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Helwig, new manager make a deal

... of looking for a home or building a new home in Novi.

A get-acquainted reception will be held for Helwig on Monday, April 27, between 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the Atrium of the Novi Civic Center. The public is welcome to attend.

But this week he attended a different ceremony, one to say goodbye. He is departing from his job as assistant city manager of Dublin,

Ohio.

"Last night was my farewell send-off in Dublin," Helwig said Wednesday.

"They were saying that they will miss me and I know they are happy for me and my wife."

The new city manager is expected to move to Novi within a year's time.

Helwig and his wife will reside in Birmingham, Michigan, before

moving here.

Assistant City Manager Craig Klaver said that Helwig signed the contract last weekend that would pay him an estimated \$100,000 a year.

He will also get a \$500 per month car allowance and three weeks of vacation this year and four weeks there after.

If terminated in his first year with Novi, Helwig will receive a

three-month compensation package. If he is terminated after 12 months, he will receive six months compensation.

"I am very pleased with all the courtesies extended to me," Helwig said.

In addition, upon retirement from his current post in Ohio, Helwig will get \$8,000 a year retirement.

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Residents win battle against day care center

... Nine Mile Road residents fought a child care center would disfigure their neighborhood.

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE

Residents of the Nine Mile Road area fought to prevent the construction of a large day care center in their neighborhood.

The proposed center, which would be located on the south side of the road between Fair and

... about \$300,000 and they would be built on a two-acre lot in the middle of it - no parking for 80 cars.

... told the commission that this would just be the first step in the door for commercial development in his neighborhood.

... area is a residential area. ... this center to be built, will change that whole block of proper-

... he said.

"It's important that that stretch of Nine Mile does not lose its residential character. They (Child Tune) are only in the business to make money and we're not going to accept it or any other commercial development going up in our neighborhood."

But with the planning commission stopping the day care center from being built, for reasons such as capacity, possible decrease in property value and increase in traffic, residents can now sleep easy.

"What we are seeing is structure that has the components of commercial living, it has all the trappings of traffic and lighting that would shed onto area housing," said Planning Commissioner Victor Cassis.

Therefore, along with the large number of children that would use the site, Cassis said he could not recommend approval.

"This is definitely disappointing," said Jason Gekiere, Child Tune's project manager.

"But the really disappointing

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Waiting list full for all-day kindergarten

... Parents flock to enroll kids in all-day kindergarten that offers Spanish lessons.

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE

Staff Writer

Due to the overwhelming influx of kindergartners wanting to attend Novi's new Deerfield Elementary, a lottery was held Monday evening at Novi Middle School.

With a total of 100 slots available, and 154 kindergartners whose parents wanted them to get in, not every student could be accommodated.

"I think what is so desirable about the kindergarten is that it is full day and because of our unique curriculum, which includes Spanish, and our concept of continuous progress," said Deerfield Principal Richard Nix.

Fifty-nine of those 154 kindergartners were automatically accepted, because those students have older siblings already enrolled in other grades at Deerfield.

So with just 41 openings left, Nix and two colleagues began

pulling names.

Parents seemed to agree that the biggest reason for wanting their children to attend the new elementary, was wider variety of classes offered such as music and Spanish and the full-day kindergarten.

Residents Johanna Werth and Jennifer Moore, who each have a son who will be attending the new school, said they are extremely pleased.

"Oh, I'm very happy," Werth said. "My son, Steffan, has been in pre-school for two years and I think he's ready for an all-day kindergarten."

Mom Tina McCoy, whose daughter Angela's name was also drawn in the lottery, said she too was happy.

"A new school, a new system, I think this would be good for her," she said.

"I like the fact of her having the same teacher for two years and the all-day kindergarten. Plus, we live just two blocks away."

For those students whose names were not called, a waiting list was also drawn, numbered from one to 52.

"Well, in fact we do have par-

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"She's really funny and really nice."



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Village Oaks teacher Kathy Siarke gets a hug as students look at the quilt they made.

Students quilt a surprise

Who says first and second graders can't keep a secret?

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE

Staff Writer

A group of Village Oaks students recently presented their teacher, Kathy Siarke, with a touching gift, a gesture straight from their hearts.

And also proved that even kids can keep a secret.

"We really wanted her to be surprised," said Savannah Green.

With the help of mom Linda Vance, the first and second graders of Mrs. Siarke's class designed a beautiful quilt and presented it on March 16.

"Oh, my word!" exclaimed Siarke as she opened her gift.

"This is spectacular. I'm speechless. Thank you so much!"

Vance said when the kids heard about the idea they couldn't wait to get started.

"Well, my daughter, Lauren, came up with idea and when we asked the other students if they wanted to do it, the response was overwhelming."

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Mother Nature didn't make this Future of M-5 wetlands uncertain

An artificial wetlands was created as part of the M-5 project. Now, what will become of the land?

RANDAL YAKAY

Staff Writer

A controversy has erupted over 106 acres of land along Garfield Road that was originally expected to be sold by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to the city for \$1.

The site was where the state mitigated wetlands lost in eastern Novi during the construction of the Haggerty Connector.

But the lack of communication may have been the biggest problem.

Garfield Road residents such as Cindy Gronachan say that they have been kept in the dark over the project and wish the city would be a little more responsive to the issue.

"We have been misrepresented and misguided when it comes to this property," said Gronachan.

"We were told that this was going to

remain a wetland."

According to Novi's Director of Public Services Anthony Nowicki, after the M-5 project was finished, MDOT was going to sell the city the land for a \$1. But Nowicki said that stance changed and MDOT subsequently asked for approximately \$270,000 for the property.

But he said the state then relented and went back to their initial offer of marketing the property to the city for \$1.

But use of the land is unclear. There has been talk of a park at the site.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

And the outline goes here ...

Obituaries

DOICE WARD
Longtime Novi resident Doice Ward, 72, died on March 18 at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor, after battling cancer.

According to former Novi police chief Lee BeGole, who knew Mr. Ward for many years, he ran one of the last service stations in the area operated solely by the owner. Ward's Super Service on Grand River Avenue.

"He was a one-man show," said BeGole.

He is survived by his wife, Joanne; three daughters, Denise (Orlando) Muscat, Kathleen (Douglas) Seiser and Patricia (Bryan) Cyr; and six grandchildren, Michele, Todd, Shannon,

Stephanie, Jennifer, and Matthew. His service station, one of the oldest original family businesses in Novi, was founded in 1932.

"He loved anything with motors," said his daughter, Denise Ward. "He was a fun loving, dare-devilish kind of guy."

He always treated his customers with the utmost respect. He was always there to help his customers.

It was at the gas station you could always find Mr. Ward, working on a car or giving automotive advice.

"If you heard something wasn't right you could ride into see Doice," said BeGole.

"He'd look at it for you. He'd be

out there every day from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. except on Sunday's."

Mr. Ward was a member of Novi United Methodist Church and served in the Navy during World War II.

"He worked well into his sixties," said BeGole.

"But he was always out there lifting a transmission or working on an engine."

Mr. Ward's other interests included aviation, cameras and travel.

Services were conducted on Thursday, March 23 at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi. Interment was in Oakland Hills Cemetery, Novi.

Memorials to the University of

Michigan Cancer Research Sarcoma Clinic, Clinical Research, 1500 E. Medical Center Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48109 are appreciated.

THELMA L. FERGUSON
Thelma L. Ferguson, 85, died March 16 in Plymouth, Mich.

She was born in Farina, Ill., Aug. 23, 1914, to Esly and Arnie (Dixon) Nisler.

Mrs. Ferguson had been a 70-year resident of Northville. Prior to her retirement, she was a sales clerk in a dime store. Her memberships included the Novi United Methodist Church and the Association for Retarded Children, of which she was very active.

She is survived by two sons,

Dennis and William, both of Plymouth; one daughter, Dr. Jolene Jacobs of Northville; one brother, Cecil Nisler of Brighton; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mrs. Ferguson was preceded in death by her husband, Clyde K., in October 1990.

Services were held on Sunday, March 19 at Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home in Northville. The Rev. Louise R. Ott of the Novi United Methodist Church officiated. Interment was in Rural Hill Cemetery.

Memorial contributions to the Novi United Methodist Church

would be appreciated by the family.

GERALD DOROSHEWITZ
Gerald Jerry Doroszewitz, 65, of Northville died March 15 in Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit.

He was born in 1934.

Mr. Doroszewitz is survived by his wife, Peggy; sons, G. Michael (Tina), John (Jeri), Robert (Tammy), and Jim (Cheryl) Shower; daughter, Lisa (Michael) Wiley; and 11 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, David.

Services were held on Friday, March 17 at O'Brien Chapel/Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi. Interment was in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

HomeTown Newspapers honors volunteers

By TOM BAER Staff Writer

Hail to the heroes — especially the HomeTown variety!

Six of Oakland County's top volunteers and ask little or nothing in return," will be honored at the inaugural HomeTown Heroes Luncheon at noon Wednesday, March 29, at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham.

Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson will speak at the event, the first to be held in the town's new addition. Paul W. Smith, radio personality from WJR, will emcee.

"I've always felt that the fine work of volunteers in Oakland County needs to be recognized," said K. Noreen Keating, CEO of Lighthouse, a Pontiac-based women's shelter and a sponsor of the new honors program, along with HomeTown Newspapers. The Eccentric Newspapers, Mirror

Newspapers and "Crain's Detroit Business."

"I'd love to have a wonderful vehicle with which to do that," HomeTown Heroes honors volunteers in six categories: Seniors, Youth, Boards and Commissions, Faith-based, Direct Service and Business.

The winners were chosen by a committee that included representatives of the volunteer community and the newspaper.

Winners are:

Boards and Commissions: Dennis S. Bernard, a Birmingham resident and president of the Bernard Financial Group of Southfield. Among his many volunteer duties: Chairman of the board of the Jewish Vocational Service, a \$20 million a year human service agency with six locations in the Detroit area.

"Dennis is truly committed to giving back to the community,"

said Laura Blake, a company employee who nominated him.

"His priorities of family and community first are an example to everyone."

Faith-based: Joseph Roberts (aka Joey the Clown), a West Bloomfield resident. A turner by trade, Roberts organizes parties through Temple Israel's Caring Center at shelters, orphanages and nursing homes. He is a member of Temple Israel's Board of Directors and serves on numerous committees.

"The care and attention Joe takes to organize and make certain each party is extra special is evidenced by the smiles and hugs our volunteers receive," said nominator Kari Provizer, a Temple Israel employee.

Direct service: Vicki Shepar of Madison Heights, who works with computers at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak and volunteers with

several organizations. She helps the Southfield-based Arthritis Foundation, Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, National Multiple Sclerosis Society and the Animal Welfare Society.

"She also cares for a senior couple who has no family locally," said nominator Mollie Conway of the Arthritis Foundation.

"Vicki spends her time helping others. To us, that's a hero."

Senior: Robert J. McLeven, an 88-year-old retiree from Birmingham who spends 50 hours a month volunteering at St. Joseph Mercy Oakland and Beaumont hospitals and the Peachwood Nursing Home. He gives out candy and trading cards to children entering the hospital, and volunteers in the rehab unit, helping stroke victims and other physically challenged patients.

"After losing his wife of more than 50 years and his only child, Bob keeps himself busy and happy

helping so many others," said Colleen Gintel, director of volunteer services at St. Joseph Mercy.

"We love him."

Youth: Kevin Michael Greenlee, a Waterford Township 18-year-old who volunteers as a tutor at Washington Middle School in Pontiac. His other volunteer activities include Karmanos Cancer Institute, Operation Help! and Koats for Kids. "Kevin continually strives to help others," said nominator Shana Burnett, tutorial services director at Washington Middle School.

Business: Jane E. Buell, a Birmingham resident who has served the community in a variety of causes, especially Variety, the Children's Charity, for more than 40 years. As a member of Variety's Board of Directors and a past president (the first in the charity's 65 years), she "has helped to raise millions to help needy children in Southeast Michigan," according to

nominator Steve Lipsen, a Variety member. A former model and teacher, Buell is now a Realtor.

The luncheon will be sponsored by the Bloomfield Hills-based Northern Trust Bank.

Proceeds from the \$40-a-seat event will be used to help establish A Volunteer Place, a recruitment and placement center to be built in Oakland. The purpose is to connect Oakland volunteers with programs needing help.

Lighthouse is seeking corporate sponsorships for tables at the luncheon so that volunteers who might not be able to afford it can attend. A table of 10 costs \$400.

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Burglar targets home to steal three rifles and ammo

Police News

Police officers responded to a burglary call at a home in Farmington Hills on Saturday night. The burglar targeted the home to steal three rifles and ammunition.

The burglar entered the home through a window and made off with the rifles and ammo. The owner reported the theft to the police on Sunday morning.

The police are currently searching for the burglar and have a reward for information leading to the suspect's arrest.

