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# To abate or not to abate is city question

Novi officials wonder if tax breaks to lure in big business will yield long-term city revenues.

RANDAL YAKEY  
Staff Writer

Money talks. And when it comes to multi-million dollar projects being constructed or potential Fortune 500 companies willing to locate in Novi, there appears to be a low murmur of approval for the concept of corporate tax breaks coming from the corridors of city hall.

The city council will look over a tax abatement policy outline, provided by the city administration, and will bring it back for discussion at a special meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 13.

"Several corporations have inquired as to what the policy is on tax abatements. We should at least have a policy," Mayor Richard Clark said.

All the council members in attendance at the Monday night special meeting dedicated to the topic agreed that the issue needs serious investigation before a final decision is made on whether or not to allow tax abatements.

Since the mayor's State of the

City address in January, rumors of Fortune 500 firms eyeing Novi. Monday, Clark confirmed that the Providence, Rhode Island-based Textron Inc., which ranks 144 on the Fortune 500 list, is checking out Novi.

Clark did not say whether or not Textron, which has revenues of \$11.6 billion, inquired about the city's tax abatement policy. Textron owns firms such as Bell Helicopter, Cessna Aircraft Company and the Textron Automotive Company, a leading supplier of instrument panels and plastic fuel tanks.

Any tax abatement Novi gave would be in participation with the Michigan Economic Growth Authority, in order to keep Novi competitive with other cities in luring in desirable industry development.

A rough draft of a tax abatement policy given to council indicated that as a requirement for tax abatements, the city should be provided guidelines on how many jobs would be created by business coming to the city, as well as how much the workers for the company would be paid.

The city will be looking into how long any abatement would last. Some abatements, which cut taxes by 50 percent, run anywhere from

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Lazy Lizard Chef Jose Herrera shows off chicken enchiladas.

## Cantina owners hope you'll say 'muy bueno'

Hungry vaqueros can discover the taste of a bordertown in Novi's new downtown.

RANDAL YAKEY  
Staff Writer

They've spent an enormous amount of time, planning and in trying to coming up with their dream restaurant.

Kim and Louie Golemadis, and their close group of friends and co-workers, say their new restaurant, The Lazy Lizard, is a project of perseverance, vision and a dedication to good food and good times.

Located on Main Street, they say they are dedicated to the new downtown, and definitely love the potential for the concept.

"We got something for everyone," said Louie Golemadis, sitting at a back table with his wife, Kim.

"She's got authentic Tex-Mex, but we also have steaks, ribs, six or seven different salads."

Louie Golemadis said that The Lazy Lizard will be a family restaurant that is dedicated to both adults and children.

When you come through the doors off Main Street you're greeted by the wide and well-stocked bar, where bartender Sammi Choss is serving drinks.

"What'll ya have," asked Choss. "We've got every kind of beer you want from Bohemia to Rolling Rock."

Choss, who says she's been serving up drinks in the Metro Detroit area for over twenty years, loves

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"There's just no place to skate around here."



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Skateboarder David Switzer goes airborne in a board-flipping exercise on a rainy day.

## Kids seek a place to park their wheels and blades

Local pre-teens are wheeling and dealing at city hall, hoping for a skateboard park.

BY STEPHANIE FORDYCE  
Staff Writer

Attention all residents. Novi's youth needs your help in obtaining a skate park - and hopes no one will spin their wheels on this.

At a recent community meet-

ing at the Novi Civic Center, kids and parents spoke out.

"From the research I've done, we're talking about millions of kids who are spending millions of dollars using boards, blades and equipment," said father Mark Adler, who headed the meeting along with his son, Jared.

"Skateboarding and rollerblading is a growing market and the number of skate parks across the country is also growing."

Jared Adler, 11, a student at Novi Meadows, began his quest for the park after appearing before the city council in November.

"I just explained to them that there are a lot of kids in the area who skateboard and rollerblade and that this is something we really need," he said.

Skateboarder Scott Smith agrees with that.

"There's just no place to skate around here and we need things

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Photo by STEPHANIE FORDYCE

## Crazy for Gershwin

Dazzling sets, fancy footwork, lots of music. It's all in the Novi High School production of "Crazy For You" this weekend. A cast of 150

proves they've got rhythm and that the show must go on, even in a one-cow town. The story's and ticket information are on page 8A.

# Kids ask city officials for place to ride skateboards

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like paper, rick and ramps to challenge us to take us to the next level," he said.

Mark Adler explained that a skate park is in desperate demand, especially when skateboarding in Novi is illegal.

"Did you know that there's a law in the city of Novi that does not allow skating in the streets?" he said.

In fact, sections 22.91 and 22.95 of the city ordinance state that "it is unlawful for any person to play any game on any public street or sidewalk" and "to interfere with the orderly conduct of any place of business or maliciously create a disturbance in any street, alley, highway, public building, grounds of park at any election is unlawful."

Northville mom Mary Kay Pryce said she just wants to see a place that is legal and where the kids can hang out without being hassled.

"As a parent I would just like to see a place where kids can go to and not have the police chasing them. It doesn't have to involve a league, it doesn't have to involve parents or a team, it just involves a place where kids can skate," she said.

All the kids are asking for, she added, is a place where they can just play.

Mother Carol Adler said she thinks Novi would be a great location for this kind of thing.

"I think Novi is the perfect city to build a skate park," she said.

"There's so much going on. It's a relatively small city and very family-oriented."

Novi Parks and Recreation Director Dan Davis said that since Jared approached the city council, his department has been gathering information.

"We first need to find out what kind of citizen support there is for this kind of thing," he said.



From left, Brady Babala, Jared Adler, Scott Smith, David Switzer and Ryan Miller want a park.

Mark Adler said that's exactly what needs to be done in order to get the ball rolling.

"The city hasn't guaranteed any support for this yet and we're going to have to convince them that it's worthwhile," he said.

"Along with petitions, we're going to have to seek out businesses and ask people who are interested in this, to use their resources and help us out. We need someone, some business, sponsors, that sort of thing. But our first goal is to find a site to do this."

Possible sites that were suggested included nine acres bordering Lakeshore Park and Walled Lake, where old Novi Road dead ends into Thirteen Mile Road; at the 500-acre North Novi Park on Twelve And A Half Mile Road and Dixon; and the Novi Expo Center site after the business moves.

"There are many possible sites," said Mark Adler.

"But because of Michigan weather, an outdoor park would probably not be suitable. An indoor park would most likely be our best bet," Other than location, many things that need to be considered include funding, size and how the park would be built.

Pryce said that unfortunately for this kind of sport, kids seem to be shunned.

"If we're talking about comprehensive recreation, this age group is really at a loss," she said.

"It would be nice for the kids just to be able to walk somewhere. We don't have anything like that for them."

Carol Adler agreed.

"The closest skate parks are too far," she said.

"I don't have the time to be driving the kids to Brighton or Farmington Hills to skate. We need something local."

Jared and his friends said some of their favorite skateboards and rollerbladers include Tony Hawk, Cassia Mora and Chad Muska.

"They're great role models," said Jared.

but also a cool place to hang out with friends," he said.

"And even learn things, like tricks and stuff, from other skaters," added Novi Meadows student David Switzer.

A park could offer classes in therapeutic, suggested sixth grader John Favorite.

"It would even be cool if the park could hold lessons, like on a Saturday," he said.

With some controversy surrounding skateboarders and rollerbladers fighting for turf, Ryan Miller said that's not the case here.

"There's a couple of skaters like that, but all of us rollerbladers and skateboarders get along," he said.

"We all just want the same thing," added Brady Babala, "and that's to skate."

Switzer said that there's often a big misconception about rollerbladers and skateboarders, out there.

"When most older people think of skateboarders, they think of us as just a bunch of kids who cause trouble and get arrested," he said.

"But that's just not true. We're all really nice."

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Mark Adler said that even though a skate park in Novi may seem like a new concept to some, it is really an old issue.

"This issue for a park like this in Novi was actually brought up back in 1996, but the issue just died. We don't know why it failed," he said.

"We just don't want to see the same thing be repeated."

Davis explained that in order to get the park approved, it would first have to have support from the Parks and Recreation Commission, but that the final decision would be made by the city council.

Lewis said that even though there are still many questions that need to be answered, the skate park isn't that far-fetched.

"We understand that it's popular with the kids and it's something that we've been looking at," said Lewis.

Carol Adler said "talk" is nice, but that she hopes to "see" the park become a reality.

"I don't want this done for my grandchildren. I want it for my kids," she said.

"People really want to see this happen. I think the city should go for it."

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# New company does e-business

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE  
Staff Writer

Bridge Street is a good location for a company that offers to connect your business with the world.

And a new e-business practice that provides companies with interactive websites has recently opened at that Novi address.

Located on Bridge Street, near Meadowbrook and Eleven Mile Road, Integration Projects, Inc. connects companies to the Internet in order to conduct business on the web.

"What we do is help businesses get connected to the net economy," said president Robert Mock.

Integration Projects director Dave DeLoy said once the Integration has a good sense of what direction a company want to go in, they can expand that company through the use of the Internet.

"What we specialize in is taking that business plan or idea and develop it into a technology solution. Providing business-to-business, Internet-driven applications for growing clientele."

Integration Projects is a technology-based company that has offices throughout Michigan, northern Indiana and Ohio.

Clients such as Sun-Netscape Alliance of Southfield, also include banks, hospitals, government agencies, legal offices and manufacturers.

Mock said that just having a website "doesn't mean you're doing business."

"Allowing visitors to be able to set up appointments, print receipts, get instantaneous feedback, making transactions — that's doing business," he said.

Mock explained there are two advantages Integration Projects has over other businesses like theirs.

"Virtually no technology company is willing to engage in what we call firm-fixed pricing. We create projects with the reduced risk of giving you a price up front," he said.

"Also, when a company decides they have a business strategy they want to launch, chances are they have a new idea, or their competition got to it first. So what we sell is a concept called 'time-to-benefit,' which means we can have a business up and running, engaging, and transacting on the web within 90 days. Not many firms can say that."

Mock said that one thing that makes the Integration Projects unique is that it excludes the "Big Three" like Ford and GM.

"Who we consider our customer is really important to us. We don't call on the 'Big Three.' That's a very strong message we're sending out to what I would consider the 'middle-market customer,'" he said.

"A lot of time what happens is that they wind up competing with other customers of their vendors."

Mock explained that not dealing with larger suppliers makes Integration more personable with their customers.

"Our high level of detail and our strong willingness to come out and talk with our clients allows us to be sensitive to the resource constraints of these smaller companies. We understand they don't have a million dollars to drop on the table."

Integration Projects was established in 1996 and has 40 employees with annual sales exceeding \$15 million.

Headquartered in Okemos, Mock said that the company was ready to expand.

"Our biggest clients are our Southeast customers. So it allows us to be a lot closer to them," he said.

Both Mock and DeLoy said they are glad to call Novi the new home of their sister company.

"Novi is just an ideal city," said Mock. "It's close to the interstate, close to the airport. A perfect location for a growing business."

Mock said that even in the computer age, having a good relationship with its clients is still important.

"Even in a virtual world, we can't lose sight of the track that people do business with people," he said.

If you would like more information on the new e-business, you can visit their website at: [www.integrationprojects.com](http://www.integrationprojects.com).

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# Residents question tax abatements

(Continued from 1)

"It sounds like a done deal to me."

By Eric Papp  
Staff Writer

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# Novi man extradited to Texas

RANDAL YAKEY

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## Lazy Lizard opens on Main Street

Novi's new downtown area and the clientele who has begun to frequent the cantina. "Everybody is friendly," she said. "We're even starting to get some regulars in here."

Kerry Gluckman. And Louie Golemidis acknowledged that he has had a lot of help from friends family and even the competition. "We don't go back there," said Louie Golemidis. "We have good portions. That's his place back there."

Photo by JOHN HEDER  
Lazy Lizard waiter Josh Slanaker pays a table visit to diners Chris Neville, John Mazag, Kerry Ellis and Shelly Markowitz.

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# Cowboys meet showgirls in Novi High's "Crazy For You."

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE

With a cast of 150, the Novi High School production of "Crazy For You" is a musical that is both a comedy and a tragedy. The story is about a young man named Bobby who falls in love with a girl named Erin. Bobby is a cowboy and Erin is a showgirl. The musical is set in the 1950s and is a love story that is both funny and touching. The production is directed by Paula Joyner-Cinard and is being performed at the Novi High School Auditorium. The show begins at 7:30 p.m. and tickets are available for purchase. The cast includes many talented students from Novi High School. The production is a great example of the school's commitment to the arts. The show is a must-see for anyone who loves musicals. The production is a true work of art and is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the cast and crew. The show is a great way to spend an evening and is a great way to support the school's arts program. The production is a true work of art and is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the cast and crew. The show is a great way to spend an evening and is a great way to support the school's arts program.



