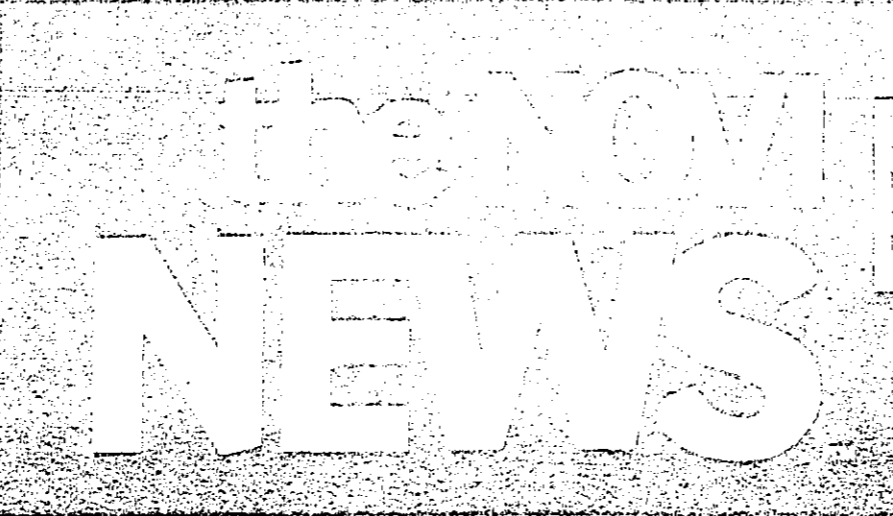


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Four make final cut in city manager hunt

"The candidates who made the first round of interviews did their homework."

Richard Clark
Mayor of Novi

By JAN JEFFRES
Editor

Four applicants made the second cut for Novi city manager, none of them now employed by the city.

On Monday, the Novi City Council chose to invite back for second interviews on Feb. 26, Richard Helwig, assistant city manager of Dublin, Ohio; James

Pierce, city administrator of Davernport, Iowa; Bill Richards, assistant city manager of Farmington; and Mark Vanderpool, assistant village manager of Skokie, Ill.

"I would hope we would have somebody in place by April 1, so this person can go through the budget process with us," Mayor Pro Tem Laura Lorenzo said. Only Helwig and Pierce won the

votes of all seven council members.

"The candidates who made the first round of interviews did their homework and impressed us with their knowledge of the city," Mayor Richard Clark said.

The interviews are expected to last the entire Saturday, as the council seeks to fill the shoes of retiring City Manager Ed Kriewall,

who has been with Novi for 30 years.

"I think the further we drill down, the second interviews could be longer," Council Member Lou Csordas said.

Lorenzo and Council Member Michelle Bononi did not back the candidacy of Richards and Vanderpool, but did cast the lone two votes for D. Wayne O'Neal, interim

city manager of Howell.

Fourteen candidates from a pool of more than 30 were brought in for interviews by the council, three of them currently employed at city hall: Kerreen Conley, director of developmental services; Tony Nowicki, director of public services and Steve Babinchak, treasurer.

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Middle school teacher dies of brain tumor

By MELANIE PLENDA
Staff Writer

There wasn't a student Novi Middle School teacher, David Lazzari couldn't make smile, one student said this week.

However, when his students found out Monday that he died on Friday, Jan. 28, nothing could bring the smile back.

"He always made us laugh and was always telling jokes," said eighth grader Rachel Whitehart, who had Lazzari as an industrial technology teacher last year.

Whitehart said as soon as news spread through the school students began crying and administrators were allowing them to seek their counselors if necessary.

Not many students or administrators knew why Lazzari, 30, had been absent from school since November Whitehart said. They were told it was flu, when in reality, the Brighton resident was at St. Joseph's Hospital in Ann Arbor, suffering from complications of a brain tumor.

Lazzari began his career at the middle school in August of 1998

and already had made an indelible mark on students and staff, according to Director of Personnel Bob Schram.

"Everybody is very upset. He was very popular," Schram said. He was a valued member of our staff and will be greatly missed."

Lazzari, originally from Pittsburgh, Pa., was born Nov. 13, 1969. He moved to Michigan and graduated from Michigan State University. He was married to Lisa O'Neil in Ann Arbor in 1994 and they relocated to Brighton four years later.

Shortly after that, their first son, Louis, was born and joining the family two years later was their one-year-old son Vincent.

He is also survived by his parents Louis and Maryann Lazzari, one sister, three brothers and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his teaching position, Lazzari coached football at Brighton High School and owned a part-time consulting business in golf course design.

Whitehart remembers him from

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

At Providence Hospital, Elizabeth Dole, center, colors a sign bearing the message "Endure" with Karen Collarbo, left, and her daughter Danielle, 8, and breast cancer survivor Margaret Kuston, right. In the back row from right are State Rep. Nancy Cassis and Secretary of State Candice Miller and the director of the Assarian Cancer Center Bill McLaughlin.

Dole patrol

Ex-presidential candidate stumps for Bush

By Kelli Cooley
Staff Writer

Novi received a taste of presidential campaigning last week when Elizabeth Dole breezed through the Providence Medical Assarian Cancer Center.

Dole, who is touring the Midwest campaigning for George W. Bush, stopped in Grand Rapids, spoke briefly in Lansing and then stopped in Novi on Jan. 27. The former presidential exploratory candidate was

accompanied by Candace Miller, Secretary of State; Lisa Posthumus, daughter of Lieutenant Governor Dick Posthumus; and Rep. Nancy Cassis R-Novi.

Cassis arranged the cancer center tour stop, which Dole said was a marvelous facility.

"I was really anxious to see a facility dedicated to saving lives and improving the quality of life for cancer patients. Since my husband battled prostate cancer, it's nice to see an outstanding

center," Dole said.

All members of the tour promoted women's health care during the Michigan stops, which Cassis said became the perfect way to bring them to the Assarian Cancer Center to showcase the medical facility's benefits.

Dole toured the reflection area, x-ray rooms, patient rooms. She also stopped to color small signs saying encouraging things such as "Be Strong" and "Endure" with cancer patients and family

members who were coloring while receiving counseling.

Danielle Collarbo colored with Dole while her mom, Karen, watched nearby. Karen Collarbo is a patient at Providence. While Danielle told Dole she was coloring well, Dole replied Danielle was a good artist.

Although rumors have placed Dole as a possible vice presidential candidate for Bush, she said it is too early to confirm.

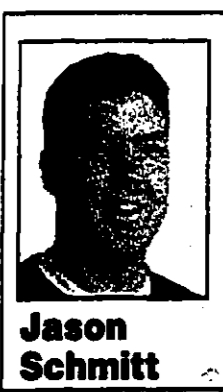
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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

NHS coach Tab Kellepourey, right, with Wildcat Dan Kittle.

A familiar face returns to Novi



Jason Schmitt

Two weeks ago. And when all the faces don't look the same. The reason I say that is because even though I've only met Tab Kellepourey once in person, I felt like I've known him my entire two and a half years here at The Novi News.

I remember wandering the zig-zagged halls of Novi High School several times over the years, wondering if I'd ever stumble upon John Fundukian's second home, or if I'd end up in the school's library or worse yet, the boiler room.

I remember making those trips after school, at various times of the year.

I remember passing Osborne, his assistants and a few wandering athletes making their way to the weight room across the hall.

I remember passing these coaches without saying much,

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Jackson promoted to managing editor

Several management changes were announced for HomeTown Communications Network newspapers last week.

Grace Perry, publisher of HomeTown's Oakland County division, announced Robert Jackson would be promoted from editor of Northville Record to managing editor of Record, Novi News, South Lyon Herald, Milford Times, Ferret Independent, Holly Herald and The Times, a new publication covering the communities of Highland and White Lake.

Also announced was the promotion of Lisa Dranginis from advertising manager to advertising director for HomeTown's publications in Novi-Northville, South Lyon, Milford, Holly and Walled Lake.

The division will also be adding

a circulation manager in the coming months.

Jackson got his start in journalism at the University of Missouri. Along the way he worked with Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter Elliot Jaspin in forming the Missouri Institute for Computer-Assisted Reporting, now named the National Institute for Computer-Assisted Reporting.

From there, Jackson became a bureau reporter for the Arizona Republic, where he covered police and courtroom issues. Eventually, he was promoted to editor of the Glendale (Arizona) Star.

Jackson trekked his way back to Michigan five years ago when he joined the Record as a reporter. Jackson won several awards as a reporter, two in 1998 for feature

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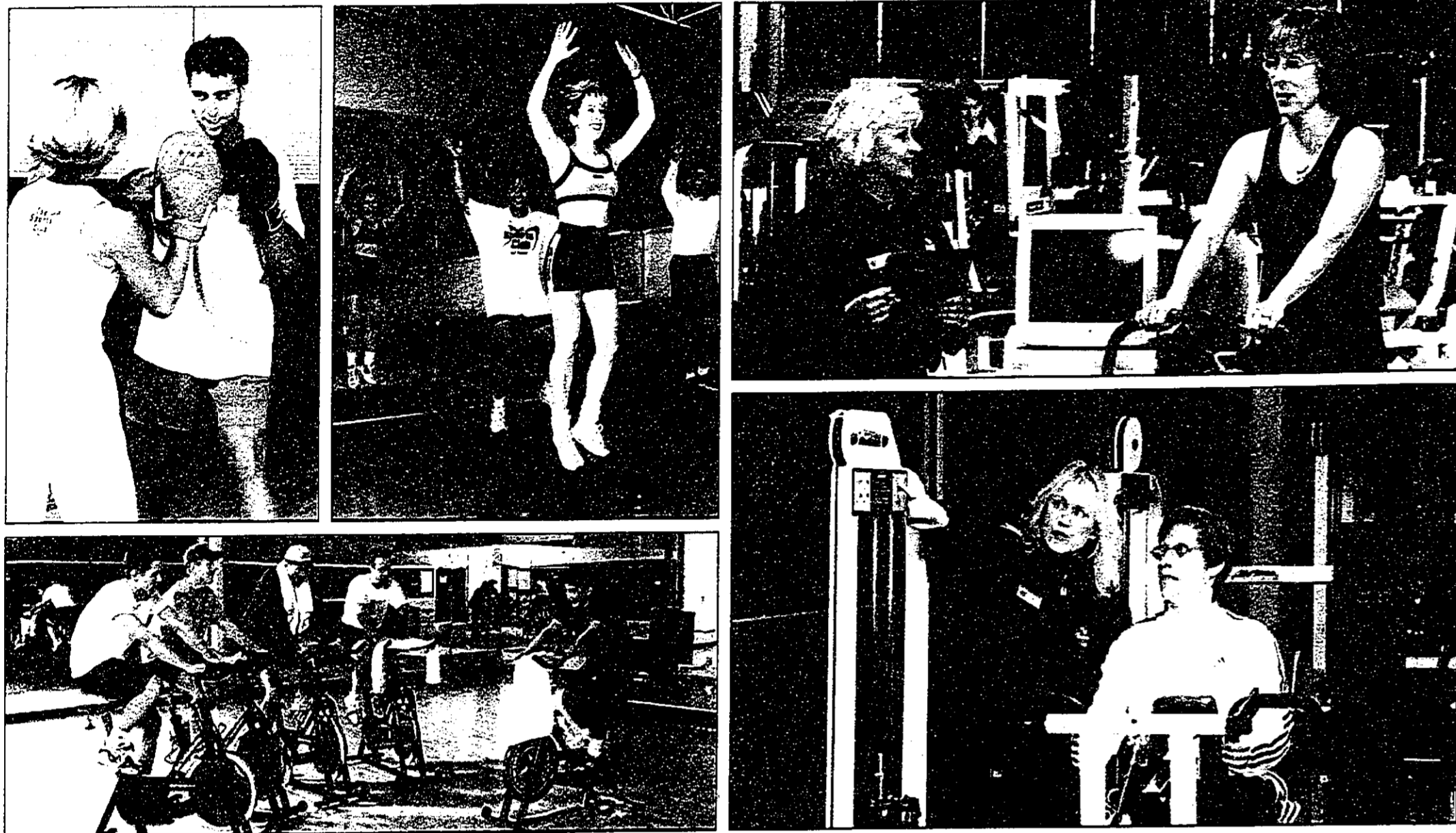