TRUCK DRIVER INJURED
A 37-year-old Novi man was injured in a truck accident on Saturday. The driver was traveling at a high rate of speed along a road in Farmington Hills when he lost control of his vehicle. The truck struck a car, causing it to flip over and catch fire. The driver was taken to the hospital with serious injuries.

MAN STRUCK BY HIT-AND-RUN DRIVER
A 37-year-old Novi man was struck by a hit-and-run driver on Saturday. The driver was traveling at a high rate of speed and struck the man with a vehicle. The man was taken to the hospital with injuries.

WEDDING DECORATIONS SWIPPED
A 41-year-old Novi resident was preparing for a wedding on Saturday. The wedding decorations were swiped from the home. The police are currently searching for the thief.

FRAUD AVERTED
A 32-year-old Novi resident was able to avert a fraud attempt on Saturday. The fraudster was attempting to steal the resident's money. The resident was alerted by a friend and was able to catch the fraudster.

WILD RIDE FOR LOCAL MAN
A 30-year-old Novi man was arrested for a wild ride on Saturday. The man was driving a vehicle at a high rate of speed and was endangering the lives of other motorists. The man was taken to the jail.

MAN BEATEN AT WORK
A 35-year-old Novi man was beaten at work on Saturday. The man was working at a factory when he was attacked by a co-worker. The man was taken to the hospital with injuries.

NOTES THREATEN COUPLE
A Novi couple received threatening notes on Saturday. The notes threatened the couple's lives. The police are currently searching for the sender of the notes.

CAMERAS SNAPPED AWAY
A 41-year-old Novi man was arrested for snapping away cameras on Saturday. The man was using a camera to take pictures of people without their consent. The man was taken to the jail.

Mal fire
A fire broke out in a building in Novi on Saturday. The fire was caused by a faulty electrical wire. The building was evacuated and the fire was extinguished. No one was injured.

Chemical barrels illegally dumped
A Novi Fire Department officer discovered several chemical barrels dumped illegally on Saturday. The barrels contained hazardous materials. The barrels were removed and the site was cleaned up.

Leak Road in Farmington Hills
The man was finally stopped by police near the Haggerty Connector in Novi. According to Farmington Hills police, they were unable to catch up with the man at speeds of 90 mph.

After failing the field sobriety test, the man was taken into custody.

According to the victim, there was a half gallon of Absolut Vodka found behind a seat in the man's vehicle.

The man was charged with driving under the influence and possession of a controlled substance.

Novi Briefs

Rouge River help wanted

Residents are asked to help the City of Novi get the word about improving stormwater quality at the Rouge River Restoration Project Kickoff. The event is Wednesday, March 29 at 7 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center.

For information, call Dave Maurice at city hall at 347-3279.

Parks meeting

The Novi Parks and Recreation Commission will be hosting three informational meetings on the North Novi Park master planning. The Parks and Recreation Commission and staff will be available to listen to resident comments and suggestions regarding the future development of this property. The meetings are at the Novi Civic Center on these dates:

- Saturday, April 8, 9 a.m. to noon
- Thursday, April 13, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, April 15, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

For further information, contact the Novi Parks and Recreation office at 347-0400.

Novi Fire

Novi Fire Department was called to the Twelve Oak Mall on Tuesday, March 21 after a fire broke out in an elevator shaft around 11:52 a.m. according to Novi Fire Chief Arthur Lenaghan.

The fire was brought under control. No one was hurt in the incident. It was out in about 10 minutes," said Lenaghan.

Novi Twp. could pay for police

RANDAL YAKEV Staff Writer

The Novi City Council gave Police Chief Douglas Shaeffer the green light to look into the possibility of supplying tiny Novi Township with police services, at a cost.

The council agreed to approve the inquiry into police services by a 5-2 vote at its Monday meeting, Council Members Craig DeRoche and Hugh Crawford voted in the minority.

"They had the option to join our city thirty years ago," Crawford said.

"If they don't want to be part of our city, they should not be allowed to get the good things in the city," Shaeffer said.

Shaeffer said he was approached by Novi Township Board Trustee Todd Mossolan about the possibility of providing police service to the township. Mossolan was in the audience during the discussion, but did not speak.

According to Novi police, the cost of providing services for the township is approximately \$190 per call. City police respond to approximately 20 calls per year in the township. Novi police say services to Novi Township would cost about \$3,800 per year.

An alternative billing method could be based on the general millage which Novi residents currently pay of 1.9837 mills for police. Applying the same millage to the township would cost approximately \$14,900 annually, according to Novi police officials.

Shaeffer said that the city would be doing a favor for the Michigan State Police by taking over the job of policing Novi Township. According to Shaeffer, it takes considerable time for the state police to get to Novi Township, considering the distance they have to drive.

Shaeffer said that the City of Novi's current services to the township are not considerable, but that the state police will ask the city police to go to a location and stabilize the scene before state police can arrive. Shaeffer said that this courtesy is done for safety reasons.

Crawford said that city residents should not be forced to pay for services for another community.

"I would not want to get into a contract for less than what our citizens pay," Crawford said.

"If you want to be part of the city, be part of the city," Shaeffer said.

The council requested that a public hearing be set up on the issue. No specific date was given for the hearing.

Township officials could not be reached for comment by press-time.

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Orchard Hills Elementary School students participated in a wax museum presentation on March 15. Above: Matt Ericson holds his place as great magician Harry Houdini. At right: Kristina Bray as author Laura Ingalls Wilder's tells guests about her life, her work and her assorted little houses.



Students bring biographies to life with a wax museum

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

Bill Gates, Harry Houdini, Neil Armstrong, Walt Disney and even Bill Clinton were just a few of the famous people who dropped by Orchard Hills Elementary School last week.

Well, okay, not these actual notables, but their impersonators. On the evening of March 15, the fourth graders held a "wax museum" for their parents and family, but these kids were no dummies.

Fourth grade teacher Candy Houson, explained that the wax museum is the finale of their study unit on biographies.

"Each student had to pick someone they wanted to do their own biography on, and to make it fun, we decided to turn their projects and the school into a wax museum," she said. "So then each student dresses up like the person

they chose and gives a speech on their life."

Houson said just like at a real wax museum, each student came to life by the fat of their butts.

"Each student has a button at their station and when someone pressed it, the children spring to life," she said.

"So they sit perfectly still until that button is hit."

The concept proved popular with the kids.

"It's so cool," said nine-year-old Chris Lessner.

"It was actually a really fun project to do."

Fourth grader Melissa Levoska said she chose Betsy Ross because she's always been fascinated with the American flag.

"I thought it'd be interesting for others to learn about its creation," she said.

Levoska's display included facts

about Ross, as well as a beautiful selection of miniature, post cards, and of course, some U.S. flags.

"My mom called the Best Ross House and they sent us a bunch of postcards that I used on my poster board," she said.

Cody Woods said he picked Walt Disney because Goody and Mickey Mouse are some of his favorite cartoon characters.

Woods, 9, said he learned a lot of interesting things about the man drawing the mouse.

"One thing that I never knew before was that he used 477,000 different colors in 'Snow White,'" he said.

Lessner said he chose George Washington for his project.

"I thought it'd be interesting because he was our first president and he was a really honest man," he said.

Lessner was a true Washington in his costume, which included a distinguished black suit and a white wig made out of cotton balls.

"Because of his love for image, he got his hair done by a hairdresser named Matt Erwin's choice was easy."

"I chose Harry Houdini," he said.

"With the research I've done, I've learned lots of cool card tricks and I also learned that Houdini once escaped from a Chinese water torture cabinet."

Kathleen MacDonald, who did the infamous Cleopatra dressed in a beautiful gold and jewel outfit complete with head dress, said she wasn't feeling any anxiety about doing her speech for crowd.

"I'm not nervous because I've performed in front of people before in plays that I've been in," she said.

Kristina Bray, 9, also said she didn't have the jitters. She chose Laura Ingalls Wilder because she is the author of her favorite book, "The First Four Years."

"She's mostly known for 'Little House on the Prairie,' but she's written lots of interesting books," she said.

Aaron Croak picked Thomas Jefferson because he was our third president and he wrote the Declaration of Independence.

"One thing that I learned that maybe a lot of people don't know is that he died on the 50th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence," he said.

Meanwhile, Steve Dedono, 9,

who chose Bill Clinton, said that he learned that Clinton was our nation's youngest governor.

Other fascinating people dropping by that night included Natsuki Miyatake's Beatrix Potter, Tim Vandever's Abe Lincoln, and Claudia Hanni's Princess Diana.

Ericson and Sarah Nuzel, who portrayed Harriet Tubman, said they thought the wax museum was a really creative idea.

"I love it," said Ericson.

"It's a real cool idea," agreed Hanni.

"We not only learned a lot, but we had fun doing it."

Stephanie Fordyce can be reached at 349-1700.

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The Northville Public Schools will consider alternate bids for other 2000 models providing they meet or exceed the base specifications. Delivery must be made on or before June 1, 2000.

Any questions please contact Chris Geams at the Northville Public Schools Operations Department, (248) 344-8445. The Northville Public Schools reserves the right to accept or reject any quotation if, in their opinion, this action is in the best interest of the school district.

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CITY OF NOVI

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Woodlands Review Board, of the City of Novi, will hold a meeting on Monday, March 27, 2000 at 4:30 p.m. at the City of Novi, Community Development Conference Room, Novi, Michigan to review the Woodlands Review Board Permit Application for: Pellegata Landscapes, 27409 Haggerty (Case 00-03).

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are invited to attend. Any written comments may be sent to the Department of Public Works, Karen Amolsch, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48475, until 3:00 p.m., Monday, March 27, 2000.

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NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 00-008

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Sterling Heights Electrical Contractors, Inc. is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow an office trailer on the project site for Koh's, from March 29, 2000 through November 15, 2000.

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

This request will be considered at 3:00 p.m. on March 29, 2000, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Official and must be received prior to March 29, 2000.

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The Log Book

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MONDAY, MARCH 13
Medical, 23779 E. LeBost. 12:52 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 41710 Manor Park. 3:07 a.m., Squad 1.
Building fire, 21570 Novi Road. 7:10 a.m., Engine 3.
Injury accident, M-5 and I-96. 7:23 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 24139 Broadmoor Park. 7:23 a.m., Squad 4.
Injury accident, M-5 and Twelve Mile Road. 7:51 a.m., Squad 1.
Injury accident, M-5 and Haggerty. 8:42 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 42407 Park Ridge. 9:10 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 41550 Grand River. 9:03 p.m., Squad 1.
Injury accident, Thirteen Mile and Haggerty. 9:06 p.m., Squad 2.
Injury accident, Grand River and Constitution. 10:33 p.m., Squad 1.

TUESDAY, MARCH 14
Medical, 44000 Grand River. 11:27 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 39500 Ten Mile Road. 11:20 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 31280 Springlake. 12:07 p.m., Squad 2.
Building fire, 39534 Grand River. 4:56 p.m., Engines 1, 3.
Medical, 31160 Portside. 7:50 p.m., Squad 2.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15
Medical, 48850 Ten Mile Road. 10:14 a.m., Squad 4.
Investigation, 1301 Mariga. 2:04 p.m., Engine 4.
Medical, 39560 Arden. 3:44 p.m., Squad 1.
Car fire, I-96 and Berk Road. 3:50 p.m., Engine 1, 2.
Medical, 40991 Malott. 8:54 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 41550 Grand River. 9:37 p.m., Squad 1.

THURSDAY, MARCH 16
Investigation, 522 Eckschay. 2:05 a.m., Engine 4.
Medical, 20861 Woodland Glen. 4:19 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 45182 West Road. 5:22 a.m., Squad 2.

FRIDAY, MARCH 17
Medical, 24500 Meadowbrook. 11:20 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 31280 Springlake. 12:07 p.m., Squad 2.
Building fire, 39534 Grand River. 4:56 p.m., Engines 1, 3.
Medical, 31160 Portside. 7:50 p.m., Squad 2.

SATURDAY, MARCH 18
Injury accident, East Lake and New Court. 12:02 a.m., Squad 2.
Fire alarm, 44400 Ten Mile Road. 10:09 a.m., Engines 1, 3.
Medical, 1557 Ocher. 11:42 a.m., Squad 4.

Building fire, Taft and Eleven Mile Road. 7:56 p.m., Engines 1, 3.
Medical, 30109 Joliet. 8:35 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 39626 Crosswinds. 9:13 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 43455 Ten Mile Road. 9:14 p.m., Engine 3.

SUNDAY, MARCH 19
Trash fire, South Lake and Lakeshore. 6:50 a.m., Engine 2.
Fire alarm, 21555 Haggerty. 1:25 p.m., Engines 1, 3.
Fire alarm, 25681 Arcadia. 2:13 p.m., Engine 4.

