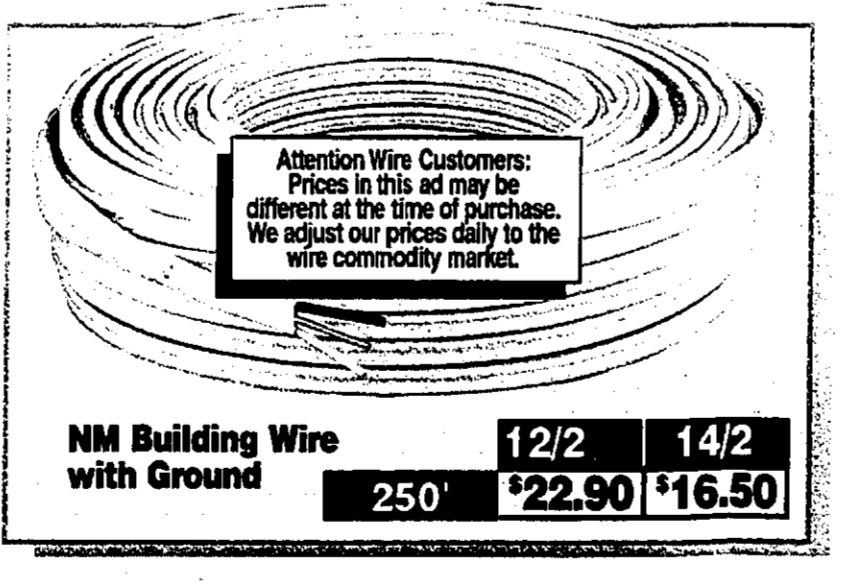
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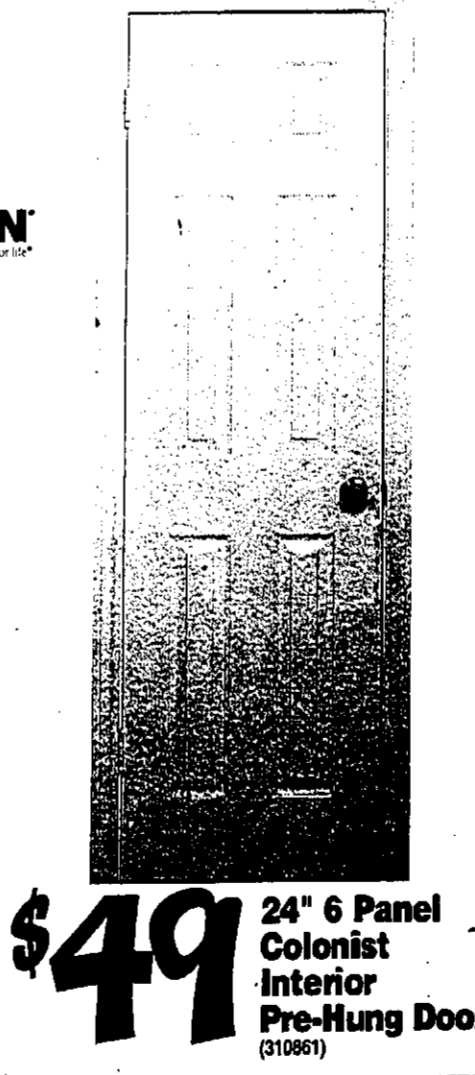
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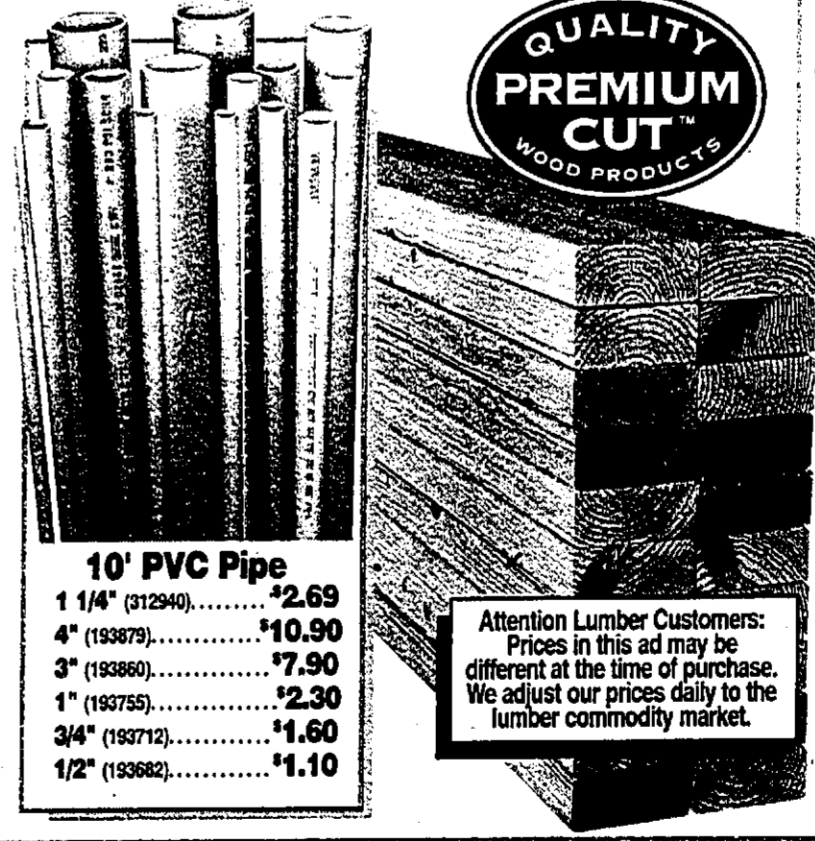
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**Dog show 2000 proves successful**

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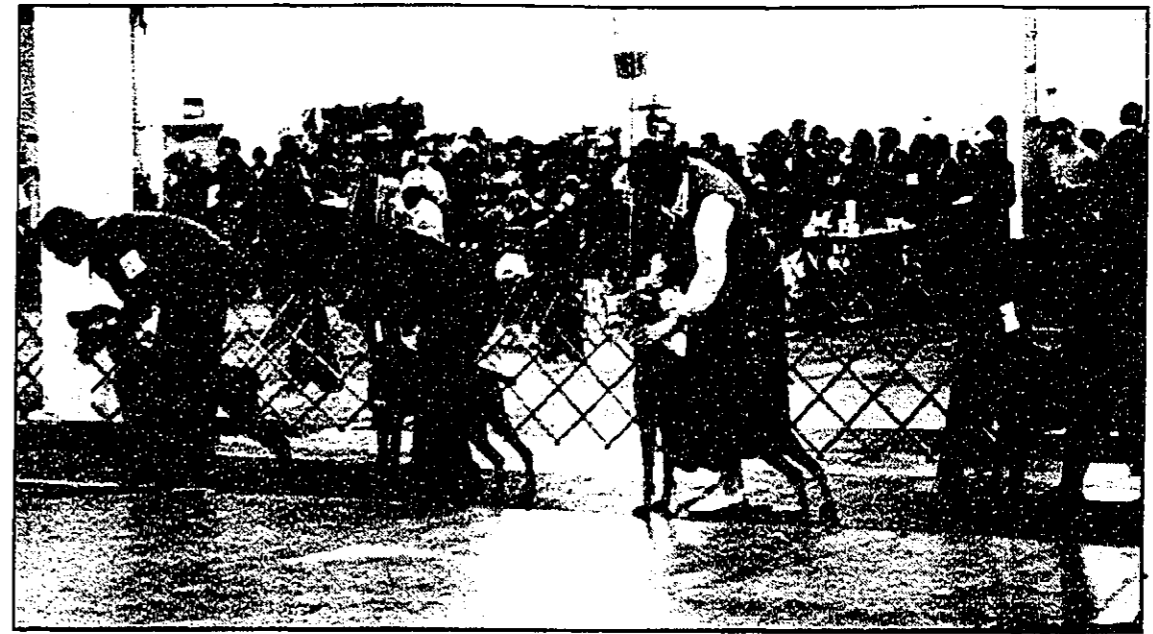
for anything." John Bonetti and his family from Rochester said this is their third year in a row here and they love it. "We really enjoy the fly ball competition best, especially the kids," he said.

And there were no dog fights for Dennis Sroka, a security guard at the event, to break up. He said the event has run smoothly. "So far we've had no problems," he said. "Things seem to be under control."

Maybe because everyone kept their cats at home? A number of dog organizations were also there to help raise awareness for their causes such as Leader Dogs for the Blind, TLC Greyhound Adoption, and PAWS with a Cause, which provide trained assistance dogs to people with disabilities.

Merrilee West of Livonia, a volunteer for TLC Greyhound Adoption for two years, said she's pleased with the response they've received from spectators. "We've had lots of people coming up to our booth with questions and we've handed out a number of flyers. It's good to see that people care," she said.

Alison Curry, a first-time visitor from Royal Oak, said she is definitely coming back next year. "Not only are the dogs adorable, but it's fun and interesting as well," she explained.



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**Billy's On The River scheduled to reopen**

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Boston three times each week. Other food items include escargot, oysters, shrimp, lamb chops, prime rib and Greek appetizers. French, Italian and German foods are also available and add a international flavor to the menu, he said.

Billy's On The River will serve up upper-scale dining that caters to business clientele and offers 10 to 14 lunch and dinner specials. Customers will be able to relax in a classy dining room complete with a subdued color scheme and a restored granite fireplace. Basil Stavropoulos said that he and his cousin reupholstered all of the furniture themselves and have been reconditioning the restaurant since 1999. The restaurant will also feature a bar with a comfortable lounge nearby and a finished dance floor. A coat check room and linen tabcloths will add to a fine dining experience. Live music will be available Tuesday through Saturday.

For special occasions including weddings, showers or corporate meetings, Billy's On The River provides a spacious banquet facility room that can accommodate up to 200 people.

Billy Stavropoulos said he plans to join the Novi Chamber of Commerce and looks forward to pleasing the appetites of local residents again. "I love Novi and I've been here since 1978," he said. "The restaurant business is like music. You never stop listening to it and you never want to be out of it."

The Stavropoulos cousins say that the restaurant bases its business principles on providing quality food and service in a clean environment. They agreed that running a restaurant is not an easy business, but said that "with the right standards, the restaurant will never fail."

"We try to accommodate the customers as best we can," said Basil Stavropoulos. "If something isn't right, we make it right."

The restaurant will be open 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday through Saturday and is closed on Sunday.

Billy Stavropoulos said many former employees are returning to the new restaurant and seem pleased with the quality of the restaurant.

Chris Searchilli, an employee of Billy's On The River, said the restaurant is "a place you won't want to leave and can't wait to come back."

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# Novi Rotary applauds Rita Traynor

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE

Novi Schools Assistant Superintendent Rita Traynor was honored by the Novi Rotary Club on Jan. 26. The club presented her with the Paul Harris Fellowship award in recognition of her many years of service to the community. The award is presented to someone who has gone the extra mile or beyond the call of duty in the community.

Traynor has been involved in the public school system since 1972. She has worked in various capacities, including being the principal of the most to the Novi schools. It would be Traynor who presented the award to her. She said, "I have a special gift in motivating others to achieve the best and the highest."