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Alice Woods & Family

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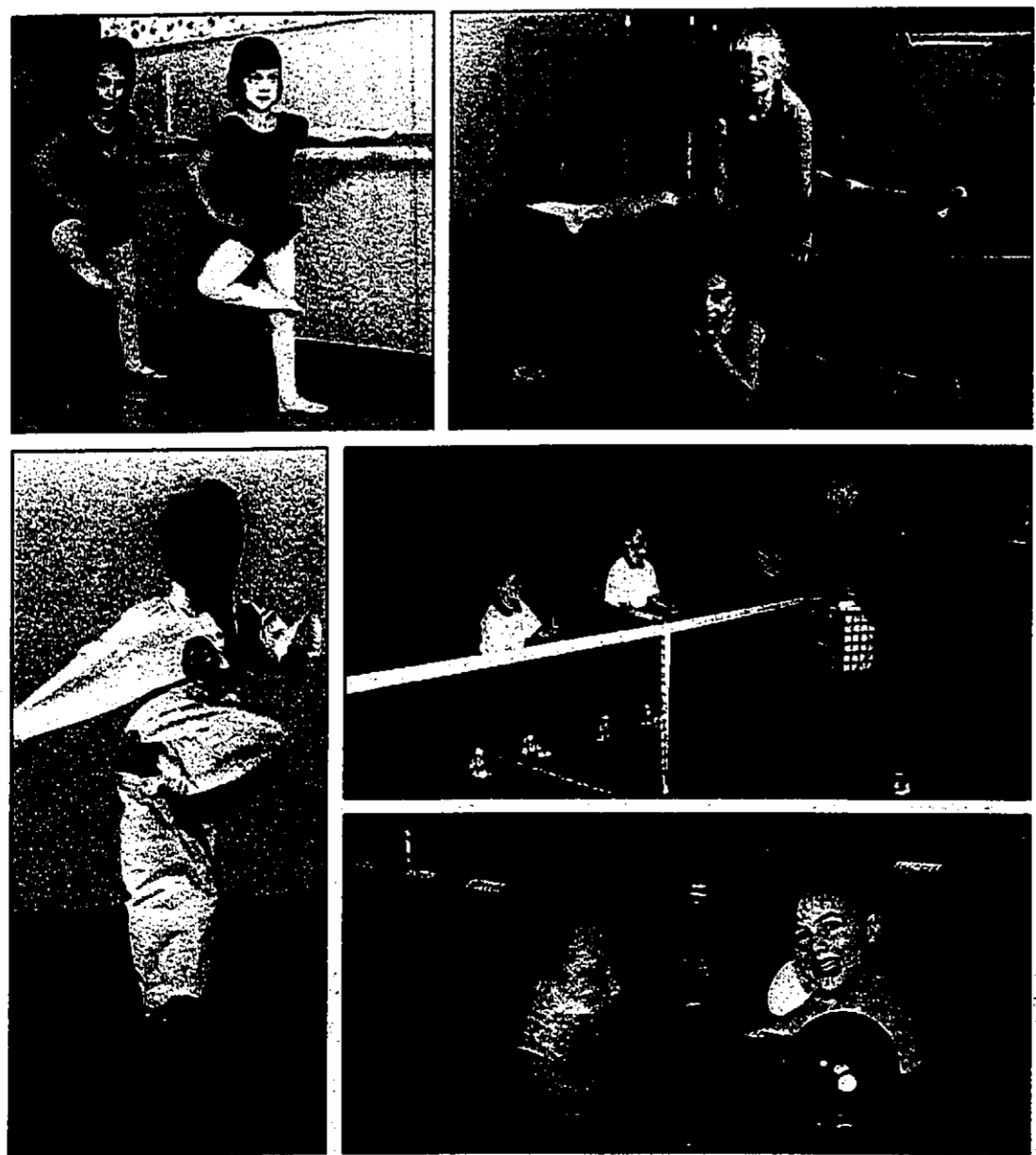
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Club speaks to members

By Wendy Pierman Mitzel
Staff Writer

Nervous about giving a speech in front of a group of people you've never met?

Well, you can either picture them in their underwear... or you can join the Toastmasters.

The international speaking group is new in Novi, having only a few months of meetings behind it. But membership is growing and the leaders are closing in on establishing a charter.

About ten people meet twice a month to learn the art of public speaking and improve their general communication skills. Some do it for their jobs, others to be able to go anywhere and be confident in their speaking ability.

Fred Young, a 15-year Novi resident, said he joined the group to expand his comfort zone.

"As an optician I deal one-on-one in comfortable with that. This is for personal skills," he explained.

Toastmaster members also learn about professional etiquette such as interviewing skills, dining manners and ways to get ahead in business.

When you become a new member you receive a guidebook of rules, etiquette and directions for giving certain speeches. To advance past

TOASTING IT

The Novi Toastmaster Club meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Meadowbrook Elementary School, located on Meadowbrook Road, one block south of Thirteen Mile. New members are welcome anytime. For more information on the Toastmasters, check out the web site at: www.toastmasters.org

the first level and become a competent Toastmaster, a member must complete a set of ten types of speeches. For instance, the first speech is an ice breaker where you talk about yourself. The second is a speech where you research and write about a topic to express your sincerity.

Members advance through many stages, much like the colored belt system in Karate, until they become a Distinguished Toastmaster.

Toastmasters Area Governor Bill Moylan, of Farmington Hills, has

already been designated a Distinguished Toastmaster twice since he joined in 1981. Because it's a challenge to improve his skills, he's going through the process again.

The difference between Toastmasters and other civic groups that broach the topic of public speaking, explained Moylan, is the feedback. Members help other members become better. Evaluations include grammar, timing, topic, mannerisms and other things specific to the assigned speech.

More importantly, he said: "You start becoming your own biggest critic."

Each meeting begins with a welcome by the leader or toastmaster. Then it's on to a warm-up: randomly chosen speeches. Each member must draw a topic and speak for about one to two minutes. After that, a few of the members give their assigned speeches.

Toastmasters meet all over the world and link up through conferences, contests and awards ceremonies and the club's magazine "The Toastmaster."

"It gives you the confidence, skills and experience that you need to get up and speak in front of a group," said Darrell Christopher of Commerce. "It's a great way to build communication skills."



Photo by JOHN HEIDER
Jeff Miller refines his public speaking skills at the front podium, while Toastmasters members Bruce Heinrich (foreground) and Bill Moylan critique his presentation.

Northville's Woolly Bully's to go from rock 'n roll to Irish pub?

By Andrew Dietderich
Staff Writer

A Westland man confirmed early this week he will go before the Northville Township board of trustees Feb. 17 as the new owner of Woolly Bully's.

Ken Mehl said he is in the late stages of purchasing the novelty restaurant. However, he said he did not want to go into detail about what he intends to do with the restaurant.

"I'm not going to answer any questions until I go before the board of trustees on the 17th," Mehl said. "I don't want to go before the public until the board has had the chance to ask any questions they may have."

However, a township employee said Mehl, who owns Blarney Bay in Westland, plans to turn the restaurant into an Irish pub.

Woolly Bully's is a rock 'n roll themed restaurant located near the intersection of Seven Mile Road and Northville Road in the Highland Lakes

Shopping Center. Decorations range from the two huge guitars on the building's facade to signed records and guitars of rock 'n roll music artists.

Mark Roman, owner of Woolly Bully's, said he hasn't sold the Northville Township Woolly Bully's yet.

"I've had three different people come over in the last six months and make deals but I haven't accepted any of them," he said. "A lot of people have pipe dreams, but don't have the money."

Further, Roman said he wasn't sure the offers were still standing. "If there's a serious buyer out there I'm not aware of it," he said. Roman said he would consider an offer for the restaurant, though.

"Everything is for sale for a price," he said. Township police did confirm, however, a request to investigate Woolly

Bully's and Blarney Bay has been received by them from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission. Such investigations are routine when businesses make requests to the commission to transfer their liquor license to another business.

Andrew Dietderich may be reached via e-mail at adiedtderich@nl.homecom.net.

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Jumpin'
Leaping in unison into the air, the Novi High School Varsity Pom Pom squad performs at last Friday's halftime of the Wildcat's basketball game.

Beware of bad furnace scams in winter months

With winter's arrival and the furnace heating season well underway, Consumers Energy is once again issuing a warning for customers to be alert to furnace scams.

Furnace scams most often occur when a homeowner has a natural gas furnace inspection performed and is told the furnace needs to be replaced immediately because of a serious problem, such as carbon monoxide leak or cracked heat exchanger. The company performing the inspection then offers to replace the old furnace, typically during the same visit and usually for a high cost.

Furnace scams are very popular during months of high furnace use," said Rodger Druke, gas service manager for Consumers Energy. "Homeowners should be alert to possible scams, and it's a good idea to get a second opinion before undertaking any major repair or a furnace replacement," he said.

If you have any doubt about the authenticity of a Consumers Energy employee, call (800) 477-5050 to verify employment. This customer service phone number is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Consumers Energy provides repair service for its customers who own natural gas and electric appliances. It also offers the Appliance Service Plan, which offers customers who enroll in the program peace of mind should a covered appliance ever need repair. The company's Heating and Cooling Solutions program is designed to help Michigan homeowners find a reputable heating/cooling contractor.

The program also assists customers with obtaining financing at competitive interest rates to replace such items as furnaces and central air conditioning.

Drunk driver keeps on going

Police News

WHEELED AWAY
A man's mountain bike was stolen at Speedway gas station on Haggerty Road on January 25.

The victim said he rode his bike to work that morning and left the bike unlocked outside near the rear door.

He noticed the bike was missing when he got ready to leave work at 3 p.m.

The bike is described as a yellow and blue 21-speed mountain bike of an unknown make valued at \$180.00.

There are no suspects at this time.

CELL STOLEN
On Monday, January 24, between 6:30 and 8 p.m., a cell phone was stolen at On The Border restaurant.

The victim stated that she had placed her cell phone on the table and when she was ready to leave it was gone.

She checked with the managers of the restaurant, but came up short.