Injury accident, Ten Mile and Wycom Road. 3:31 p.m., Squad 4.
Medical, Novi Road and Expo Drive. 3:36 p.m., Squad 1.
Injury accident, Ten Mile and Chipmunk Trail. 6 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 24035 Portsmouth. 6:24 p.m., Squad 4.
Vehicle fire, I-96 and Novi Road. 6:57 p.m., Engine 4.
Fire alarm, 21091 Haggerty. 7 p.m., Engines 1, 3.
Medical, 30030 Montmorency. 7:54 p.m., Squad 2.

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The high female bowler was Janis Wagner with a 230. High female series was Barb Groom with a 591. High male game went to Milan Obrenovich with a 281

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N.Y.A. raised \$10,000 in this year's event. Del Paul Kriskling, who was the top fund raiser, brought in more than \$2,000 in pledges. All of the monies raised will fund Novi Youth Assistance prevention programs such as the summer Teen Center, the camp program, the Mentors Plus and the scholarship program.

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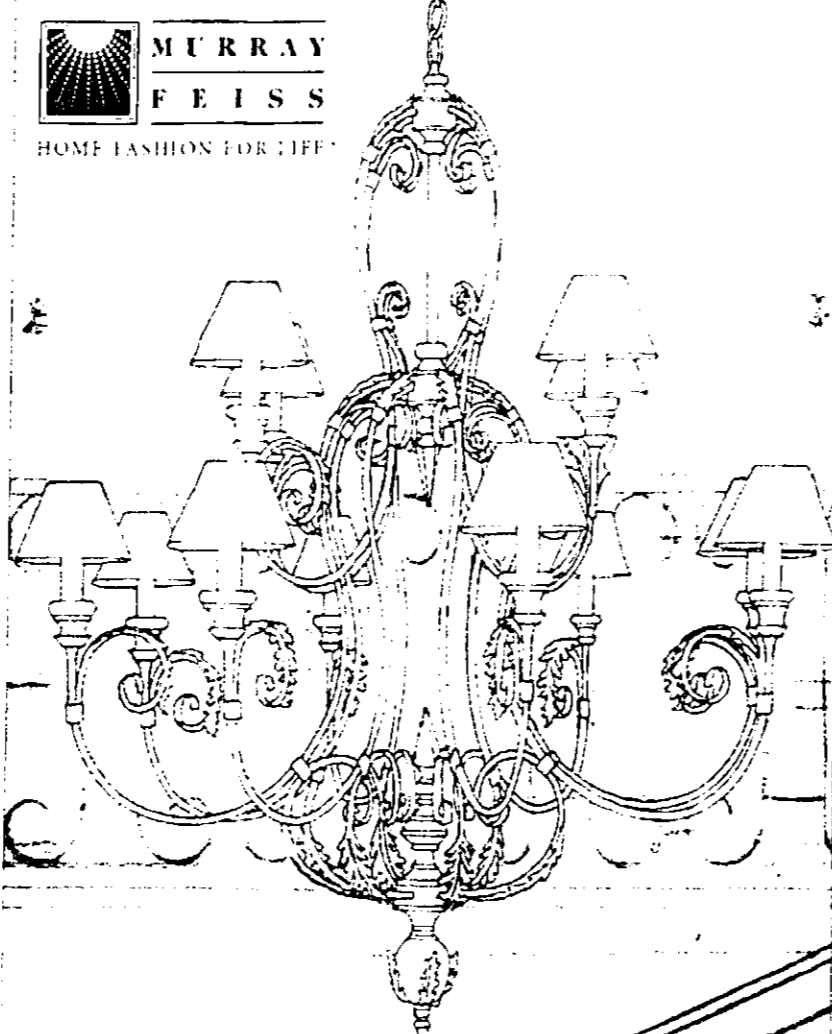
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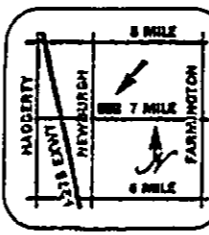
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The Construction of approximately 618 feet of 8" Sanitary Sewer Main in Section 10 which will provide a direct benefit to that portion of Shawwood Walled Lake Heights Subdivision containing the streets known as Pleasant Cove and Crown Drive.

The City Council has determined that all of the cost of the above described public improvement shall be assessed against the following described property abutting the above described improvement.

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TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the City Council has caused reports concerning said public improvement to be prepared, which reports include necessary plans, profiles, specifications and estimates of cost of such public improvement, a description of the assessment district and other pertinent information, and these reports are on file in the office of the City Clerk and are available for public examination.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the City Council will meet on **MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2000**, at 7:30 o'clock p.m., Prevaling Eastern Time, at the Novi City Hall, in the Council Chambers, 45175 West Ten Mile Road in the City of Novi for the purpose of hearing objections to the making of such public improvement.

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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Helwig's on his way to Novi

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ment from the International City Manager's Association (ICMA).

The new city manager has been checking his future turf out.

"My wife and I spend about 13 hours in the community last week-end and we'll be back this week-end," said Helwig.

"We have a lot to do in the next few weeks before I get up there. I'm closing on my condominium in a few weeks and I have to take some thing down to my son in Cincinnati. So, we will be very busy."

He was the unanimous choice of council after a long interview process ended on Saturday, March 6.

Helwig won the job over Davenport, Iowa, City Manager James Pierce and Skokie, Illinois Assistant City Manager Mark Vanderpool.

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Novi mom's cooking destined for dorms



By STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

Dorm food's sure not what it used to be. And it's chef hats off to Novi mom Judy Bailey, a winner in the seventh annual Michigan State University Recipe Contest for her tasty shrimp and angel hair pasta dish.

Bailey's dish, one of three selected out of recipe submissions from 500 other Spartan moms, is destined for dorm dining rooms.

"I was so surprised," said Bailey. "I really didn't expect to win."

Earlier in the school year, parents were asked to submit their student's favorite recipe from home.

"The family has always enjoyed it, so I thought 'What the heck, I'll enter it,'" said Bailey.

Bailey, whose daughter, Katie, is a sophomore at MSU, said she was not a big chef, but has always enjoyed whipping things up in the kitchen.

"I'm not a huge cook or anything. That's why this was such an honor," she said.

Bailey explained that the winners were announced just before Christmas.

"It was such a great Christmas gift," she said.

"It was unbelievable. We stayed in a beautiful suite, then we saw the Northwestern and MSU basketball game, followed by a nice dinner and Sunday brunch. It was a lovely weekend."

Kristin Anderson of MSU's University Relations said the moms deserved the prize.

"They were just tickled pink," she said.

"But they should really be proud of themselves, they had some great recipes."

Bailey said winners were awarded ribbons and a plaque.

"The plaque was really cute. It has our names engraved and reads 'Winner of University Housing Contest,'" she said.

As a winner, the recipe will now become part of the regular menu rotation in the dorm cafeterias.

"I just hope everyone enjoys the pasta dish as much as we do," said Bailey.

SHRIMP WITH ANGEL HAIR PASTA

Here is Judy Bailey's winning dorm food recipe.

Ingredients:

2 eggs, 1 cup of milk, 1 cup plain yogurt, 3/4 cup shredded Swiss cheese, 2/3 cup feta cheese, 2 tbs. parsley flakes, 1 tsp. basil, 1 tsp. oregano, 1 9 oz. pk. of fresh angel hair pasta, 16 oz. of chunky medium salsa, 1 lb. medium shrimp (peeled), 1/2 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese.

Directions:

Spray 9 x 13 inch baking dish with cooking spray. Combine eggs, milk, yogurt, Swiss, feta and spices in medium bowl. Mix well and set aside. Spread 1/2 pasta in baking dish. Pour salsa over pasta. Add 1/2 of shrimp. Cover with remaining pasta. Pour egg mixture over all and top with remaining shrimp. Gently press shrimp into moist ingredients. Sprinkle jack cheese over top. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Serve hot (serves six).

Novi resident Judy Bailey took a chance on her cooking expertise when she entered the Michigan State University Recipe Contest with her shrimp and angel hair pasta dish. "I'm not a huge cook or anything. That's why this was such an honor," she said. Her dish will likely show up in MSU cafeterias as part of the regular menu rotation.

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Novi High performers are just crazy for the Gershwin brothers this month

Tickets are still available for Novi High School's production of "Crazy For You" on March 30, 31, and April 1.

The George and Ira Gershwin comedy, directed by Kristen Patec, is presented by the school's Performing Arts Department.

This is an energetic musical comedy that "knocks 'em dead" with optimism and spirit.

The performance is about Bobby

Childs (played by Mike Wahlstrom), a young banker who heads west and transforms a sleepy cow town into a theatrical spectacle.

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of entertainment. The extravaganza is filled with song and dance, beautiful sets and costumes, and hilarious dialogue. You will be swept up in this artfully constructed tale of boy meeting girl in the Wild West.

The play is produced by Paula Joyner-Olford and assistant directing is by Tim Robb.

In addition, set design is by Rick Wahlstrom, costumes by Jean Chupinsky and Sharon Fouts, vocal music by Carole Mihalco, orchestra by Scott Boerna, technical directing by Norm Norgan, student directing by Elisa Balon and stage managing by Jessica Cole and Amber Leahy.

All shows begin at 7:30 p.m. at the high school's Fuerst Auditorium.

Tickets are on sale now now at the Novi High School main office. Tickets are \$7 in advance and \$8 at the door. Seniors and children under 12 are \$5.

For more information, call 449-1500.

State House and Senate pass tax reduction bills

By MIKE MALOTT HomeTown News Service

Michigan taxpayers stand to save \$175 million this year as soon as the governor signs legislation already passed by the House and Senate.

A quick signature is expected, since Gov. John Engler initially proposed the tax-cutting measure in his State of the State address earlier this year.

Lawmakers have approved House Bill 5389, accelerating the state's income tax rate reduction by one year, cutting it from 4.3 percent to 4.2 percent retroactive to Jan. 1.

Last year, lawmakers approved a reduction in the state income tax incrementally reducing the income tax rate from 4.4 percent to 3.9 percent over a number of years. The bill would speed the reduction up one year.

Republicans say the bill is needed to return the state's growing budget surplus, the result of good economic times.

Democrats, like Rep. Ruth Jammick, D-Ypsilanti, and David Woodward, D-Madison Heights, said the money should be going to the health care and child care proposals.

Representatives approved the legislation in a 70-39 vote in February. Senators followed up last week with a 36-1 approval before sending the package off to the

governor for final approval. Senator Alma Wheeler Smith, D-South Lyon, was the only dissenter in the upper chamber.

The bill is only one of a number pending to trim tax loads.

Also under consideration are:

- House Bill 5390, which creates a uniform \$600 income tax exemption for children through age 18. The current exemption is \$600 for each child age one to six, and \$300 for each child age seven to 12.
- House Bills 5391 and 5392, which would increase the personal exemption for senior citizens and people with disabilities from \$900 to \$1,800, and extend the increases to dependents.
- House Bill 5393, which increases the Homestead Property Tax Credit for people with disabilities.
- House Bill 4032, which increases the Homestead Property Tax Credit by lowering the threshold to three percent for senior citizens, allowing a more substantial refund; it allows seniors to receive dollar-for-dollar refunds on anything above three percent of their income going to property taxes up to \$1,200.
- House Bill 5394, to increase the investment tax credits for small businesses with adjusted gross receipts of \$5 million or less. The bill is designed to mitigate the temporary tax burden felt by some small businesses as a result of the recently enacted phase-out of the Single Business Tax.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT HEARING CITY OF NOVI COUNTY OF OAKLAND, MICHIGAN

TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, has determined it to be necessary to make the following described public improvements in the City of Novi:

The construction of approximately 1080 feet of 8" WATER MAIN in Section 3 which will provide a direct benefit to that portion of Lakewood Subdivision containing the streets known as Burlington Drive, Pembine and Hanning.

The City Council has determined that all of the cost of the above described public improvement shall be assessed against the following described property abutting the above described improvement:

50-22-03-328-010	50-22-03-351-107	50-22-03-376-003	50-22-03-377-008
50-22-03-351-009	50-22-03-376-004	50-22-03-377-009	50-22-03-378-001
50-22-03-351-010	50-22-03-376-007	50-22-03-377-011	50-22-03-378-003
50-22-03-351-011	50-22-03-376-008	50-22-03-377-013	50-22-03-378-006
50-22-03-351-014	50-22-03-377-014	50-22-03-377-017	50-22-03-378-007

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the City Council has caused reports concerning said public improvement to be prepared, which reports include plans, profiles, specifications and estimates of cost of such public improvement, a description of the assessment district and other pertinent information, and these reports are on file in the office of the City Clerk and are available for public examination.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the City Council will meet on MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2000, at 7:00 o'clock p.m., Prevailing Eastern Time, at the Novi City Hall, in the Council Chambers, 45175 West Ten Mile Road in the City of Novi for the purpose of hearing objections to the making of such public improvement.