Traynor said she was shocked to receive the fellowship. "I was very surprised. I'm just doing my job," she said.

Dr. Sanghera explained that Traynor has been a crusader in achieving excellence. "She was the first to introduce the importance of nutrition in the public school system," he said. Traynor said she has always loved teaching and that Novi is a great community to live and work in.

Traynor has been teaching in Novi for 28 years and has been assistant superintendent for the last year. The Rotary Club is a community organization composed of businesses and professionals in the area. The club actively awards scholarships, holds a number of charity events and other community programs each year. The Paul Harris Fellowship is named after the founder of Rotary International.



Novi Schools Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Rita Traynor receives the Paul Harris award from Dr. Mav Sanghera.

## Obituaries

**ALICE L. OSBORN**  
Alice L. Osborn, 91, of Southfield, died Jan. 24 at her residence. She was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Glen, and children Nancy and Donald "Ozzie" Osborn.

She is survived by a daughter, Susan; children Debra, seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. at the Oakland Hills Cemetery in Novi.

**REX E. SMITH**  
Rex Earl Smith of Harrison, formerly of Novi, died Jan. 18 at the age of 84. He was the son of Herman and Myrtle Smith.

Mr. Smith was a 20-year resident of Harrison.

He is survived by one sister, MaryLou Swartz of Pontiac; one daughter, Judy Peterson of Jackson; one son, Daniel of Webberville; two grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Mr. Smith was preceded in death by his wife, Marie (Brayman). Arrangements were made by Nichols-Artman Funeral Home of Michigan Center, Mich.

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DeMaria Building Co. in Novi, Exater in Wixom, Kemco Electrical Contracting Co. in Walled Lake, Merlyn Contractors in Novi, Panda Precision in Wixom, Plymouth Wayne in Wixom and Post Electric Co. in Novi have been chosen to receive the grants.

Throughout the state, more than \$25 million in grants will be used to train 58,000 Michigan workers and improve the economy.

Cassis recently was a guest speaker at the Economic Development Corp.'s conference in northern Michigan with House Speaker Chuck Perricone. Participants discussed ways to spur economic development in Michigan and create jobs.

The panel was an excellent opportunity to discuss the positive effects of Republican tax cuts and work toward fostering new tax-cut initiatives to further bolster our economy," Cassis said. "Michigan is a strong economy that keeps getting stronger."

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## The Log Book

The following is a complete list of the emergency runs of the Novi Fire Department for the week ending Jan. 23. Each incident is listed by type, location, time and the Engine and Squad number which responded to the call.

**MONDAY, JAN. 17**  
Fuel spill, 47395 Pontiac Trail, 10:58 a.m., Engine 2.  
Injury accident, Grand River and Novi Road, 11:29 a.m., Squad 1.  
Investigation, 1-96 and Novi, 2:03 p.m., Engine 1.  
Medical, 42500 Arena, 4:16 p.m., Squad 3.  
Medical, 25710 Glamorgan, 4:30 p.m., Squad 4.  
Medical, 45139 Court View, 5:31 p.m., Squad 3.  
Medical, 31155 Livingston, 8:10 p.m., Squad 2.

**TUESDAY, JAN. 18**  
Car fire, 41131 Vincente, 6:12 a.m., Engine 1.  
Injury accident, M-5 and I-96, 8:41 a.m., Squad 1.  
Medical, 41875 Liberté, 8:51 a.m., Squad 2.  
Investigation, 22666 Sheridan, 6:26 p.m., Squad 3.  
Fire alarm, 39900 Eight Mile Road, 8:52 p.m., Squad 1.

**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 19**  
Injury accident, I-96 and Novi Road, 5:29 a.m., Squad 1.  
Medical, Twelve Mile and Dixon, 6:27 a.m., Squad 1.  
Gas line break, Meadowbrook and Cherry Hill, 8:14 a.m., Engine 1.  
Injury accident, M-5 and I-96, 9:31 a.m., Squad 1.  
Injury accident, Meadowbrook and Manor Park, 11:43 a.m., Squad 1.

**THURSDAY, JAN. 20**  
Medical, 22265 Pondview, 8:07 a.m., Squad 3.  
Service, 45188 Eleven Mile Road, 10:40 a.m., Squad 4.  
Medical, 40000 Eight Mile Road, 12:05 p.m., Squad 3.  
Medical, 23700 W. LeBost, 12:54 p.m., Squad 3.  
Injury accident, Grand River and Haggerty, 1:40 p.m., Squad 1.  
Medical, 21090 Haggerty, 2:43 p.m., Squad 3.  
Injury accident, Novi and Nine Mile Road, 7:06 p.m., Squad 3.  
Fire alarm, 41700 Gardenbrook, 8:54 p.m., Engines 1, 2.  
Medical, Novi Road and Twelve Mile, 9:57 p.m., Squad 1.  
Investigation, 31142 Wellington, 11:24 p.m., Engine 2.  
Injury accident, Grand River and Haggerty, 11:40 p.m., Squad 1.

**FRIDAY, JAN. 21**  
Medical, Eight Mile and Haggerty, 1:02 p.m., Squad 3.  
Medical, 41620 Manor Park, 1:07 a.m., Squad 1.  
Medical, 45182 West Road, 10:11 a.m., Squad 2.  
Fire alarm, 45600 Grand River, 11:17 a.m., Engines 1, 4.  
Medical, 29970 Miquelon, 1:19 p.m., Squad 2.

**SATURDAY, JAN. 22**  
Investigation, 21740 Kilrush, 3:32 p.m., Squad 3.  
Mutual aid, Romulus Hazard Material, 3:15 p.m., Response 506.  
Fire alarm, 2150 Old Novi Road, 3:23 p.m., Engines 1, 2.  
Medical, Twelve Oaks Mall Parking, 4:25 p.m., Squad 1.  
Medical, 22875 Tallford, 4:48 p.m., Squad 3.  
Injury accident, Beck and Grand River, 6:20 p.m., Squad 4.  
Medical, 43730 Expo Center, 6:36 p.m., Squad 1.  
Medical, 24045 Meadowbrook, 9:41 p.m., Squad 3.

**SUNDAY, JAN. 23**  
Injury accident, M-5 and Twelve Mile, 12:18 a.m., Squad 1.  
Injury accident, M-5 and Twelve Mile, 12:37 a.m., Squad 1.  
Medical, 29970 Miquelon, 3:41 p.m., Squad 2.  
Medical, 45182 West Road, 4:22 p.m., Squad 2.  
Medical, Fourteen Mile and M-5, 4:51 p.m., Squad 2.  
Medical, Thirteen Mile and M-5, 5:05 p.m., Squad 2.  
Investigation, 22844 Balcombe, 7:34 p.m., Squad 3.  
Car fire, 40352 Hanson, 8:33 p.m., Squad 1.  
Medical, 45182 West Road, 10:35 p.m., Squad 2.



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## Chilly Willy festival heats things up

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

The sculptures were cool and the chili was smoking hot at the annual Chilly Willy Festival at the Novi Civic Center on Jan. 22.

Put together by the Novi Parks and Recreation Department, the festivities drew from 200 to 300 people to a snow-sculpting contest, a euchre and bridge tournament, the Imagination Station for the Kids, the Winter Walk & Ski event, and of course, the ever-popular Chili Cook-off.

Marilyn Troshak, deputy director of the Parks and Recreation Department for the past three years, said her favorite thing about the festival is seeing others have fun.

"When everything is all set up and the people are eating their chili, that's when I know I can relax and let them enjoy it all," she said.

In all, five Novi restaurants came to compete in the Chili Cook-off. Red Hot & Blue, BD's Mongolian Barbeque, Steve & Rocky's, Local Color Brewing Company and Wendy's.

Amy Husulek, 17, a representative from Red Hot & Blue and a Northville High School student, said she would encourage others to come to the festival.

"It's really fun and it's different." In a presentation before the

plaque for best chili were distributed, Troshak congratulated all the local entries that help make it possible.

"I want to give thanks to all the restaurants that came today. It's a big job to come out here and bring all the cooking equipment with six to eight gallons of chili," she said.

"I know it takes a lot of time and effort, and our appreciation is really sincere."

First place for Judge's Choice went to Local Color, second place was awarded to Steve & Rocky's, and a tie for third place went to BD's Mongolian Barbeque and Red Hot & Blue.

Parks and Recreation Director Dan Davis, one of the five judges, said they chose Local Color because "overall it was the best."

An award for Best Decorated Booth went to Wendy's, which had their famous Wendy girl all dressed up and greeting residents.

Local Color also walked away with the People's Choice Award for best chili.

But nine-year-old gourmet Mike Shrum and Kody Swan, from Meadowbrook Elementary School, said they liked Wendy's chili the best of all.

"I liked it because it had a whole bunch of spices," Mike said.

Ten-year-old Matt Lee from Novi Meadows said he chose Local Color because the concession had

just the right amount of seasoning in it for him.

Novi resident Gail Steh also voted for Local Color because it had a good taste and it wasn't too spicy, she said. But her daughters disagreed. Meredith Steh chose Steve & Rocky's and Kathryn Steh picked Wendy's.

Steh said they've been coming to the Chilly Willy Festival for several years and they are looking forward to next year.

"We go ice-skating then come here to warm up with some chili," she said.

Aside from the cook-off, many enjoyed the other activities offered at the festival.

Sisters Amanda Guttman, 6 and Jennifer Guttman, 3, had lots of fun getting their faces painted at the Imagination Station.

"I got a pretty ladybug and a

showman," said Amanda, pointing at her painted cheeks.

First place for the snow-sculpting contest went to a team of Novi Woods and Novi Meadows students: Amy King, King, Stephanie Setser and Stephanie Toth for their snow display of a penguin and igloo.

"You guys did an awesome job," said Troshak as she gave them each a stuffed snowman and candy.

Shannon explained that despite the cold, it was worth it.

"It's really fun. We'll be back next year," she predicted.

Other winners walked away with prizes at the festival, too.

For her score in Super Score-O, Katrina Santos took home a Family 4-Pack to a Detroit Vipers game. George and Christoloffaced the euchre tournament.

**CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 16, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **COUNTRY LINK AND SUITES, SP 00-02**, located west of Haggerty Road between Eight and Nine Mile Roads seeking **PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN AND WOODLANDS PERMIT APPROVALS.**

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning & Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 16, 2000.

NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION  
ROBERT CHURELLA, SECRETARY  
TONNI L. BARTHOLOMEW, CITY CLERK  
(1-27-00 NR, NN 949212)

**CITY OF NOVI VACANCIES ON CITY BOARDS & COMMISSIONS**

THE CITY OF NOVI is currently accepting applications for the following positions: Planning Commission, Code Access Committee, Community Clubs of Novi, Board of Economic Development, Board of Appeals, Economic Development Corporation, Housing & Community Development Commission, Historical Commission, Library Board, and Parks and Recreation Department.

Interested persons should submit their resumes and cover letters to the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375, by Thursday, February 24, 2000, at 5:00 p.m. For more information, please contact the City Clerk at (248) 347-5811.

TONNI BARTHOLOMEW, CITY CLERK

**NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 00-003**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Bostleman Corporation is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow the placement of a construction trailer on the project site for Koh's Department Store, 43550 West Oaks Drive, West Oaks Shopping Center, from February 2, 2000 through August 2, 2000. West Oaks Shopping Center is located on the west side of Novi Road, south of Twelve Mile Road.