The phone was valued at \$200 and there are no suspects at this time.

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

POT BUST
On January 26 at 6:30 p.m., a 40-year-old woman was arrested in the parking lot of Mr. B's on Novi Road for possession of marijuana.

The officer was patrolling the parking lot of the bar and observed an 1989 Suburban parked in the lot with the engine running.

When the officer approached the vehicle, he observed the woman alone in the car smoking a joint.

The woman was arrested and later released on \$500.00 bond. She is scheduled to appear in court at a later date.

SNACKTIME
Three boxes of food and a 12-pack of beer were stolen from a garage in Novi on the eve of January 24.

The 35-year-old victim stated that her garage door was accidentally left open.

There are no suspects or witnesses at this time and no further action has been taken.

TREE-NAPPING
A small tree was taken from the front yard of a resident's home in Novi during the midnight hours of Sunday, January 30.

The victim called the officer at the intersection of 10 Mile and Milan.

The officer used the patrol car's public address system to direct the driver into the parking lot of an office building ahead.

When the officer approached the vehicle, he smelled strong odors of intoxicants coming from the vehicle, as well as noticing the driver's slurred speech and glassy eyes.

When the driver, alone in the car, was asked why he failed to stop sooner, he replied that he had not seen the lights, nor heard the air horn and sirens.

The 21-year-old driver was asked to step out of the vehicle, where the officer observed the man having trouble standing up.

While performing the sobriety test, the driver could only hold either foot up for a second before losing balance.

The man blew a 0.22 and a 0.21 on the the breathalyzer tests and was charged with driving while intoxicated.

UPON ARREST... the officer noticed marks in the snow leading up to where the tree had been located.

The officer also noticed marks in the snow where the tree would have been lying on the ground.

The officer believes a motorist may have accidentally struck the tree, knocking it over. The motorist may have then taken the tree instead of reporting it.

The resident informed the officer that the City of Novi plants and maintains the trees every year.

Novi Briefs

Senior housing update
Meadowbrook Commons, the City of Novi's senior housing development, is moving ahead. Kerreen Conley, director of the Department of Developmental Services, noted in her January newsletter.

Currently, work is underway on the pond and entrance way to the project, with utility work scheduled within the month. The frame is expected to go up in mid-April.

Conley added that the firm Singh Development was of help to the city in moving ahead on the project by the early installation of a much-needed sewer. The sewer is needed now for Meadowbrook Commons. But not until later for a phase of Singh's Willowbrook Farms development.

Ring those bells
Two members of the Novi City Council took to the streets to drum up donations over the holiday season for the Salvation Army of Farmington Hills.

On Dec. 11, Mayor Pro Tem Laura Lorenzo and Council Member Ed Kramer braved the cold for four hours to raise \$187.37, a recent thank you letter to the city from James Swan, corps sergeant major of the organization.

Councils from three cities competed to collect money for the charity, which altogether took in \$100,000 locally during the holiday season. The money will be used for food, clothing and utility assistance for needy area families. Farmington won, followed by Farmington Hills and Novi.

Counting noses
Interested in a temporary job? Trying signing up as a worker with the U.S. Census. Testing for the jobs will be conducted in Novi at the Novi Public Library, 45245 W. Ten Mile Road.

The tests will be held Thursdays: today, Feb. 17 and Feb. 20 at 1:30 p.m. and Saturdays: Feb. 5 and Feb. 26 at 10 a.m.

In addition, Novi residents who can't attend at these dates may head to Livonia every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday to take the test at 10 a.m. The location is the U.S. Census Office, Seven Mile Crossing, Suite 490, 38701 W. Seven Mile (at Seven Mile and I-75, behind Cooker's Restaurant.)

To make a reservation or for information, call (734) 632-0300. However, walk-ins are always welcome.

I-75 and Long Lake could link

By MIKE MALOTT
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A Detroit old feud between the city of Novi and officials of the Michigan Department of Transportation over the construction of a new interchange at Interstate 75 and Long Lake Road appears to have been broken.

For that being, MDOT has wanted the project to be another part of road building a \$20 million "Square Lake Connector" linking the old and new ramps of the I-75/Crooks Road interchange to Square Lake Road.

To get out, Troy would have to take the toll, MDOT had said. City officials didn't want the Connector, arguing it would dump heavy traffic volumes into a residential area.

In a meeting Thursday, Jan. 27, MDOT officials agreed to toss in their collective hats on the connector.

MDOT spokesman Robin Patruwank says it, they'll "shift focus" from the connector proposal to other road upgrades that can be made in the area to improve traffic flow.

Along with construction of the Long Lake interchange, they'll be looking to upgrade the Crooks road ramps to increase capacity there.

Rep. Robert Gosselin, R-Troy, said he called the meeting because heavy winter weather there will soon increase traffic in an already congested area.

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Amy Miller, left, Novi Chamber of Commerce administrative assistant, and Susan Cusick of "Threads of Power" take a look at some of the garments donated for women re-entering the workforce and in need of professional clothing.

HomeTown holds March job fair at Burton Manor

The Observer and Eccentric Newspapers and the HomeTown Newspapers announce their Spring Job Fair on Wednesday, March 29 at the Burton Manor Banquet and Conference Center in Livonia, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

This is the fourth general job fair by these two subsidiaries of HomeTown Communications Inc. of Livonia. As many as 125 companies will be recruiting employees.

This general job fair will feature recruiters including: Absopure, Accountants Connection, Airtouch Cellular, ASK Healthcare Services, Bartlett Group, Comenica, Delta Dental Plan of Michigan, Dorothy Day, Environ, Federal Reserve Bank, First Federal of Michigan, First Investors Corp., Flagstar Bank, Frito-Lay, Frommer & Associates, Graybar Electric, Great Lakes Bank, Jabli Circuit, Jewish Vocational School, Kroger, Mattress & Futon Shoppe, Nextel Communications, Office Mates 5, Old Kent Bank, OLDE Discount, Parsian, Paychex, Personnel Unlimited, Plastipak Packaging, Providence Hospital and Medical Centers, Rainbow Rehabilitation Centers, Republic Bancorp Mortgage, Ricoh Business Systems, Rose Moving & Storage, Saw-On Drugs, Sears, Staffing Services of Michigan, Tempo, Trans Inns Management, U.S. Vision, United Parcel Service, University of Michigan, and Virginia Tile.

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Whistlestop Former GOP candidate now works for the Texas governor

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"It's so early, he has to win first. When he does, (Bush) will have a large number of talented people to choose from. The party is blessed with an outstanding number of leaders," Dole said. "My number one concern is to travel proactively in every state for Governor Bush," she said.

Dole also spoke highly of Bush's record for education. She said he promoted early reading programs, making sure children were literate by third grade.

"The New York Times' last spring, named Texas Public Schools as a model for every school system. Gov. Bush has a proven track record in Texas. His overall plan returns control to the states, giving them more flexibility, not in D.C.," Dole said. "Public Schools are seven percent funded by the federal government and regulated federally by 50 percent. He has measurable goals and asks for strict accountability."

Ruth Elrod of Novi brought her two daughters, Kristine and Katherine, and Kristine's friend Lauren Wilson, to get a glimpse of the campaigning professional.

"I am a big supporter of George W. Bush and Mrs. Dole. I wanted to expose my daughters to the political process and she is an impressive role model for my daughters," Elrod said. All three of the girls got their picture taken with Dole before she left.

Susan Cosenza works at Providence Medical Center and lives in Milford. She said it was a wonderful experience to bring Dole to Novi and offer the center exposure it deserves.

The visit brought supporters from as far as Ann Arbor to cheer on Dole and the Bush campaign.

Julie Marcel, Barb Lambert and Doug Tietz, all University of Michigan-Ann Arbor college republican members, brought the Students For George Bush support from the liberal town.

"Gov. Bush brings new opportunities to America in the new millennium," Tietz said.

Election 2000 allows Michiganders to vote in the GOP Primary on Feb. 22. The Republicans nominate their candidates at the Philadelphia, Penn. convention July 29-Aug. 4, while the Democrats name their candidates during the national convention in Los Angeles Aug. 14-17. The Reform Party names its picks for president during their convention in California or Minnesota Aug. 10-13.

Teacher mourned at middle school

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her class and said it always held a special place in her heart.

"I met my friend in that class and Mr. L. would let us stand up and talk to each other," she said. "He was just always really nice and wanted to help us."

Laurie Fannon, a technical aide who worked with Lazzari, said he was a very warm kind of person.

"He will be incredibly missed."

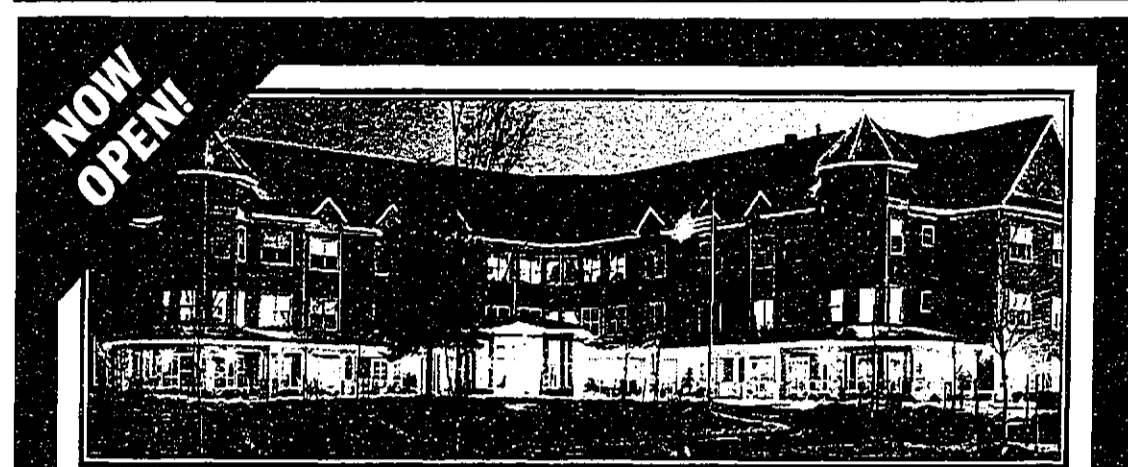
Fannon said.

"He was the kind of teacher, if you had a child, you would be thrilled to find out he was your child's teacher."

The funeral was held at Cornerstone Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Brighton and was attended by about 150 Novi students. The family has requested contributions go to the Lazzari Children Trust Fund at 706 W. Main Street, Brighton, MI 48116.



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Window company owner makes good on benefits

By JIM TOTTON Staff Writer

Employees of Weatherane Windows, a company that has been in business for 30 years, are breathing a sigh of relief these days.

Their medical insurance claims, including their own, are being paid. These bills will be paid.

Nov. president Gary Rose, owner of the now defunct Weatherane Windows in Green Oak Township, which closed about a year ago in June 1999, deposited \$175,000 of his own money into the coffers of Group Benefits Services, an Lansing-based company that handles claims for Weatherane employees and is responsible for cutting checks to pay for medical services.

"Rose has established a fund and transferred the money," said Doug Stokes, president of Group Benefits.