**Song and dance**  
Above, at the dress rehearsal of "Crazy For You," these cowboys croon their hearts out.

At left are the stars of this weekend's Novi High School production, Mike Wahlstrom, who plays male lead Bobby Child and Erin Chupinsky, who plays Bobby's love interest, Polly Baker.

Photos by STEPHANIE FORDYCE

## Show features a cast of 150

Who's on stage this weekend? The cast of the Novi High School production of "Crazy For You" includes: Brittany Notoraya, Brittany Albright, Mahele Cavertill, Cassie Lan, Andy Becker, Charles Shaub, Matt Ephraim, Jon Dooks, and Mike Hozowski. Also, Andrew Jewell, Colin Hagan, Jeff Broadell, Katerina Algran, Anne Eika, Ashley Foyles, Lacie Greenberg, Ashwin Hardikar, Alicia Harshfield, Angie King, Lindsay March, Sarah Plinto, Katy Soller, Valerie Stefanak, Annaliese Woodford, Mary-Jean Zikora, Nancy Shaw, Sarah Bende, Courtney Broadell, Marie Gouba, Bethany Snow, Ellen Carter, Ashley O'Dell, Erika Slating, and Stephanie Witchevsky. The play is produced by Paula Joyner-Cinard and assistant directing is by Tim Robb. In addition, set design is by Rick Wahlstrom, costumes by Jean Chupinsky and Sharon Fouts, hair and makeup by Carole Mihalo, orchestra by Scott Boerna, technical directing by Norm Norgran, student directing by Eliza Balon and stage managing by Jessica Cole and Amber Leahy.

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# Key Plastics files bankruptcy, employees will keep jobs

RANDAL YAKY Staff Writer

The Novi-headquartered Key Plastics, one of the world's leading automotive suppliers, averted an attempt by creditors to collect on outstanding debts by filing Chapter 11 in U.S. Bankruptcy Court last week, according to company officials.

Key Plastics manufactures high-engineered precision plastic components, including driver information and audio components, and exterior ornamentation such as door handles and fuel filter doors.

According to Benoit, the company's spending practices in the past have been "overextended."

Key Plastics' Chief Executive Officer David Benoit said that the company has received a promise for funding from an unspecified financial group.

"We have a creditors' agreement for reorganization in bankruptcy court," said Benoit.

"We have received \$125 million in funds to provide for liquidity for the company."

The agreement is debtor-in-possession financing, which is subject to court approval. The financing is expected to cover the firm's obligations to its employees and creditors, as well as the costs of restructuring.

Benoit said that he is confident that company would remain a major player in the automotive industry.

"The important thing is that the company will continue to function and there will be no layoffs," Benoit added.

"Our customers understand where we are and we will continue to provide services to them."

Key's reputation for precision

engineered products is second to none," said Benoit.

"We have an unblemished reputation for quality, service and timeliness of delivery. We look forward to fixing our balance sheet so that we can once again focus our attention on designing and manufacturing the best precision components for the automobile industry."

The default is blamed on cost-cutting by automotive manufacturers, coupled with rising interest rates and low return on new investments.

Over the past five years, Key Plastics has gone from nine facilities in the United States and Mexico to 33 facilities in nine countries, including Germany, France, Italy and Canada.

In March of last year, Key Plastics purchased the Foggani Group of Turin, Italy, adding an additional nine plants in Europe. Foggani produced plastic injection molded components for Tier 1 suppliers including Alfa Romeo, Renault and Volkswagen. In June of 1998, the

company purchased Aero Plastics of Markham, Ontario. Earlier that same year, Key purchased the Labradier Plastics plant in Howell, Michigan. In 1997, the company purchased Clearplas Frater SA and T.D. Shea Manufacturing of Troy.

According to the city of Novi, the 2000 state equalized assessment for the property was approximately \$2.3 million, with the cash value at approximately \$4.7 million. The Novi headquarters property value went up by 2.2 percent over last year. The 63,000 square foot structure sits on 4-43 acres of land at 21333 Haggerty Road.

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

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The class is on Wednesday, April 5 at the Novi Meadows Media Center from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
Cost is \$20.

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The class is Thursday, April 6 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Room 155 of the Novi High School.

The cost is \$18 and a \$5 material fee is also required.

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• Easter is just around the corner, so why not make some fun holiday projects using your personal computer.

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The class is Thursday, April 6 from 7 - 9 p.m. at the TTC Forum.

Cost is \$32.

For information on these classes, call Novi Community Education at 449-1206.

## Council will choose city clerk replacement at April 3 meeting

The on-going process to find a new city clerk has already had some alterations.

One candidate is out of the running and another has been selected as a replacement candidate.

The Novi City Council conducted interviews for the city clerk position on Saturday, March 25, but did not make a decision.

The two candidates are Walled Lake City Clerk Marianne Cornelius and Hazel Park City Clerk Mary Ellen Graver.

A replacement for departed clerk Tonni Bartholomew is expected to be picked by the Novi City Council at its April 3 meeting. Mayor Richard Clark said.

Graver was named a candidate after Grand Blanc City Clerk/Finance Director Richard Saathoff, one of the two original candidates selected for the interview process, withdrew last week.

"Upon being contacted about the interview, she withdrew," said Assistant City Manager Craig Klaver. "We felt that it would be uncomfortable to interview only one candidate, so we went with the third candidate."

Graver, a St. Clair Shores resident, has an associate's degree from Macon Community College in Business Administration, and is

a certified municipal clerk. She was deputy clerk for St. Clair Shores for nine years before taking over as city clerk in 1998. St. Clair shores, with 12,700 registered voters, has approximately 20,000 residents.

Cornelius, who has attended the Michigan State University Municipal Clerks Institute, is presently president of the Michigan Municipal Clerks Association, as well as a member of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. Cornelius has worked for the city of Walled Lake for ten years.

Walled Lake has a population of approximately 7,500 people.

### NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 00-009

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Tony Angelo Cement Construction Company is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow the placement of a portable concrete batch plant for the paving of Cabot Drive from May 15, 2000 through July 15, 2000. Cabot Drive will be located west of Haggerty Road between Twelve Mile Road and Thirteen Mile Road.

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

This request will be considered at 3:00 p.m. on April 5, 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 April 5, 2000.

SARAH MARCHIONI, RECORDING SECRETARY (248) 347-0415

(3-30-00 NR, NN 962140)

### CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 19, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT 18.180.**

**AN ORDINANCE TO ADD SUBSECTION 1701.7 TO ORDINANCE NO. 97-18, AS AMENDED, THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE, TO PERMIT BROWPUPS WITHIN THE RC REGIONAL CENTER DISTRICT.**

All interested persons are invited to attend. The proposed ordinance is available for review at the Planning and Community Development Department. Verbal comments will be heard at the public hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning and Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375, until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 19, 2000.

NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION ROBERT CHURELLA, SECRETARY (3-30-00 NR/NN 962117)

### CITY OF NOVI NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 19, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.591 FOR POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR REZONING OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT TWELVE MILE AND DIXON ROADS FROM RESIDENTIAL ACREAGE (RA) TO ONE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (R-1) OR ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE ZONING DISTRICT.**

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ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL RICHARD CLARK, MAYOR NANCY REUTER, DEPUTY CLERK

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be sent to the Planning & Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, 2000.

NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION ROBERT CHURELLA, SECRETARY (3-30-00 NR/NN 962143)

### NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 00-010

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Tony Angelo Cement Construction Company is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow the placement of a portable concrete batch plant on the project site for Beck North rd using the paving of Beck North roads from April 24, 2000 through June 24, 2000. Beck North is located on the north side of West Road.

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

This request will be considered at 3:15 p.m. on April 5, 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 April 5, 2000.

SARAH MARCHIONI, RECORDING SECRETARY (248) 347-0415

(3-30-00 NR, NN 962139)

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Chris Geams, Supervisor of Custodial, Maintenance & Transportation

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Chris Geams (248) 344-8445

Contact Person: (3-23-00 NR/NN 960657)

### NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 00-011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Local Color is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow a storage trailer on-site, located at 42705 Grand River Avenue from April 5, 2000 through October 5, 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 3:30 p.m. on April 5, 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 April 5, 2000.

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### NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NORTHVILLE, MI NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Northville Public School District is soliciting sealed bids for computers, laptops and laser printers.

Bids should be returned to the Business Office at 501 W. Main Street no later than 2:00 p.m., Thursday, April 6, 2000. Bids should be in sealed envelopes clearly marked NPS-OCE-2000. Specifications are available from the Educational Technology Office, contact Barbara Fife at 248-344-8111.

(3-30-00 NR/NN 962133)

### NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS/REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS LEGAL SERVICES

The City of Novi will receive Request for Proposals/Request for Qualifications for Legal Services according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Proposals will be received until 3:00 p.m. prevailing eastern time, Tuesday, April 25, 2000, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows:

CITY OF NOVI  
CAROL J. KALINOVIK, PURCHASING DIRECTOR  
45175 W. Ten Mile Rd.,  
Novi, MI 48375-3026

All bids must be signed by a legally authorized agent of the bidding firm. ENVELOPES MUST BE PLAINLY MARKED

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AND MUST BEAR THE NAME OF THE BIDDER.

The City reserves the right to accept any or all alternative proposals and award the contract to other than the lowest bidder; to waive any irregularities or informalities or both; to reject any or all proposals; and in general to make the award of the contract in any manner deemed by the City, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the City of Novi.

CAROL J. KALINOVIK, PURCHASING DIRECTOR (248) 347-0446

(3-30-00 NR, NN 962136)

### CITY OF NOVI NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 19, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.591 FOR POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR REZONING OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT TWELVE MILE AND DIXON ROADS FROM RESIDENTIAL ACREAGE (RA) TO ONE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (R-1) OR ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE ZONING DISTRICT.**

To rezone a part of the S.E. 1/4 of Section 23, T.1N., R.5E., City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, being parcels 22-23-151-016 and 22-23-181-033 more particularly described as follows:

PARCEL 22-23-151-016 Beginning at a point distant S00°00'00"E 1137.46 feet along the West line of Section 23 (nominal CL of Novi Road) and S70°45'00"E, in part along the Southern line of Novi Gardens Sub., as recorded in Liber 60, Page 18 of Plats, Oakland County Records, 1338.09 feet from the NW corner of Section 23; thence continuing in part along the Southern and Western line of said Novi Gardens Sub. S70°45'00"E 72.34 feet and S00°04'52"W 298.88 feet; thence S33°39'00"W 587.10 feet; thence N38°20'00"E 300.00 feet; thence N53°39'00"E 723.52 feet to the point of beginning, containing 4.75 acres.

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FROM: R-1 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT TO: RM-2 HIGH DENSITY, MULTIPLE FAMILY, RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT

ORDINANCE NO. 18.591 ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 591 CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL RICHARD CLARK, MAYOR NANCY REUTER, DEPUTY CLERK

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be sent to the Planning & Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, 2000.

NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION ROBERT CHURELLA, SECRETARY (3-30-00 NR/NN 962144)

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## As We See It

### Tread carefully when it comes to abatements

Novi's city council members have spent two meetings talking about the possibility of tax abatements for attractive new industrial, high-tech developments and after all the debate, the firm conclusion they've reached can pretty much be summed up like this:

We need a policy. We don't know what it will be yet. We'll be doing more research. Stay tuned.

And if that sounds wishy-washy to an abatement-seeking big corporation out there that may be flirting with Novi as a possible site for a new branch or headquarters, so be it.

Because this is not something the city should rush into.

Novi, by any standard, has proved itself to be a very desirable place for development. It has freeway access, it's convenient to the Detroit metro area, as well as the growing communities to the west in Livingston County and Ann Arbor.

People are thronging here to live, to shop, to dine, to party, to attend an Expo Show. When the multiplex theater goes up at Fountain Walk shopping center on Twelve Mile and when Main Street is built-out, the city will become even more of a regional entertainment center.

Why then would anyone even consider giving a big business a 50 percent tax break for up to 12 years? Wouldn't we all like a 50 percent slash in our property taxes for a healthy decade or so? Is there any resident, or for that matter any small business owner, who wouldn't sign up for that?

So when some residents appeared skeptical about the concept of tax abatements and said so at Monday's council meeting, thinking straight from the gut, it's hard not to find yourself agreeing with them.

Stepping back, however, and taking a look at the long-term perspective, as the city plans its future, in certain, specific cases, an occasional tax abatement might not be a terrible idea.