A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for temporary use permit.

This request will be considered at 3:00 p.m. on February 2, 2000, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 16, 2000.

GERARDE HUBBS  
PERMIT ANALYST  
(248) 347-0415

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**CITY OF NOVI NOTICE**

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All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning & Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 16, 2000.

NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION  
ROBERT CHURELLA, SECRETARY  
TONNI L. BARTHOLOMEW, CITY CLERK  
(1-27-00 NR, NN 949214)

**NOTICE OF HEARING TO REVIEW SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL CITY OF NOVI COUNTY OF OAKLAND, MICHIGAN**

TO THE OWNERS OF ALL THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY ABUTTING THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED IMPROVEMENT: TWELVE MILE ROAD, NOVI ROAD, DONELSON DRIVE AND I-96 WEST-BOUND OFF RAMP — SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT #155

- Paving Twelve Mile Road as a four-lane boulevard from a point approximately 3,500 feet west of Novi Road to a point approximately 1,700 feet east of Novi Road
- Widening lanes on Novi Road at various locations between Twelve Mile Road and I-96
- Adding a right turn lane to the westbound I-96 off ramp
- Two-lane and three-lane extension of Donelson Drive in a westerly and northerly direction to form an intersection with Twelve Mile Road approximately 1,300 feet west of Donelson Drive-Twelve Mile Road intersection
- West Oaks Drive between Novi Road and Donelson Drive will be widened in selected locations
- Turn lanes will be added to the existing north/south portions of Donelson Drive
- Traffic signals will be installed on Twelve Mile Road, Donelson Drive and West Oaks Drive
- Relocation of some utilities

TAKE NOTICE that a special assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of defraying the special assessment district's share of the cost of the following described public improvements:

50-22-15-200-001	50-22-15-200-085
50-22-15-200-002	50-22-15-200-086
50-22-15-200-003	50-22-15-200-087
50-22-15-200-004	50-22-15-125-010
50-22-15-200-007	50-22-15-125-011
50-22-15-200-078	50-22-15-125-013
50-22-15-200-084	

The said special assessment roll is on file for public examination with the City Clerk and any objections to said special assessment roll may be made in writing prior to the close of the hearing to review said special assessment roll.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the City Council and the City Assessor will meet at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan, at 7:30 p.m., p.m., prevailing Eastern Time, on February 7, 2000 for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment roll.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that appearance and protest at such hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the State Tax Tribunal. An appearance and protest may be made by an appearance at the hearing to protest the special assessment or by filing an appearance and protest by letter.

THIS NOTICE is given by order of the City Council of the City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan.

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## Community Calendar

**Thursday, Jan. 27**

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

**Expo Show**  
Today and Sunday, the Antique Gun Show will be held at the Novi Expo Center. For information, call (248) 348-5600.

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

**Civil Air Patrol**  
The Sixgate Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, meets at Parkway Elementary School, 45825 Eleven Mile Road, from 7-9:30 p.m. Adults and youths who have finished the sixth grade are welcome. For additional information call 348-2669.

**Menopause Support Group**  
Providence Medical Center's Conference Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., hosts a monthly menopause support group from 7:30-9 p.m. for women with concerns about menopause. Call 380-4115 for more information.

**Amateur Radio Club**  
The Novi Amateur Radio Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. For more information call 348-0009.

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

**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.

**Thursday, February 7**

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

**Library Board**  
The Novi Library Board will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Novi library building.

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

**Tuesday, Feb. 8**

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**Thursday, February 7**

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**Novi School Board**  
The Novi School Board meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Road.

**Walled Lake School Board**  
The Walled Lake School Board meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Educational Services Center, Board of Education Room, 850 Ladd Road, Building D, Walled Lake.

**Blood Drive**  
Novi Woods Elementary School on Taft Road will be sponsoring a blood drive for the American Red Cross between 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Schedule an appointment by calling the school office at (248) 449-1230.

**Wednesday, Feb. 9**

**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, Feb. 10**

**Youth baseball**  
Novi Youth Baseball meets at 7:00 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center. The meeting is open to the public.

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PLAY IT TO THE BONE (R) mat.  
11:40, 2:15, 4:40, 7:10, 9:35

GIRL INTERRUPTED (R) mat.  
11:30, 1:55, 4:20, 6:50, 9:20

SNOWFLA (R) mat.  
12:30, 2:55, 5:15

SNOW FALLING ON CEREALS (PG-13)  
11:45, 2:10, 4:35, 7:00, 9:25

ANY GIVEN SUNDAY (R) mat.  
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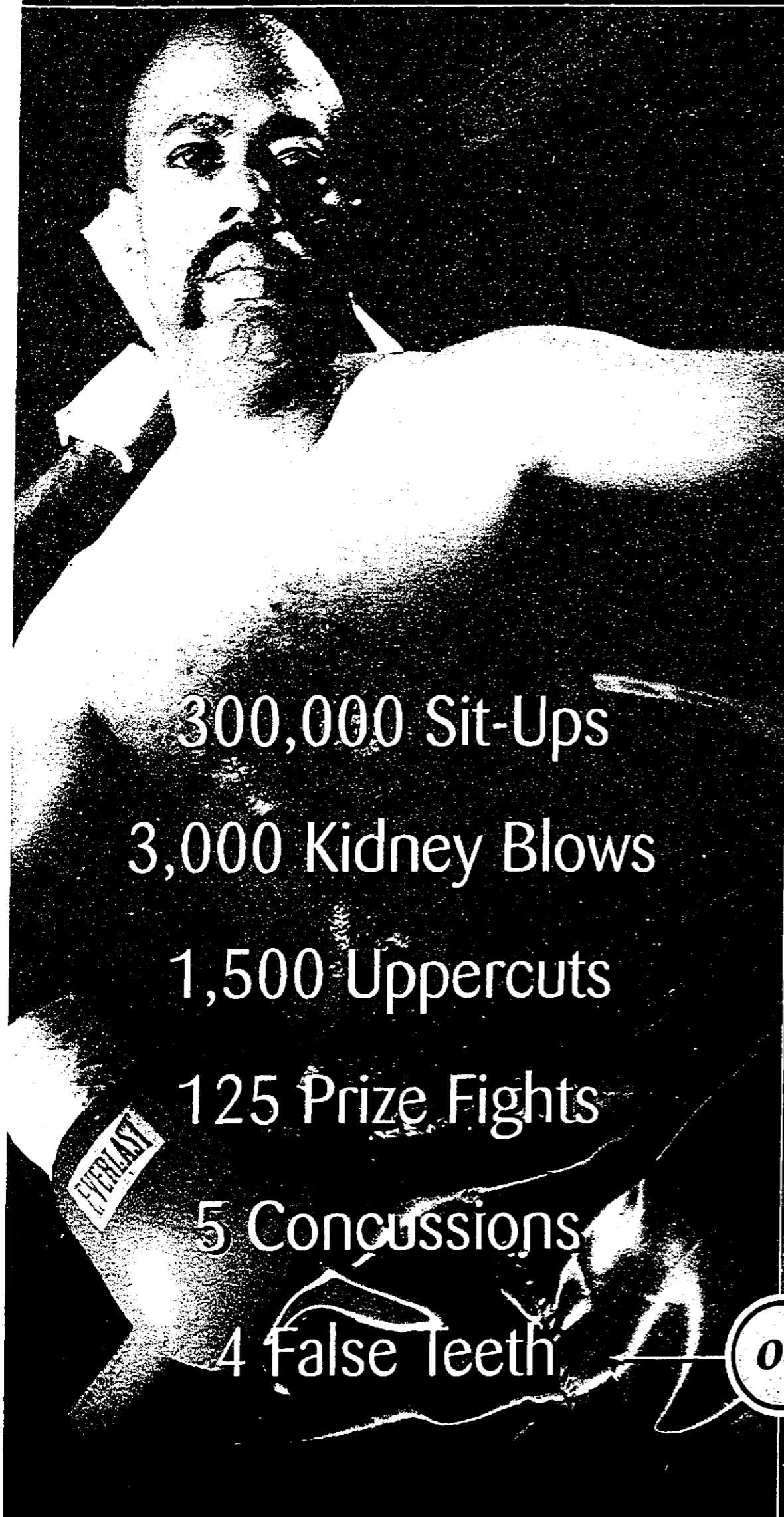
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# ON THE AIR



Story by B.J. Hammerstein ~ Photos by John Heider

WOVI deejays Brooke Path and Jeff Chilcott take to the air Monday afternoon reading news and playing tunes. Chilcott has been at WOVI for four years. This is Path's first.

## Real radio rules at Novi High's own FM station

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN  
Staff Writer

Back in the halls of Novi High School lies a world where text books are traded in for CDs and the teacher is replaced by a student program director.

WOVI — 89.5 FM on your radio dial, is Novi High School's radio station.

Cranking out the tunes, providing live broadcasts of high school games and even offering the latest news courtesy of the AP broadcast wire, this radio station is manned completely by the students.

Sure, Novi High broadcasting teacher David Legg, oversees his students but this is their radio station.

Offering tunes 24 hours a day, seven days a week, WOVI is driven by 100 watts of pure power and has a listening span of 35 square miles.

"We give operating exams to the students which they all have to pass in order to be certified (by the Federal Communications Commission)," Legg said.

"Our kids that go into broadcasting may not have the most polished of techniques, but by logging hundreds of hours of on-air time and working through their beginner jitters — they will certainly gain experience and if nothing else, they will be able to put their technological skills to practical use."

Overseeing radio operations this year is Novi High senior and WOVI program director Jeff Chilcott.