Stokes said his company is currently processing claim checks and sending them out. He said most of the claims should be covered by the \$175,000.

"That should cover the brunt of it," Stokes said.

Although many employees might be relieved, they're not overjoyed. Some say Rose only coughed up the money after pressure was put on him when a group of them picketed outside his Chase Farms home on Dec. 13.

"He did that because he didn't want us out of his home again," said Mike Harrow, a Weatherane subcontractor for 13 years.

He said the combination of the protest at Rose's home, a HomeTown News article about the picketers and advice from Rose's own attorneys telling him he was legally liable for the medical claims prompted Rose to give the money.

Absolutely not true, says Rose. He said the protest had no impact on his decision to give the additional money.

"It had already been planned prior to the picketing," Rose said. Rose was working out the details

"It certainly wasn't my idea to have 30 years end like this."

Gary Rose
Weatherane Windows owner

with his attorneys and Group Benefits on how the money should be distributed when the picketers showed up at his home, he said.

Rose said having ex-employees picket outside his home was like a jolt in the arm. He wasn't home at the time, but his wife and children were.

"He said the greatest hurt him personally and was disappointing because he was doing what he could to help."

"I don't know why they harbor such resentment," Rose said.

Yet he said the protest didn't stop him from giving the money, which he called a Christmas gift.

Rose: A bad rap
Who would end up paying for medical services became a controversial issue after Weatherane closed its doors? Weatherane produced its windows at a plant off Kensington Road in Green Oak Township.

The company, founded by Rose's family, employed 250 people, many of whom had money deducted from their pay for health insurance.

"The problem? Weatherane was self-insured, which meant the lawsuit was responsible for covering medical claims. When the bank seized the company and all its assets, Weatherane was left with nothing."

Employees sent letters to Gary Rose about outstanding medical claims, and he initially responded that Weatherane was responsible for those claims. However, the company had no money. He also wrote that he was not legally obligated to pay for those claims.

He said closing the company was the most painful decision of his life and his parents'.

Angry employees
It's obvious not all employees knew that Weatherane was losing money. In fact, all the signs seemed to indicate the company was doing good business, even if it wasn't as good as several years ago.

This probably explains the surprise and anger from employees when the business simply closed up one day.

"It was a shock," said Bruce Nichols, who worked 13 years in the shipping department.

Being in his position, Nichols saw what was going on in orders and didn't see how the company could be losing money. He estimated the company was probably sending out \$1 million a month in products.

"This company was making money as far I could see," Nichols said.

Yet Nichols also realized there were some customers who hadn't paid for past orders. He said there was one builder who owed \$82,000 for windows that had been picked up and had five new orders completed.

Nichols also knew the company had just spent a lot of money on new equipment and that finances were tight. He knew the company owed money to some of its own suppliers and wasn't able to pay them.

"A lot of people took it hard," Nichols said about the closing.

He said there were many people who had been at Weatherane for more than 10 years, Nichols said he is still unemployed now.

Yet Nichols doesn't blame Gary Rose, as others have. He remembers when the company was doing extremely well and receiving a \$1,500 bonus for the holidays.

He believes many people just started to count on this extra money and became upset when the bonuses started to get smaller and smaller.

He said closing the company was the most painful decision of his life and his parents'.

everyone makes him out to be," Nichols said.

Yet others don't feel that way. Bob Portwood, 65, was one of the picketers outside Rose's home.

On the one hand, Portwood was happy the medical claims are being handled. Portwood suffered a heart attack on June 9 and faces more than \$60,000 in medical bills from the hospital where he had bypass surgery.

"It appears everything is going to be taken care of," Portwood said.

However, Portwood doesn't believe Rose paid money out of his own pocket because he cared about his former employees.

"No doubt about it — his purpose from the beginning was not to pay them," Portwood said.

He said the demonstration at Rose's home and the newspaper article put pressure on him to cover those medical claims.

Closing its doors
How is it that a once-profitable company and the largest supplier of wood windows in Michigan could go under?

Weatherane went out of business in June 1999, a time when the economy and home sales were booming.

Owner Gary Rose said several factors led to the demise of Weatherane. Yet he said it had nothing to do with the product.

Rose talks proudly about the high-quality windows produced by Weatherane, which he said was a leader in the field.

He said the quality wood windows helped the company go through a tremendous growth. He said that in 1986, the company did \$8 million in sales, and grew to a whopping \$26 million in sales in 1994.

But outside factors, Rose said, caused the company to lose over \$2 million in the final year and half.

He said Canadian window makers set up sales offices in Michigan during the post-NAFTA 1990s and were offering windows at a lower price.

GET BENEFITS

Weatherane employees still have an opportunity to submit medical claims.

Lansing-based Group Benefits Services is currently processing claims for Weatherane employees and sending out checks.

The claims must be for services incurred prior to June 29, 1999, which is when the company went out of business. The claims must also be for medical services covered under the terms of the plan.

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Changing of the guard at city hall

List of city manager candidates winnowed down to four

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The city will have background checks conducted on the top four candidates.

At the suggestion of Assistant City Manager Craig Klaver, the investigations will be overseen by the city's labor attorneys, to avoid any potential violation of any regulations, including the federal Credit Reporting Act. He added that the attorneys might seek the service of an independent investigative firm. If the city seeks to look at candidates' credit reports, their authorization will be needed first, Klaver added.

On Feb. 7, the Novi City Council is

expected to make a decision on the level of investigation to be conducted. Klaver said the price is expected to be in the \$800 to \$1,000 range per candidate.

That night an interim city manager will be appointed. Under Novi's city charter, the current city manager appoints his temporary replacement, with the council's approval.

Kriewall's last day on the job is Feb. 11. He'll be feted the night before at a party at the DoubleTree Hotel.

Once the council makes their selection, the next question will be what to pay the new city manager.

"First we identify the most qualified candidate, then we talk salary."

Craig Klaver,
Assistant city manager

Kriewall makes \$100,956. A city survey of surrounding communities found salaries for a city manager ranging from a low in Ferndale at \$82,000 to a high in Southfield of \$110,787, with an average of

\$98,991.

"First we identify the most qualified candidate, then we talk salary," Klaver told the council.

Several audience members Monday asked the council to make a wise choice.

"You're retiring and defining what we're going to be left with for the next several years in the way of management," Shawood area resident Jim Korte said. "Do your best, because what you do is monumental."

Asa Smith complimented the council on their interviewing skills. All of the sessions were shown on cable TV.

"Your questions (and) your responses to the candidates were in my estimation well done," said Smith, who is on the board of the Lake Area Homeowners Association.

"Please do your homework and make the right choice and put in the best manager to make our city the proud place it is."

The night before the second round of interviews, the city will hold a reception for the candidates and their spouses in the atrium of the Novi Civic Center. The informal get-together will be open to the public.

Jan Jeffres is editor of *The Novi News*. She can be reached at jjeffres@homecomm.net

They come from four states to seek Ed Kriewall's job

Following is information submitted about themselves submitted to the City of Novi by each of the four candidates now in the final heat for retiring City Manager Ed Kriewall's job.

Richard Helwig: Helwig has been assistant city manager and director of development for Dublin, Ohio since 1997. Prior to that, he spent two years as city manager of Elgin, Illinois and from 1984 to 1994 as city manager of Dayton, Ohio.

A Navy veteran, Helwig started work in Dayton in 1973 as a systems analyst and moved through

the ranks to finance director and assistant city manager.

At Dayton he was involved in the completion of a \$9 million Main Street project.

Helwig noted in his application that in March he will complete his 30 years in the Ohio public employment retirement system and then plans to move to Michigan to join his wife, who lives in Birmingham.

He holds a master's in public administration from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

James Pierce: Pierce has been

city administrator of Davenport, Iowa — a community with a population of 97,000 — since 1996.

Since August, he has also been an adjunct professor of American Government at Eastern Iowa Community College.

From 1991 to 1996, he was city manager of Huber Heights (near Dayton), Ohio, from 1988 to 1991, city manager of North Port, Fla. and from 1985 to 1988, city manager of Lapeer.

Pierce launched his municipal career in this state, where he served as acting city manager and assistant city manager of Portage, city manager of Brown City and

administrative assistant to the city manager of Three Rivers.

He holds a master's of public administration from Wayne State University.

Bill Richards: Assistant city manager of Farmington since 1994, past posts include Northville Township manager from 1993 to 1994 and assistant city manager and personnel director of Wayne from 1992 to 1993.

Richards began his career at Wayne as personnel director in 1988 and became city clerk there in 1990, while retaining the position of personnel director.

He has also been an adjunct instructor at Eastern Michigan University.

A Northville resident, Richards, who has a master of arts in communication, has taken doctoral courses in organization communication at Wayne State University and juris doctor studies at the University of Detroit Law School.

Mark Vanderpool: He has been assistant village manager of Skokie, Illinois since 1993.

Vanderpool's job responsibilities in Skokie, which has a population of 60,000, include coordinating economic development and serving

as budget officer.

He has been involved in coordinating a \$20 million performing arts and conference center there, as well as planned an \$80 million flood control project.

Prior to taking the job in Skokie, Vanderpool was assistant city manager of Tecumseh, Michigan from 1989 to 1993.

His highest degree earned is a master's in public administration from Northern Illinois University.