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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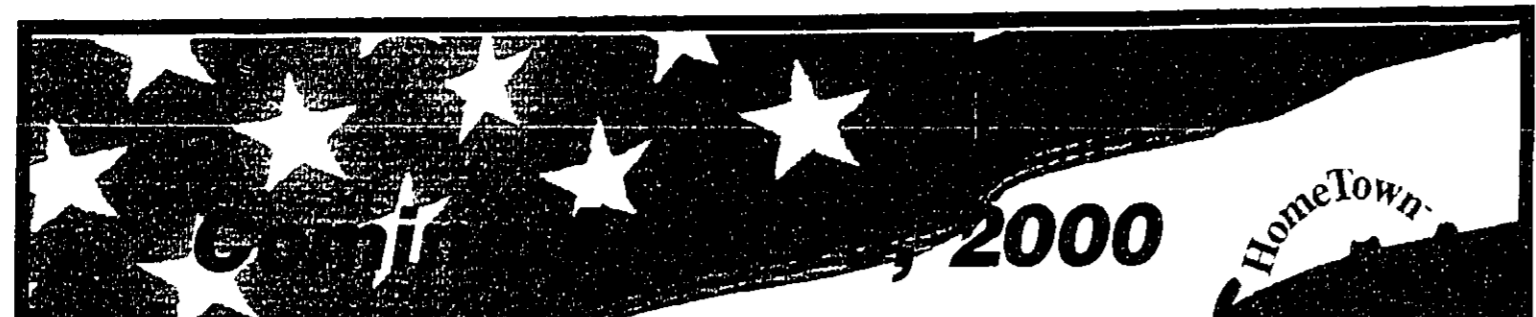
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Novi holds public meeting on Rouge River clean-up

The City of Novi will hold a public hearing on the Rouge River Restoration Project on March 25 at 7 p.m. at the Novi City Council Center. The hearing is open to the public. Novi will hold an informational meeting on a Wednesday evening, March 22, at 7 p.m. at the City Council Center. The meeting is open to the public. The City of Novi will hold a public hearing on the Rouge River Restoration Project on March 25 at 7 p.m. at the Novi City Council Center. The hearing is open to the public. Novi will hold an informational meeting on a Wednesday evening, March 22, at 7 p.m. at the City Council Center. The meeting is open to the public. The City of Novi will hold a public hearing on the Rouge River Restoration Project on March 25 at 7 p.m. at the Novi City Council Center. The hearing is open to the public. Novi will hold an informational meeting on a Wednesday evening, March 22, at 7 p.m. at the City Council Center. The meeting is open to the public.



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TO THE OWNERS OF ALL THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY ABUTTING THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED IMPROVEMENT: Section 10 Water Main in Section 10 Heights Subdivision containing the streets known as Shawood, Pleasant St. and Queen Drive.

NOTICE: A special assessment roll has been prepared for the property abutting the special assessment districts share of the cost of the following improvements:

50-22-10-279-001	50-22-10-279-006	50-22-10-251-008
50-22-10-279-002	50-22-10-279-007	50-22-10-279-012
50-22-10-279-003	50-22-10-279-008	50-22-10-279-013
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The 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 and 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 City Council Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan, at 7:30 o'clock p.m., on MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2000, for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment roll.

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AUTHOR LUNCHEON TICKETS
The Library Friends from the Novi, Northville, Plymouth, and Canton libraries are sponsoring an author luncheon at noon on Thursday, April 13 at the Fox Hills Country Club. This year's speaker is author and Detroit News' columnist, George Costello. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at any of the sponsoring libraries.

AARP TAX WORKSHOP
An AARP Tax Workshop will be held at the library on Thursday, March 30, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please register in advance in person or by calling the library. (Note: You cannot prepare small business or rental property taxes at this workshop.)

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
Our April selection is 'Pope John' by Donna Woolfolk Cross. The group meets Monday, April 3 at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room. All are welcome.

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Home show at Novi Expo

The fourth annual Spring Home and Garden Show will be open April 6-9 at the Novi Expo Center. "Whether a home needs a touch-up or a complete makeover, the show will inspire homeowners with stunning landscapes, gardens and beautiful ideas for every corner of the home," said Dave Kellett Sr., president of Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and of Kellett Construction Co. in Bloomfield Hills. Exhibitors will have advice, ideas and innovations for kitchens, baths, doors, windows, yard/gardens, spas, remodeling, interior design, decorative accessories, home offices, arts and crafts, furniture, electronics, heating, cooling and appliances. Show hours are from 2-10 p.m., Thursday and Friday; 10 a.m.-10 p.m., Saturday; and 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Sunday. Admission is \$4 for adults; \$3 for seniors and children 6-12; and children under 6, free.

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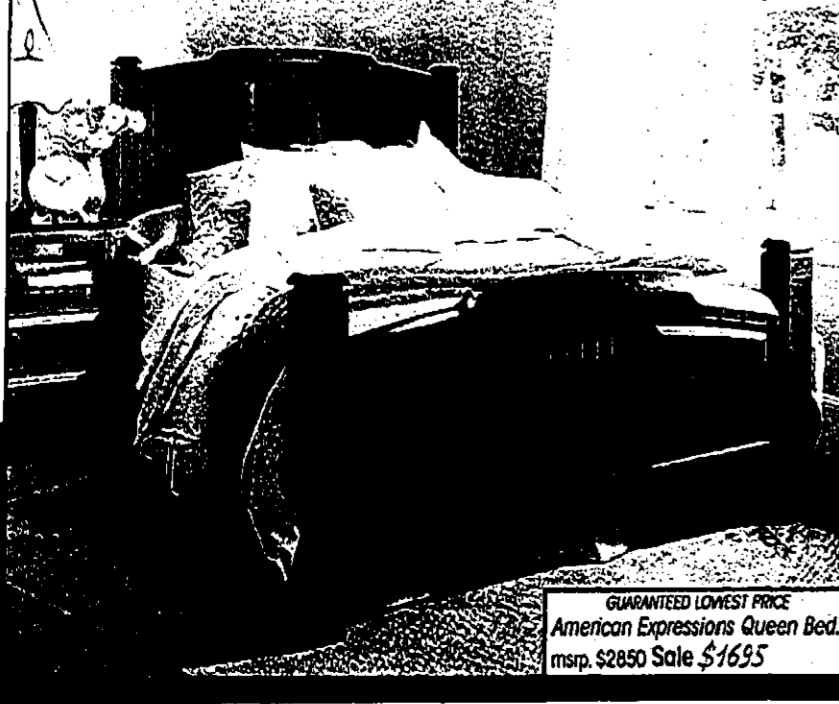
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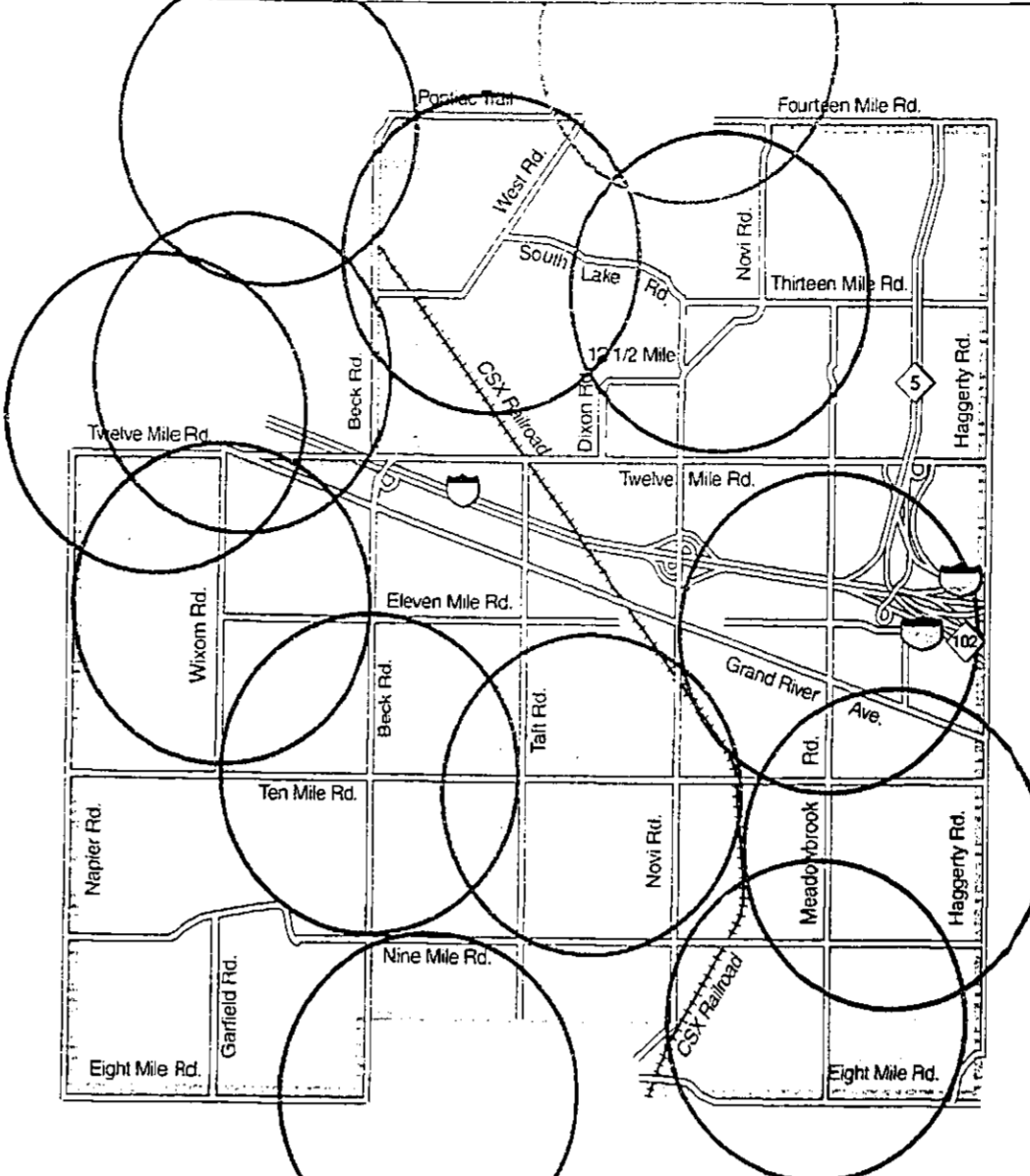


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Tornado siren coverage in Novi

- Siren coverage area
- Area not covered by sirens
- Novi sirens
- Northville sirens
- Walled Lake sirens
- Wixom sirens

SOURCE: City of Novi

Novi gets more tornado sirens

Wendy Pierran Mitzel, Novi staff writer, reports that the City of Novi will see four new tornado sirens erected this year, filling gaps in emergency warning coverage in the community. After a study to identify potential gaps and a request for one siren in the fall of last year, Tony Nowicki, director of public services, said money was shifted to this priority from another project. The city council agreed there was enough funding to purchase the rest of the sirens needed. "I believe it will provide us with the best coverage for the city," Nowicki said.

The city has eight existing tornado sirens within its borders. The new sirens will go in at Nine Mile and Taft Roads, Nine Mile and Garfield Roads, Grand River Avenue and Taft Road and Thirteen Mile Road and the M-5 Hagedorn Connector.

The sound of each siren can be heard from one and a quarter miles to one and half miles in all directions.

The city added the Nine Mile and Taft Road siren despite a City of Northville siren nearby. Nowicki said the Oakland County Emergency Management staff suggested Novi add their own siren for reliability. It will cost the city \$38,250 to install the sirens, according to Nowicki. Oakland County kicks in another \$12,750 and installs the tornado towers. According to memos from the city, the county is hoping to install all the sirens prior to the start of the tornado season in April. Novi experienced severe tornado damage in 1987 when a twister rampaged through the city and devastated the Chateau Estates mobile home park, leaving one person dead, six injured and 138 people homeless. In 1990, ten houses were damaged by a tornado during the month of September. *Please note: the accompanying map does not include the anticipated siren locations.*

Oakland County wants residents on alert

Every first Saturday of the month, Oakland County sets off its tornado sirens in a test for reliability. This month, the Emergency Management Department wants residents to listen a little harder. April begins the tornado season in Michigan and the last week of March is Severe Weather Awareness Week. "It's a head's up for everybody to stay in an aware mode," said Colleen Prosvniuk, with the Oakland County Emergency Management Department. Severe weather week begins Sunday March 26 through April 1. During that time, cities and townships in the county plan to do their best to remind residents of the best way to stay safe during a tornado. Here's some of their suggestions:

- Know the difference between a watch and warning. A watch means conditions are favorable for a tornado to form. A warning means a tornado has been sighted.
- Know the best place to hide. The safest place to hide is underground in a basement or cellar. If you can't find one, head for a small room in the middle of the house or office, like a bathroom or closet. Avoid windows. If you live in a mobile home park, seek alternate shelter immediately. If you're outside or driving near a tornado, get out of the car and seek a safe structure or lay down in a low area where you are aware of flash floods.
- Be prepared. Have water on hand, flashlights with batteries, battery powered radios, canned food and an opener, special items for infants or the elderly.
- For more information please call the Emergency Management Department at (248) 858-5300.