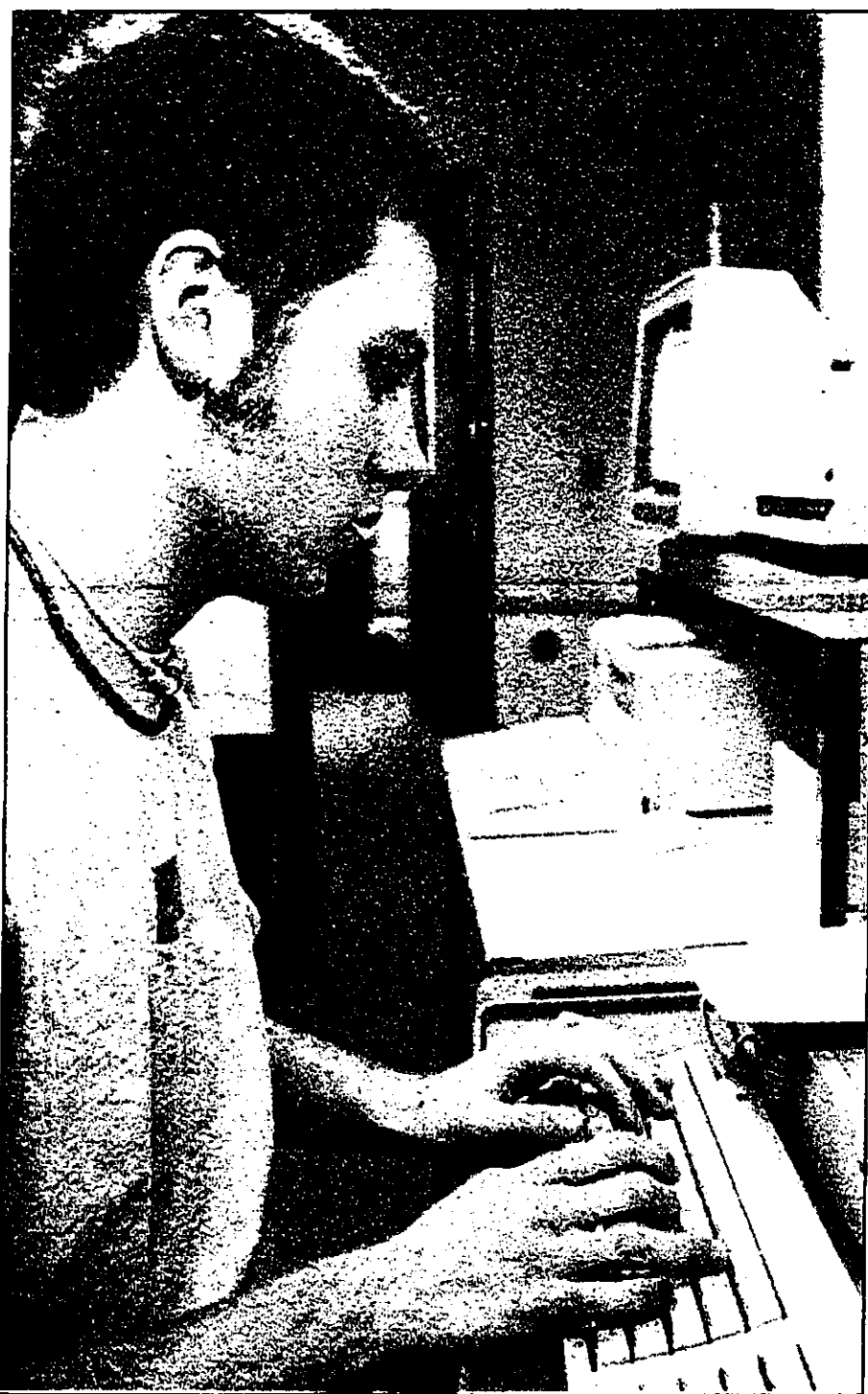
"Every 10 weeks we switch students," Chilcott said. "We play everything here from industrial to techno to hip-hop. There are different shows with different formats and we just rotate it around."

Chilcott said he became involved in WOVI — one of about 16 high school stations in the state — during his freshman year when he began by underwriting for the station.

And with plans on moving forward with a career in the "biz," Chilcott said he is going after two degrees in college: one in business management, the other in broadcasting.

"For years, I didn't know what I wanted to do," Chilcott said.

"I thought about maybe being a firefighter or a policeman, and then I became involved with the station and it showed me where I wanted to go professionally."



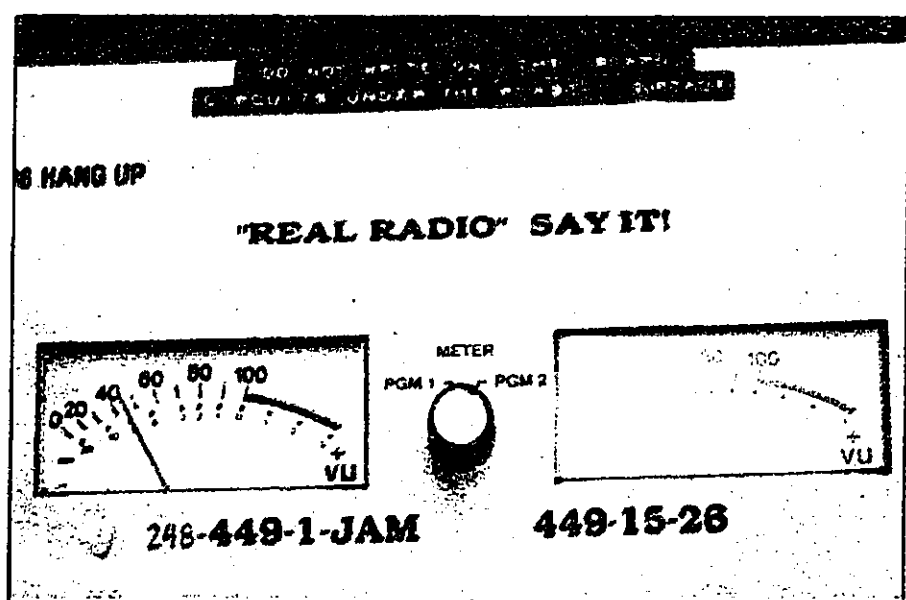
WOVI staff member Jeremy Szpachle types up some school and "outside" news that will be read later on the air.

And with Chilcott working as the station's program director, a whole cast of other students are getting real experience in news broadcasting, promotions, production, management and of course, being a DJ.

But this is still a high school radio

station and even though WOVI broadcasts 24 hours a day, Legg said it is the computer-automated system which spins the tunes most of the time.

Legg said the after-school shows are done by live DJs and so are the coverage of the live school and civic events.



The label says it all: WOVI-FM is real radio. It just happens to come from Novi High School.

"There are different rules to the setup and which song gets played when," Legg said.

"We have about 100 students in the fall broadcasting classes which include TV — the class is pretty popular. The station has about 27 on-air slots and other positions available for the students."

Involved in the broadcasting classes since her sophomore year, senior Brooke Path is in the middle of her afternoon show. Brooke and the Rescue Rangers.

Spinning songs by some of her favorite musicians like Led Zeppelin and Korn, Path said she enjoys being a disc jockey and plans on doing it again during the next semester.

"I enjoy playing the songs and having my show," she said.

"This is great training — whether it's voice overs, promos or production, I definitely plan on doing something professionally in this field."

Seniors Jon Muchi and Richard Ward also express themselves on air through different shows on WOVI.

Muchi's show is on Thursdays from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. with the rotation consisting mainly of metal and hardcore bands.

Ward's show will be on Mondays from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. with a heavy dose of punk and ska music.

"It's good hands-on experience and you get to learn about everything involved in running a station," Muchi said.

"We have a lot of fun but we also take on a lot of responsibility too."

Ward added the contacts in the industry are being made even at the high school level which may be beneficial for his band, Cursed Eternity.

"While working here we talk to different representatives throughout the industry and from record labels," Ward said.

"The best thing, even though we are all a little different and sometimes have our little quarrels, we all are good friends here and get along really well."

From Zep to Ozzy Osbourne, the Doors to Metallica and maybe even a little Kid Rock and Limp Bizkit, WOVI is playing the tunes its audience of 7,000 listeners want to hear.

And if you don't like those bands, call the station up at (248) 449-1526 and make a request.



**POEM CONTEST**

With Valentine's Day being right around the corner, Novi News and Northville Record are looking for your best love poems. Have some sweet nothings you've written to your crush that you'd like to see them. The best entries will be selected and will appear in the contest. Entries should be sent to: POEM CONTEST, Novi News and Northville Record, 10000 Novi Rd., Novi, MI 48242. Contest ends on page 5A.

## All sledders rejoice! We've found the best hills

By CHRIS C. DAVIS  
Copy Editor

There's very little not to love about sledding.

Except for maybe the trudging back uphill with sled in tow.

Just the same, youngsters and the young-at heart get a charge from the thought of zipping downhill with powder blowing in a face. But where are the best places in the Novi and Northville areas to sled?

For Northville-area residents, it's best to take a look at Cass Benton Park, located off of Hines Drive near Northville Road. Wayne County Parks spokesperson Sam Mims said the hill is the only bona-fide hill operating in the county parks system, though park visitors sometimes manage to find their own slopes to take to.

Even so, Cass Benton Park is

probably the safest place for parents and children to bring their sleds.

"It's the only place that's officially designated as a sledding area," Mims said.

And though it's little consolation to those yearning for a place to feel the rush of downhill speed and wipeouts, Mims said Wayne County is working towards establishing a second sledding area along Hines Drive and Middlebelt Road. Tentative plans are to have that facility open in time for the winter of 2000-2001.

A little further east, there's a hill both for sledding beginners and daredevils at the Farmington Public School central office, located at Shiawassee and Farmington Roads.

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Joshua, 4, and Doug Pilarski take off down the main hill in the Cass Benton section of Hines Park earlier this month.

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# Community ed offers new classes Weddings

## NOVI COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Several January classes are completing their programs, however, registration for February programs is now in effect. Call the Community Education office at (248) 449-1206 or the Novi High School office at (248) 449-1531 to make sure the class has not been canceled due to lack of enrollment. A reminder - special rates are available for Novi senior citizens 60 years and older. Also, if the class has a minimum number of students enrolled, it may be offered free. However, material fees are required. Gift certificates are also available at the Community Education office.

If you are interested in volunteering in some community project, the advisory council is in need of additional members. Council meetings are held the second Monday of each month. Or, how about sharing your talents and/or hobbies by teaching a class for children or adults? If interested, call (248) 449-1206.

Here is a list of some February classes being offered:

- activity camp for ages 4 to 6 during mid-winter break, Feb. 14-17;
- music-dance section for youth includes rhythm time, fantastic dance, hip-hoppin', groovin' and movin';
- vocal lessons for ages 8 through adults;
- instrumental music and private piano lessons; and
- adult Latin dance, ballroom social dance, and swing is back.

Other sections include February classes in business and financial study, computers, creative pursuits in Valentine wreath/basket, Valentine's Day pottery gift, and many more interesting subjects. The month of March also holds a variety of classes from which to choose.

If you are in need of an activities catalog, call (248) 449-1206.

## Novi Highlights

Interact and Honor Society of Novi High School; several churches including St. James Catholic and Hope Lutheran; and entertainers - Fred Galli; piano; Lucille, accordion; and Pat, who leads Bingo on Tuesdays.

A pilot program called "Care Center" will involve three nurses aides from Hawaii, who will serve in several areas. The new program will assist them with housing, transportation and other needs.

New member to the staff Chris Stallard, once a volunteer, will now be directing activities on Sundays. Two new Sunday programs include Bakery Bingo, with winners receiving baked goods, and the making of birdhouses later in the month. Other Sunday activities include horse shoes, beach ball volley ball and basketball.

Recently held was a chili dog fund raiser, with proceeds used to attend a movie in the near future.

During the weekend, the residents are involved in making their own treats - making orange juice the old fashioned way, chopping of vegetables for snacking; and creating their own banana splits.

Several residents participate in the center's band and choir. Mrs. Valley, with the aid of her husband and children, provide "Valley Family Fun Night" entertainment. Sometimes, other members of her immediate family partake in the entertainment.

There are two programs scheduled for residents who are unable to leave their rooms: "Room Roaming" and "Bee-Bop Room Hop," visitations from volunteers who go from room to room.

Those in need of information or who wish to volunteer their services should call (248) 349-2200.

**GRAND COURT NOVI**  
There is always something going on at this assisted living facility. In-house entertainment to taking van trips to the post office.

grocery stores like Farmer Jack and Kroger, and Meijer and Kmart. Also enjoyed by the residents was the viewing of Christmas lights while riding in the van driven by Marilyn Crenshaw.