Why Novi officials in planning ahead hope to bring in high-tech corporations is simple greed. Greed for themselves as homeowners, and for every other homeowner. Big firms such as this pay high taxes and use few city services. They pay

big bucks for schools, parks, police and fire. Unlike retail developments, where shoplifting seems to be endemic, industrial concerns keep to themselves and rarely call 9-1-1. No wonder that the leaders of metro area cities scramble for this type of development, hoping to rake in the tax dollars so they don't have to hike millage rates for homeowners.

For over 15 years, Novi's pretty much stood firm against tax abatements, while other communities have been using them like candy to lure in high-tech development. Those kind of companies have located here, anyhow. City officials are proud, for example, that Husky Injecting Molding Systems found its way to Novi from Ontario.

In the early 1990s, the city considered offering tax abatements to move businesses such as Ford Transit Mix out of the Grand River Avenue, Novi Road crossroads to make way for Novi's new downtown. That plan failed and market forces relocated most of the targeted companies, except for Ford.

Today, the economy's booming. High-tax paying, low-service-using corporations come here without tax breaks.

But the economy may not always be good and then we'll see city after city offering incredible giveaways to companies, hoping that in the long-run, their tax base will be boosted. But one problem we've seen with abatements is that some corporations hop from city to city. When their 10- or 12-year abatement is up in one community, they scratch their old facility and move on to get another break somewhere else.

And that's why Novi officials should be very cautious in approaching a tax abatement policy. There may be certain specific instances where an abatement is justified to bring in a fantastic development opportunity.

Certainly, Novi should have a tax abatement policy in place, as long as having a policy doesn't create an assumption in the corporate world that it will be used. While Novi remains a hot town to relocate in, the city should be cautious about giving anything away easily.

## Finding peace in the city



**Jan Jeffres**

The theme of the right side of this page has shaped up to be quiet, solitude, peace, nature. It wasn't my plan. But below you will see the column local historian Barbara Louie brought to us this week. I found it particularly fascinating when she writes about a man from upstate New York who was forced to flee to Novi with his family to escape the horrors of "advancing civilization."

The poor old boy would be in culture shock today. Where, oh, where could we go to do the same today? Find yourself a place in the country, if you can, and just try to tune out the noise. Even if your neighbors are across away, airplanes, helicopters and the never-ending roar of cars will follow you. Yet don't many of us dream of a paradise of silence broken only by the sounds of birds, the gentle murmur of a creek?

Even Novi's well-known Farm Lady, Margaret Schmidt and her husband, Larry, have found their rustic retreat on once-rural Wixom Road now surrounded by a huge subdivision in progress. Schmidt is afraid her new neighbors may not be understanding when her donkey expresses himself with an occasional bray. But with any luck, the newcomers will view the proximity of this small farm as one of the delights of the community. Hopefully, Margaret will find that many of them will be grateful to the Schmidts if occasionally they allow them to come calling to see a baby lamb or newborn chicks.

For so many of us have rural roots if we look far

enough back. Our ancestors came from farms in upstate New York, or rural Tuscany, or villages in northern China.

Photographer John Heider's contribution to the theme this week happened to be a photograph of a pair of Canada Geese happily making a home for themselves in the heart of downtown Novi, unaware that half of the population of Michigan wants them gone. They manage to survive around us, but so many creatures find it difficult to do the same.

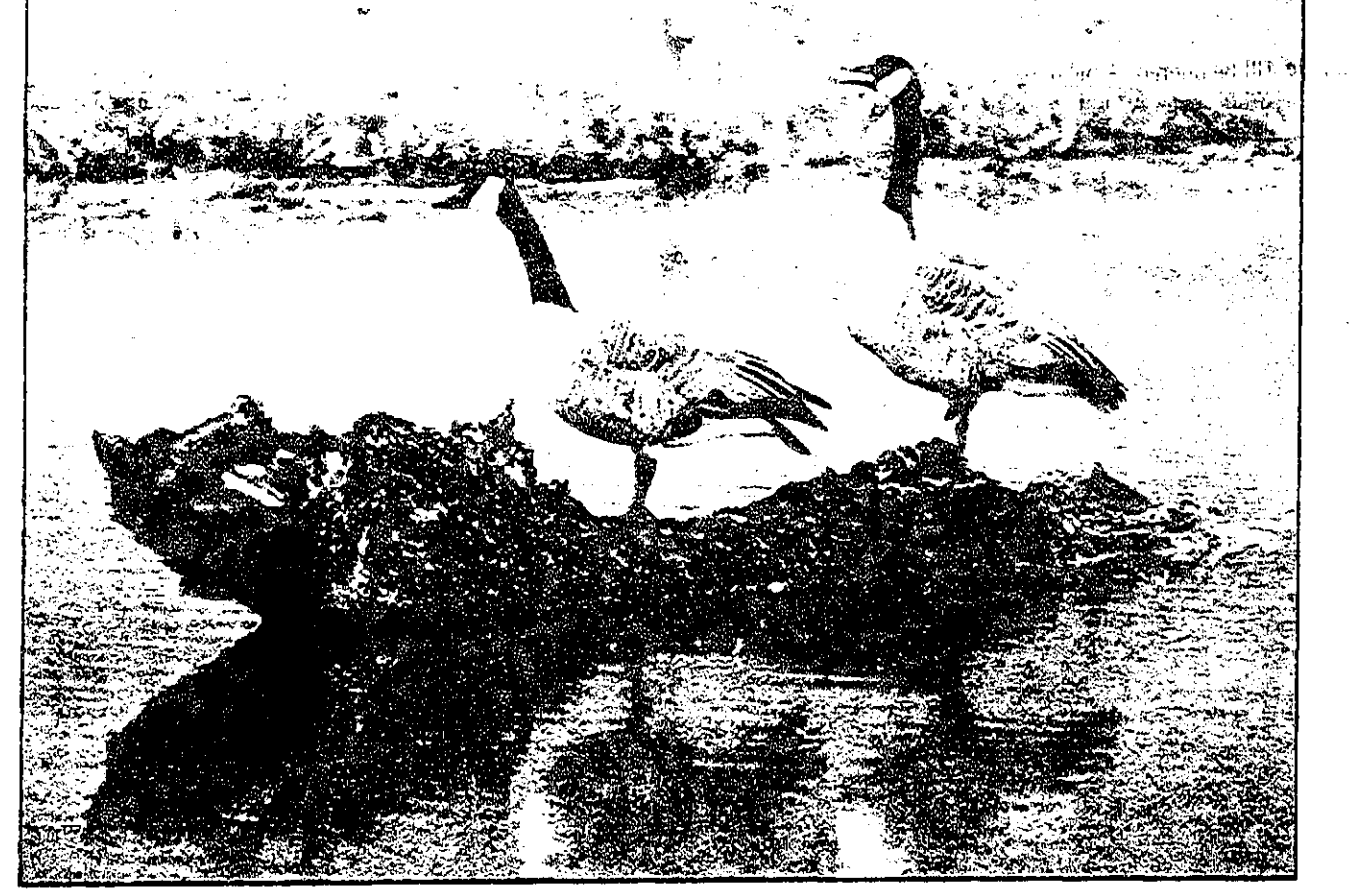
Yet one great pleasure many people I know say they find in the change of the season to spring is waking up and listening to birds greeting the day. We seem to forget, from year to year, just how plump those robins are.

For me, it's hard to get going some mornings because I become too distracted watching the shenanigans of those who share my home with me. One of my greatest pleasures is just tuning out the noise and playing Jane Goodall to my backyard wildlife. This year, we have a baby squirrel and a baby chipmunk struggling for their place at the feeders with a very aggressive female squirrel — an old friend of the family — a pair of Mallard ducks and an assortment of ten or more varieties of birds. It's a never-ending drama. Who will get the peanuts first? Which bird is highest in the pecking order? Sometimes, the outdoor soap opera seems more real than the world of work. I almost forget I'm living in the city.

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## In Focus

### By John Heider



A pair of Canada Geese rested last week on a log in a small pond near Grand River Avenue and Novi Town Center.

## Local residents

### He came to Novi for solitude



**Barbara Louie**

Perrinton, Monroe County, New York was one such community. It was settled in 1791 by Glover Perrin and his wife, who were joined one year later by Perrin's brother, Jesse. The two families were the only non-native residents of the area for the next two years.

By 1800, a number of other families had moved to the area. David Cady and his father settled in Perrinton around 1820. Danick, their brother and son respectively, came to Michigan in 1824, becoming Northville's first resident. David arrived later, settling in Canton Township. Another brother, Samuel, moved to Nankin Township (today known as Westland).

When the Erie Canal was completed in 1825, it opened the way for even more New Yorkers to settle in

Michigan. Travel time between New York and Michigan was cut drastically, from several weeks to just a few days. Towns like Perrinton, which were relatively close to the canal, lost a significant number of people who sought a better life in the western territory.

Joseph Eddy, one of Novi's earliest settlers, also came from New York. He moved often in his life, reportedly to avoid the "crowds" of immigrants taking up precious space, until he found himself in Wayne County, N.Y. He lived there several years before claustrophobia set in again and he decided to head for the more isolated, solitary wilds of Michigan.

According to Leake's "History of Detroit," "...with a troubled heart at the long journey before him, but not a regret for the home which advancing civilization had rendered so distasteful, Joseph Eddy repacked his household goods, gathered his large family around him and started on his long journey to the far west..."

"Queer man, you will say, thus to rob himself and family of home after home for the sake of solitude and immunity from what to him were the discomforts of civilization. But...he loved rude nature in all her untamed beauty..."

Though Novi's population threatened his solitude once again, "old age was upon him, he became blind and soon after died" before being able to find another secluded paradise.

Barbara Louie is the author of the book "No. VI on the Trail" as well as other local history books.

## Can urban sprawl be reversed?



**Mike Malott**

It was truly a shame, I thought, when the Michigan chapter of the National Federation of Independent Businesses released survey results this month showing that the state's "Main Street business" owners and family farmers reject the notion that state spending should be skewed to influence land use.

The survey, unveiled by NFIB Michigan Director Charles Owens, showed that two thirds of small business owners in Michigan object to the idea of directing state spending on roads, schools, utilities and other services away from outlying areas "in an attempt to restrict suburban growth."

Only one in four supported the concept. It's a shame because that is exactly those folks — Main Street business owners and family farmers — who lawmakers are trying to help most with their anti-sprawl initiatives.

Downtowns and small towns are among those most hurt right now by sprawl. When a new mall or strip center opens out on the interstate, it's usually the older established business centers that suffer the most. Keeping Main Streets healthy across the state is exactly what lawmakers are hoping to do.

Family farmers get hurt now by sprawl too. The big corporate farms will always be able to survive, but the family farmers are the ones who can barely make a profit when their land is taxed according to what it could be sold for if it were to be developed as, say, condominiums. Assessing land based on its value when used as farm land

— rather than on its potential according to what it could be developed as — will allow family farmers, not the taxman, to determine how long they'll stay in agriculture and when to put the acreage on the market.

But here is the part that really stings. "Recently, there has been a growing temptation among state lawmakers to slip language dealing with these issues into budget bills," Owens said in unveiling the survey results. It's a "back-door effort to rob Rural Peter to pay Urban Paul, all in the name of addressing our 'sprawl problem'."

On issues this important, Michigan deserves better than "stealth legislation" tactics.

Ouch. State lawmakers aren't trying to hide their activities. They've been quite open about the ways in which they are trying to address sprawl. But those who are familiar with the initiatives should also be able to understand where Owens and the NFIB are coming from.

There are dozens of initiatives aimed at dealing with sprawl spread out all over the place — legislation, a constitutional amendment, budget bills, administrative programs, committee research — and none of them carry a title with the word "sprawl" in it.

For example: Gov. John Engler has proposed a constitutional amendment for the ballot this fall to set tax assessments on farms at their agricultural use rather than on their "highest and best use." Although it is intended to address sprawl by taking property tax pressure off farmers, sprawl is nowhere mentioned in the proposal.

Nor was it when the governor's brown-field redevelopment tax credits went through.

It won't like be in the verbiage when the issue of purchasing development rights and moving them to brownfields is taken

up later this year.

Yes, budget bills have been used. Rep. Patricia Godchaux, R-Birmingham, for instance included a program in her budget for the Michigan Economic Development Commission in which it would attempt to redirect development toward urban areas.

Rep. Gene DeFosssett, R-Manchester, has a bill that would coordinate construction codes across the state. But it doesn't carry the sprawl label.

And DeFosssett is the chair of a nine-member committee studying sprawl and ways to address it. But its title refers to land use, not to sprawl.

The reason is that the policies in place now that encourage and exacerbate sprawl, that actually spur growth further out in greenfield areas in an artificial manner, are also spread out all over the place.

Of course, when they were instituted in the first place, we didn't have a debate that concluded we should encourage sprawl. But now that we want to curtail it, folks like Owens, I think legitimately, feel we should have a debate to determine whether reversing the process is what we want to do and the best ways to do it.