TWISTER FACTS

- An average of 18 tornadoes occur in Michigan each year. Since 1950, at least 239 persons have been killed due to tornadoes.
- In 1999, Oakland County experienced 13 severe weather events (thunderstorm or tornado warnings).
- Tornadoes normally develop from thunderstorms and occur at the edge of the storm.

Source: Oakland County.

NAME: Kathy Wilcox

OCCUPATION: Pet Store Owner

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All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the public 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. on Wednesday, April 5, 2000.

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Kids sew up their best wishes for teacher

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Teacher Kathy Sarto is clearly surprised by her quilt.

Some parents disappointed that kids didn't get into Deerfield

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Northville considers cop in school

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Planning commission nixes daycare center

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Garfield Road residents concerned over wetlands

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Businesswomen's group names woman of year

The Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) has just celebrated its tenth anniversary. Nationwide, ABWA has over 1,400 chapters, and the national organization celebrated its 50th anniversary in 1999. ABWA is open to all working women with an interest in networking, fund raising, and personal and professional growth.

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As We See It

Every hometown has a hero to celebrate

"The more you give, the more you get."
"The more you laugh, the less you fret."
"The more you do unselfishly, the more you live abundantly."
"The more of everything you share."
"The more you'll have to spare."
"The more you love, the more you'll find."
"That life is good and friends are kind."
"For only what you give away enriches you from day to day."
- From a program at a previous volunteer honors banquet.

The above verse led off a HomeTown Communications Network editorial last July in praise of volunteers and volunteerism. Wouldn't it be wonderful, we asked, if our collective communities could somehow deliver a more hearty thank you to those who volunteer?
Well, thanks to Lighthouse CEO K. Noren Keating and a lot of others there's now something called the HomeTown Heroes Awards. The inaugural awards luncheon for volunteers will take place at noon next Wednesday, March 29, at Birmingham's Townsend Hotel.
Sponsored jointly by Lighthouse, a Pontiac-based women's shelter; HomeTown Newspapers; The Eccentric Newspapers; Mirror Newspapers and Crain's Detroit Business, the program will honor volunteers in six categories - senior, youth, boards and commissions, direct service, faith-based and business.
The six honorees are Dennis S. Bernard (boards and commissions), Joseph Roberts (faith-based), Vicki Spehar (direct service), Robert J. McLeven (senior), Kevin Michael Greenlees (youth) and Jane E. Buell (business).
"You can never thank volunteers enough," said Keating, who said her inspiration for HomeTown Heroes came

Wasting away in mall parking lot



Jan Jeffres

It was the funnest thing I'd heard in a long time. Two of my friends, Jan and Gina, planned to spend all night last Friday in the parking lot of Twelve Oaks Mall, so they'd be first in line for tickets to a Jimmy Buffet concert at Pine Knob on June 13.
At first, I thought they were total nut cases. Then I became jealous, because I don't think I'd wait in line for tickets to any concert, not even a reunion of the three remaining Beatles. I'm envious of their youthful passion for a musician I've never heard of.
I thought it would be fun to see the mall parking lot teeming with Buffet fans, so I dropped by at 10:30 p.m. Jan and Gina were huddled in Jan's fully-stocked van. They had blankets, Jimmy Buffet CDs, a portable player, lawn chairs and a cooler full of pop. For their dining pleasure, along with a can of Pringles, their specialty of the day

In Focus

By John Heider

So often volunteers ask little or nothing in return for their efforts and some even feel embarrassed at the attention paid them at these honors events.
We've seen it in so many towns. Volunteers receive firmly that giving is its own reward.
They'll tell you that they get as much as they give through volunteerism, and that service to others helps them feel closer to their communities.
At local honors programs, we've heard comments like: "they come in quietly, quickly they do their jobs and then they disappear" and "these people grease the wheels and make things run right."
Wednesday's luncheon will be sponsored by the Bloomfield Hills-based Northern Trust Bank. Proceeds from the \$40-a-seat event will go to help establish The Volunteer Place, a recruitment and placement center to be built in Pontiac.
The purpose is to connect Oakland County volunteers with programs needing help.
Lighthouse is seeking corporate sponsorship for tables at the luncheon so that volunteers who might not be able to afford it can attend. A table of 10 costs \$400.
For ticket information, call (248) 204-5053.



Orchard Hills gym teacher Peggy Whitman shows her skills during the school's 'Jump Rope For Heart' fundraiser.

We're driving off the deep end



Randal Yakey

Truckers have been trampling across the lawn of the Capitol building in Washington D.C. demanding the lowering of gas prices. OPEC's production of oil has been curtailed and Bill Clinton has said he will not release fuel reserves. Sounds like a gas crisis, doesn't it?
Gas prices in Michigan are currently averaging \$1.62 per gallon of regular gas at the self-serve pump, according to the United States Department of Energy. Most stations around town though are in the range of \$1.55, and that is according to AAA of Michigan. The price of gas now is at the highest average in nearly twenty years, dating back to the early 1980's.
The Europeans are paying over \$3.50 a gallon. Of course, the Euros are driving smaller cars - it's all a craze. Imagine! It's worse in Japan. In Asia, they are paying between \$4 and \$5 a gallon. That would be criminal in America. But American don't want to think about that.
"It's not a problem right now," said a Novi resident, during a gas station interview. Yeah? Just wait, buddy. You'll be screaming bloody murder when you're stopping every 10 miles between here and Traverse City this summer.
Higher prices for fuel becomes higher prices for delivering goods to the consumer, which becomes higher prices in grocery and retail stores. Higher prices means more inflation and inflation means a slow-growth economy.
And if it pans out that way, it's all America's fault. The American consumer has a short memory. The long gas lines of the 1970s and the oil embargo are ancient history. A lot of Americans were mere children when the oil embargo was going on. The old saying "those who forget history are doomed to repeat it" applies.
Don't forget those famous last words when you're at the pump paying \$2.00 a gallon this summer and wondering where the "good old days" of \$1.00 a gallon have gone. All the talk of electric cars and improving gas mileage went right out the window when gas prices fell. The rise of the Sport Utility Vehicle as "god" began.
I have a close friend, a computer programmer, who

Staff writer Randal Yakey can be reached at 349-1700.

Parity needed in appointments



Phil Power

I spent part of an afternoon last week down at Wayne State University, listening to the annual meeting of the board of directors of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.
Attentive readers will recall that the MEDC was created last year as a public corporation, concept in grocery marketing, whereby folks can order their groceries - dinner, event - on the Web and have the stuff delivered within an hour or so to their door.
The Midwest distribution center for Webvan wound up in Livonia (\$47 million investment, 900 jobs) instead of Ohio, thanks to the MEDC.
When the Robert Bosch Corporation was casting around for a place to put research and development for the Bosch Braking Systems Corporation, MEDC jumped in and helped bring the 475 jobs and a \$37 million investment to Farmington Hills.
Not bad for a new little public corporation!
As is the case with most organizations, success has more to do with effective leadership than with organizational structure and bylaws.
MEDC has been lucky to be led by Doug Rothwell, President and CEO, who used to run the Michigan Jobs Commission. Intense and slim nearly to the point of gaunt, Rothwell has steered the MEDC through the political thicket and the economic waters with great foresight. His sidekick as board chair is Rick Snyder, a quintessential no-necktie hard-charger who chucked in a career as COO of Caterpillar and moved to Ann Arbor a few years ago, where he set up Avalon Investments, a venture capital firm.
The meeting I attended last week seemed broadly representative of this record. Snyder and Rothwell deftly moved the 60-odd board members through what looked a lot like a standard corporate agenda, including "1999 Corporate Objectives and Results" and "Strategic and Operating Plan Review."
A representative of Anderson Economic Group presented a Michigan business climate benchmarking study that suggested Grand Rapids and (surprise!) Saginaw had

Parents: keep on an eye on curriculum

Letters

and take back their role. Talk to your kids about what they are being taught; read and examine the curriculum and its message. Is this what you want for your child?
Rosemarie G. Denton

SEX ED. SHOULD BE ELECTIVE

To the Editor:
I read with great interest Stephanie Kerr's letter to the editor "March 8 regarding sex education in Northville public schools. Parents must be involved in all aspects of their children's education, but especially the social agenda: 'sex instruction' as Alan Keys calls it."
I have served for five years on Novi's "Reproductive Health Advisory Committee" (and continue to serve) and was repeatedly told that conditions were not being demonstrated in the classroom. That misinformation was brought forth when a parent serving on the committee told me her daughter came and told her about the demonstration. The teacher who did this said "there and led us to believe this controversial demonstration was not happening until she had to directly address what the student came home and told her parent."
Our assistant superintendent who put a hold on the demonstration. It is my understanding a similar condom demonstration is happening in Northville in a pilot program. Unless you are in the classroom, you have no idea what is being taught to your child even if you have reviewed movies and books. By law, parents of students in this class can observe and should observe to stop this kind of situation. Better yet, remove your children altogether. This is your right according to state law.
Northville, learn from Novi. Parents sign consent forms for this sensitive material. Last year, our sex education committee was once again upset to find out, again via a parent whose daughter came home and told her that the coach-health parent signed her consent for - since she guessed him to be more "conservative" had been replaced by the younger female teacher for the sensitive and exciting sex education portion of the health class. This violated this parent's understanding of who she understood to be teaching the class. (Again, if you're not in the classroom, you do not know what your child is being taught.) The assistant superintendent saw to it this understanding situation stopped as well, even though Novi is into "learn-teaching." This older gentleman wasn't quite as comfortable with the sex instruction as the younger female, so what kind of message was communicated to the vulnerable students in the classroom?
Both Novi and Northville can take a lesson from the school district in Osseo, Minn. They got their public school to offer "choice"...you can sign your child up for a "safe sex" tract or an abstinence/ chastity tract. Since 51 percent of our students choose to be abstinent, isn't it good we support their choice? The needs of the sexually-active teen can be met as well as the needs of the teen who desires to remain chaste, and protect fully their physical, emotional, spiritual and psychological self. In Osseo, Minn., as of September 1999, almost half of Osseo's junior high and a third of its senior high students have signed up for the abstinence curriculum.
Parents are the main educators of their children and parents need to stop abdicating their responsibility to the government schools

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To the Editor:
Thank you to the Novi community and all those that supported our 18th annual Bowl-A-Thon.
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Diamond In The Rough

Find out how co-owner Mary Brady is cooking with style at Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro in Novi

Culinary awards line a back hallway in Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro in the Novi Town Center.

Proud, they are. Proud of the awards and proud of the reputation that Diamond Jim's has established over the years.

In an industry where female chefs are not prevalent, Mary Brady is a pioneer and has made a definite impact on the culinary community.

A Certified Executive Chef for 15 years now, Mary can be found in the kitchen of Diamond Jim's preparing, supervising and even delivering the food to her devoted customers.

Mary, a graduate of Michigan State University in hotel, restaurant and international management, says she always had a love for cooking and food.

"I've always enjoyed cooking," said Mary, sitting at a back table at Diamond Jim's in her white chef's shirt. "Growing up there were seven kids and I remember starting to cook as soon as I was able to reach the stove. My mom was a good cook. She cooked simple things, but good. Home made German potato salad, served hot."

And there was work to be done even before preparing the food, said Mary.

"I remember my grandfather bringing home buckets filled with perch," continued Mary, reminiscing. "I had to clean them."

Mary said that she thought about a career in another field but that cooking has always been her first love.

"Hospitality is the biggest industry in the world," said Mary, as she checked with staff about the evening preparations. "People enjoy my food and that is the biggest pleasure for me. I look at all the dishes as they come out. I love it when people say that everything was just wonderful. I get hummed when somebody is not happy."

Mary said that the design style Diamond Jim's goes back to some trips that she and her husband took to Europe.

"We went to a lot of bistros in Europe and particularly in Paris," said Mary. "And in the south of France, it's an authentic bistro style."

The restaurant definitely looks like an authentic bistro and it is hard to tell that it is actually connected to a mall. The classic style give off a feel that is relaxing and comforting. But it took a lot of hard work to get to where she is today.

Mary's beginning, like most cooks, starts at the lower-rung jobs. She worked at a restaurant in the kitchens and took classes in kitchen management and food ethics courses. At one point, the suggestion came that she sold get her certification.

Once certification is reached, a CEC must take a written test retain certification. The test revolves around nutrition, personal supervision and sanitation. The American Culinary Federation (ACF) is the nation's largest professional association of pastry chefs, chefs and cooks.