In-house activities this past week included: a tea with guest speaker Chaplain Charles Richter who spoke on "How to Survive Poor Health," examples taken from his own personal experiences.

The facility has also had a speaker appear before the Parkinson's disease support group with helpful ideas in assisting those in need.

Sue Nizoff makes weekly appearances and presents "People, Places and Things," which may include discussions on various subjects: Dr. Jack Kevorkian, the North American International Auto Show or other current events.

Among the in-house guests was a representative from the new Wykom Health Care Clinic. The clinic also furnishes transportation for those who wish to visit the facility.

Grand Court recently held a celebration, "Bahama's All-Day Taste of the Islands." Not only was the facility decorated in island theme, but island dress was suggested, leis were provided, and special food dishes representing island menus was enjoyed.

Entertainment this month included: folk song soloist, Pete Fetters; Robert Lowe with his banjo; Stan Skylar, a one-man band; Brent Hanson and Hanna Waterstone; a country music group, Country R Way; and the Silver Bell Banjo Society.

Planned activities for the month of February include a lunch at the Olive Garden; a Valentine candy gram sale; sweetheart dance; and "Bagpipes Unlimited," for those in the mood for Irish and Scottish music.

For more information, call (248) 669-5330.

**Novi Highlights is written by Jeanne Clarke. Should you wish to contact her with information for this column, call (248) 624-0173.**

Anne Scullen and Joseph Bagby were married Nov. 13, 1999, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Ann Arbor. A dinner reception followed at the Michigan League Ballroom.

The bride is the daughter of Peter and Kathleen Scullen of Northville. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan in 1994, and her law degree in 1997. Ann affiliated with Chi Omega sorority.

The groom is the son of James Bagby of Evanson, Ill., and former astronaut and Mrs. James McDivitt of Elk Rapids and Tucson, Ariz. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan; in 1992, with a bachelor's degree in business and in 1997, with a master's degree in business administration. Joe affiliated with Sigma Phi fraternity and is a member of Michigan.

Following a Caribbean honeymoon, the couple made their home in Chicago, where the



**Bagby-Scullen**

groom is in corporate business and the bride is an attorney with the state Appellate Court of Illinois.

## Community Events

The Country Garden Club of Northville will be holding a meeting Feb. 1, the topic of which will be winter hearty roses. The guest speaker for the day will be Nancy Lindley from Great Lakes Roses. Lindley is an expert on roses. For more information, call (248) 348-3263.

Our Lady of Providence is seeking volunteers to adopt a garden bed.

Donated beds of all sizes need weekly or biweekly care, provided at the convenience of the volunteer. OLP is a community for persons with disabilities. Help from individuals or groups during the growing months would be appreciated. An informational coffee will be held March 27 at 10 a.m. or 7

p.m. at OLP. For more information, call (734) 459-6947.

AARP is sponsoring free federal and Michigan income tax preparation for seniors, effective Tuesdays, Feb. 1 through April 15, from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Northville Senior Center, 215 W. Cady.

This service is by appointment only. For more information, call (248) 349-4140.

A prostate cancer screening day will be held on March 4, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the St. Mary Hospital Pavilion in Livonia. The screening will be free. Pre-registration is requested. For more information, call (734) 655-8940.

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# Diversions

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THURSDAY January 27, 2000

## Prizes await best Valentine's day poets

Almost as soon as the Christmas trees are packed away and the parking spaces are the subject of a newspaper column...

The rules for the contest are as follows: Only original material is eligible. Re-writes of published poems are not acceptable...

Judging of the poems will be done by the staff of the Record and News. Winners will be notified by telephone after judging is completed.

## Northville Seniors

The Staff at the Northville Senior Center at 215 W. Cady St. coordinates the following services and activities for seniors 50 and older.

of prescriptions through the MEPS program. Monthly income eligibility for a single person is \$1,030 from all sources of income...

### NEWSLETTERS

#### • Newsletter

The senior newsletter is a monthly publication filled with information on senior citizen activities, trips and services. Copies are available at Northville City Hall...

#### • Tax Counseling Service

Volunteer tax counselors are available to prepare your state and local tax forms. Counselors have been trained by American Association of Retired Persons and the Michigan Treasury Department.

#### • Telephone Reassurance (Tele-care)

Homebound residents can receive a daily telephone call to check on your well being, or just to hear a friendly voice. This program is supported by Northville Township...

### ONGOING ACTIVITIES

• Card Playing Join us for cards at the Senior Center. Enjoy several hours of fun for just \$1. The schedule is as follows: bridge, Wednesdays, 12:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.;

#### • Dinner Out at Various Restaurants

Come with us for a once-a-month trip to a local restaurant. On Thursday, Feb. 24 we will be going to La Fontaine Restaurant in Royal Oak for good food with good friends.

#### • Focus Hope

Food distribution is the fourth Friday of every month, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Senior Center.

#### • Blood Pressure Screening

Come get your blood pressure checked by a nurse. There is no charge. Held at the Senior Center on the fourth Monday of the month, from noon to 2 p.m. No appointment is necessary.

#### • Michigan Emergency Pharmaceutical Program for Seniors

Northville and Northville Township senior citizens age 65 and over are eligible to receive two months worth of prescriptions through the MEPS program.

#### • MGM Grand Detroit Casino

Blanco Tour is offering a day trip to the MGM Grand Detroit Casino on Feb. 22. The event includes roundtrip motorcoach transportation and a buffet voucher for \$14.95.

#### • Advanced Living Trust

On Feb. 22, Paul Leduc, financial consultant, will conduct a seminar on Living Trusts. Hear about why your Trust may not work and how probate may be in your future.

#### • Massages

Treat yourself to a well deserved half-hour or hour massage by a certified therapist at the Senior Center. Appointments are available at the following times: Friday, Feb. 4, 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Thursday, Feb. 10, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.; and Thursday, Feb. 24, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

#### • Line Dancing

An introductory line dancing class will be offered at the Senior Center on Wednesday, Feb. 16, from 2-3 p.m. Cost is only \$4. Join instructor Marna Flanary of Denim & Lace for fun. Stop by the Senior Center to register.

#### SPECIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTHS OF FEBRUARY AND MARCH

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# Movies

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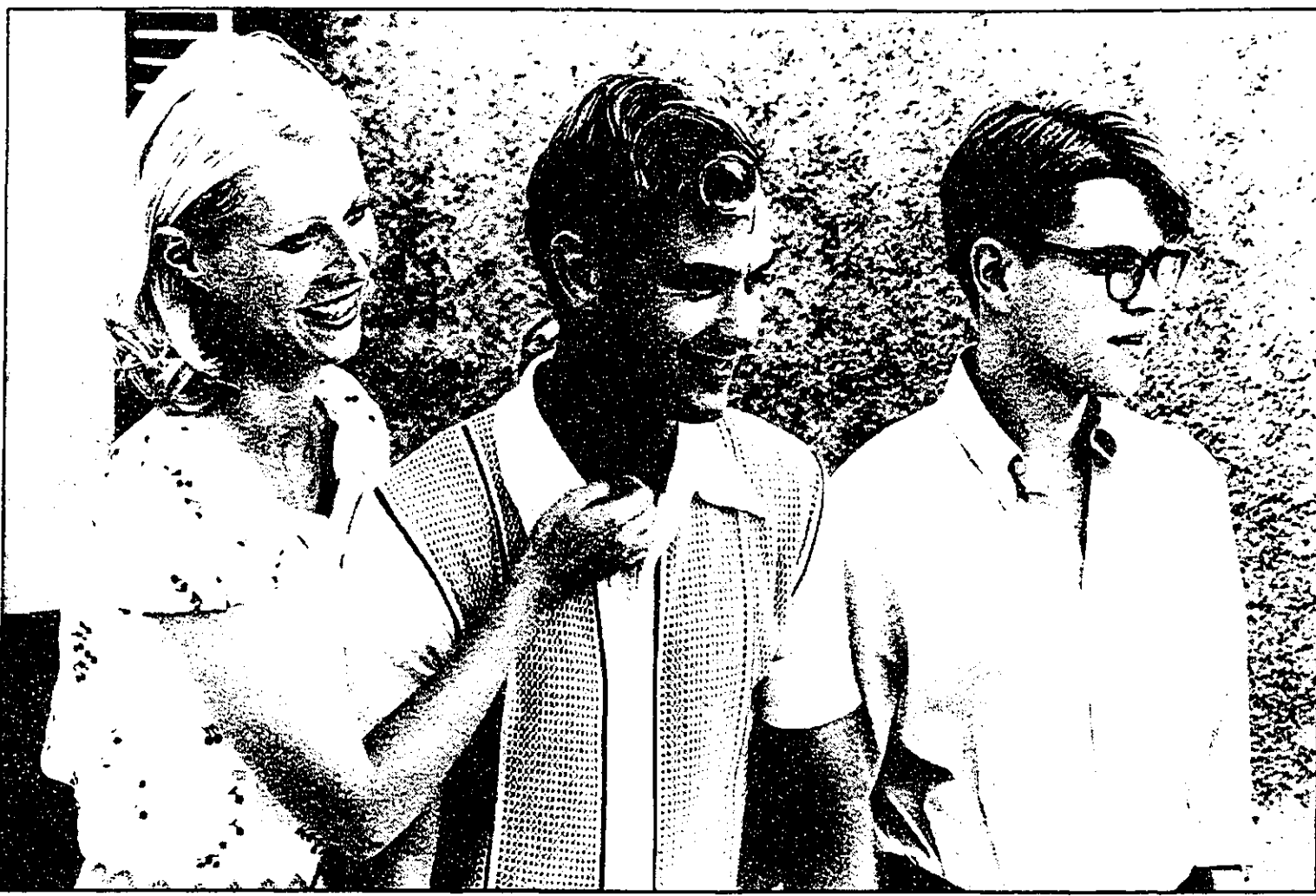
Thursday, January 27, 2000

## 'Ripley' focuses on changing identities

To be young and carefree amid the blue waters and idyllic landscape of sun-drenched Italy in the late 1950s; that's the life Tom Ripley (Matt Damon) craves...

From the novel Horberg says: "I read the book more than 15 years ago and have always been intrigued by it. I thought it was a fantastic story for a movie with its universal theme of a fantasy of taking over someone else's life...

involvement of Sydney in the project, with his reputation as a great American producer/director, could be a big asset. Bill and I met, liked each other, and we all decided to set it up together."



Casting for "The Talented Mr. Ripley" includes Gwyneth Paltrow as Marge Sherwood, Jude Law as Dickie Greenleaf and Matt Damon as Tom Ripley. Anthony Minghella directs from a screenplay based on the Patricia Highsmith's acclaimed suspense novel.

## Role is departure for Matt Damon

"The one stipulation I made to the producers and to the studios was that I wouldn't make the film unless I found a Ripley I was excited by," Minghella says.

"The fact that Matt's essential quality is winning, so unceremonious and warm, convinced me he would be perfect. Someone cooler would have distanced the audience. It was clear that Matt was the perfect vehicle to take you all the way in the film. He plays the role of the character with the same commitment as he does anything else."

what I was trying to do in the screenplay, and he expressed his belief and understanding of the material. "I thought the screenplay was the best I ever read," Damon says.