This is where DeFosssett's committee could really do the state a favor. By taking its show on the road throughout the state and giving voice to all who have pro or con sentiments about the issue of sprawl, the committee could provide the forum the state needs on the overall issue of sprawl.

If that doesn't happen, some in Michigan will continue to feel that lawmakers snuck it by them. And that would indeed be a shame.

Mike Malott reports on the local implications of state and regional events. He can be reached by phone at (248) 634-8219 or by e-mail at [mimalott@homecomm.net](mailto:mimalott@homecomm.net)

## No need for tax breaks for businesses

To the Editor:

When will the city of Novi quit feeding the residents a load of bull? First we had to have the OST zoning to bring in development and widen the city's tax base. We almost paid for roads to enhance this development and now we see the city council considering tax abatements to lure in this development that was already supposed to be coming. There is currently one development on hold until there is a decision on whether or not abatements will be offered. A billion-dollar corporation is waiting to see if it can build the residence of Novi for tax relief. Maybe I'm a little naive, but I still say that in Novi it is residential versus business and I really don't think the residents are winning.

Steve Reed

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Community Events, seven of the eight events with identifiable cities featured Northville. Rec Briefs highlights the new catalog from Northville Parks and Recreation and two other Northville events. No mention about the new brochure out from Novi, or any Novi events.

And again, for the third week in a row (if it be counted), four full columns on Northville seniors in the Diversions section. Nothing on Novi seniors.

You made it very clear with your correction on page 2 of Section A that HomeTown Newspapers prints the Northville Parks and Rec brochure. That must make it very convenient for you to grab and print filler materials. But to fail to use any material on Novi Parks and Recreation is unconscionable for a local paper calling itself the Novi News. To make it easy, go to the City

of Novi website, to the Parks and Rec pages, highlight the information, use your browser's copy command, and then paste the contents into your word-processing system. I'll bet Novi Parks and Rec would even e-mail you their brochure files. You will then have the entire brochure contents at your disposal to use, without minimal effort, to use for Novi Living.

With a Novi resident, Chris Davis, now editor of the Northville Record, maybe we can get some Novi news into the Northville Record. Can you get some Novi news into the Novi News?

Sid Rairigh

## NO NOVI NEWS IN NOVI NEWS

To the Editor:

I looks like you're going to need some constant attention to get your newspaper up to Novi standards. Great job on getting a Novi hospital on the front cover of Section B - Novi News Living. But you still aren't getting the picture about the rest or are you willing to state that you are satisfied with the contents and will not be trying to make Novi News Living about Novi?

Last week (March 16, 2000), in

To the Editor:

I took the editorial and opinion column by Mike Malott which ran in several HomeTown newspapers earlier in March represents one of the most misinformed examples of journalism I have read. The piece portrayed HB 4752 by Rep. (Nancy) Cassis as a restraint on trade and an imposition on wine fanciers. That simply isn't true, so let's examine the facts.

HB 4752 merely requires that property licensed persons selling

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alcohol over the Internet must verify the age of the purchaser, properly label the shipping container as containing alcohol, and requires that the delivery agency verify the age at the time of delivery. This is nothing more than common sense and provisions that your readers would surely support. In fact, surveys taken in Michigan and throughout the nation have found that over 80 percent of the people favor regulating Internet sales of alcohol to ensure that minors don't have easy access.

Here are a few other examples of unknown or ignored facts by Mr. Malott. The column suggests that Michigan wineries will no longer be able to sell over the Internet. That's false. Michigan wineries can continue to sell in this manner. Is it too much to ask that they take a couple of small steps to ensure the purchaser is of legal age? How about the fact that there are over 16,500 brands of beer and wine registered with the Michigan Liquor Control Commission for sale in Michigan? Your column stated that only wines of the top 50 to 100 varieties in this country can be served by the licensed wholesalers and retailers in Michigan.

Your credit card/paper trail argument as a reason why minors will not purchase over the Internet does not hold water when you consider that a significant percentage, if not a majority, of colleges and universities have their own credit cards. It won't be mom and dad's card that these 18-21 year-olds use. Lastly, and most importantly, Internet sales are not limited to small family wineries and vintage wines. If one surfs the net, you will find hundreds of Websites of large liquor stores across the country selling and shipping all kinds of liquor, beer and wine.

There was a reason that Rep. Cassis's legislation passed the House unanimously. It's good public policy, and it is legislation the vast majority of your readers will support.

Michael Lashbrook  
President  
Michigan Beer & Wine Wholesalers Association

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** We initially interviewed Mr. Lashbrook when preparing the story, but he did not return subsequent phone calls attempting to clarify certain points. This newspaper stands by its news article as factually accurate and by

Judy Beyersdorf

## ORGAN DONATIONS SAVE LIVES

To the Editor:

Did you know that in 1999, 824 Michigan families consented to organ donation? The result: 10 Michigan children received a heart transplant and eight received a kidney transplant. Eleven children under the age of 18 received healthy livers and 26 were given the gift of sight.

These children were transplanted. These children will now have the opportunity to grow and lead healthy lives, graduate from college, have children of their own, and see their dreams come true.

The families who said yes to donate not only helped these children but they also bestowed a precious gift on the families, friends, classmates and communities of those children and all the others who receive transplants.

The gift of life is perhaps the most extraordinary gift, yet we rarely hear about those families who bestow this gift upon strangers and how their lives are forever changed. We rarely get a glimpse into the lives of those who are miraculously saved by giving caring Michigan families who say yes to organ and tissue donation.

Every one of us can make a difference simply by pledging to become an organ and tissue donor. Here's what you can do today: talk to your family about your decision; sign the Michigan Donor Registry (registration cards are available at all Secretary of State branch offices or through the Gift of Life Agency of Michigan, 1-800-482-4881; and sign the back of your driver's license.

Need a good reason to talk about organ and tissue donation? Think of those 36 children who received an organ transplant in 1999. Think of their families and imagine yourself being in their shoes. Think how grateful they are to those strangers who saved their child's life. It's something we all would want for our own families. The Jones-Lessna said yes to donation have left behind an incredible legacy. Talk to your friends and family about donating life. Sign the Michigan Donor Registry today.

Judy Beyersdorf

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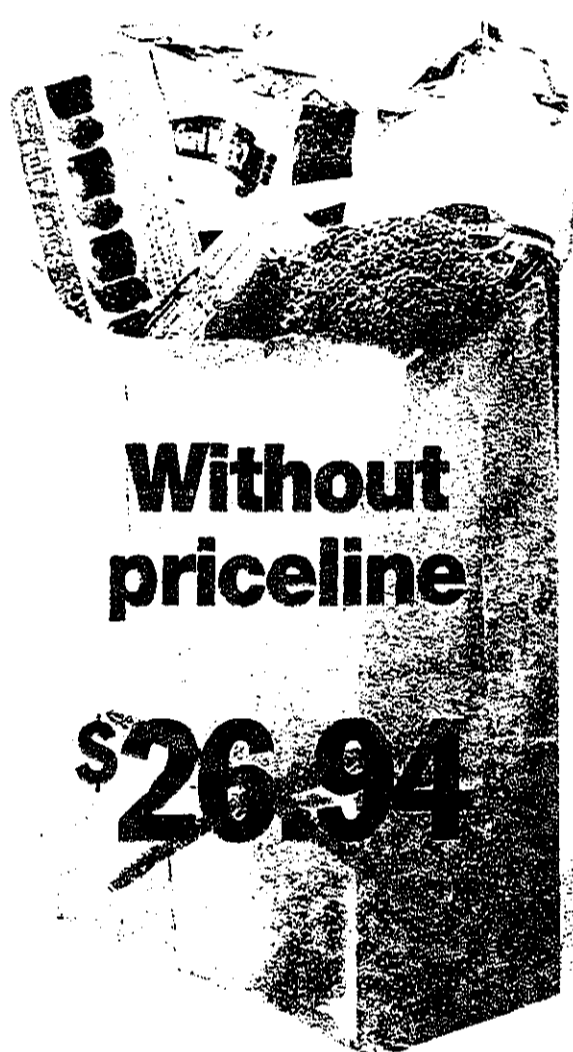
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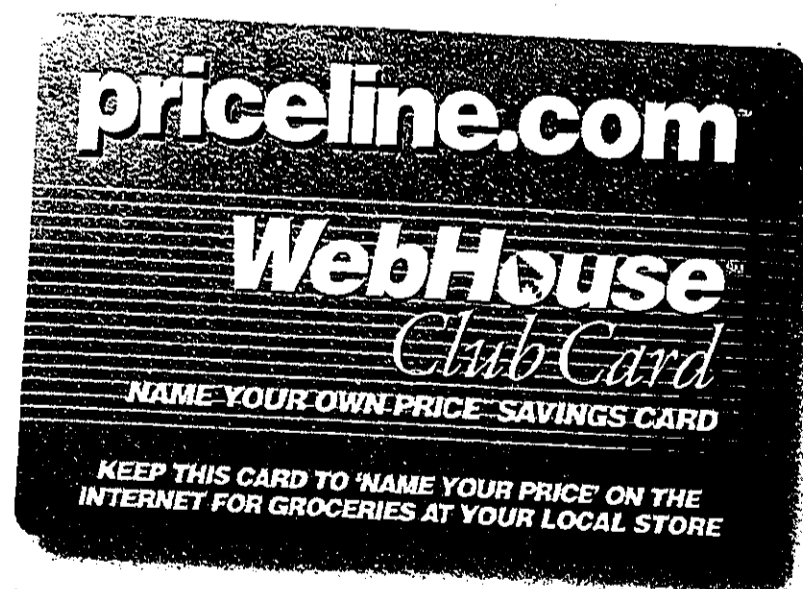
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**INSIDE**

**New city clerk named**

Christopher C. Beavis has been named Novi's new city clerk, in an unanimous Novi City Council decision.

"Enough of this professionally-qualified garbage. We wanted someone who would be fun, who would enliven our Novi City Council meetings with cartoon noises, sound effects and his digestive difficulties," snorted Mayor Richard Clark.

"Beavis is just weird enough to fit in. And the chicks at city hall think he's cute." — Page 6A



**LIVING**

**Better business?**



Novi Chamber of Commerce leaders are irate over a new policy set by downtown merchants, who close down their businesses at noon each Friday until 11 a.m. Monday.

"They call that working?" scolded chamber Executive Director Lisa Willard.

"They're out drinking and dancing in the streets all Friday afternoon. Customers are complaining that Novi doesn't even have a Happy Hour any more, except for the business owners. Everyone else has to hit the bars in Wixom." — Page 1AA

**SPORTS**

**Euthanize the ump**

Some parents are complaining over a new Novi Youth Baseball umpire who has made several controversial calls.

"This is crazy. The umpire called my kid out! How would he know, he's a monkey," said Morey Whitner.

A spokesperson for NYB said the parents' yapping is way off-base. "It's unfair to discriminate against an official just because he's a different species," said Coach Magilla. — Page 1B



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**HAPPY APRIL FOOLS!**

## All hail Novi's king Elvis alive, well and city manager

By LOONEY TUNES  
Staff Writer

After living a quiet life of anonymity in Dublin, Ohio since he faked his own death in 1977, Elvis Presley has agreed to become the new city manager of Novi.

When offered the job by the Novi City Council, Elvis was so moved he could only say "I'm all shook up."

Elvis was one of 30,012 applicants for the post, but Mayor Richard Clark said he was a clear stand-out because he was the only one to sing his answers during the two-hour job interview.

"Once he got that pelvis going, we knew he had what it takes to run Novi," Mayor Pro Tem Laura

Lorenzo said, lifting her eyebrows. "And when he crooned 'Just let me be your teddy bear,' he had my vote."

In 1976, Presley alerted the media of his supposed death and adopted an assumed name, Richard Helwig, to allow him to live his dream of running a hamburger stand in southern Ohio. A now-slim Presley-Helwig said he is ready to take on the responsibilities of managing Novi, provided the city supplies him with daily fried banana and peanut butter sandwiches.

He explained he chose the name Helwig because if you drop the "H" and speak with a funny accent, it almost sounds like "Elvis."

However, the deal almost fell through when Elvis learned that the premier local eatery, Bates Hamburgers, was razed last year.

Elvis said he was looking forward to meeting Novi residents and spreading good will throughout the city.

"I'm just a hunka, hunka burning love," he added.

It has not yet been determined how much the city will pay the multimillionaire, but the council has agreed that his new job title will be "The King." In addition, Clark said the Novi Civic Center will be renamed Graceland and the atrium will be redecorated in a leopard print scheme. He will also

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Elvis Presley, who faked his own death and lived in Ohio using the name Richard Helwig, has agreed to be Novi city manager.