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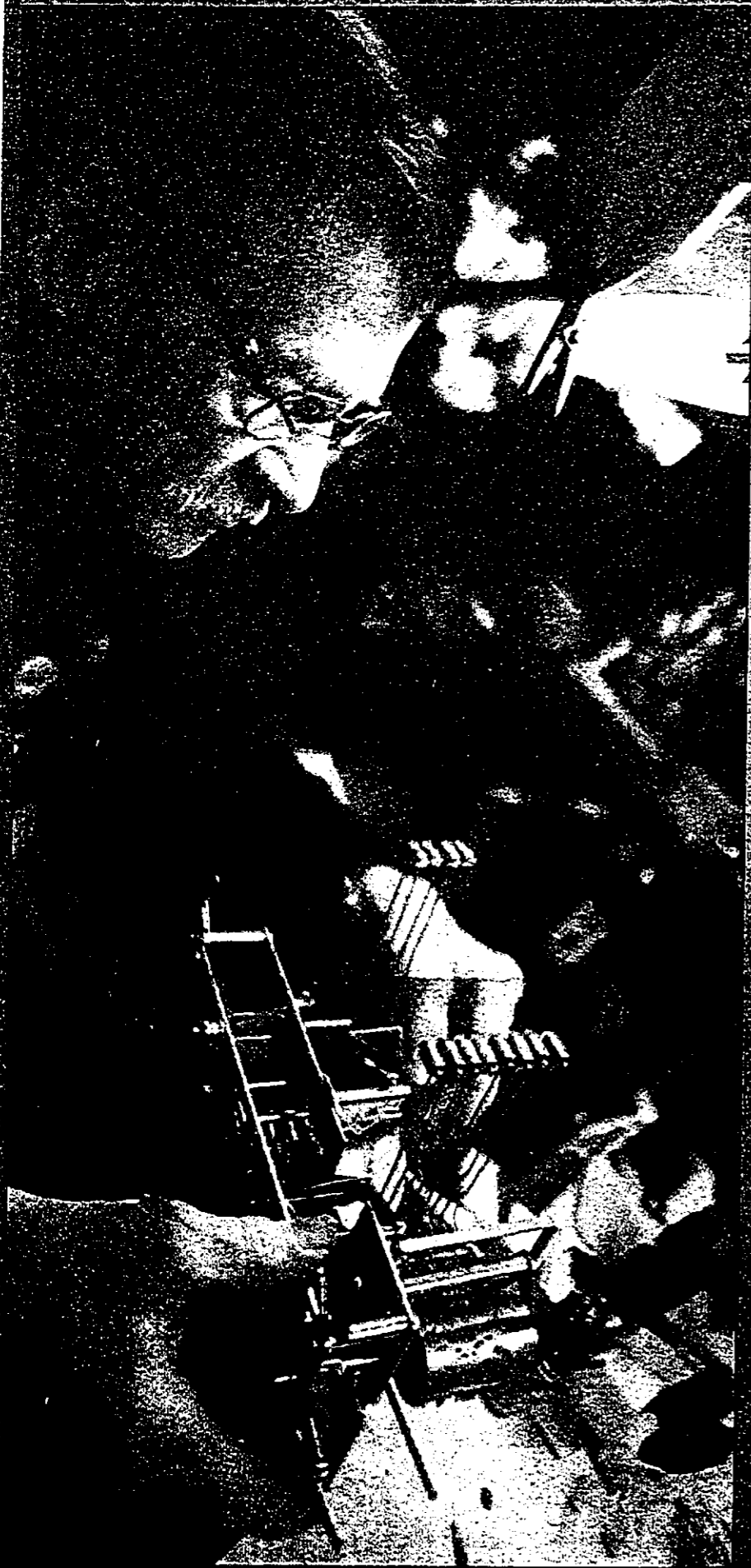
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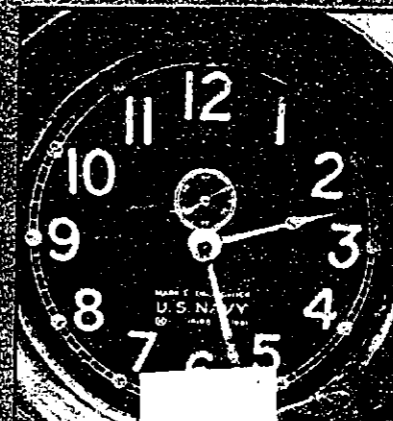
For example, there are faces that seem to smile and those that don't. Some clocks work while others won't. Some clocks could break the toughest man with their charm. Others don't look so hot with a broken arm.

It's part of the reason the Anderson family goes to work every day. "Really it's all we know how to do," said Andy Anderson, 36.

Andy and the rest of the family including his father, Mel, 75, mother, Lois, 75, brother, Norman, 51, and Dan, 48, have all been trained to continue on the family business, which was started as a hobby by the eldest Anderson in the 1950s.

"My parents were actually big antique collectors," said Dan. "One time they went to an auction where you bought the box from certain pieces and of what

to be crilled clock and watch repair. Andy Anderson, 36, and his family have been in the business for over 40 years. The company, Northville Clock and Watch Shop, has a long history of excellence in the industry. The shop is located in Northville, Michigan, and has a reputation for quality work and customer service. The shop has a large inventory of antique and modern clocks, watches, and jewelry. The shop also offers repair services for all types of timepieces. The shop is a family business and is run by Andy Anderson and his family. The shop has a long history of excellence in the industry and is a well-known name in the Northville area.



"There were so many clocks in our house we used to build forts out of them."

Dan Anderson, Northville



Story by ANDREW DIETDERICH • Photos by JOHN HEIDER

Hook, line and sinker

Love of fishing lures Novi man to make oversized jigs

By CHRIS C. DAVIS
Copy Editor

Maybe Roy Scheider and Richard Dreyfuss would have had better luck catching Jaws if they'd known Luke Altomare.

That's because Altomare, a Novi resident and car salesman at Bill Brown Ford, is a craftsman in a narrow, narrow field — jumbosized fishing lures.

"I love fishing and always have," Altomare said. "I've also always been a do-it-yourselfer for a long time. It makes me happy, but it drives my wife crazy."

In all honesty, the lures Altomare makes aren't for actual use. They're ornamental, and decorate is exactly what they do to his basement, which is filled with about 50 of the beady-eyed, stringy jigs.

Altomare got his start in the craft about two years ago while vacationing in the Irish Hills. While with his family to grab a bite to eat, Altomare made his way into

"I love fishing and always have."

Luke Altomare
Novi resident

a restaurant whose walls were covered with oversized lures: "I saw what was in there and thought that I could do what they had done and do it better," Altomare said.

So try it he did. Back home in his workshop, Altomare ground away at a piece of pine stock with a wood lathe and found a way to mimic what he'd seen in the restaurant. A few coats of paint and lacquer later, Altomare had done what he'd set out to do.

Every part of the lures is handmade, save for the eyes on the lures, which Altomare said he needs to order from another company. The hooks are made of No. 4

gauge copper wire, which is sharpened and polished.

"They're pretty sharp," Altomare said. "You definitely want to watch your fingers when you're handling them."

Since he built his first, Altomare has added dozens more lures to his collection, many of which have already been sold to people who'd seen them. He said he's hoping to get more exposure for his craft at an upcoming arts and crafts show in Northville.

"What I'm trying to do is keep a list of the ones that I'm selling on my own right now so I know which ones to bring to a show," Altomare said. "I'd like to market the most popular ones at the exhibit."

And that's not all. Altomare also said he's working on establishing a website to sell his craft to Net-heads across the country and around the globe. The average asking price? Around \$200, Altomare said.

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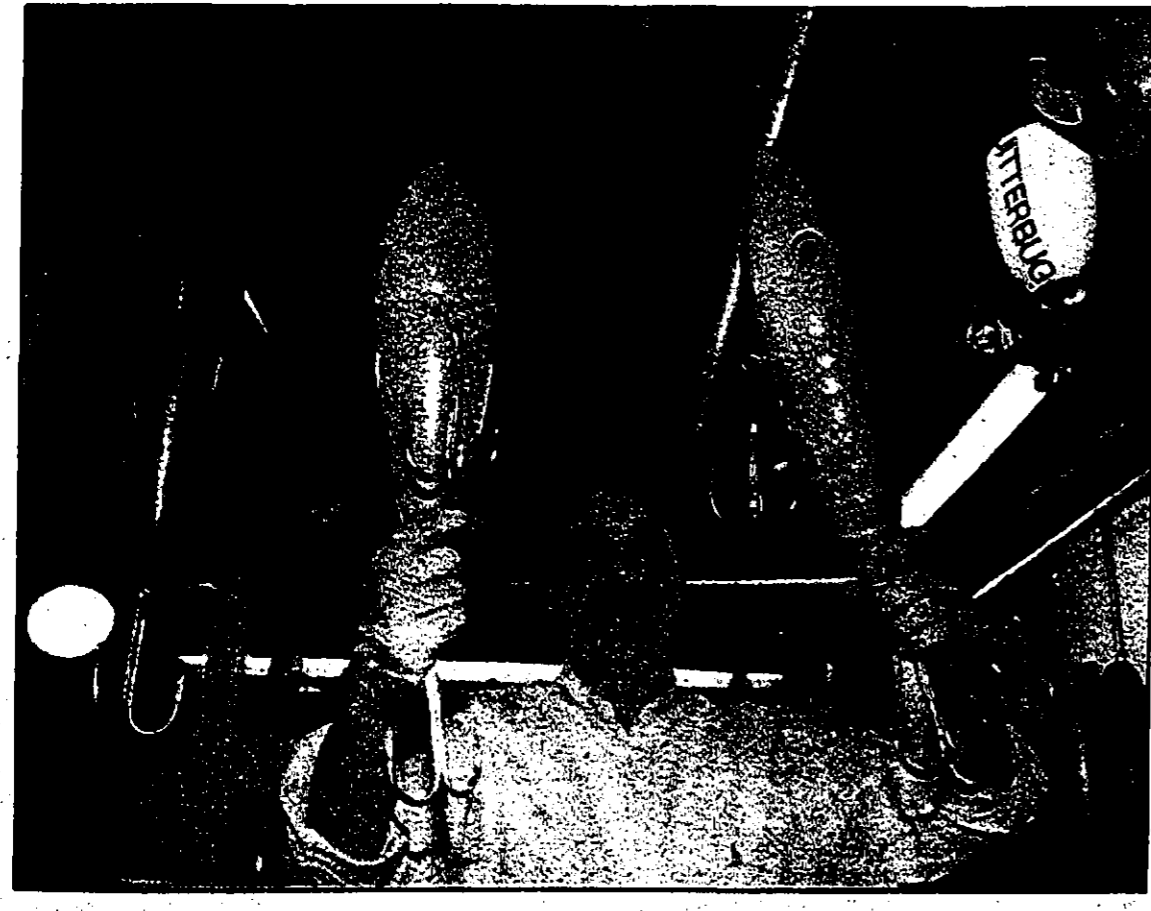


Photo by JOHN HEIDER
Luke Altomare holds some of the oversized fishing lures he's created in his workshop over the last two years. He has about 50 in his collection now.

Trusting a trust may not be so smart **On Campus**

Several citizens beware! The Michigan Bar Association is warning the public to think twice about companies selling trusts as alternatives to wills.

According to the bar association, a will costs less. Michigan couples usually would up with a \$20,000 federal tax liability when their \$1 million estate was placed into a trust by the deceased company.

Trusts are legal vehicles used to pass assets to beneficiaries. Sometimes they are used instead of wills so that the beneficiaries receive assets and avoid going to court to get the assets. But there are many complicated legal issues with a will that a better choice for a particular individual. The decision to use a trust instead of a will is an important one that should not be made without expert advice.

Trusts are companies' sold by phone, mail, newspaper advertisement and door-to-door salesmen. They also hold seminars to "educate" people about planning their estates.

During a seminar the speaker may make disparaging remarks about attorneys and the pro-



Stephanie Hoops

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Lesson in general. This dissuades the audience from seeking legal advice, which the company may not be qualified to give.

Seniors, wanting to help their relatives avoid long court battles are especially vulnerable to false statements about the cost and time associated with having to probate the deceased's estate.

The state bar is monitoring trust kit companies to insure that the documents they sell are reviewed by an attorney and are correctly pre-

pared. But the brochure put out by the bar, "Local Trust Kits Risky," warns:

"Be aware that in a number of states, including Michigan, the Attorney General's office has brought lawsuits against trust kit companies, seeking fines and the cessation of business.

Investigators have shown that agents may fraudulently claim they are skilled at preparing documents, they may misrepresent legal practices, they may use high-pressure tactics to coerce people into purchasing kits, and often fail to resolve problems or disclose the drawbacks of trusts.

This brochure is available on-line at www.michbar.org. Further information is also available on the Legal Hotline for Older Michiganders at (800) 347-5297.

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Oversized fishing lures makes Novi resident a happy man

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Speaking of the Internet, Altomare said he did a bit of web-surfing himself to find if there were any other oversized lure-makers lurking in cyberspace. Altomare said he found just one other such craftsman operating in Texas, who Altomare has since communicated with periodically on the wires.