"I had a hunch Dickie would be the hardest part to cast. I met a lot of American actors who were great. But I don't think Dickie's class, his social territory, comes easily to contemporary American actors. American actors are more streetwise, very 'behavioral.' In Britain, actors have a much greater facility to evoke Dickie's class. More and more, I found myself thinking of Jude Law for Dickie. He's an important actor in Britain but Americans don't really know him yet. He's magnetic and unbelievably handsome and perfect for the role. He's an amazing actor and I'm thrilled that we have him."

the audience wouldn't feel dislocated from them." Minghella embellished aspects of the narrative and altered details of the plot. For example, in the novel Dickie Greenleaf is a would-be painter; Minghella, a musician and an enthusiastic lover of music, decided to make him a would-be jazz saxophonist, existing further as a kind of foil to Ripley, who plays the piano.

"DO YOURSELF A HEARTFELT FAVOR AND GO TO SEE 'ANGELA'S ASHES'." This is beautifully produced and superbly acted. All are outstanding here, but Emily Watson puts in a bid for Oscar with her luminous performance as Angela.

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THE NEXT STEP This SWCF, 19, 5'10", is known to be an outgoing and friendly college student who enjoys participating in sports, animals, great conversations and more. Could you be the honest SWM, 18-23, she's seeking? Ad# 1116

HEAVEN SENT This friendly, outgoing SWF, 47, 5'4", whose interests include good conversation, going to the movies and taking long walks, is looking for a SM, under 55, for friendship first. Ad# 8869

MOVE QUICKLY Here's a versatile, active SWF, 41, 5'5", with blonde hair and blue-green eyes, who enjoys movies, taking walks, and camping. Are you the energetic, handsome SWM, 38+, she's hoping to hear from? Ad# 2124

GOOD COMPANY Say hello to this attractive DWCF, 48, 5'4", with blonde hair and blue eyes, who enjoys dancing, playing cards and movies, hopes to meet a considerate, caring DWCM, over 45, with similar interests. Ad# 6982

SHARE HER WORLD This outgoing DW mom, 38, 5'5", who enjoys spending time with her children, traveling, going to the movies and music, is seeking a SWM, 36-45, to share life's ups and downs with. Ad# 4770

GET ACQUAINTED Shy and reserved, this never-married SWCF, 30, 5'5", who enjoys a variety of interests, is seeking an outgoing, caring, loving SWCM, 30-34, for friendship leading to more. Ad# 1525

ENERGETIC This SW mom of one, 34, 5'9", full-figured, with blonde hair and blue eyes, who enjoys fishing, camping and hunting, is seeking a secure, friendly SWM, 25-45, to go out and have a good time with. Ad# 1444

WISHING UPON A STAR Kind, honest SWCF, 37, 5'3", who enjoys attending church, long walks in the park and camping, is ISO a God-fearing, intelligent SWCM, under 45, who shares similar interests. Ad# 1212

START RIGHT HERE Active SWF, 71, who enjoys dancing, traveling and playing cards, is in search of an outgoing, friendly SWM, 68-75, to share similar interests with. Ad# 2434

GREAT EXPECTATIONS This friendly, attractive SWF, 37, 5'4", who enjoys dancing, spending time with friends and more, is seeking a fun-loving SWM, over 29, to go out and have a good time with. Ad# 2222

FAMILY FIRST Attractive, family-oriented SWF, 50, 5'2", who enjoys dancing, spending time with family and more, is looking for a SWM, 48-56. Ad# 9122

LOOKING FOR LOVE This DWCF, 34, 5'8", who enjoys bible study and riding Harleys, 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

ALL WE NEED This outgoing DWCF, 52, who enjoys dining out, dancing, going to the movies and more, is looking for a sincere SWCM, 50-60, a N/S, for a possible long-term relationship. Ad# 1947

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

PLEASANT You can share your world with this versatile and outgoing DWCF, 57, as long as you're a SWCM, who shares her passions for travel, animals, socializing with friends and more. Ad# 1942

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

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

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

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

LIVE IT UP This outgoing SW mom, 38, 5'4", full-figured, who enjoys camping, long walks and spending time with family, is looking for a family-oriented SWM, 35-45, to spend quality time with. Ad# 9028

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

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 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

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

Males Seeking Females

IN DUE TIME This outgoing, humorous SWM, 28, 5'11", 165lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys sports, traveling and animals, is looking to meet up with a down-to-earth SWF, 24-31, to go out and have a good time with. Ad# 1571

WITH POSSIBILITIES Attractive, outgoing and friendly SWM, 29, 5'9", with blond hair, and blue eyes, loves dining, movies, plays and boating. He's searching for a never-married, Catholic SWF, 22-33, with similar interests, for friendship and romance. Waterford area. Ad# 4234

WHAT HE WANTS Attractive, secure DWPM, 44, 6'2", 235lbs., with blond hair and blue eyes, who enjoys travel, dancing, fishing, movies and more, is seeking an attractive, honest, adventurous SWCF, 36-45, N/S, for a relationship. Ad# 2424

STOP HERE SWM, 72, 6'2", who enjoys playing cards and dancing, is in search of a kind-hearted SWF, over 65, for a possible relationship. Ad# 1415

SECURITY Outgoing, stable SWM, 29, 6'2", who likes to rollerblade and have fun, is seeking a Catholic SWF, 18-32, who enjoys movies and quiet times at home. Ad# 5565

TAKE A CHANCE Make your call to this honest, loyal SWM, 44, 5'10", 175lbs, who hopes to hear from a sincere, caring SWF, 34-48, who wants to share a mutual interests, good times and a meaningful friendship. Ad# 1026

PULL UP A CHAIR This friendly DWCM, 44, 6'2", with brown hair and blue eyes, whose interests include outdoor activities, quiet evenings at homes and more, is seeking an outgoing SWF, 25-48, who has a positive outlook on life. Ad# 6803

THE REAL THING Give a chance to this never-married SWCM, 30, 6'2", with brown hair/eyes, a homebody, who loves video games and old movies. He's looking for a smart, down-to-earth, church-going SCF, N/S, non-drinker, with inner beauty, to fall in love with. Ad# 2001

SUCCESSFUL Tall attractive SWM, 33, 5'10", with brown hair and blue eyes, a big-hearted attorney, seeks a SF, 18-32, who values family and commitment. He enjoys shopping, travel and the arts. Ad# 1616

DON'T PASS ME BY Hardworking, honest DWCM, 55, 6'1", with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys dancing, dining out, outdoor activities and more, is seeking an adventurous, caring SWCF, 45-60, for a possible LTR. Ad# 9255

SERIOUS ONLY Fun-loving, sincere and thoughtful describes this SWPM, 40, 6'1", 195lbs., who enjoys outdoor activities, romantic evenings, movies and more, is interested in meeting an athletic, independent and sincere SF, for a monogamous relationship. Ad# 4443

FOLLOW YOUR HEART Sincere, fit, active, romantic DWPM, 59, 5'10", 165lbs., who enjoys golf, dancing, and nature walks, seeks an intelligent, slender SWF, 40-55, with similar interests and a positive attitude. Ad# 3792

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FIRST TIME AD Friendly, professional, handsome SWM, 29, 6'1", 170lbs., who enjoys traveling, having fun and more, is seeking a romantic, spiritual SWF, 24-36, for a possible relationship. Ad# 3212

ROMANCE Outgoing, friendly and sensitive describes this DWC dad, 40, 6'1", 200lbs., with black hair and blue eyes, who enjoys traveling, sports, movies and more, is seeking an educated, fit and attractive SWCF, 30-42, for romance. Ad# 7686

GREAT CATCH Meet this outgoing, sincere DWPM, 62, 6', who enjoys music, travel and dining out, if you're an attractive, romantic SWF, who has a zest for life, give him a call. Ad# 6464

NO DISAPPOINTMENT Outgoing, friendly SWM, 46, 6'1", who enjoys outdoor activities is in search of a slender, romantic SWC mom, with similar interests, for a special romantic relationship. Ad# 7056

WANTS TO BE HAPPY This outgoing SWM, 19, 6'4", who enjoys playing sports, going to the movies and more, is interested in meeting a fun-loving SWF, 18-25, who's ready to share quality times. Ad# 8766

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DREAMS COME TRUE Humorous, nurturing DWCPM, 52, 5'11", who enjoys Mexican holidays, outdoor activities, cooking, reading and quiet evenings, is seeking a witty, compassionate SWCF, 40-51, N/S, for friendship leading to more. Ad# 4321

NEW TO THE AREA Friendly, active SWCM, 25, 5'7", medium build, with brown hair/eyes, is seeking a faithful, outgoing SCF, 19-35, for a possible relationship. He enjoys his work, further education, church activities, and more. Ad# 4444

A RARE GEM Outgoing, friendly SWM, 20, 6', who enjoys movies, music, sports and auto racing, is ISO a SWF, 18-22, who shares similar interests and would enjoy a true gentleman. Ad# 7179

TRUE BLUE Amiable SWCM, 26, 6', N/S, who enjoys movies, music, cooking and playing cards, is seeking a special SWCF, 20-30, with strong family values. Ad# 1216

GREAT EXPECTATIONS Personable, employed DWC dad, 43, 6'1", 200lbs., who enjoys conversation, animals, working out, home improvement, and travel, is seeking a fit, shapely SCF, 34-45, for friendship, maybe more. Ad# 4410

AFFECTIONATE Shy SWM, 32, 5'10", who enjoys animals, boating and fishing, is looking for a SWF, 32-41, to share special times with. Ad# 4767

LIFE & LAUGHTER Outgoing and friendly, this Catholic DWM, 63, 5'11", 170lbs., with gray hair, who enjoys evenings at home, dining out, and going to plays and shows, is ISO childless, Catholic DWF, 45-65, with the same interests. Ad# 2552

SHORT BUT SWEET Professional SWM, 43, who enjoys boating, fishing and going for walks, is searching for a friendly, outgoing DWF, under 46, for a possible relationship. Ad# 1313

INNER BEAUTY...

Is what matters most to this outgoing WWWM, 42, 5'4", 135lbs., with blonde hair and blue eyes, who enjoys boating and fishing. He seeks a SWF, 35-48. All calls will be answered. Ad# 6272

BE THE ONE Humorous, friendly DWPM, 51, 5'10", who enjoys golf and meeting new people, is seeking a SF, over 45, who has a good sense of humor, for a possible long-term relationship. Ad# 3308

LIFE IS GOOD This friendly, active DWM, 59, is a young 54 who likes to exercise. He's seeking an honest SF, under 50, who can keep up. Horse lover a plus. Ad# 4848

MUSIC LOVER Warm, educated, physically fit SWPM, 45, who enjoys ballroom dancing, concerts, reading, and good conversation. He is seeking a smart, affectionate SWPF, 26-38, for a lasting relationship. Ad# 4412

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

HOPE YOU TRY ME SWM, 48, 5'7", whose interests include bowling, biking, taking walks in the park, music and dancing, is hoping to hear from a gentle, understanding SWF, 38 and up, to share friendship and fun. Ad# 6431

LEAVE A MESSAGE An employed, tall, physically fit SWM, 28, who enjoys volunteer work, rollerblading and more, is seeking a nice, caring SWF, for a possible relationship. Ad# 8989

HAVE A HEART Employed SWM, 38, 5'11", 150lbs., enjoys outdoor activities and spending time with his children. He is seeking an honest, hardworking SWF who is attractive and physically fit. Ad# 5555

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THURSDAY  
January 27,  
2000

# Osborne showed that kids were #1

The date was November 22, a chilly Monday afternoon in late fall, and



Dan Kittle

30-plus seniors were gathered in coach Kraig Caurdy's classroom for an emergency meeting. Although the football season had been over for a month now and all the gear was currently collecting dust in storage, the enigmatic assistant coach gathered his troops one final time.