## Kriewall a kleptomaniac?



Photo by SOME GUY WITH A CAMERA

Ex-city manager Ed Kriewall hauling out boxes of goods purchased with taxpayers' cash.

## Ex-Novu manager will be extradited for purloining city's office supplies

By R.J. JEKIEL  
Staff Writer

FORT MYERS BEACH - Former Novi City Manager Ed Kriewall was arrested after Fort Myers police raided his oceanfront condominium, discovering over \$125,000 in office supplies and toiletries.

"The place was packed wall-to-wall," said Fort Myers Police Detective Robert Carelli.

"He wasn't going to let us in at first. He kept saying 'It's all mine.' It's really weird. I mean, this guy's a lu-lu."

At the request of Novi City Attorney Dennis Watson, Florida authorities have agreed to extradite Kriewall to Michigan. He will be charged with grand theft from a municipality, Watson said.

According to police, Kriewall had completely filled three of the five rooms in his condominium with pencils, ball point pens, staplers, paper clips, writing stationery and even 93 packages of toilet paper.

"Don't touch any of it. I have rights. This is a conspiracy. I'm being set up," said Kriewall, as he was being hauled away.

Kriewall confessed to Florida police later that he had been collecting the items for the past 30 years while employed by the City of Novi.

Police said they received a tip from one of Kriewall's neighbors after he tried to sell 12,000 legal pads to the 94-year old retiree.

"He kept coming on to me and others in the neighborhood," said Edna Kravitz, a grandmother and Kriewall's neighbor.

"He'd walk up and down the boardwalk propositioning people, talking about notebooks and paper clips. He's a very sick man."

Kriewall reportedly told the woman "I have a ton of this stuff I need to unload."

Carelli said the night of the raid Kriewall was seen again down on the beach, dressed in a black trench coat and fedora hat, accosting individuals in an attempt to sell the merchandise.

In a statement released yesterday, Kriewall said that he only took the toilet paper because he was fiber-sensitive and he liked to "squeeze the Charmin." He became seriously

dejected, Kriewall said, when Novi Purchasing Director Carol Kalinovich began stocking up on White Cloud for the Novi Civic Center.

Kriewall's lawyer, Alan Derchowitz, said that Kriewall has a disorder and "cannot be held accountable for his actions."

"The man has been hiding this for thirty years," said Derchowitz. "It has been hard on him and his family. I hope that people will give him time to recover."

Fort Myers District Attorney Jumbo Pitts said that Kriewall was released on \$100,000 bond and a court date has yet to be set.

Pitts said that he had "never seen anything like this in his life."

"How he stuffed all that crap in that condo is beyond me," said Pitts, from the steps of the Fort Myers District Court Building.

"I just hope to God that I'm retired by the time this case comes up. I can't take this kind of stuff anymore. These people are nuts down here. I'm moving to Michigan."

## Want to be a millionaire? Dig up Novi

RANDALL COOPER  
Staff Writer

The death of a long-time Novi resident, Ingebert Hammelstein, 88, a Hungarian immigrant who made his fortune in plumbing fixtures, has caused a controversy among his heirs over an estimated \$12.2 million in cash and gold coins that have come up missing.

Hammelstein worked for years making metal products industry in Detroit before retiring to his waterfront home along Walked Lake in 1986.

Hammelstein, who also dabbled in land speculation, owned a number of properties and homes in both Northville and Novi.

According to Novi police, individuals have said that Hammelstein hated banks and didn't trust them after witnessing his parent lose a fortune in occupied Hungary in World War II.

"He used to bury his cash in the backyard," said Hammelstein's niece, Novi resident Anna Kopka.

"He used to tell us about gold buried in wooded areas he owned around the city. He would drive around to his prop-

"This stinks. My ratings have dropped

Regis Philbert,  
Host of "Which Jerk Wants To Be A Millionaire?"

erties with his truck loaded up with tools, like picks and shovels. He spent a lot of time out in the west end of town, the rural areas, where he wouldn't be seen for hours. We worried about him often."

Hammelstein's nephew, Robert Annecci, said that certain family members were irresponsible in allowing him to handle so much money.

"He was a ailing, old man," said Annecci. "He should never have been allowed to have so much money in his home. And when they heard he was burying it, they should have stopped him."

Lawyers for the family say that it was only recently that they discovered Hammelstein's tendency for interring cash.

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Photo by PIETRO CESARE ALBERTI

Parents griped that these kindergarten teachers scare the kids.

## Teachers' dress code dazzles kids

By JOHN JOHN NAUGAHYDER  
Staff Writer

The Novi School District recently approved a radical new dress-code for incoming high school teachers and substitutes.

"Basically, it's a free-for-all," said School Superintendent Dr. Kermit Hippy.

Searching for ways to keep an ever-distracted student body interested in their studies and classroom work, the Novi School Board last week voted to allow teachers the right to wear eye-catching make-up, costumes and push-up bras (both men and women). "You're dealing with the MTV generation, here," said Hippy. "You've got to give them something to look at, a little style with their substance or you'll never be able to teach them anything."

Some Novi High School students seem to cotton to the idea.

"It's cool. I mean, I can learn just about anything from the Internet, but seeing a teacher in tight spandex pants and three nose rings really rivets your attention in class," said Chip

Lipster, a Novi junior.

The new dress code is not just providing eye-candy for the male student body, the school's females are reaping benefits, too.

"I never knew how interesting Physics could be until Mr. Henderson taught our class in a muscle tee-shirt," said Mandy Rande, a Novi senior.

"Mr. H. was teaching us about mass variables in equations and used two dumbbells to make a point. Gosh," continued the breathless student, "He's ripped."

Worried about teachers going too far in order to get students' classroom attention, Dr. Hippy outlined a few limits to the dress code: "Obviously, there will be no thongs visible under under-garments and that thing that Jennifer Lopez wore at the Grammys is definitely out."

"Men," continued Hippy, "will have to keep in mind a certain level of decorum, too. I don't want to see a guy in a Speedo, with the exception of the gym teacher. Or the swimming coach."

# Deadline fast approaching for golf outing

**Novi Senior Center**  
April 1 is the deadline to register for this year's senior golf outing. The outing will be held at Pebble Creek Golf Course at Ten Mile and Curran Road. The season begins May 15. Participants must be at least age 55. There is a league limit, so don't wait too long to register. Golfers are expected to attend the league orientation on April 12 at 10 a.m. at Novi Parks and Recreation. Men's and women's divisions will meet on Mondays at 9 a.m. and the mixed league will meet on Thursdays at 9 a.m. Registration is \$20. Weekly green fees will be paid directly to Pebble Creek. Green fee for nine holes is \$5 or \$5 for a two-person golf cart rental. The senior variety series presents "Fuzza with Porter" on April 14 at noon. Tickets are \$12 each and are available at the parks and recreation office.

## Novi Highlights

60 and older who are retired residents of Novi qualify for discounted fees in some classes. In addition, other classes may be free if a minimum number of students enroll. However, there is a fee for material. A special events pass is available to senior citizens, which provides admission to athletic events, concerts, plays and open swim sessions. An introduction to an internet class is also available and free for seniors, however, a \$2 fee for materials is payable at the first class, which begins May 2. Frances Loynes and Gerry Stupp will be the instructors.

Business and finance classes start in May including computer classes, creative pursuits, decorating mailbox, and how to make a mosaic birdhouse.

Fitness section includes golf lessons which start April 17. Other sections include health and wellness, CPR and first aid. Braiding safety will be presented by the Oakland County Sheriff's Department. Manne Division for those age 12 and older. Call (248) 449-1206 for more information regarding the many activities offered.

Meadowbrook Congregational Church  
The annual Palm Sunday pancake breakfast will immediately follow the worship service. Tickets will be available every Sunday prior to Palm Sunday at a cost of \$4.75 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12.

Other important dates:  
• April 14 and 15 - Spring rummage sale sponsored by the Women's Service Club. Hours are Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Donations may be dropped off at the church April 9 following morning worship through April 12.

Included in the sale will be small appliances, toys, linens, crafts, dishes, books, tools and other items you may find in your attic. Call the church office, (248) 348-7757 for possible pick-up of heavy items.

• April 20 (Maundy Thursday) - A catered dinner and worship service is planned. Dinner will be held at 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The cost will be \$6 for adults; \$3 for children 5 to 12; and no charge for under 5. Although cookies will be provided by the caterer, church families are encouraged to bring a favorite dessert to share. The service follows dinner at 7:30 p.m. and will include confirmation and reception of confirmations into membership.

• April 21 - A Good Friday ecumenical service will be held at noon at Holy Family Church, with the Rev. Hunt participating in the service.

• April 23 (Easter morning) - Two identical services will be held at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., with a fellowship hour held between services.

A Growing Place  
Director Korene Jett and staff members are busy planning monthly activities and have decorated classroom walls with timely subjects, such as Irish leprechauns with red beards. Also included in the decorating was a huge umbrella with the theme, "Singing in the Rain," and showing March

coming in like a lamb and going out like a lion. The children were given a science project regarding what to do in case of bad weather. Upon completion, each received a certificate titled, "I know how to take shelter in bad weather," which they took home to share with their family. Another fun game was searching for footprints of the leprechauns and finding pots of gold coins. As a community service project, the children participated in the annual Phyl-Thon for leukemia.

As a special visitor this month, Dr. Salah of the Progressive Dental Group in Northville spoke on the health care of teeth. A pajama party, complete with slumber activities, was recently held. It was suggested that the children bring their favorite sleep-time stuffed animal to join them. The older children enjoyed a field trip to the Marquis Theater in Northville to see "The Pied Piper."

A book sale will be held April 5 and 6. Growing Place will earn free books from the purchases, which will be delivered before Easter.

The annual grandparents tea party will be held on April 7, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Special invitations will be made by the children. Also included will be a discussion about what the children like best about their grandparents.

For more information regarding programs or activities, please call (248) 471-2333.

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

# Elvis is King, and now the manager

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be given a substantial clothing allowance and a gold Cadillac. Presley said he will require a new bejeweled jumpsuit for each performance before the Novi City Council.

The only difficulty facing the council now is how to evict retired City Manager Ed Kriewall from the civic center. An anonymous source said Kriewall is barricaded in his former office and refuses to come out.

"They never called me The King. That Elvis guy ain't nothing but a hound dog," Kriewall complained in a phone interview with the Novi News.

"And I'm a better dancer." Police Chief Douglas Shaeffer said he has since succeeded in luring the former city manager out by waving a Creme de Novi ice cream cone in front of Kriewall.

"Edward has left the building," the chief said.

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## Weddings



Smith-Tyner



DeHart-Vertrees



McGlennen-Veradi



Phillips-Babakova



Dalziel-Doyle



Bassin-Haslett

Katherine Marie Smith and Davis Bradley Tyner were married Jan. 15 at Meadowbrook Congregational Church in Novi, with the Rev. Dr. Neil Hunt officiating the double ring ceremony. The bride was given in marriage by her parents, Robert and Barbara Smith of Novi. A reception for 137 guests followed at the Italian American Banquet Hall in Livonia.

The bride is a 1995 graduate of Carleton College, with a bachelor's degree in chemistry. She is currently employed as a program analyst in the industrial engineering department at Cornell University, where he has been accepted into law school.

Jeff Tyner served as best man. Serving as groomsmen and ushers were Jono Fishbach, Joe Drasin, Eric Thompson, LJUC Christopher Smith, and Joe Nemanick. Breanne Gorman was ring bearer.

The couple went to Athens, Greece and the island of Crete for their honeymoon. They now reside in Ithaca, N.Y.

Miriam Stewart DeHart and Jason Johnson Vertrees were wed Oct. 9, 1999, at St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth. The Rev. Robert Shank officiated the double ring ceremony. Giving the bride in marriage was her father, A. Bruce DeHart of Novi. A reception for 300 guests followed at the Fairlane Club in Dearborn.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christopher R. DeHart of Northville. She received two degrees from Wayne State University, her bachelor's in 1997 and a master's in physical therapy last year. Miriam is employed as a physical therapist at Heartland Manor Care, West Bloomfield.

Attending as maid of honor was Melissa Margaret DeHart and as matron of honor, Clara DeHart Lewis. Serving as bridesmaids were Elizabeth DeHart Platt, Paige DeHart Fivecoat, Elizabeth Cannizzaro, Elizabeth DiStefano, Melissa Hartfield, Jennifer Vigh, and Diane Vogt.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. Vertrees of Northville. He is a 1996 graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor's degree in science. Jason is employed as an environmental engineer at Applied Environmental in Ann Arbor.

Michael Vertrees served as best man. Groomsmen were Jason Flading, Scott Higgins, Kevin Khassan, Saleem Khassan, Brandon Radoshian, David Morante and Roy Johnson.

Following a wedding trip to the Grand Cayman Islands, the couple moved into their new home in South Lyon.