Of the 2,327 CEC in the United States, only 137 are women. Women are still a minority in the business.

"Back in the 1970's there was only one certified chef," said Mary.

Mary takes her business serious, and it shows. Mary says the restaurant business is something that isn't for everyone. Late night closings and clean ups are just part of the business.

"This is a team effort," said Mary. "From the bartenders, cooks and hostesses there is everybody being committed to doing a good job."

Mary said that she would rather be working or at home, when it comes to distributing her time.

"I hate standing in lines," said



Flames from the addition of brandy shoot upwards as Mary Brady works on sauteing some vegetables for one of Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro specialties. The restaurant has been a Novi fixture for several years.

Mary, with a laugh. "Especially at restaurants."

What is Mary's favorite food from Diamond Jim's menu? That wouldn't be right, says Mary.

"There are a lot of great things on the menu," said Mary. "What kind of food do I like? Nutritious food."

Besides running Diamond Jim's and her own Mary Brady's Custom Catering, she's also begun a new venture called "Let Mary Cook."

According to Mary, the idea is to provide good, nutritious food for those who want more time with their family with less time in the kitchen. Gourmet meals prepared from the finest ingredients, packaged with directions to finish cooking at your

customer's convenience. The meals are upscale and there is a minimum order of \$75 with a 72 hour notice but with the types of selections available, the price are pretty reasonable. Shrimp and sausage gumbo is prepared with

peppers onion in a rich tomato based sauce, \$12.95. The most expensive meal on the menu is the Tuna nicoise for \$14.95 and the cheapest is the veggie lasagna for \$9.95. For the initial \$75 you can eat gourmet every day of the week or provide an excellent meal for the entire family without spending hours in the kitchen.

"It's important that people eat together as a family," Mary continued. "Everybody is stressed about being stressed."

According to Mary, the amount

SHRIMP AND SALMON CAKES

INGREDIENTS:

- 1/2 pound raw shrimp and 1/2 pound raw salmon
- 3 egg whites
- 1 1/2 cups heavy cream
- 3 tablespoons chopped mixed herbs
- 1 pound poached, medium chopped shrimp
- Salt and pepper to taste

DIRECTIONS:

1. Place raw ingredients in freezer for 15 minutes before beginning.
2. Process until smooth, scraping bowl often. Re-chill.
3. Add egg whites and process, scraping bowl. Add cream and seasonings.
4. Cook a small amount to test taste. Add poached shrimp. Mix well.
5. Saute and serve with corn salsa.

of non-nutritional food that Americans eat is appalling. The fast food life has been taking its toll. According to the United States Department Health, Americans are the among the most overweight people in the entire world.

"I'd like to see people eating healthier," she said, making a note on an employee's tray. "It's horrifying, the things we are putting in our bodies."

Chef Brady and her husband Tom have owned Diamond Jim

Brady's, one of metro Detroit's oldest running bistros, since 1978. Tom's father originally open the store in 1954 near Seven Mile and Greenfield on Detroit's west side.

Anyone wishing to order meals from "Let Mary Cook" can (800) 800-9725.

Diamond Jim Brady's American Bistro is located at 26053 Town Center Drive in Novi. For more information, call the restaurant at (248) 380-8460.



Mary Brady, co-owner of Novi's Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro, displays a vegetarian saffron angel hair pasta with portabella mushrooms and spring vegetables.

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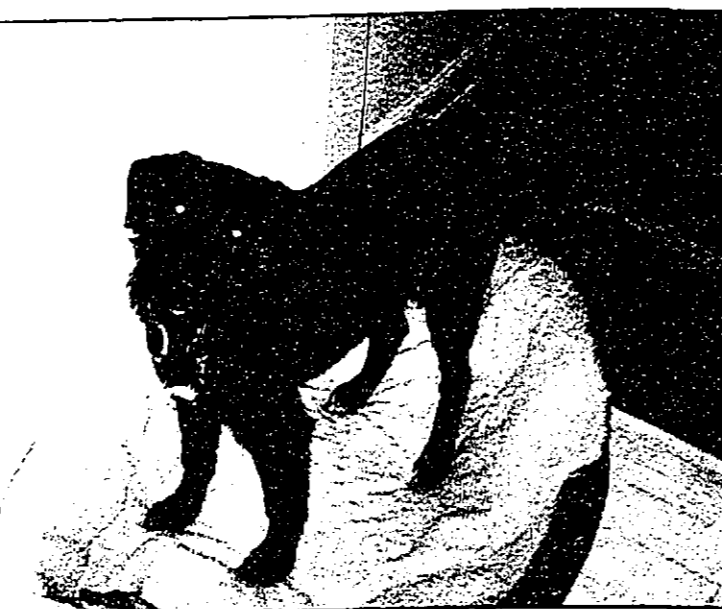
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Oreo, above, was adopted when she was six weeks old. Now that she weighs 40 pounds...



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On Campus

Having earned academic honors for achieving at least a 3.5 grade point average...

NORTHVILLE: Matthew Thomas Baird, mechanical engineering...

WALLED LAKE: Robert Neil Whitman, mechanical engineering.

The following students were recognized for earning at least a 3.5 grade for fall semester at Eastern Michigan University.

NORTHVILLE: Krista L. Allison, Debra Joan Baker...

NOVI: Diane Michelle Belong, Gregory Ronald Benn...

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Advertisement for Brian Ashburn Home Fashion, featuring various clothing items and prices.

Religion section containing notices for Meadowbrook Congregational Church, Faith Community Presbyterian Church, and Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

Large advertisement for Novi Town Center 8 featuring a contest to win movie passes and a list of movie titles to guess.

Advertisement for the Skating Club of Novi and Novi Ice Arena featuring a figure skating extravaganza on Broadway On Ice.

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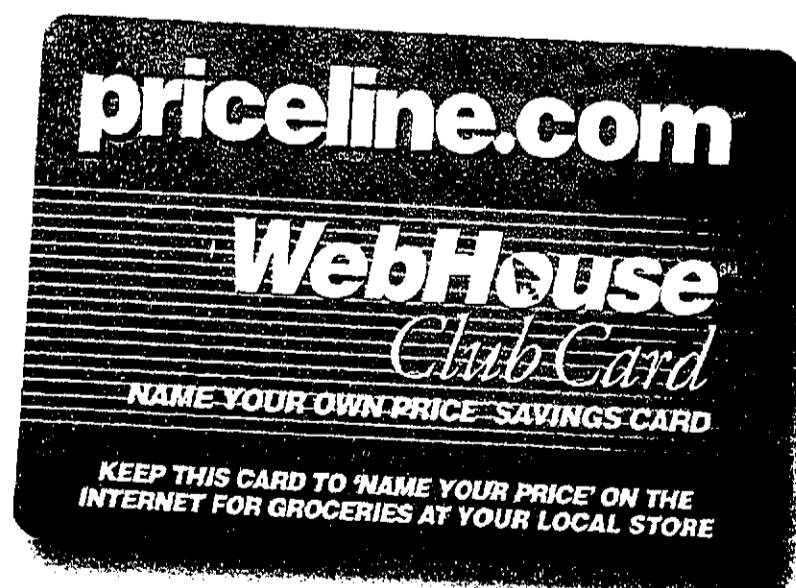
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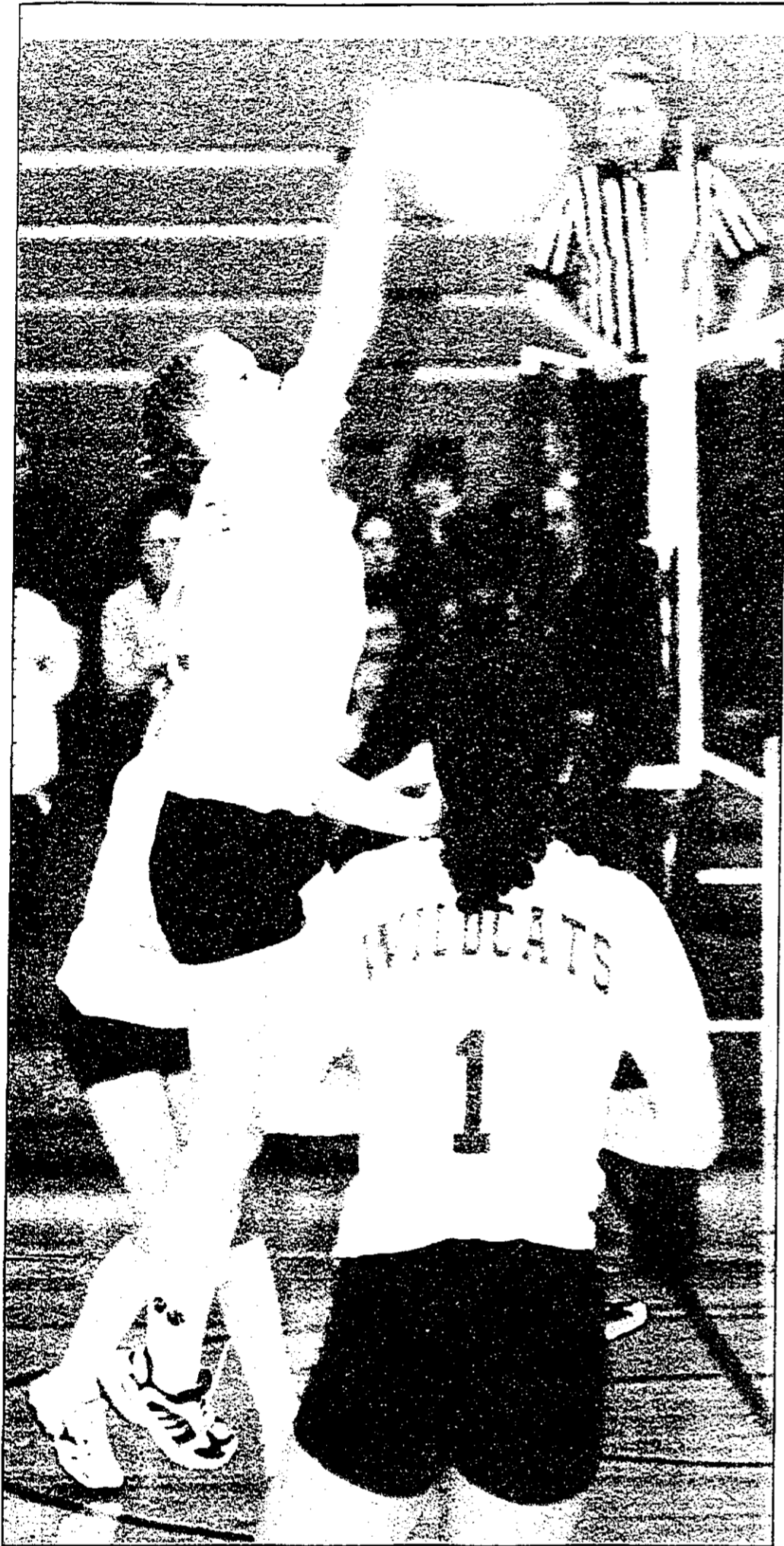


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Novi's Angela Schmitt looks to put the ball away earlier this season.

Next up: College ball

McGlinnen makes HomeTown all-area squad

To hear some tell it, volleyball in the area is down. That may be based on post-season performance, which would fail to see the big picture. Northville and South Lyon were in the same district as state quarterfinalist Plymouth Salem, not to mention Livonia Ladywood. Novi was in the same district as Walled Lake Central, enough said. And the rest of the KVC was feeding off its own in the Brighton district.

The talent, it's still there. Milford coach Jim Marszalek said he'd put up a KVC all-star team against any league in the state. Well, if he's willing to trade some Livingston County players for the Hasse twins, here's his chance.

Meredith Hasse
Northville senior

Quite possibly one of the best players to ever grace the volleyball courts at Northville High School. The senior captain was a great leader on and off the court in leading Northville to a highly-successful third-place finish in the always-tough Western Lakes conference.

The middle hitter led the team with 354 kills and 163 blocks this season, and she also led the Mustangs with 41 service aces. She was one of just seven players selected to the all-conference team, which consists of schools such as Plymouth Salem, Walled Lake Central, and Livonia Franklin and Churchill. Her skills on the court led to her place on the all-region squad while her 4.0 grade point average earned her a spot on the all-region academic team. She was voted as the most-valuable player by her teammates and will be attending U of M on an academic scholarship next year.

"I think she's got the talent to play at Michigan next year," her coach and former South Lyon and Western Michigan standout Nikki McEvers said. "Usually when you get to girls six foot and over they begin to slow down. But Meredith's quick on her feet and can get to almost any ball."

Kristen McGlinnen
Novi senior

Despite the fact that many teams tried to hit away from this three-year letterwinner, she still mustered up 183 total blocks this season for Novi. Many of those, 136 to be exact, were of the solo variety.