The seniors entered the room with high spirits, making jokes and laughing, content that the burden of four-hour practices had been eternally lifted from their shoulders. As Caurdy quieted the crowd, however, all eyes and ears turned their attention to the front of the classroom.

There stood John Osborne. Not a person in the room said a word as the distinguished football coach of 33 years looked up at the seniors with a great sadness in his eyes.

"I guess..." he began, as his voice trembled more noticeably with every word. "poise is the problem." He paused for what seemed to everyone in the room

like an eternity, and as he took off his glasses, he reached into his pocket and pulled out a handkerchief.

Bringing it to his face, he wiped his eyes free of tears several times and blew his nose as the seniors sat in utter silence. All of a sudden, these students who wanted desperately to feel grown up, to get out of Novi High and get on with their new, independent lives, to live freely and without adult control, now suddenly yearned to be kids again. As their beloved coach poured out his heart in front of them, the men in the room wished that, even if just for a brief moment, they could pull on the pads one more time, get themselves fired up for the home crowd, and listen to coach "Oh" scream himself red in the face.

Even when he began to speak again, his voice was quivering. "I just wanted you to be the first to know," he said, still desperately trying to gather himself, "that I'm retiring as head coach here at Novi." He went on to explain everything to his players between tears, including the fact that this decision was something he'd been pretty sure about since the days of off-season workouts. Never before had the players seen the great man so emotional. Even at the team's year-end banquet, there were no tears. Even when his team fell to Farmington in what would ultimately be his final game as head coach here, his eyes remained dry.

Rumors circulated all season long; even one of the

captains mentioned something at the Homecoming Pep Assembly. Yet Osborne never said a word. He knew this year would be it, yet he kept quiet.

That's just the kind of selfless, benevolent man he has always been. He wanted the attention to be focused on the kids, not on him, where it probably should have been. "They're what it's all about," he'd say over and over. He simply didn't want the spotlight focused on him in his final year at the helm. Perhaps that was what made the man so incredibly special. He typified and personified Novi football. It was a 33-year marriage between the high school and its coach, full of its ups and downs. But every year, regardless of how his team fared, Osborne would make a genuine connection with dozens of young athletes, so the year would inevitably be filled with more of its share of good times than bad ones.

He was all Novi ever had and the Wildcats were all he had ever had. Now, the two that had seemed so inseparable were each going their own way.

As he brought his tearful speech to a close, Osborne had one final comment to the players with whom he had spent two-plus unforgettable seasons. The endless hours of hard work, dedication, and competition could be summed up in four short words that would remain with the players in the room long after they walked out the door. "Thanks for the memories," he said, wiping a final tear away

from his eyes, and the players remained speechless. Instead of speaking, one by one, the members of the coach's final senior class stood up and took turns giving their cherished coach a final, warm embrace. With lumps in their throats, knots in their stomachs, and hearts heavier than ever, they hugged Osborne, thanked him with utmost sincerity for all he'd done, and walked out the door in disbelief.

That was it. A short, 20 minute speech in front of 30 students and two assistant coaches. The way Osborne poured his heart and soul into Novi football, it would have been appropriate to call a big press conference, invite everyone from this year's team, members of past teams, old coaches, as well as the loyal fans from the community. That way, everyone who has been a part of Novi football could properly thank the man for all that he has done for the program over the years. It should have been done on a much more grand scale. It wasn't. Thirty students. Two assistant coaches. Twenty minutes of emotional outpouring, and it was over. It certainly wasn't the way the great coach "Oh" should have said good-bye.

But it was the way Osborne wanted it.

Dan Kittle is a Novi High School senior and 1999 co-captain of the Novi football team. He is also a free lance writer and columnist for the Novi News.

## Icers knock Lions off 7-1

### Hockey

By JASON SCHMITT  
Sports Editor

Leaving itself with an outside shot for the Kensington Valley Conference title, the Novi hockey team crushed South Lyon 7-1 in a league game last week.

The win ups Novi's league record to 4-1-3, trailing only Milford (6-0-2) and Brighton (6-1-1) in the standings. The Wildcats still have Milford on their remaining schedule, next Wednesday on the road. The game is scheduled to start at 7:20 p.m. The Redskins are currently ranked No. 9 in Division I and Novi is No. 7 in Division II.

The last time the Lions and Cats met, Novi won 7-5 at the Novi Ice Arena. This time around Novi wasted no time in jumping all over South Lyon.

"We've got 18 games under our belts (since the last meeting), that gives us a lot of time to improve," Novi Coach Dan Phelps said of his team's improvement. "We've had our lines together for over two months now and we're starting to gel."

Travis Malott had a hat trick and Brad Zarem added a pair of goals for Novi (10-2-6 overall). Goalie Beau Brandau started in net and played his first full game since before the Christmas break. He had been recovering from a case of mononucleosis. He stopped 14 Lion shots.

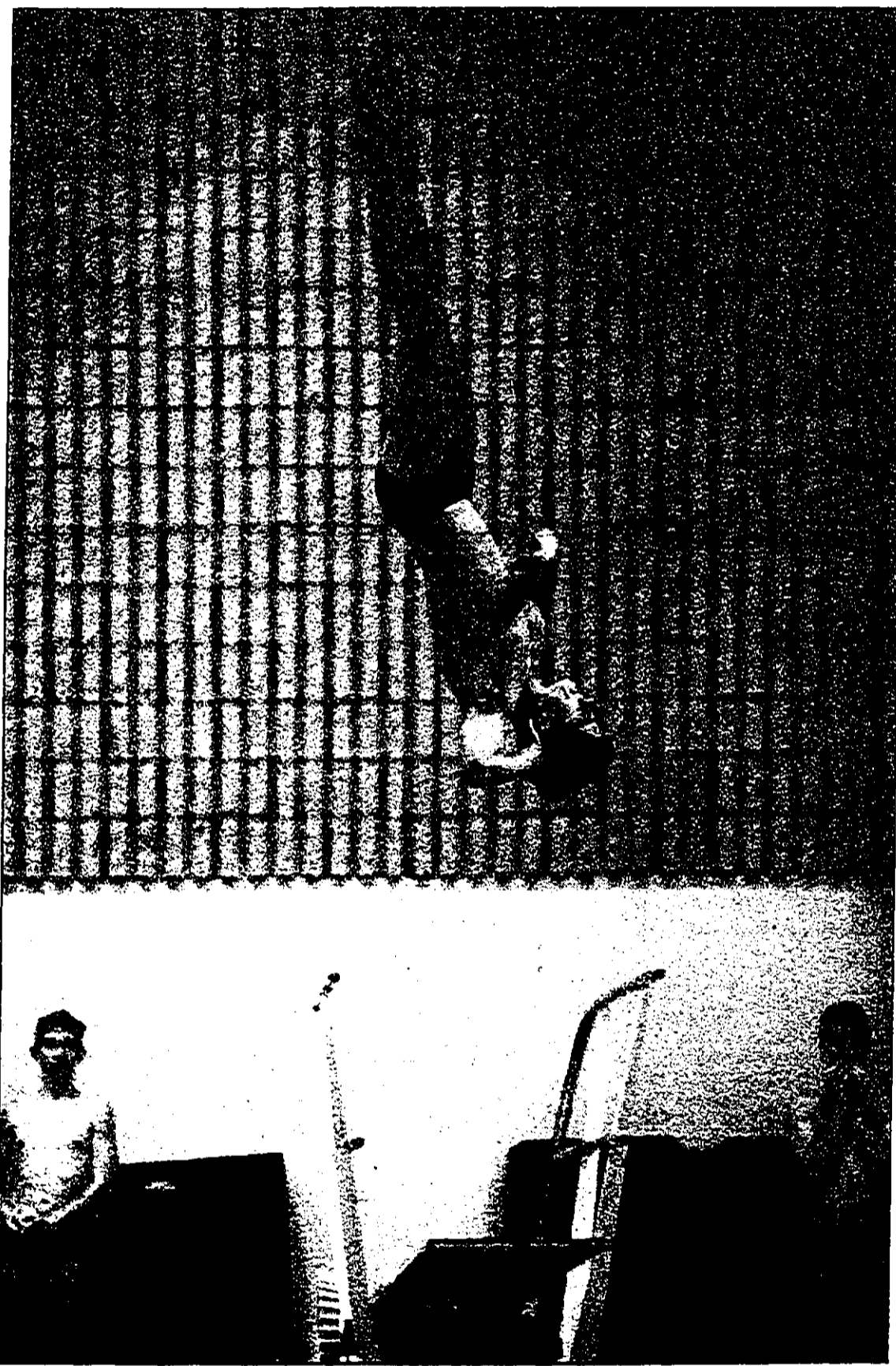
"Our kids played very well," Phelps added. "The defense played probably their best game since the Northville game. They were moving the puck and playing very good positional hockey."

South Lyon dropped to 1-7 in the KVC and 5-9 overall with the loss.

"I give their coach (Mark Poullet) a lot of credit. He's a very good man and he's doing a fine job over there," Phelps said. "I like what he's doing. He's looking down the road and is a firm believer. He's really building up their program."

Novi resumes its KVC action tomorrow night at home against Hartland. The game will begin at the Novi Ice Arena at 6 p.m.

The team then plays Milford next Wednesday before hostin Dearborn Crestwood Feb. 4 at the Ice Arena. Novi has just six regular season games remaining before the districts start up on Feb. 28.



Novi diver Derrick Zonca twists through the air during one of his dives in last week's 93-93 tie with Northville. Zonca's teammate Steve Alberty won the competition and Zonca finished third.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

## Swimmers hang on for 93-93 tie

By JASON SCHMITT  
Sports Editor

### Swimming

If there's one Northville/Novi rivalry that can go back and forth from year to year, it's got to be swimming.

Both school's programs are usually deep with talent and they always have a few top-notch swimmers who could carry a team. So when they match up, it's usually a close affair.

But this time it was too close. Novi built a 46-32 lead after the diving competition, winning both the 50 freestyle and the diving events. But Northville coach Rich Bennetts took his team into the locker room during the diving competition and fired the team up.

After the break, the Mustangs came out inspired. They proceeded to win three of the next four events and erase Novi's lead and earning a 93-93 tie when the meet ended.

"Things really didn't look too good after the diving competition," Bennetts said. "We didn't come out with our heads screwed on straight. I knew it was a pretty big meet for these guys, being Novi and all. We talked in the locker room and they came out much more enthused and focused, enough to make up most of the difference."