"I don't have too many people to bounce ideas off of for this hobby," he quipped.

Altomare can be reached at (248) 347-4340, or via e-mail at Luke@alt.com.



Luke Altomare applies a coat of paint to one of his oversized fishing lures. The Novi resident has been making the ornamental fishing lures for the last two years.

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The Parent Advisory Committee of the Northville school district is seeking volunteers for a new project spearheaded by the group to obtain major textbooks on audio tape for students having difficulty reading or interpreting conventional texts. The program is designed solely for high school students. Readers are needed to record the information on audio tape. For more information, call either (248) 347-1029 or (248) 348-1593.

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.



A few local members of the Gentlemen Songsters warm up recently. From left are Fran Durham, Robert Sage, Steve Sutherland and Don Block. They'll be performing on Feb. 18 and 19 at Livonia's Clarenceville Middle School.

ration 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. Cary.

The Northville Woman's Club will be meeting again at 1:30 p.m. on Feb. 4 at First Presbyterian Church of Northville. The special guest for the meeting is Shelley Thacker, a romance author whose works include "Falcon on the Wind," "A Stranger's Kiss," and "Timeless." Thacker has signed a contract to write two lead-title historical romances for Dell Publishing. She and her husband now reside in Michigan. The Woman's Club meeting chairperson is Karen Poulos. For more information, call (248) 348-1325.

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"Voices in Time," a locally-based singing group will begin rehearsals for the spring and summer seasons in late February. The group has a limited number of openings in all voice parts. For more information, call (248) 448-6540.

Two new performances are taking stage at Genitti's Hole-In-The-Wall this month. For adults, a dinner theater performance entitled "At The Hop" will be the feature, while youth will see "The Mystery in Fable's Forest." Show times and prices on the shows vary. For more information, call (248) 349-0522.

The Roses-West Rose Society of Novi will meet on Thursday, Feb. 3, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. A social hour will follow the program.

Featured will be Jerry Carney, master gardener and American Rose Society judge, giving a presentation on "How to Grow Fabulous Roses Organically." If there are any questions, call

Pat Hibbard at (248) 449-4626.

The eighth annual Home Improvement Show will be held Feb. 3-6 at the Novi Expo Center. Hours are Thursday and Friday, 2-10 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; and Sunday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Admission is \$75 per person, which will include a chef-hosted, Texas style barbecue and free parking. Proceeds will benefit Michigan United Conservation Clubs' education and conservation programs. The attire for the evening will be business/casual. The program for the evening is as follows:

VIP opening of exhibit floor, 3 to 7 p.m.; wildlife exhibits, 3 to 7 p.m.; refreshments and games begin, 5:30 p.m.; chef-hosted, Texas style barbecue dinner, 7 p.m.; live auction, 8:45 p.m.; and grand prize drawing, 10 p.m.

For more information, call (800) 777-6720, ext. 496.

The Northville Montessori Center will hold its annual open house on Feb. 6 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The facility, located at 15709 Haggerty Road, is a state-licensed private school offering an alternative in preschool and elementary educational programs. For more information, call (734) 420-0924.

Mothers' Club of Northville will present "Hand to the Future," a dinner dance with live and silent auctions, on Saturday, March 11 at 7:30 p.m.; the cost will be \$50 per person with cash bar. The event will take place at The Italian American Club, 3900 Five Mile Road, Livonia. For more information, call (248) 348-3356.

Business

"Oliver" is coming to The Water Tower Theater which is located on the campus of Northville Psychiatric Hospital, 41011 W. Seven Mile.

Performances by the Plymouth Theater Guild will be held Feb. 18, 19, 25, 26, 27, March 3 and 4. Hours are 8 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays, 6 p.m., Sunday matinee.

Tickets are adults, \$12; students (18 and under), \$8. For groups of 15-29, \$10; 30-plus, \$9. General seating for all shows.

Tickets may be purchased at Gardenview, 202 W. Main St., Northville; Pennington Deli, 820 Pennington, Plymouth; and Evola Music Center, 7170 N. Haggerty, Canton. Tickets by mail: PTO, Tickets, P.O. Box 700451, Plymouth, Mich. 48170 or visit their Web page: www.causeway.com/pig/. Tickets are exchangeable but not refundable.

The VIP opening night of the Outdoorama Sport and Travel Show will be held on Feb. 25, from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Novi Expo Center. Admission is \$75 per person, which will include a chef-hosted, Texas style barbecue and free parking. Proceeds will benefit Michigan United Conservation Clubs' education and conservation programs. The attire for the evening will be business/casual. The program for the evening is as follows:

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Business Network International will be holding two meetings of area branches in the coming week. The first is for the Novi chapter, and will meet at 7 a.m. at Kerby's Key, located at 21200 Haggerty Road on Feb. 8. The second is for the Northville chapter — also slated for Kerby's — and will meet at 7 a.m. on Feb. 10. For more information, call (810) 323-5800.

Members of the Barbershop Harmony Society's top-ranking quartets will headline in the Detroit-Oakland chapter's 61st annual Parade of Harmony on Feb. 18 and 19 at Clarenceville Middle School. The show begins at 8 p.m. Feb. 18 and 7:30 p.m. Feb. 19. The chapter's 40-man chorus, the Gentlemen Songsters, will present a selection of paradeshop favorites. Appearing at the shows will be the 1999 International Quarter seminaist Champions, as well as Harmonix, the 1998 Sweet Adelines second-place medalists. Tickets are \$13 and \$15.

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Eight is not enough

Cagers hope hot streak continues against Brighton Friday night

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

It didn't take long for Novi to assert itself as the better team last Friday night on the hardwood against Lakeland.

In fact, it took just 5:28 for Novi to jump out to a commanding 12-0 lead. And just a little more than three minutes had elapsed before the Wildcats upped that lead to 18-2 and all but put an end to a game which went Novi's way most of the night.

The 48-32 win was Novi's eighth in a row, after starting the season 0-5.

Dan Kittle and Chad Nadolni scored five points each in the first quarter, helping Novi to its 14-2 lead after one. The team's defense, however, is what made things easy for its offense.

"We were just playing together, and getting the shots we wanted," Novi Coach Pat Schluter said. "We did a nice job on their big man (Geoff Zimmerman) and when (Shawn) Houck got the ball our other guys helped out on him."

Lakeland was playing a box and one defense against Novi, looking to stop Nadolni from the wing. But that opened things up inside for Nawrot and on the opposite side of the court for Kittle. Kittle knocked down a couple of jumpers early, which gave Dan Nawrot more room inside to work. The senior responded by hitting six layups for 13 points. He also grabbed a game-high 12 rebounds.

Novi extended its lead to 28-11 at the half, and coasted to the win from there. Nadolni matched Nawrot's 13 points and pulled down nine boards of his own. Kittle ended with nine points and Brandon Davis added four from the point.

Novi maintained a double-digit lead nearly the entire game.

"When you're playing on the road and you get down like that, it's tough to come back," Schluter said. "Again, we continue to play good basketball and we're all playing together out there."

The win moves Novi to 8-5 overall and 4-2 in the Kensington Valley Conference. The 'Cats trail both South Lyon and Milford, who won last Friday to up their conference marks to 5-1. Novi will play Brighton in a rematch of their game earlier this year, which saw the Bulldogs pull off a 73-62 win on their home court.

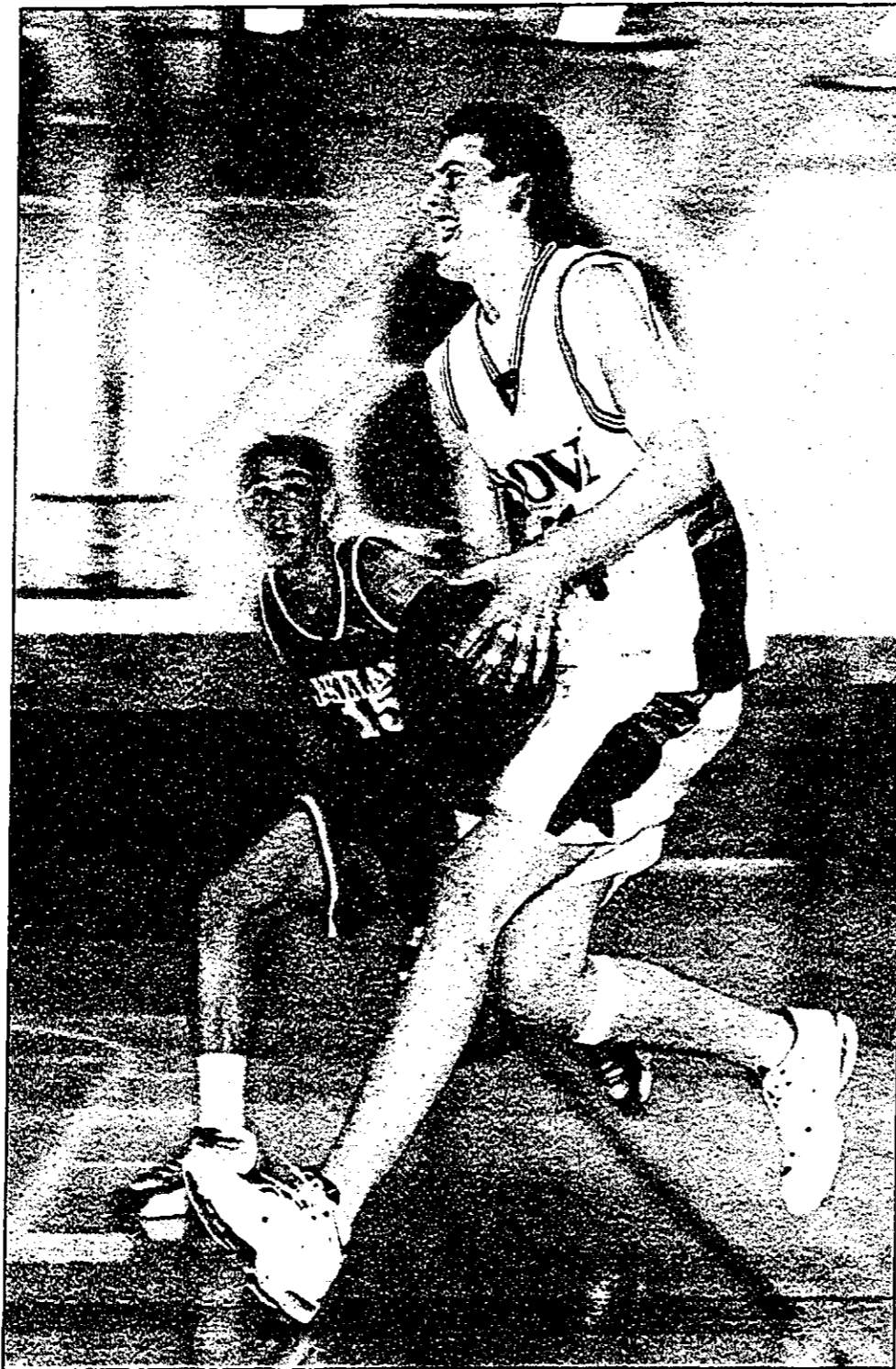


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Senior forward Chad Nadolni drives to the hoop while a Lakeland defender looks on.