Her block total was tops in the area, as was her 65 service aces this season. She also had 207 kills to help her on her way to being named to the Kensington Valley Conference first team. Her accolades also carried her to the all-region squad as well.

"She's a very hard worker," her coach Julie Fisette said. "She's never satisfied with mediocrity. She worked hard in the offseason with her training and AAU ball. You could tell when she was on the court how dominant she was."

McGlinnen is awaiting acceptance to Columbia University, but has also received scholarship offers to both Rutgers and Lehigh.

Janel Hasse
Northville senior

It should come as no surprise that often times if Meredith Hasse wasn't the best player on the court, her twin-sister Janel was. Janel Hasse's numbers are very similar to that of her sister's. She had 329 kills for the season to go along with 140 blocks and 40 aces. Each of those numbers were second best on the team.

"She's right up there with her sister," McEvers said. "Meredith was the one that kept the team on track and Janel is the one that keeps everyone happy."

Hasse's best attribute was her tremendous hitting power and her ability to hit the backset well.

"She also knows the game very well, and could always anticipate where the ball would be hit," McEvers said.

The senior was an all-division selection in the Western Lakes and was also all-region and all-region academic.

Fran Hamilton
South Lyon senior

South Lyon runs a star system, and this season the onus was on Hamilton. She was up to the task. A first-team all-area choice last year, as a senior Hamilton, Howell's Ashley Howard and Brighton's Julie Stowers were the closest things to a dominant player in the KVC. She concluded her career as one of the best players in school history. Hamilton had 399 kills, which is just 10 short of the single-season record set last year by Kellie Kern. Her 860 career kills are the second-most in school history. As a senior Hamilton also led South Lyon in blocks (26). She was productive away from the net, as well, leading the Lions with 37 aces.

Jodie Nouhan
Milford senior

It's easy not to over-coach when you have a player as talented as Nouhan.

"I took her out maybe three times all year," Milford coach Jim Marszalek said.

She was just as good on the front or back row. Nouhan had 197 kills, and in a different offense that number might have been much higher.

"There were times where she just pounded the ball," Marszalek said.

Nouhan's service percentage was .926, and she had 300 digs.

"She was just phenomenal on defense," Marszalek

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ALL AREA VOLLEYBALL			
First Team			
Name	School	Grade	Height
Kristen McGlinnen	Novi	12	6-1
Meredith Hasse	Northville	12	6-3
Jodie Nouhan	Milford	12	5-9
Erica May	Milford	10	5-10
Janel Hasse	Northville	12	6-0
*Fran Hamilton	South Lyon	12	5-10
Second Team			
Name	School	Grade	Height
Beth Berry	South Lyon	11	5-7
Allison Wise	Lakeland	12	5-9
Christie Schumacher	Milford	12	6-0
Cassey Sutton	South Lyon	12	6-0
Annie Charles	Milford	11	5-8
Beth Gillis	Northville	12	6-4

* Denotes HomeTown Player of the Year

Honorable mention
Lakeland - Martha Digsby
Northville - Julie Bozyk, Jen Doktorcik, Missy Winn
Novi - Christina Parrish, Mickie Rzepka, Angie Herbst
South Lyon - Dawn Clisch

Tribute to John Osborne planned for June 2

For years John Osborne's been saying hello to thousands upon thousands in the football world. Well now it's time to say goodbye.

The only head varsity football coach Novi has ever known will be honored at Bakers of Milford on June 2 in "A Tribute to John Osborne."

Ticket for the occasion are \$25 and will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis because of facility limitations. To

obtain tickets for the event please contact the Novi athletic office at 449-1509.

The Novi Athletic Boosters are sponsoring the event, which includes a social hour beginning at 7 p.m., followed by dinner at 8 p.m. The evening will conclude with a roast and toast, to the many years of memories Osborne has been a part of.

Former players, colleagues and friends are invited to attend the event.

Athletes receive awards

The winter sports recipients have been selected to be honored through the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Sports Nutrition Award program, underwritten by the United Dairy Industry of Michigan.

This is the second full year in which the program honors schools in the 24 sports in which in the MHSAA sponsors post-season tournaments. For the first three years of the program, the Sports Nutrition Award focused on wrestling.

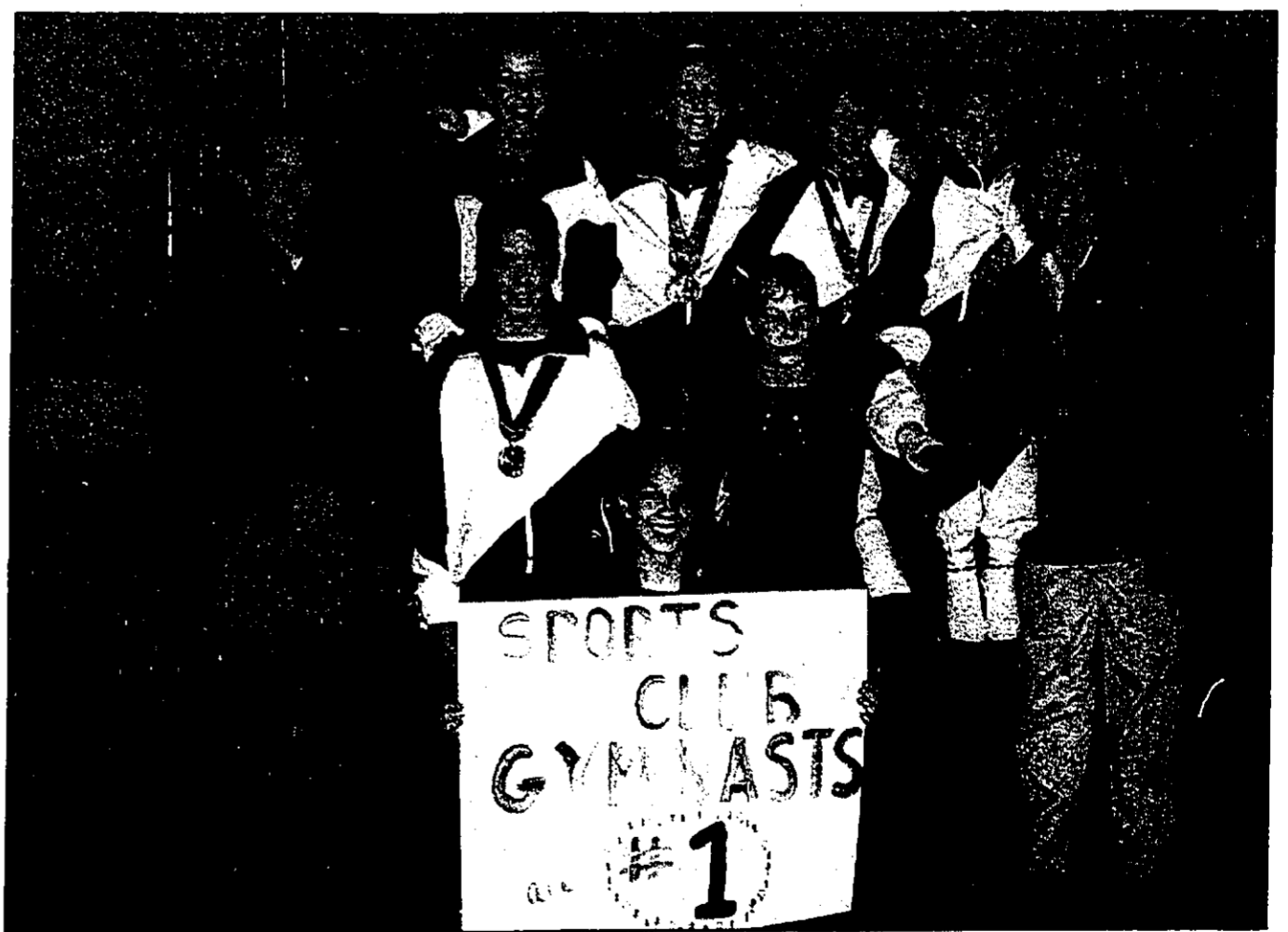
Eight schools were selected in a drawing from all of the entries received in their respective sports to receive a \$1,000 cash grant for their program, and a \$500 scholarship for a student-athlete chosen by their own criteria. In addition, an ninth school was honored after being judged to have conducted the most creative nutrition education program of all the entries submitted. The merit award will present a \$2,000 cash grant to a school's sports program and a \$1,000 scholarship to a student-athlete of its choosing.

The Sports Nutrition Award program is part of UDIM's sports nutrition education program, which is the focus of its year-

round partnership with the MHSAA. Schools in all sports were invited to participate in a program where they could implement a nutrition education program from a variety of options. Schools only needed to provide verification of participation in the program to become eligible for the prize drawing.

The winter sports scholarship recipients will be honored at ceremonies at halftime of the Class D championship game of the MHSAA Boys Basketball Finals at the Breslin Center in East Lansing on March 25. The game begins at 10 a.m. (EST)

The schools chosen to receive winter Sports Nutrition Awards are: Boys Basketball - Hemlock High School, head coach Mark Powell, nutrition liaison LeAnn Roberts, scholarship recipient Christopher Emeott; Girls Competitive Cheer - Comstock High School, head coach Kelly Bent, nutrition liaison LeAnn Roberts, scholarship recipient Emily Johnston; Girls Gymnastics - Brighton High School, head coach Nancy Gregory, nutrition liaison Nancy Gregory and



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Sports Club gymnasts win Derby Classic...

The Sports Club of Novi Level 6 Gymnastics team continued their successful season March 11 with a first-place finish at the Champion's Derby Classic meet in Louisville, Ky. The team scored 110.35 points to win the meet. The Sports Club team also took first place at the Salute to Michigan meet at Groves High School in Beverly Hills, MI.

A month ago the team finished first at the 6th-annual Cereal City Classic meet held at Kellogg Arena in Battle

Creek. Over 1,300 gymnasts representing 68 clubs from throughout the United States and Canada participated in the meet. Sports Club gymnasts scored 106.625 overall to win the meet.

Level-6 team members include Nicole Roach of Canton, Sarah Ikhani-Pour of Northville, Chelsea Selden of Plymouth, Erica Schick of Livonia, Amanda Green of New Hudson and Emma Platt of Novi. The coaches are Shane Uson and Jen Quinlan.

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MCDONALD FORD SALUTES NOVI ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Kristen McGlennen - Senior



There's not much this senior hasn't accomplished in her four years at Novi High School. She is a repeat first teamer on HomeTown's all-area volleyball team, as she was on the basketball squad.

This season she led the Kensington Valley Conference with 65 service aces and 183 blocks. She was named to the all-KVC first team as well as to the all-regional squad.

Both her athletic and academic success has her awaiting acceptance to Columbia University. She has also received scholarship offers from Lehigh and Rutgers universities.

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McGlennen moving on to bigger things

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South went to camps during the summer, played volleyball rather than basketball in the fall, and it paid off. She was the fourth leading scorer after the all-KVC team.

"Julie grew up tremendously from last year," Marszalek said. "She was a great leader off the court, and during games."

Erica May
Milford sophomore
Into the new year, May's sophomore campaign had been a struggle. She had broken her hand, became timid at the net and had more than a few hitting errors. But May found her game, which may have been the impetus to Milford's best ever KVC finish, second to Brighton.

"There were points in some

MHSAA hands out scholarships

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nutrition liaison, scholarship recipient Marcy Butkovich, Wrestling - Byron High School, head coach Matti Covert, nutrition liaison Catherine Brooks, scholar recipient Jon DeLorenzo.

All of the applications were considered for the Merit Award, given to the school judged to have the most creative sports nutrition education program. A committee of LDIM and MHSAA representatives selected as co-winners the boys and girls swimming applications from Marquette High School.

The head coach is Matthew Williams, the nutrition liaison is Lane Joubert, and the scholarship

recipients are Nathan Michels and Julie Burtch.
All schools which participated in the Sports Nutrition Award program will be recognized with a certificate. Information for spring sports will be mailed soon to head coaches at each MHSAA senior high school, with the award recipients to be mailed in May, and the scholarship recipients to be honored at the MHSAA Girls Soccer Finals in Canton on June 17.

With headquarters in Okemos, UM-Is a non-profit, member-driven association that conducts a total nutrition program for Michigan produced milk and other real dairy products.

The MHSAA is a private, non-profit corporation of voluntary membership in over 1,300 public and private senior high schools and junior high/middle schools which exists to develop common rules for athletic eligibility and competition. No government funds or tax dollars support the MHSAA, which was the first such association nationally to not accept membership dues or tournament entry fees from schools. Member schools which enforce these rules are permitted to participate in MHSAA tournaments conducted in 12 sports for girls and 12 sports for boys which attract approximately 1.3 million spectators each year.