It wasn't that Northville wasn't winning events in the meet. The team collected wins in seven of the 12 events. But Novi proved to be a deeper team, especially early on.

The Wildcats finished first and third in the opening relay while jumping out to a 10-4 early lead. Jordan Moblo, Taehwan Yoo, Andrew Sawmiller and Adam Bayer teamed up to give Novi the win in the 200 medley relay in a time of 1:51.15. Northville's Derek Ohlgren, Scott Whitbeck, David Whitbeck and Dan Myers was second in 1:51.36.

Northville's John Moors won the next event, the 200 freestyle, in 1:57.40 to keep his team afloat. Novi's Phil Suchyta and Mike Reynolds were 2-3 in the event.

David Whitbeck came back to win the 200 individual medley in 2:11.41, beating out Moblo

(2:15.76) of Novi.

Andy Capanyola of Novi won the 50 freestyle in 25.18 seconds, beating out Northville's Kevin Stuart (25.35). Sawmiller gave Novi a 1-3 finish by being the next to cross the finish line.

Steve Alberty took first and Derek Zonca third to give Novi its 14-point lead after the diving competition. Alberty won the event with 206.25 points, while Northville's Jason Albosta was second with 188.5 points.

For the next three events, Novi was able to maintain a 12-point lead by keeping pace with the Mustangs. Sawmiller was second to Northville's Scott Whitbeck in the 100 butterfly, and Bayer was runner up to David Whitbeck in the 100 freestyle.

Suchyta's win in the 500 freestyle helped offset Northville's 2-3 finish by Moors and Joe Lunn and keep Novi's lead at 69-57.

Northville closed the gap after finishing first and third in the 200 free relay. Stuart, Myers, Moors and Scott Whitbeck won the race in a time of 1:37.85.

The teams traded 16 points in the 100 backstroke and 100 breaststroke competitions, with each winning one of the two. Moblo gave Novi the win in the backstroke while David Whitbeck picked up the second of his three wins on the day in the breast.

Northville needed a 1-3 finish in the 400 free relay to tie the meet up, and two of its teams came through for it. Stuart, Anthony Serge, Moors and David Whitbeck won the finale and Lunn, Kevin Hagedorn, Ohlgren and Mike Mueller beat out Novi's second team to gain the tie.

"It shows the guys are willing to stick with it through the hard times," Bennetts said. "Unfortunately we didn't have any more events."

Novi will host Brighton tonight in a Kensington Valley Conference showdown and will travel to Saline Tuesday.

## Cagers win sixth straight, now face Lakeland

By JASON SCHMITT  
Sports Editor

You would be hard pressed to find a hotter basketball team than the one sitting up at Novi High School right now.

The Wildcats won games on consecutive nights last weekend and have strung together six victories in a row to move above .500 for the first time this season. Novi (6-5) put together what Head Coach Pat Schluter called his team's best game of the year "easily" in a 56-43 win over Ann Arbor Huron last Saturday night.

Schluter credited his team's intense second-half defense as the main factor in the come-from-

behind win. Novi actually trailed at the half after surrendering 24 first-quarter River Rat points. The home team then limited Huron to just seven points the entire second half.

"We played extremely well," the coach said. "Everybody played well that night. We played good defense, we limited our turnovers and we shot the ball well. It was by far the best game we've played all season."

Novi opened the game by playing a man-to-man defense, but Huron's big men were too quick down low for the Cats to stop. So Schluter switched his team to a zone in the second quarter and

### Basketball

shut down Rat guard Rodney Williams, who had scored 16 points in the first quarter.

That intensity continued on in the second half, where Huron scored four points in the third quarter and just three more in the fourth. Novi meanwhile tallied 26 second-half points.

Dan Nawrot led the Novi attack with 19 points, 11 coming in the first half. Chad Nadolni picked his game up in the second half, when he scored 11 of his 15 points. He also snared 12 rebounds.

Brandon Davis had nine points and dished out seven assists while Brendan Hadley added seven points from the off-guard position.

### NOVI 63, HOWELL 60

Picking up its third-straight win in Kensington Valley Conference play after dropping their first two games, Novi remained just a game out of first place with this road win.

Schluter said his team played an "incredible" first quarter, jumping out to an early 18-4 lead and ending the period with a 21-12 cushion. Howell cut that lead to two at the half and eventually

took a two-point lead heading into the fourth quarter.

But thanks in part to the speed of Davis, Novi busted out for 24 points in the final stanza. The sophomore guard was able to penetrate the Highlander defense and either find the open man or take it himself. He finished the game with 15 points, while Nadolni had 17 and Hadley and Nawrot pitched in with 13 points apiece.

The win was the first at Howell in Schluter's seven years as Novi's head coach.

Schluter said his team's dramatic turnaround from an 0-5

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# Health

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## Health Column

### Jason's Journey nears stretch run

Jason's journey is approaching the three-quarter mark of the initial 12-week system. For those of you joining us now, we have been tracking, step by step, the journey of Jason (our volunteer), with goals to lose weight and get into better overall shape. Our hope was to involve many of you who may be going through a similar thought process of how to lose weight and for all lose weight and improve your overall fitness and maintain the results. The 12-week system Jason has been following is designed to take the guesswork out of putting together a complete, individualized fitness program.



Chris Klebba

For many reading this column for the first time, your reaction may be a popular one...sounds like a lot of work. It is, but not nearly as hard when the program is designed properly around your individual, specific needs. I realize instilling positive lifestyle changes is much less popular than the current onslaught of magic potions, pills and liquids all designed to get you that magnificent body with absolutely no effort (short of ingesting whatever it is). I assure you that adjusting proper food intake, adding proper consistent cardiovascular activity and resistance training, and assuring you have the proper nutrients is still the only safe, long term answer to weight control, and better health and fitness. Obesity is being considered by the experts as an epidemic today. Approximately 300,000 deaths a year are attributed to obesity, making it the second leading preventable cause of death in the U.S., after smoking. Our current weight and fitness levels deserve our attention and consideration.

Jason is reaching a more difficult point of his journey. Typically, our clients start seeing some initial positive physical changes relatively quickly, since for many, the sudden influx of activity and awareness of what we are eating brings the positive change. Then the excitement fades a little as the positive lifestyle changes and the steps involved in continuing their progress may get a little chal-

lenging. With the proper professional guidance and consistent effort you can break through this, continue your progress and maintain the results.

As we explain to our clients, often times it is the little things that add up and make a difference. I was looking on the back of a cookie box the other day and noticed the calorie count...100 calories per cookie. You can see how giving in to three or four of these tasty little treats can easily offset the calories burned during an average 30-40 minutes of treadmill time.

The following are excerpts from Jason's sessions. The sessions are contributed by Jason's trainer and coach Lesley Pagnucco.

#### Session 13

We continue to educate and work on the necessary steps to keep Jason's body changing. We continually teach our clients at this point to have a "tool box" of exercises and variables for each body part. This allows our clients to continually manipulate the intensity, frequency, duration and exercises to assure our bodies do not adapt to the program.

#### Session 14

We work out today with some new techniques. Jason was sore from the different intensity. Jason is definitely a fighter and will

put up with the demands for his results.

We also cover grocery shopping and food label tips. The ideas include having a plan before you go into the grocery store, so you don't buy at random. Food labels list ingredients according to the quantity (from greatest to least).

Look at sodium, fat and sugar content. Although a simple sugar, fructose is a better sweetener since it causes no insulin response. Have healthy snacks and ingredients for your five most frequently eaten meals on hand at all times. This will further reduce the opportunity to make poor food choices.

#### Session 15

Another great workout and progress check today. Jason has told me the last two weeks he missed two out of his six cardiovascular exercise days, and also he has not complied 100 percent to his food intake plan (no surprise, most do not). Still, Jason drops another 2 pounds, bringing his total scale weight loss so far to 7 pounds.

Jason is a little disappointed since his body fat has stayed the same this check. We talk about possible solutions to this. I suspect a large contributor to this outcome is not eating a portion of his daily caloric intake every two hours. It is usually one of the first goals to slack. Eating regularly increases metabolism. How often he eats (the right foods) is directly correlated with his metabolism. It is possible to eat too little calories. Understanding this concept along with adding proper resistance training will spare our lean muscle and allow the body fat to be used as energy.

Great job, Jason. Stay tuned.

This column was written by Chris Klebba, owner and operator of the Water Wheel Health Club Inc. in Northville. Chris is also a certified personal fitness instructor. For more information or for a free 14-day trial membership, please call (248) 449-7634.

### Pleasant results show program can work

In taking a look at myself as I near the stretch run of my APEX program, I see some positive changes in both my appearance (seven pounds lost) and my health (I have really begun to understand my eating habits.)

Am I happy with those results? Of course — I never thought it could be done in the way that I have done it, meaning I'm not just losing weight, but I'm losing the body weight I want to. I'm losing the fat.

But if I weren't honest with you, I'd feel bad. I'm a little disappointed in myself at this point. Yes, the results are there, but they could be much better. Had I followed the plan Lesley worked so hard on, I may be on par to reach my goals. I won't be too far off. But I've met a lot of wonderful people along my journey who have gone through the program in the past, and they have

experienced tremendous results. Their numbers make mine look very modest. I know I shouldn't be too hard on myself, but if I want to meet my goals, this may be the

best way for me to do it. So from this article on, for the last two weeks of my program, I promise to be good. I promise to everyone who reads this column

that I will meet with Lesley for each of our workouts. I also promise to hit my three cardiovascular workouts each week and if my schedule allows it to add another workout.

As for the food, I will stay away from all fast-food restaurants and try to stick to my meal plan. I should have enough food to last me the remaining two weeks.

As you can see from the graphic I have on this page, I have seen some improvements. But they are a bit off if I am to reach my goals in the last two weeks. Make no mistake, I'm human and I am prone to errors in my habits. Let's just hope that I can make up for them these last two weeks.

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<b>Beginning statistics</b>	<b>Goal statistics</b>
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## Health Notes

February Community Health Education Classes. Registration and information for classes, (877) 345-5500.

• Women Lecture Series  
Providence Medical Center, Novi - Feb. 1, 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
Alternative Approaches to Menopause Treatment: What Works and What Doesn't. Presented by Judith Brysk M.D.

• Pre-Marriage Counseling  
Mission Health Medical Center, Livonia - Feb. 2, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
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Providence Medical Center, Farmington Hills - Feb. 3, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
Providence Medical Center, Novi - Feb. 4, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.  
Mission Health Medical Center, Livonia - Feb. 12, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.  
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• Meal Planning and Exercise Tips for People with Diabetes  
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• Sports Nutrition for the High School Athlete  
Providence Medical Office Center, Novi - Feb. 21, 6:30 p.m.  
This class focuses on the basic of sports nutrition for high school athletes. Proteins, carbohydrates, fats and fluids will be discussed. Fee, \$10.

• Shape Up for Spring  
Providence Hospital, Southfield - Feb. 17, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Have your body fat percentage evaluated by computer. Discussion to follow will include tips on reducing fat intake, increasing fiber and fluids, and exercise recommendations. Note: Wear socks or knee-high hosiery. \$10 fee.

• Durable Power of Attorney for Healthcare  
Providence Hospital, Southfield - Feb. 29, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
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