## Engagements



McGlennen-Veradi

Paul and Elizabeth McGlennen of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda Kathleen, to Michael Patrick Verardi, son of Roger and Tracey Verardi of Wilson.

The bride-elect is a 1995 graduate of Novi High School. She is currently attending Eastern Michigan University and anticipates graduation next month.

The groom-elect is a 1991 graduate of Walled Lake Western High School. He graduated in 1997 from Oakland University and is currently employed at Conway Central Express.

A July 15 wedding is planned.



Phillips-Babakova

William J. and Martha C. Phillips of Northville announce the engagement of their son, Thomas L., to Anna Babakova, daughter of Ivan and Olga Babakova of Bishop, Kyrgyzstan.

The bride-elect is a 1991 graduate of Bishop No. 51 and a 1998 graduate of Moscow University.

The groom-elect is a 1981 Northville High School graduate. He is a 1988 graduate of Lawrence Technological University. He is currently employed with the architectural firm of Hobbs & Black Associates. Tom's family has lived in Northville since 1965.

A September wedding is planned.



Dalziel-Doyle

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Dalziel of Northville announce the engagement of their son, Brandon Michael, to Jennifer Lynn Doyle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Doyle of Royal Oak.

The bride-elect graduated in 1997 from Michigan State University and is currently teaching kindergarten at Pierce Elementary School, Birmingham School District.

The groom-elect is a 1997 graduate of the University of Notre Dame. He is employed as a clinical research assistant at Parke-Davis Pharmaceuticals in Ann Arbor.

A November wedding is planned.



Bassin-Haslett

Mr. and Mrs. Albert L. Glover of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Valerie Lynne, to Christopher John Haslett, son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Chickos of Mogadore, Ohio.

The bride-elect graduated in 1993 from Cleveland State University and is currently teaching kindergarten at Pierce Elementary School, Birmingham School District.

The groom-elect is a 1997 Kent State University graduate. He is currently a product-process engineer at Alcon Industries, a foundry in Cleveland, Ohio.

A July wedding is planned.

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# Dig this — treasure found buried in Novi

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"I guess he liked to keep it near sunny areas or in the woods, where nobody was willing to go," said longtime friend Thomas Kildred of Northville. "He owned property all over this area and quite a few homes, too. He told me one time he'd buried money under some of these old houses here, but I always thought it was just talk."

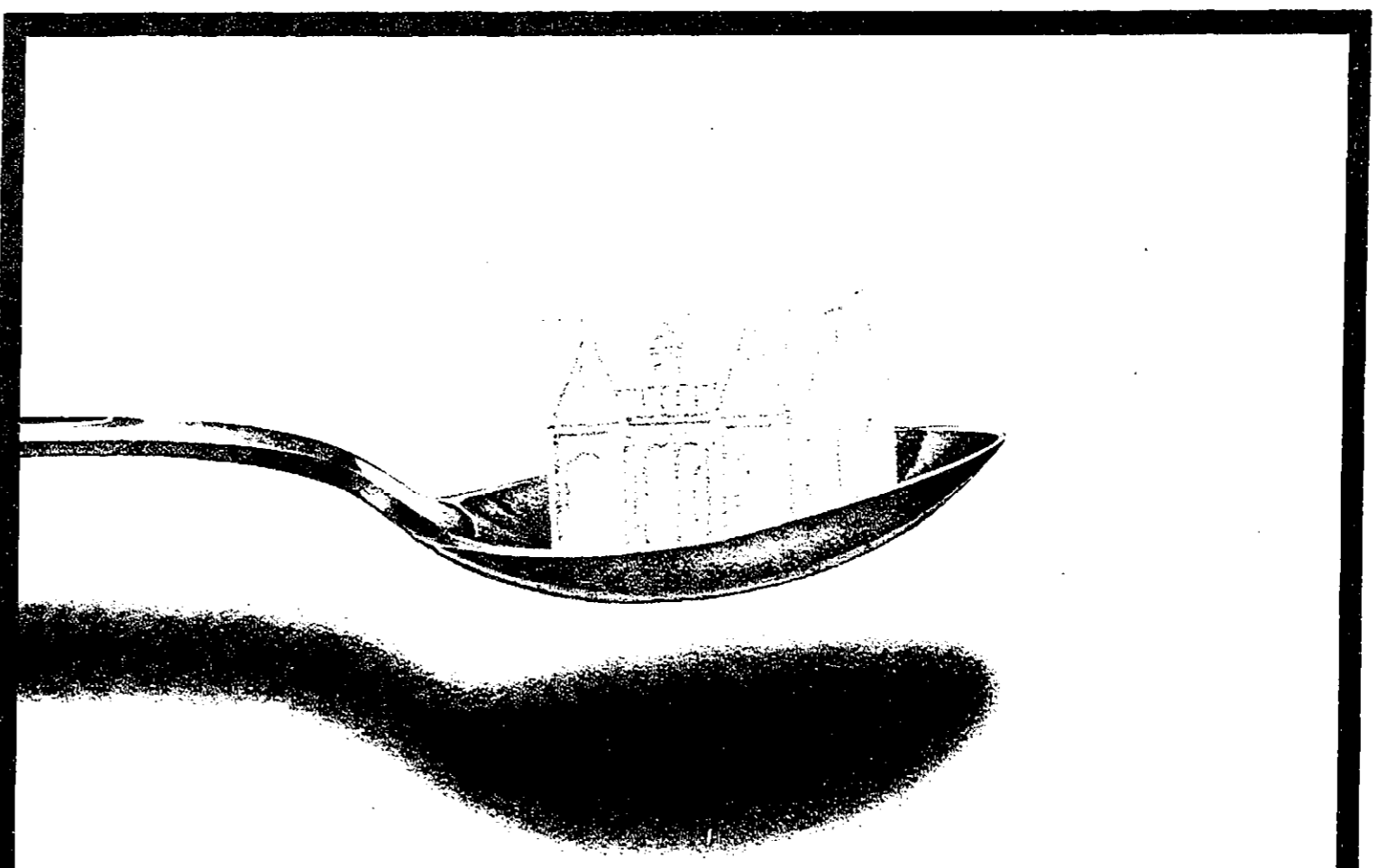
Novi police has taken three men into custody last week for digging in the area behind the police department, where it is believed a number of gold coins were buried in the late 1970s.

"This is getting out of hand," said Novi Police Chief Douglas Shaeffer. "People are running around digging up city property. This is dangerous. Does anyone know where I can get a shovel?"

Family members confirmed that Hantrelstein did own property that is now part of the civic center complex. In conjunction with the case, police say they arrested two Novi residents over the weekend for attempting to steal a backhoe from the DPW yard and attempting to use it to dig up property next to the new downtown.

"The man couldn't even drive the darned thing," said Novi Department of Public Services Director Anthony Nowicki. "Darn fool nearly ran Lester (Hopper) over."

Hopper was treated for minor cuts and abrasions at the scene. He said the last thing he heard before he blacked out was one man screaming "Show me the money."



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<p><b>CHURCH OF TODAY WEST (Unity)</b> New Location Meadowbrook Elementary School - Walled Lake (South of 13 Mile on Meadowbrook Road) (248) 449-8900 Services: 10:00 a.m. • 7:00 a.m. Children's Church: 10:00 a.m. Minister: Barbara Cleveland</p>	<p><b>OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> 775 Hoover, Northville WEEKEND LITURGIES Sunday: 7:30, 9:15, 11 a.m. &amp; 12:30 p.m. Church: 8:00 a.m. • School: 8:00 a.m. Religious Education: 349-2359</p>
<p><b>NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> 4107 W. Ten Mile - Meadowbrook New Location 349-2652 (24 hrs.) Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. Nursery Care Available Louise R. Ott, Pastor</p>	<p><b>ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN MISSOURI SYNOD</b> High &amp; Elm Street, Northville Church: 349-3140 • School: 349-3146 Sunday Worship: 8:00 a.m. &amp; 10:00 a.m. Sunday School &amp; Bible Class: 9:45 a.m. Wednesday Worship: 7:30 a.m.</p>
<p><b>MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH</b> 21355 Meadowbrook Rd. Novi on 8 1/2 Mile Morning Worship: 10 a.m. Church School: 10 a.m. Minister: Rev. J. D. Hunt Minister of Music: Patrick Kuhl</p>	<p><b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE</b> 349-1447 8 Mile &amp; Tarp Roads Worship: 10:00 a.m. • 11:00 a.m. • 7:00 p.m. Sunday School: 9:15-11:00 a.m. (new arrival) (see note) Summer Worship: 11:00 a.m. (July through Sept.) Dr. Douglas W. Vernon, Rev. Thomas M. Beagan Rev. Arthur J. Spurr Rev. Cynthia Loomis-Adair</p>
<p><b>WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</b> 40005 5th Mile Road - Northville, MI • 248-374-7400 10:00 a.m. • 11:00 a.m. • 7:00 p.m. Sunday School &amp; Nursery Provided Services for the developing person. Contemporary Service 8:45 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 8:00 a.m. (Live Broadcast) 8:30 a.m. WYLR 13.1 (O&amp;M)</p>	<p><b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE</b> 43001 11 Mile at Ten. Rd. Downtown • 11:00 a.m. • 7:00 p.m. • 7:30 p.m. Downtown: 11:00 a.m. • 7:00 p.m. • 7:30 p.m. 1st Baptist Church • 11:00 a.m. • 7:00 p.m. Prophet Meeting: Wed. 7:00 p.m. (Open to all) Dr. Gary Elmer Pastor 349-3477 • 349-9441</p>
<p><b>ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> NOVI 40251 10 Mile Rd. Novi, MI 48324 Sunday: 8:00 a.m. • 10:00 a.m. • 11:30 a.m. Reverend: Andrew Caporale, Pastor Parish Office: 349-7778</p>	<p><b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE</b> 217 N. Wing Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. &amp; 12:30 p.m. Wed. Youth Meetings: 7:30 p.m. Boys Brigade: 7 p.m. • Pioneer Girls: 7 p.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.</p>
<p><b>CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY</b> 24205 Meadowbrook Rd. Novi, MI 48375 Mass: Sat. 5 p.m. • 7:30 p.m. 8:45 a.m. • 10:30 a.m. • 12:15 p.m. Holy Days: 9 a.m. • 10:30 a.m. • 12:00 p.m. Father John Busch, Pastor Father Andrew Caporale, Assoc. Pastor Parish Office: 349-8847</p>	<p><b>FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</b> 21200 Haggerty, Northville 48170 (Between 8 &amp; 9 Mile Rd. near Novi Rd.) Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m. Discipleship Service: 6:00 p.m. (Open to all) Dr. Don M. Leth, Pastor</p>
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<p><b>FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</b> 42200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi 48066 10:00 a.m. • 11:00 a.m. Richard J. Hensler, Pastor Jennifer M. Sosa, Associate Pastor &amp; J. Curtis Smith, Parish Associate Worship &amp; Church School: 9:30 a.m. &amp; 10:30 a.m. Sunday</p>	<p><b>OAK POINTE CHURCH</b> Northville High School Auditorium 8 Mile &amp; Center St. Sunday: 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Casual, contemporary live band (248) 615-7050</p>
<p><b>OAKLAND BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 28285 Beck Rd. Novi • 5 of 10 Mile Adult Bible Study &amp; Sunday School: 10:00 AM Morning Worship: 11:00 AM Sunday School: 11:00 AM Sunday Evening Church Service: 8:00 PM Wed. Evening Bible Study, Home Meeting: 7:00 PM. PASTOR: BMOCHERY WHITE (248) 349-2249 We're One Big Happy Family!</p>	<p><b>CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> 1000 a.m. Sunday Service at the Novi Civic Center Quality Kids' Care and Learning Located at 10 Mile, 1/2 mile west of Novi Road www.cornerstonecommunity.com 248-888-1188</p>
<p><b>PRaise CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD</b> Sunday Worship: 10:00 AM Eight Mile &amp; Haggerty Road - Novi Children's Church &amp; Nursery Home Study Groups: 6:00 PM Meeting Thursday: 7:00 PM 21200 Haggerty Road - Nazarene Church Northville, Michigan, Novi, MI 48170 (734) 216-7454 • Ron Schubert, Pastor</p>	<p><b>ST. ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH</b> (248) 694-3817 430 Wacker St. Walled Lake 9 a.m. Worship Service &amp; Church School The Rev. Leslie Harding Moor</p>
<p><b>CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL</b> 10 Mile between 10th &amp; Beach, Novi Phone: 349-1175 Sunday: 7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist Sunday: 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist 11 a.m. Sunday School &amp; Nursery The Rev. Leslie F. Harding</p>	<p><b>ST. NICHOLAS EPARCHIAL MISSION CHURCH</b> Rev. Fr. Nicholas Kozlov 300 North Main St., Northville, Michigan For more information call (248) 349-4400</p>

# Smorgasbord of questions, answers on etiquette

Some questions you might have about etiquette:

**Q:** I received an invitation to a party. I had to go to work and the party was on a Friday. I was able to go to the party, but I had to leave early. I was wondering if I should have to give any explanation or apology.