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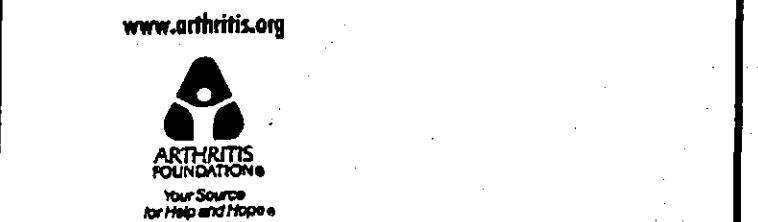


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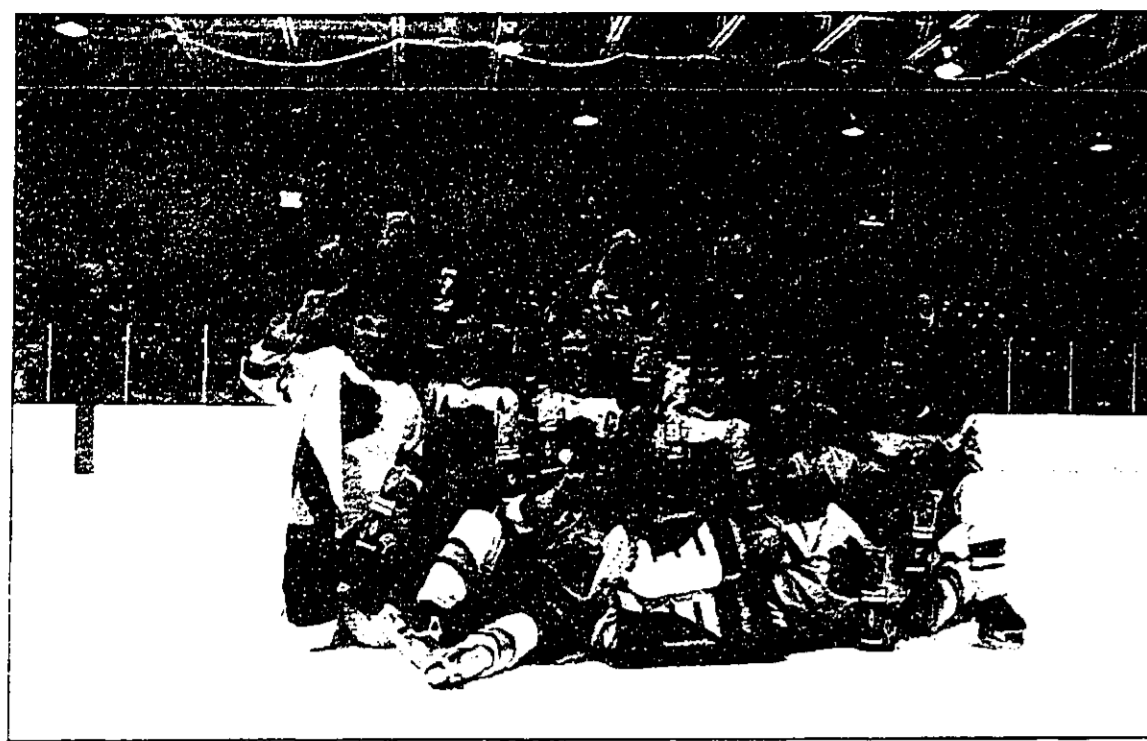
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Members of the Jaguars gather around their runnerup trophy from the state championships.

Jaguars club 2nd in the state

The Novi Jaguars football team participated in the state finals at St. Ignace earlier this month and finished as the state runnerup.

The Jaguars were a Lometown St. Ignace team that won the championship game. The loss was the only defeat of the season for the Novi based club, which finished the season with a 41-1-2 record. Novi traveled to St. Ignace March 3-5 to compete against teams from Dearborn, Mt. Clemens, Midland, East Grand Rapids, Cheboygan, Ironwood and St. Lawrence.

The Jaguars are led by captain Kurt Krysto and assistants Craig Kopyzyk, John Murray and Tony Tiso. Other team members include John Gazette, Alex Harsh-Strong, Colin Hogan, Bryan Kriedgen, Tommy Kopyzyk, Eric Kuptz, Lawrence Mills, Andy Minicelli, Nick Preketes, Adam Villenotte, Dan Vocino, goalie Shawn Lewis and backup goalie Alex Karzhorn.

The team is coached by head coach Randy Paquette and assistants Jim Lewis and Paul Villenotte. The squad is managed by Paul Preketes and director of player personnel Dennis Murray.



Bobcats win PeeWee Division...

The Novi Bobcats won the PeeWee Division championship recently. The team is comprised of players from Northville, Novi, South Lyon, Milford and Pinckney. Team members include Chase Abanatha, Parker Beard, Michael Blandina, Matt Brown, Jim Gates, Ed Gorman, Dan Heilman, Justin Huyser, Adam Lucacek, Raymond Monahan, Brett Redwood, Chad Sturgis, Dan Thomas, Joe Williams, Jason Williams and Jayson Leisenritt. The team was coached by Roy Lee and assistant John Gates.

Vardar club wins three titles

Vardar Boys Notch Three More Soccer Titles

The Vardar U12 boys soccer team added three new titles to their record when they earned first place in the Little Caesars Michigan State Premier Soccer League Fall U12 Division, first place at the Western Michigan regional tournament of the North American Indoor Soccer Championships, and first place at Total Soccer Wixom, Session 1, U13 Division. With the addition of these titles, the Vardar U12 squad now boasts a total of four championships in as many months of their 1999-2000 season. Earlier this fall they won the top title at the Oakland University tournament.

In their first year of Little Caesars Premier League play, Vardar went undefeated in 11 outings, tallying 10 victories, 0 losses, and 1 tie. Averaging almost six goals per game, the team ranked up 64 goals, with just six goals against. Competitors included Rochester Lightning, Brighton Express, TKO Kingdom, Capital Area United, Plymouth Kicks, Canton Cougars, Northville Sting, Van Buren Rockets, TUSA Fusion, LAYS!, Dynamic, and La Forza of Fenton.

Capturing the championship title at the Western Michigan regional tournament of the North American Indoor Soccer Championships in December, Vardar went undefeated in all four games. Qualifying games were played against Grand Rapids Panthers, grand Rapids AC Storm, and RGM United. The championship game found Vardar on top against Grand Rapids AC Storm. This finish, as well as a second place finish at the Detroit regional tournament, qualifies the team for the national finals of the North American Indoor Soccer Championships to be held in Detroit the weekend of March 4 and 5.

Vardar's exciting victory over the Brighton Express '87 squad clinched the first place title for Total Soccer Wixom, Boys U13, Session 1. Completing the session with a record of six wins, one loss, and one tie, the Vardar squad competed with U13 premier league teams. Competing in this division were the '87 Brighton Express, second place '88 Michigan Wolves, third place '87 Plymouth Kicks, '87 Livonia Wings, and '88 Northville Sting.

Outstanding in net for Vardar are goalkeepers Pete Leonard and Chris Tylenia of Birmingham. Providing exceptional field play is Andy Chun and Ian Krispin of Rochester. John Schaefer of Troy, Mark Checchobelli of Novi, Michael Palmieri of Wixom, Brian Chandler and Danny Pichler of Livonia, Zach Reyes of Fenton, B.J. Still of Saline, Jesse Henderson and Pranav Lohitsa of West Bloomfield, Phillip Lawrence of Lake Orion, and Eric James of Clarkston. Sebastian Harris of Lake Orion was a guest player at Total Soccer, Session 1. The team is trained and coached by Les Neal of South Lyon, and managed by Karen Schaefer of Troy.



The team consists of (front row - left to right) Pranov Lohitsa, Ian Krispin, Zach Reyes, Eric James, Michael Palmieri, Marc Checchobelli, Andy Chun, and Danny Pichler. (Back row - left to right) Coach Les Neal, B.J. Still, Phillip Lawrence, Jesse Henderson, Chris Tylenia, Peter Leonard, John Schaefer, Brian Chandler, and Manager Karen Schaefer.

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Health Column

Look what's just around the corner

Did you feel the summer sampler last week? With record warm temperatures, many of us



Chris Klebba

shed our thicker winter clothing for our skimpier shorts, T-shirts and summer blouses. When you looked in the mirror, what response did this bring for you? For many, it was something like this...ahhh! I need to get in better shape for summer - now.

Memorial Day is about 60 days from press time of this column. This day marks the official start of hopefully a few months of summer fun. We thought we would attempt to assist those of you wanting to not only look better in those shorts and bathing suits this year, but to get the most out of the summer activities with the least amount of aches, pains and possible injuries.

I have been around the fitness business a long time and I realize I have probably already lost a lot of readers by now. Oh, they were saying to themselves, "I don't have any time for any exercise or fitness things," or "I tried exercise before and never got any real results," or "I don't have to do any of the stuff this guy is going to talk about. I heard on the radio I can lose weight and tone while I sleep and eat anything I want by taking this magic formula before bed." For those brave souls who have read this far and in light of the fact everyone is so busy, I have listed the top six tips you can do from now to Memorial Day in under one-half hour per day to look and feel better and enjoy your summer more fuller with minimum aches, pains and injuries.

Of course, these suggestions are for the average person with no serious health problems or past injuries. If you are not sure this is you, seek a medical review to assure you are ready to begin a fitness program.

• Get into some cardiovascular training. This is key, get moving now. Three-four days of the week you should spend your 20-30 minutes of what I call "time for you" doing some kind of cardiovascular exercise. This could be jogging, swimming, bicycling, etc.

Due to the weather, many of us have to look

inside, either at home equipment or at a health club. Find what is right for you and look for variety to assure you don't get bored. Also, start slow but move up to a good intensity. Activities like walking the dog (while much better than nothing), usually does not allow us to get our heart rate high enough to burn enough body fat.

• Start some type of resistance training. Two days a week you should spend your 20 to 30 minutes doing some type of resistance training. You can use your body weight, tubing or more traditional weights for the resistance. If you start a program to lose weight and skip this component, your body will use your valuable lean muscle for energy. While you may indeed lose weight, you will be getting less toned and less healthy since the weight is coming from water and lean muscle. I could go on and on about the value of this step, benefits like stopping or reversing osteoporosis, or the fact we burn body fat within our lean muscle. We call lean muscle our "fat burning machinery." Whatever method you decide is right for you, add this step but find the proper instruction to make sure you are training safely.

We have a program using tubing that takes about 20 minutes, can be done at home and involves about a \$60 investment, (which includes the tubing equipment and a one-hour instruction session).

• Begin some flexibility training. Many people after a long winter of inactivity or hibernation hit the golf courses come first sign of warmer weather and play 18 holes and wonder why their back or shoulders are sore. Start now to use five minutes of your time a couple days a week and stretch. Like anything else, there is a safe way to do this. Seek out some guidance and start now, your body will be much more ready for activity.

• Drink six-eight glasses of water a day. This takes virtually no time and can really make a difference in your overall health. I could easily fill this entire column with the many benefits of making this lifestyle change, but for the sake of space, let me sum it up this way.

Our bodies are about 60-70 percent water. Are you giving your body a fresh supply or is it running on the same water from months ago? Oh, and even though pop and coffee have water in them, these are dehydrates. In fact, for every cup of coffee you drink, you need to add one more glass of water.

• Eat less per meal but eat more often. Do not do what many of us do when we panic about our shape, stop eating. While fasting may have its place on occasion, you need to eat every three-four hours per day. Make better food choices and cut back on the amount, but eat more often. This keeps your blood sugar stabilized, keeps your energy up and fuels your body to burn body fat. If through activity and slightly reducing our food intake (maybe cutting out those two or three cookies or potato chips), you could create a 500 calorie deficit. That is, burning 500 more calories than you are taking in, this would allow you to lose about a pound to a pound and one-half a week. In other words, about 10-15 pounds of body fat by Memorial Day. Don't get hung up on all this carbohydrate or fat amounts at this point. We are moving less today and eating about 300 calories more per day, that is why we are not in the shape we want. It is not solely the fault of carbohydrates or fats. You can gain weight by eating the whole bag of cookies or potato chips even if they are fat free.

• Take a good multi-vitamin daily. You were probably not eating three to five servings of fruit and vegetables per day before you wanted to get in better shape. As you attempt to increase your activity and reduce your food intake, you will place even more demand to assure you are receiving the proper nutrients. A good multi-vitamin will accomplish this.

One extra hint. Stop looking for and wasting money on short cuts to a healthier, better looking body. Do you really think we can eat what we want, have no activity and take a potion to get the body we want? The answer is and always has been a combination of the above six steps.

Take the next 60 days one day at a time. Commit the 20-30 minutes per day of "time for you" - you deserve it. If you fall off the program, get back on it and start again. Use the hints above and you will have a safer, fuller and fun summer. Good luck.

This column was written by Chris Klebba, owner and operator of the Water Wheel Health Club in Northville and Synergy Fitness Inc. in Farmington Hills. Klebba is also a certified personal fitness instructor.

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