NOVI 53, HAZEL PARK 37

On the scoreboard, Novi brought home a 16-point win over the Vikings. But in the mind of its coach, the team played less than stellar in this non-league game.

"It was one of those games where we didn't play great, but well enough to win," Schluter

said. "We were kind of looking towards Friday night's game (against Lakeland). We didn't have the same kind of intensity throughout the entire game. We were not playing with the same kind of fire."

Schluter said his team blew the game open early on, taking a 17-7 lead after one quarter.

Novi maintained that lead and led 28-16 at the half.

Nawrot led the way for Novi, scoring a game-high 15 points. Davis scored 10 of his 13 points in the first quarter, and Nadolni matched Davis with 13 points.

John Clayton scored 11 for Hazel Park.

Wrestlers take fourth at Holt

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Wrestling

Happy just to escape the Holt Invitational without losing any more casualties to the flu bug going around, the Novi wrestling team was pleased to take home third place among 16 teams this past weekend.

Wrestling without four of its regular starters, the Wildcats placed behind only Holt and Bay City Western and brought home one championship and six top-four finishes. Dan Jilg, Scott Kortlandt, Eric Cook and Josh Churella all missed the tournament with various illnesses.

Adam Borashko won his first tournament title ever by beating Mount Pleasant's Ben Jones in the championship match at 189 pounds. Finishing a perfect 5-0 on the day, Borashko upped his overall record to 34-5 this season.

"And this invitational is a great tournament to win," Novi Coach Brad Huss added.

No other Wildcat brought home a title, but two others came very close.

Ryan Churella continued his string of tough matches, falling to the defending Division II state champion from Mount Pleasant, Jason Borrelli in the 130-pound finals, 4-2. He finished 4-1 on the day, losing for just the second time this season.

Brent Frey also turned a few heads, turning in his most impressive performance of the season by finishing second at 135. He lost to James Vippus of Portage Northern in the championship match, 7-4. He had already beaten Vippus at the Salem tournament four weeks earlier. He too finished 4-1 on the day.

According to Huss, several of his wrestlers turned in season-best performances, including Vince Slovan at 152. Slovan won four of his five matches, and finished third overall after beating Shawn Tate of Schwartz Creek 15-0 in the consolation finals.

"This was the best we've seen him wrestle," the coach said. "He was quick, strong and con-

fidant. This is the kind of thing we need in our middle weights."

Both Cory Nobach (at 112) and Jason Moore (at 275) brought home fourth-place finishes. Moore lost to his Walled Lake Central opponent by a single point in his consolation match. Nobach lost to Tim Bragg of Lakeland in his consolation final. Both wrestlers finished 3-2 on the day.

Another pair of Wildcats, Nick Slovan (at 215) and Frank Kava (at 160) took fifth place at their weights. Slovan pinned Adrian's Nick Vanover in just 2:30 to take fifth place. Vanover was a state qualifier a year ago, and Slovan finished 4-1 on the day. Kava pinned Holt's Ken Phinney in 2:20 to finish 4-1 on the day and in fifth place.

Brian Dodds capped off a 3-2 day by beating Grosse Pointe North's Brian Hirt 10-2 in the 7th/8th place match up at 119 pounds. That win was his 20th of the season.

Andrew Becker, up on varsity for the first time this season and wrestling in place of Cook, took eighth place at 140 pounds. His first two wins came by pin.

"Considering what we had, yeah, we're happy to take third place at this tournament," Huss said. "But right now we're more concerned with South Lyon and Hartland on Friday."

Huss is pointing towards tomorrow's quad meet at South Lyon High School. With Novi and Hartland both having won its two conference matches last Friday, those two teams remain undefeated at 4-0 in the conference.

Hartland will wrestle Howell in the first match of the night, while Novi takes on South Lyon. The Eagles and Wildcats will then battle it out for the regular-season title in the night's second match. Novi (4-

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Cheer team learns lesson at Oakland/Macomb meet

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Understanding what is of the utmost importance as the season progresses, the Novi cheer team viewed last Saturday's third-place performance at the Oakland/Macomb competition as an important learning tool for meets to come.

The Wildcats made a few changes to their routines prior to the competition. The team added an extra competitor to each of their three cheers. In the end, the team performed well in both the first and second rounds, but struggled a bit in the third.

"I was willing to take a chance on this performance because it is still fairly early in the competitive season," Novi coach Amy Denys said. "We have plenty of time to perfect it over the next few weeks in preparation for the Kensington Valley Conference meet as well as for regionals."

Novi's score of 543.5 was well below their score of 619 at the Novi Invitational the week before, but so were all the other team scores. Troy Athens won the competition with 600 points, which was below their total of 616 the week before. Bloomfield Hills Lahser was second with 561 and Troy (533) and South Lyon (526) followed Novi.

Cheer

Denys said she felt her team could have won the competition, if they'd have performed as well as they did the week before.

"They did not express the same sparkle and shine as the weekend before," she said. "But they were strong in rounds one and two. The girls were not as comfortable performing (in round three) due to the additions and changes."

"We will use this competition as a lesson in our strengths and weaknesses."

The team will be traveling to Allen Park this upcoming weekend. Denys is anticipating that there will be about 15 teams competing at the invitational.

"Again, we will be making some minor changes to our first and second round cheers as well as some major additions to our stunt cheer," Denys said. "I think the alterations will strengthen our performance. I'm hoping the girls regain some of their exuberance from the first competition and funnel that awesome energy into Saturday's meet."

Swimmers take out Brighton

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Brighton had its chance, made its run, but was eventually turned away by the Novi swim team in its dual meet last Thursday night.

Novi held off a late Bulldog surge to win the Kensington Valley Conference meet 101-85 at Novi High School. The 'Cats won just five of 12 events, but finished runner-up 10 times and took third place six more times in the meet. Brighton just could not match Novi's depth.

Coach Bill McCord's team did get off to a winning start, taking two of the first three events. The 200 medley relay team of Jordan

Swimming

Moblo, Michael Bliss, Andrew Sawmiller and Adam Bayer won the event in a time of 1:50.16, beating out their Brighton counterparts by over four seconds.

Novi then took second and third in the 200 freestyle, with Phil Suchyta and Andy Capanyola doing the honors.

Bliss came back to win the 200 individual medley in a time of 2:09.31, while teammate Juwan Yoo finished runnerup. Novi outscored Brighton 12-4 in the event and jumped out to a 30-16 lead.

Brighton then won the next three events, but Novi maintained an eight-point lead after it all due to its swimmers finishing runnerup in all three and just one taking sixth place. Bayer was second in the 50 freestyle, Steve Alberty finished runnerup in the diving competition and Jack Tyler was second in the 100 butterfly.

Suchyta got Novi back in the win column with a victory in the 100 freestyle, taking the event in a time of 52.48 seconds. Brighton won the 500 free and closed the gap to six by finishing 1st, 3rd and 5th.

The Bulldogs then tied the meet

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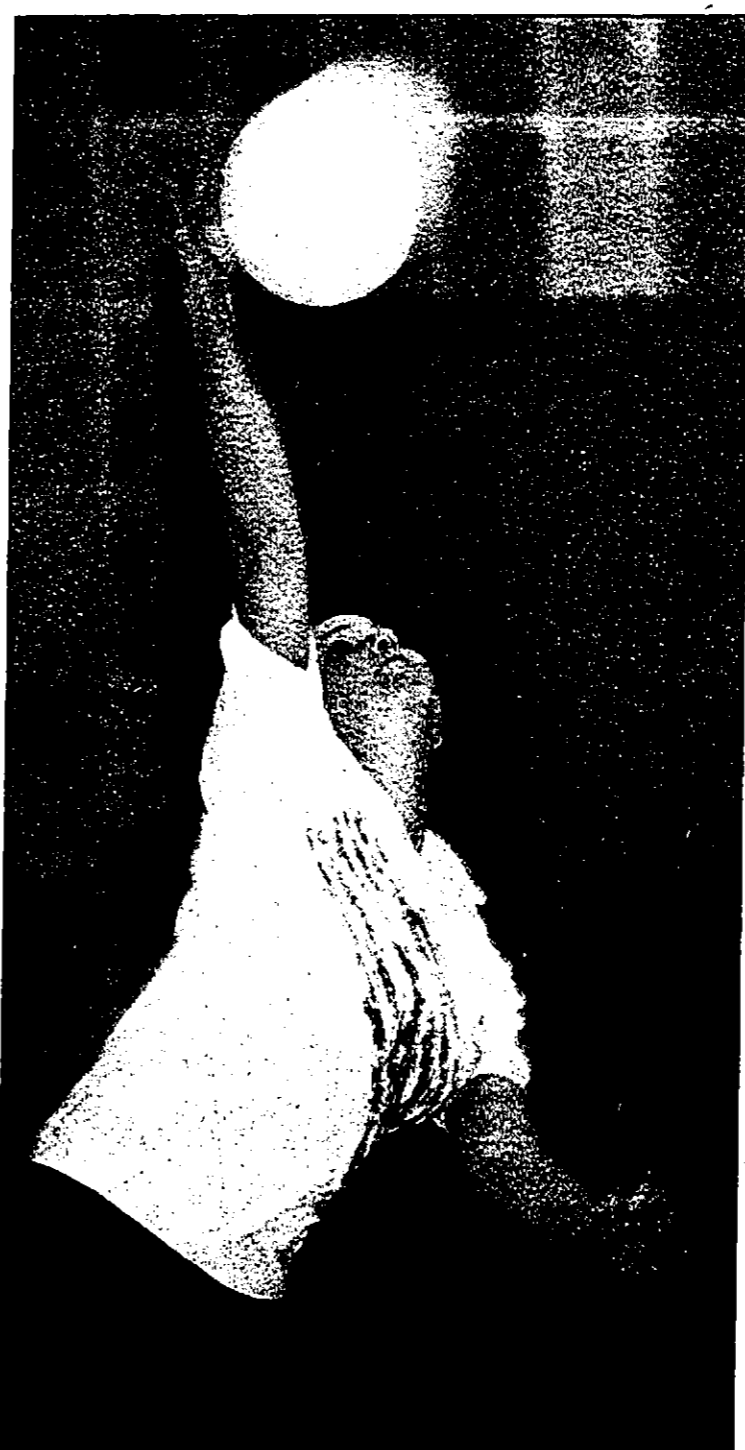


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The Novi volleyball team finally picked up a win on a Monday night.

Netters end Monday blues

Volleyball

Monday nights haven't exactly been the kindest to the Novi volleyball team this season. The team is 0-4 to open the week, including a winless 0-3 in Kensington Valley Conference action.

That was until Monday night. The Wildcats played their best conference match to date, knocking off Lakeland 15-12, 17-15 to move to 2-4 in conference play and shake their Monday night jinx.

"Finally, we're playing like we're capable of playing," a relieved Novi Coach Julie Fissette said. "We're playing up to our potential."

Behind Kristen McGlennen and Angie Herbst's blocking, McGlennen and Melissa Clark's hitting and the solid setting of Christina Parrish, Novi finished off their first half of KVC play at a disappointing 2-4.