**A:** No, you do not have to give any explanation or apology. It is perfectly acceptable to leave early. If you are staying late and staying late is a matter of convenience, and then you are leaving early, it is perfectly acceptable to leave early. No one is going to be angry at you. No one is going to be angry at you. No one is going to be angry at you.



**Margit Erickson**  
Etiquette

**Q:** A co-worker in the office where I work borrowed \$20 from the company. I was never told back the following week. I was told that she was on vacation and she still has not paid it back. What's more, she has not even mentioned it. How can I go about reminding her of it?

**A:** My, how right Shakespeare was: "Never a borrower or lender be!" I was wondering how you would feel if you were the lender. What's more, she has not even mentioned it. How can I go about reminding her of it?

**Q:** I was at a gathering recently and walked up to two friends who were in a deep conversation. When I joined them they made me feel as if I were an intruder and I felt embarrassed. As I don't wish to have this happen again, how do I know if it's proper to approach someone?

**A:** Actually, at a casual get-together, you should feel free to mix and socialize. It is not a time for heavy, long-winded or personal conversations or heavy business discussions.

**Q:** My daughter has taken to wearing a baseball cap to school. I was wondering if it is appropriate for her to wear a baseball cap to school. I was wondering if it is appropriate for her to wear a baseball cap to school.

**A:** Except under certain circumstances such as the Jewish kippah or yarmulke, ladies should always remove their hats when indoors. Women do not have to follow this rule. However, since the baseball cap is a unisex cap, it is still considered a man's cap, therefore, it should be removed by both males and females when indoors. Sorry guys and gals, but that's how it is.

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## On Campus

Alexis M. Troshchinetz of Northville has been selected to receive a scholarship from Michigan Industries and Technology Education Society for the 2000-2001 school year. She is currently attending Michigan Tech in Environmental Engineering.

R. Anderson, accounting; Kelly S. Artymovich, undeclared; Shannon L. Atzinger, elem. prog. for initial cert.; Linda A. Bastien, nursing; Rhonda L. Brown, long term care administration; Mary M. Burch, SSC social studies for teachers; Karen A. Burrill-Duggan, elem. prog. for initial cert.; Edward F. Cairns, management; M. Lynn Pederson, general studies; Kelly J. Calabrese, social work; Julianne Capretta, management; Kathleen A. Ceane, business administration; Marie C. Nolan, undeclared; and Eve R. Chalons, sign language studies.

Charles W. Pedro, business administration; Lisa A. Bennett, biology; Andrea E. Bietler, elem. prog. for initial cert.; Nicole L. Clark, nutrition and food science; Jenny I. Dunn, psychology; Jill M. Gibson, hospital/ambulatory care management; Tiffany A. Heaton, accounting; Ruth K. Hodges, marketing; Paula P. Holcomb, general studies; LeAnn Horne, biology; Mitchell J. Jabzanski, history; Lisa K. Kastlano, nursing; Mel-Lin Lin, computer science; Heather L. Lockwood, business administration; Lynda Mammel, business administration; Samantha A. Marietta, computer science; Jodi M. McCarty, nursing; Rachel S. McClanahan, sign language studies; Sarah J. McGlinnec, fine arts; Brian M. McMillan, business administration; Jayesh V. Mehta, marketing; Patricia M. Patail, gerontology; Donna M. Price, English; Rebecca K. Pylar, undeclared; Patricia S. Rose, elem. prog. for initial cert.; Marie R. Sayer, accounting; Stephanie L. Smith, marketing; Adriane G. Utz, nursing; Danielle N. Velthoven, nursing; Jeffrey A. Warholik, psychology; and Curtis A. Wilson, undeclared teacher education.

Ty Fowler of Northville, a senior at Bowling Green State University, was selected a member of GTE Academic First Team All-District IV. Team members are selected by a vote of members of the College Sports Information Directors of American within the district. To be nominated, student-athletes must be a starter or important reserve with a grade point average of 3.2 or higher. Fowler's sport is soccer. He carries a 3.91 grade point average and is majoring in psychology.

Amanda M. Gordon of Novi recently graduated from Saginaw Valley State University with a master's degree in educational leadership.

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## Community Events

The Michigan Prostate Cancer Advocacy Conference is slated for March 31 at the Novi Hilton, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Those attending the conference will have the chance to catch up on the latest prostate cancer legislative initiatives in Michigan, meet Michigan legislators, and gather the tools necessary to begin a grassroots campaign on prostate cancer awareness. For more information, call (630) 875-1819.

The Northville Mothers' Club and the Northville Garden Club are offering two scholarships for tuition and fees for students attending Schoolcraft College in 2000-2001.

A Mothers' Club scholarship requires: a graduate of Northville High School to carry a 2.5 or better grade point average, submit high school and all college transcripts and write a minimum 150-word statement describing career goals. The deadline for applying is April 10.

Novi Town Center 8 Theater is currently presenting its Free Spring Matinee Series at 11 a.m. every Saturday and Sunday through May 14.

A weekly bereavement support group led by William Koppel will meet at 2 p.m. on Thursdays at Whitehall of Novi, 48355 W. Ten Mile Road, Lighthouse Hospice and Whitehall of Novi are co-sponsors of this program. Koppel has had many years experience in this area. For more information, call (630) 311-5365.

The 2000 Spring Home and Garden Show will be held April 6-9 at the Novi Expo Center. Among those participating will be:



The Pied Piper of Hamelin is currently showing at the Marquis Theater in Northville. For information on the show, call (248) 349-8110.

The musical "The Pied Piper of Hamelin" is currently at Northville's Marquis Theater and will run through April 28.

The annual Spring Style Show and Tea will be presented by the Presbyterian Women's Association of the First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main St., Northville. The event will be held in the church Fellowship Hall on April 12 at 1 p.m. All funds raised will be used for Mission and scholarships, both local and worldwide. Tickets are \$7 each and can be purchased at the door or by calling the church office. For more information, call (248) 349-0911.

The Farmington Hills Christian Women's Club will sponsor a get-aquilted breakfast on Thursday, April 13, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the Maples Country Club, 11260 Wakefield Drive, Novi - on Fourteen Mile just west of M-5 and Welch Road. Cost for breakfast and program is \$10.50.

After all Masses on April 8 and 9 at Church of the Holy Family in Novi, a baby shower will be held in the Activities Center for Another Way Pregnancy Center. For more information, call (248) 349-8847.

## Pet Corner

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

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

**Animal Welfare Society of Southeastern Michigan**  
Variety of times (248) 624-1100

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

**Old Village**  
Second Tuesday of each month 10 a.m.

**Star Manor**  
First Thursday of each month 2 p.m.

**Wynwood of Northville**  
Third Thursday of each month 10:30 a.m.

Performance dates and times: Saturdays at 2:30 p.m., April 1, 8, 15, 22; and Sundays at 2:30 p.m., April 2, 9, 16, 30. Spring break weekday performances: Monday through Friday at 2:30 p.m., April 24, 25, 26, 27, and 28. Tickets to all general performances are \$7.50.

Auditions will be held on April 2 at 6 p.m. Actors will be asked to either recite a poem or present a monologue no longer than two minutes. The poem does not have to be memorized, for younger children who have never auditioned and have little or no stage experience. The monologue must be memorized. This is appropriate for older children with onstage experience and a chance to show off their range of acting. It is also requested that everyone prepare to sing a song, only eight measures long, within your vocal range and preferably a show tune (no rock 'n' roll, please). The theater will provide an accompanist. Those selected for the cast must be available for all required rehearsals and performances. The show opens May 12 and runs through June 10. For more information on either event, call (248) 349-8110.

The Cooley High School Class of 1958 reunion will be held Aug. 18, 19 and 20 (weekend of the Woodward Dream Cruise) at Kingsley Inn in Bloomfield Hills. For more information, call (248) 851-8929.

Bishop Borgess Class of 1970 will celebrate their 30th class reunion with a dinner dance on Friday, Aug. 4 at the Italian American Banquet Center. For more information, call (248) 349-8110.

The Friends of the Northville, Novi, Plymouth and Canton libraries will present their annual book and author luncheon on Thursday, April 13 at the Fox Hills Country Club, 8768 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Township, 48170. Detroit News columnist George Cantor will speak after the noon luncheon. The most recent of his 16 books, "Bad Guys in North America," will be available as well as others of a travel nature. Tickets are \$20 and are available at all four libraries or may be ordered by mail to Friends of the Plymouth Library, 223 S. Main St., Plymouth Mich. 48170. A stamped, self-addressed envelope must be enclosed. No tickets will be sold after April 2. Seating starts at 11:30 a.m. A cash bar will be available. Proceeds will be shared by the four sponsoring Friends organizations and their respective libraries.

The Northville Friends have designated their share of the proceeds to increasing the collection of books for youth and children. The Nature Center at the Novi Library will benefit from the Novi Friends' share of the proceeds.

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## Novi Seniors

The Novi Senior Center located in the Novi Civic Center is open to seniors 60 and older. Many services and programs are provided without charge. Classes, special events and trips are held throughout the year. For more information or to register for an activity, please call 248-347-9414 or fax at 248-347-9414.

**NEWSLETTERS**  
• Newsletter/Brochures/Calendars  
Copies of the monthly calendar of activities and menus are available at Novi Parks and Recreation. Register to receive the quarterly Novi Parks and Recreation brochure mailed to your home.

**Services for Homebound Seniors**  
Home delivered meals are arranged for Novi residents by calling 248-347-9414, from 9 a.m. to noon, daily. Ask for Diane.  
Telephone reassurance calls are provided to homebound Novi seniors needing reassurance. Calls are made by volunteers and can be arranged by calling the Senior Center.

**Nutrition/Food Services**  
Catered lunches are provided daily at the Novi Senior Center. Advance reservations are necessary. Call the center from 9 a.m. to noon at least three days in advance. There is a \$2 per meal donation.

**Food/Hope/Commodity Distribution Programs** are provided at the Senior Center to persons meeting income criteria.

**Health/Fitness**  
Blood pressure screening is provided every Wednesday at the Senior Center, between 11 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.

Body Recall exercise program with a certified instructor on each Monday, Friday at 9:30 a.m. There is a drop-in fee of \$2 per session or register for a ten-week session.

Stretch and strength training for seniors with a certified instructor on each Monday, Wednesday, Friday, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. There is a \$3 per class drop-in or register for 10-week session.

Massage therapy at the center by a certified massage therapist. A 25-minute session for \$10. The sessions are by appointment only. Please call 248-347-9414.

Tai Chi/Qi Gong and karate sessions are available through Novi Parks and Recreation.

**Transportation**  
The Novi Parks and Recreation Department provides transportation options for Novi seniors 50 and older. Subsidized car rides provided for \$2 for a one-way ride within the city. For a one-way ride within the city, suggested donation of \$2 per ride. Advance reservations are necessary by calling 248-735-5617, between 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. daily.

**Medication Assistance**  
The Senior Center has several programs designed to assist those having difficulty paying for their medication.

**Home Energy Assistance**  
Novi residents who are income eligible may receive assistance with their utilities and home repairs.

**Information and Referral**

The Senior Center has information to address the needs and interests of seniors: in-home support, housing, legal services, job opportunities, Medicare and volunteer opportunities.

**Books/Cards/Clubs at the Novi Senior Center**  
Pinochle tournaments, Mondays at 12:30 p.m.  
Contract bridge every Thursday, 12:30 p.m.  
Duplicate bridge on Fridays, 12:30 p.m.  
Held monthly, the Novi Camera Club, second Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.  
Monthly Bookmobile at the Novi Center, third Tuesday of the month, 11:30 a.m.-noon.  
Quilting, second Wednesday of the month, 10 a.m.  
Creative writing, call Jan at 347-0414.  
Crafts, Tuesdays at 10 a.m.  
Ivy park, call Jan at 347-0414.  
Novi Garden Club, call Elinor at 248-477-7913.  
Michigan Fishcarvers on Wednesdays, 7-10 p.m.  
Oil painters every Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Monthly look discussion for seniors, second Thursday at the Novi Library, 12:30 p.m.

Senior ushers needed for the Novi Theater. Call the senior center for more information.

**Dance at the Senior Center**  
Monthly ballroom dance to the "Satin Sounds" band, Fourth Tuesday, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Clogging, open dance and beginner/intermediate instruction, Day and evening classes, flyers and registration at Novi Parks and Recreation.