"I told the girls that if we can win our next six, we'll finish 8-4. And that's pretty good," Fissette said.

McGlennen, who had missed practice because she was out on college recruiting trips, played "terrific" according to her coach. The senior had nine kills, five aces and four blocks in the straight-game win. Teammate Mickie Rzepka had six kills and

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Zarem nets four goals in 4-0 win

Junior center provides all the offense Novi needs to top Hartland

By JASON SCHMITT

Novi's Ryan Zarem scored four goals in a 4-0 win over Hartland Friday night at the Novi Junior Center. Zarem's performance was the key to Novi's victory, as he provided all the offense the team needed to secure the win. The game was played in front of a crowd of spectators, and Zarem's goals came in the first, second, and third periods. Novi's defense was solid throughout the game, and the team celebrated their fourth straight win.



Novi's Anthony Nguyen brings the puck up the ice in a game earlier this season. Photo by SCOTT BENEDICT

Swim team tops Brighton

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up by winning the 200 free relay and outscoring Novi 10-4 in the event.

But key performances in the 100 backstroke and 100 breaststroke catapulted Novi to an 18-point lead and eventually the win. Bliss, Bayer and Tyler combined for a 1-2-3 sweep in the backstroke, while Tachman, Jovan Yoo and Matt Petrucci were 1-2-4 in the breaststroke. Those two events were critical in Novi's win. Brighton won the 400 free relay, but it was too late. Suchyia, Mike Reynolds, Bayer and Bliss took second and Caponyia, Mohle, Ian Robertson and Tyler finished third in the relay.

Novi faced Saline Tuesday after The Novi News' deadline and will compete at the Oakland County meet this weekend at Royal Oak.

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Novi vs. Hartland matchup tomorrow will decide regular-season KVC champ

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O). Hartland (4-0), South Lyon (3-1) and Howell (3-1) all have a shot at sharing or taking all of the first-place points heading into the conference tournament on Feb. 12 at Novi.

NOVI TOPS HOWELL LAKE-LAND

Needing to take a deep breath three-quarters of the way through the Howell match last Friday, it was Lakeland that needed the oxygen tank in the second match of the night.

Novi beat Howell 40-24 in its first match before annihilating Lakeland 71-3 in the nightcap. Novi picked up wins in all but one match, with Lakeland voiding three weights and suffering pins at six others.

POSSIBLE NOVI/HARTLAND MATCHUPS		
Weight	Novi	Hartland
103	Josh Churella	Gabe Chevrier (27-13)
112	Cory Nobach	Drew Hellner (34-4)
119	Brian Dodds	Shawn Pettinen (27-9)
125	Dan Jilig	Josh Koval (23-13)
130	Ryan Churella	Derek Nuhn (20-4)
135	Brent Frey	Bill Pare (27-6)
140	Eric Cook	Brett Momanaman (20-15)
145	Yusaf Gamruzzaman	Steve Steckroth (24-14)
152	Vince Slovan	Shane Steckroth (34-3)
160	Frank Kara	Tom Ventura (8-8)
171	Tristan LaChance	Steve Storey (10-5)
189	Adam Borashko	Shane Begoske (8-5)
215	Nick Slovan	Jordan Palmer (16-10)
275	Jason Moore	Jim Bunn (26-7)

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Gymnasts lose Carlson, top 2nd-ranked Hartland

By JASON SCHMITT Sports Editor

Northville/Novi received an early gift last week, switching ranks with Brighton even after losing to the Bulldogs in a meet the week before that.

A day later the team went out and beat the No. 2 team in the state, Hartland, by the score of 140.15-139.9. It was a close win, but one gymnastics coach Laura Moyers and her team will take any day.

"I couldn't have been prouder of the girls for sticking with it," Moyers said. "We did not have a good beam competition, but the girls came back and finished strong on the floor exercise."

Comeback they did, but lost a key competitor in the process. Lindsey Carlson fell off the balance beam, landed in an awkward manner, and may have broken her foot, according to Moyers.

"She was in a lot of pain and left the meet to have her foot X-rayed," the coach said.

Due to the large amount of swelling, Carlson's foot will be reexamined today to see the extent of her injury. Moyers said she thinks Carlson may be out for the year.

"I thought the team did an especially good job rebounding from Lindsey's serious injury," the coach said.

The Mustangs didn't necessarily have great all-around scores, but won all four events and took second in three of the four.

Monica Fink finished in a tie for first with Hartland's top gymnast, scoring a 9.05 on the vault. Carlson, competing before her injury, finished third with an 8.9. Andrea Ledbetter was third on the team with an 8.6.

Carlson finished first overall on the bars (9.1) and Megan Samhat was second at 9.0 and Katie Braine tied for third at 8.8.

Aside from Fink, who tied for first place on the beam, Northville/Novi didn't have any other placers.

In the floor exercise, Samhat took first place with a 9.05 and Braine tied a Hartland competitor for second with a 9.0. Fink was third in the all-around competition with a 35.4. Samhat was second on the team with a 34.7 and Braine was third at 34.55.

The team's next competition will be at the Canton Invitational this weekend before traveling to Plymouth Salem on Monday night.

It will be a huge disappointment to lose Lindsey because she was really just starting to come around," Moyers said. "In the meantime, we have a lot of other talent on the team, and I'm looking forward for the rest of the team to step it up and pour it on strong. We still have a very strong team."

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Wildcats finally pick up Monday night win

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Herbst had two blocks. Fisetie, who was missing junior Christina Cypner, who was out due to an illness, said she was extremely pleased with the play of Clark at weak-side hitter.

"She really stepped it up for us tonight," the coach said.

Novi did not turn around its serving problems, however. The team committed seven service errors in the first game and 10 in the match. Luckily, the rest of the team's game made up for their serving shortcomings.

"If we can get this serve thing turned around, things will get better," Fisetie said. "I think we're now on an upward turn."

That upward turn will be challenged today, as first-place Brighton comes to town. The Junior varsity match is set to begin at 6 p.m., with the varsity match beginning immediately after its conclusion.

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Northville/Novi gymnastics team

Despite losing one of its top gymnasts to a serious injury, the team pulled together to top Hartland, the second-ranked team in the state, last Wednesday at Northville High School. Junior Monica Fink led the way with an all-around score of 35.4 for the team. She tied for first place in both the vault and beam events.

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Health Column

Take herbal supplements, but carefully

The use of medicinal herbs has been around for several millennia - far longer than scientific medicine - and as we head into the 21st century, their popularity is at an all-time high. It's estimated that herbal remedies are now a \$4 billion industry that is growing at the rate of 20 percent each year. However, this growth comes with an increasing concern on the part of doctors in the United States and around the world.

The problem is, with the proliferation of medicinal herbs in drug stores, grocery stores, health stores and over the Internet, there is no way to control what goes into these herbal preparations and no way of knowing how safe they are. Herbal remedies are not controlled by the Food and Drug Administration, which oversees the pharmaceutical industry.

"One of the major concerns with herbal remedies is patients don't always know if they're even getting the herb that's listed on the label of the bottle," says Steven Bolling professor of cardiac surgery in the University of Michigan Health System and co-director of the U-M Complementary and Alternative Medicine Research Center.

"Recent studies have looked at whether the patient paid for was what they were getting and results showed that it ranges from 5 percent of what was listed on the label to 1,000 percent of the listed amount," Bolling said.

This, said Bolling, presents a real problem for patients and their doctors because of concern over drug-herb interaction.

"It's very hard right now for doctors to know

how to regulate or dose patients with herbal medicine," he said. "We certainly know in conventional drugs that if one pill is good, that two might not be better, and five pills may be toxic and kill you. The same may be true for herbals."

The ready availability of herbal remedies means more and more patients are taking supplements, but often they're not telling their doctors what they're taking. Because of potentially harmful interactions, Bolling said it's imperative that patients tell their doctors about all herbal remedies they are taking.

Pregnant women are advised to be extra-cautious when taking herbs. "Remember that anything you eat or drink crosses through the placenta and affects the baby," said Sandra Lynne, a certified nurse midwife with the U-M Health System. "As a general rule, herbs that we cook with are safe. Manufactured, prepared herbal teas are safe. Herbal remedies that you may find in the health food store could be unsafe because it's difficult to determine their actual strength."

There is a growing willingness on the part of doctors to prescribe herbal remedies, but much of the push still comes from patients. However, Western medicine is paying more and more attention to herbal remedies, and studies are underway at prominent medical centers all over the world to scientifically evaluate many of the estimated 1,500 herbal products available to the public.

Today's medicinal herb, such as ginseng, Echinacea, St. John's wort or Ginkgo biloba,

could become tomorrow's approved medicine, Bolling said.

"One of the interesting things about herbal remedies is that, although they're unconventional at this point in time, if you look back 400 or 500 years, some of the mainstays of my cardiac surgical practice, in terms of standard medicines, used to be herbals," Bolling said. "Aspirin - something that shows great benefit in preventing and fighting cardiac disease - came from Willow bark. Five hundred years from now, the things we scoff at or think are unproven may be mainstays of therapy."

-University of Michigan Health System

UM-FACTS

Facts About Herbal Supplements

- The herbal industry accounts for about \$4 billion each year and is growing at a 20-percent clip.
- It's estimated that there are more than 1,500 herbal products stocked in U.S. drug stores, supermarkets, health stores and sold on the Internet.
- Medicinal herbs are not subject to regulation, making it difficult to determine the actual strength of a given product.

Health Notes

RUNNING FIT OFFERS CLASSES

Starting in January of 2000, Running 101, a series of classes for non or beginning runners interested in learning the "how to's" and the "how far's" as well as the skill of having fun while running will be offered at the Running Fit store in Novi and Ann Arbor. For more information, please call (248) 347-4949.

HEALTH RISK APPRAISAL

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INTERMEDIATE WATER AEROBICS

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

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

CHILD CLINIC

Oakland County Health Division's Child Health Clinics provide free ongoing well care for children from birth to school entry. Families who do not have an HMO or Medicaid may be eligible. Clinics are held at 14 locations throughout Oakland County.

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

Appointments are required.

For more information, call: north Oakland, Pontiac: (248) 858-1311 or 858-4001; south Oakland, Southfield: (248) 424-7066 or 424-7067; west Oakland, Walled Lake: (248) 926-3000.

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

PANIC ATTACK AND AGORAPHOBIA SUPPORT GROUP

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

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

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

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

Registration is not necessary, and there is no charge to attend.

For more information, call (313) 655-2922, or toll free 1-800-494-1650.

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STEPPING STONES

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

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

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

CAREGIVERS PROGRAM

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

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

MENOPAUSE SUPPORT GROUP

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

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

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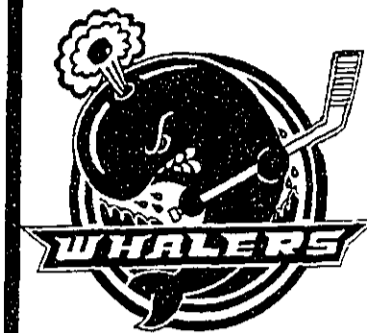
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