**Special Events**  
Friday, April 14 at noon, "Pizza with Porter," an all-senior musical variety show. Pizza, salad and dessert will be provided at a cost of \$12 per ticket. Tickets may be purchased at the Novi Parks and Recreation office.

Saturday, May 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi High School. The Novi Choralaires choir will present a musical evening featuring sounds from "The Wizard of Oz" and other shows. Tickets available at the Parks and Recreation office.

Line dance, western and regular, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

**Leagues**  
The Center offers several league opportunities:  
Golf held at Pebble Creek. Separate divisions for women and men. Mondays at 9 a.m.; mixed division, Thursdays at 9 a.m.  
Space is limited. Please register prior to April 1 at Novi Parks and Recreation.

The senior bowling league meets at Novi Bowl each Thursday at 1 p.m.

**Travel**  
Numerous day and extended travel opportunities are available. Flyers on the many trips are displayed at the Novi Parks and Recreation office in the Novi Civic Center.

Monthly travel meetings are held on the third Thursday. Tour companies are available at that time to show slides/videos of trips. Just drop in. There are no club dues or fees.

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## Doing 'Whatever It Takes'

Teens weave web of fake e-mails, plotted phone calls, and mistaken identities



Mario Sokoloff (left), James Franco, Jodi Lyn O'Keefe and Shane West star in the romantic comedy "Whatever It Takes."

When two couples weave a web of fake e-mails, plotted phone calls and contrived date and mess everything up in the edgy, outrageous "Whatever It Takes..."

OK, he does play the accordion and his mom is the school's sex-ed obsessed nurse, but Ryan Woodman (Shane West) does have one thing in common with the coolest segment of the male population at Gilmore High — he has a massive crush on the most luscious knock-out ever to walk his beloved halls, Ashley Grant (Jodi Lyn O'Keefe).

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The project got off the ground when producer Paul Schiff, whose credits include the offbeat hit "Rushmore," read a script of Schiff's called "The Mullaigat" and was intrigued by the young writer's unique voice.  
"I thought it would be perfect for Whatever It Takes" — a contemporary story for a young audience," says Schiff. "Mark brought a lot to the project that wasn't in the original idea."  
Schiff recognized that the often humorous, occasionally heart-breaking themes behind the story packed universal appeal.  
To that end, Schiff and his vice president of development/co-producer Matt Berenson collaborated

with Schiff to create a screenplay that would attract a broad range of moviegoers without losing the essence of the original idea.  
"When Mark turned in his first draft, we were thrilled," says Schiff. "He had a unique and exceptional voice."  
"I believe all writers created from a place that they know and develop their voice from life experience," adds Schiff. "Relating to the adolescent social terrain was easy. The challenge was to make this story unique, fresh and textured."  
Explains Berenson: "When approaching the filmmaking process, we looked at our audience."  
There are 60 million teens out there and not a lot of great stories being told about them.  
This story is a perfect thematic fit because high school is about learning that it is okay to be yourself and learning that the most important relationships are often

those we take for granted.  
"It's a wonderful comedy with heart," said David Raynt, actor-turned-writer-director. "It's about Ryan, who is in love with the unattainable Ashley Grant. Ryan's best buddy is the lovely Marla Sokoloff, who stars as 'Maggie.'"  
After a failed spring attempt on the girl's P.E. showers, the popular, cocky Chris approaches Ryan with a deal, and Chris convinces Ryan that they should help each other get the girl they both know the other wants so badly.  
Each character changes personalities until Ryan realizes that he liked being a new guy, that he is who he is — and that he is really in love with Maggie," describes Raynt. "Sometimes you miss seeing the things that are closest to you."  
"Whatever It Takes," currently playing in theaters, is rated "PG-13."

## NASA launches 'Mission to Mars'

The year is 2020 and NASA has made another giant leap for mankind, successfully landing a team of astronauts on Mars. Shortly after their arrival on the Martian surface, however, Mission Commander Luke Graham (Don Cheadle) and his colleagues encounter something bizarre, shocking, and chilling that brings about a catastrophic and mysterious disaster that decimates the crew.  
Graham is able to send one last, cryptic message back to Earth before his nightmare begins.  
Haunted by the enigmatic last communication received from the ill-fated Mars One crew, NASA hurriedly prepares and launches a rescue mission to investigate the tragedy and bring back survivors — if any.  
Co-piloted by Commander Woody Blake (Tim Robbins) and Jim McConnell (Gary Sinise), with colleagues Dr. Terri Fisher (Connie Nielsen) and scientist Phil Ohlmyer (Jerry O'Connell) on board, the astronauts set out on a heroic six-month journey to Mars.  
"Mission to Mars" is the extraordinary story of the astronauts of the Mars Recovery Mission, the nearly insurmountable dangers that confront the heroic crew on their journey through space, and the amazing discovery they make when they finally reach Mars. Touchstone Pictures presents a Jacobson Company production of a Brian De Palma film, "Mission to Mars," directed by Brian De Palma, produced by Tom Jacobson, the screenplay is by Jim Thomas and John Thomas and Graham Yost. The story is by Lowell Cannon and Jim Thomas and John Thomas. Sam Mercer is executive producer. Buena Vista Pictures distributes.

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## Northville Seniors

The Staff at the Northville Senior Center at 215 W. Cady St. coordinates the following services and activities for seniors age 50 and older. For more information or to register for an activity, please call 248-349-4140.

**NEWSLETTER**  
The senior newsletter is a monthly publication filled with information on senior citizen activities, trips and services. You can pick up a newsletter at the Senior Center or receive it monthly by mail for \$7.

**Telephone Reassurance (Telecare)**  
Homebound residents can receive a daily telephone call to talk and check on their well being. Free of charge. Please call the Senior Center to register.

**Nutrition**  
Hot, nutritious meals are provided Monday through Friday at Allen Terrace for a donation of \$1.50. Meals can be delivered to your home through the Meals on Wheels program. If interested, call 800-851-1454.

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

**TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)**  
Meets every Thursday. Weights take place from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. The meeting runs from 9 until 10 a.m.

**Blood Pressure Screening**  
Come get your blood pressure checked by a nurse free of charge. Held at the Senior Center on the fourth Monday of the month, from noon to 2 p.m.

**Michigan Emergency Pharmaceutical Program for Seniors**  
Qualified Northville and Northville Township senior citizens age 65 and over are eligible to receive three months' worth of prescriptions through the MEPPS program. For more information, call the Senior Center.

**Tax Counseling Service**  
Volunteer tax counselors are available to prepare your state and local tax forms. This service will be available at the Senior Center, every Tuesday beginning Feb. 1 through April 15. Most necessary forms are on hand. Call for an appointment.

Hollywood, June 1.

**TRANSPORTATION**  
• **Bus Service for Local Shopping Trips**  
Tuesdays: Meijer, Kohl's, Target and local banks.  
Fridays: Farmer Jack/Hillier's or Shopping Center Market/Bush's (alternating Fridays).  
Bus begins pickup at 9:30 a.m. from your home. Cost is \$2. Call the Senior Center for reservations 24 hours in advance.

• **Bus Service for Movies, Lunch and Shopping at the Mall Twice a Month**  
The senior bus goes to Laurel Park Mall for an afternoon (noon to 4 p.m.) of movies, lunch and shopping. The days scheduled are the second and fourth Monday of each month. Pick-up will begin from your home (11 a.m.) or the MAGS parking lot (11:30 a.m.). Cost is \$2. Please call to make reservations.

**ONGOING ACTIVITIES**  
• **Card Playing**  
Join us for cards at the Senior Center. Enjoy several hours of fun for just \$1. The schedule is as follows: bridge, Wednesdays, 12:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; pinochle, Mondays and Thursdays, 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.; beginning pinochle on Tuesdays, from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

• **Senior Drop-In Volleyball**  
All levels are welcome. Held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Parks and Recreation Center. (Verify days on monthly recreation calendar at the center.) Cost is \$1.

• **Dinner Out - Rainforest Cafe**  
We're going to Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills April 27 and plan to leave MAGS at 4:30 p.m. Transportation cost is \$4.

• **Sound of Music**  
Great musical! May 19 at the Masonic Temple for \$55 per person. Transportation will depart at 5 p.m. and return about 10 p.m. Dinner on your own.

• **Annual Mackinac Get Together**  
The Mackinac Island 33rd annual Michigan Recreation and Parks senior "Get Together" will be Oct. 22-25 at the Grand Hotel. This special event includes hotel accommodations, transportation, and a full breakfast and five-course dinner each day. Special activities and entertainment are also planned.  
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**EARTH ANGEL**  
 Funny, spontaneous SWF, 42, 5'1", with black hair, who enjoys dancing, walks, skating and quiet evenings at home, is in search of a nice SWM, 35-40, who is marriage minded. Ad# 1051

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**MELODY OF LOVE**  
 This outgoing DWCF, 51, 5'7", is a member of the choir who's ISO a romantic, considerate SWCM, 50-61, N/S, for friendship, maybe more. Ad# 6127

**GIVE ME A CALL**  
 Kind-hearted, active SWF, 35, is looking for an interesting SWM, 29-39, N/S, to share animals, travel and more. Ad# 3333

**WILL GET BACK TO YOU**  
 Friendly, petite SW mom, 34, who likes country music, sports, and spending time with her children, is looking for an outgoing SWM, for a long-term relationship. Ad# 8567

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

**HEAVEN SENT**  
 Pleasant, Catholic DWF, 51, 5'9", is seeking a companionable Catholic SWM who shares her enjoyment of country living, cooking, gardening, reading and the arts. Ad# 7837

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

**MAKE THE CONNECTION**  
 This adventurous, attractive SWPF, 47, 5'5", slender, with blonde hair and blue eyes, who enjoys travel, taking walks, music and dancing, would love to share companionship with an outgoing, sincere SWM, 47-54. Ad# 1052

**NICE TO MEET YOU**  
 Fun-loving and happy-go-lucky SWF, 70, 5'1", 150lbs., with brown hair, enjoys traveling, the outdoors, theater, sports, dancing and much more. She's hoping to meet a N/S, friendly and active SWM, 65-75, who shares similar interests. Ad# 1038

**GOD BLESS YOU**  
 This spontaneous SWCF, 48, 5'4", full-figured, with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys animals, family gatherings, long walks, cooking and more, is seeking a family-oriented SCM, 42-55, to share the joys of life with. Ad# 1043

**LOVES LIFE**  
 This family-oriented SWF, 59, 5'6", 135lbs., with auburn hair, enjoys dancing, the outdoors, traveling, dining out and more, is seeking an interesting SWM, 55-68, for companionship. Ad# 1041

**IN GOD I TRUST**

Friendly and outgoing SWCF, 27, 5'2", 180lbs., with long curly blonde hair and blue eyes, who enjoys outdoor activities, animals, movies and more, is looking for a down-to-earth SWCM, 25-35, who share similar interests. Ad# 1039

**JUST ONE CALL**  
 Outgoing SWF, 20, 5'6", with black hair and green eyes, who enjoys outdoor activities, family times, movies and more, is looking for an outgoing, honest and affectionate SWM, 18-35, to share life with. Ad# 1040

**WOW!**  
 SWF, 47, 5'8", 140lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys pottery, photography and movies, is interested in a SWM, 38-55, for a possible relationship. Ad# 1022

**FOCUS HERE**  
 Professional SWF, 52, N/S, who enjoys skiing, ice-skating and more, is in search of a SWM, 49-62, to spend time with. Ad# 1005

**A KEEPER**  
 Attractive, family-oriented SWF, 50, 5'2", with reddish brown hair, who enjoys dancing, spending time with family and more, is looking for a SM, 48-56, for a possible relationship. Ad# 9122

**ROMANTIC**  
 SWF, 48, 5'4", with blonde hair and blue eyes, who enjoys golfing, bowling and movies, is interested in meeting a SWM, 46-55, for a possible relationship. Ad# 1023

**Males Seeking Females**

**GET THE BALL ROLLIN**  
 SWM, 33, 6'2", 210lbs., with long brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys sports, working out and more, is interested in a SWF, 28-35, Ad# 1030

**FUN AWAITS**  
 Easygoing, friendly SWM, 24, 5'10", 170lbs., with blonde hair and blue eyes, who enjoys movies, going to clubs and more, is interested in meeting a SF, 19-40, with similar interests. Ad# 1027

**CONTACT HIM**  
 Humorous SWM, 30, 6'4", 205lbs., with brown hair, who enjoys the outdoors, horseback riding and fishing, is looking forward to meeting a goal-oriented, kind-hearted SWF, 26-37. Ad# 1024

**TELL HIM ABOUT YOURSELF**  
 SWM, 43, 5'7", with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys playing the guitar, camping and more, is in search of a SWF, 35-43, Ad# 1020

**DESTINY**  
 Humorous, family-oriented SW dad, 43, 6', 220lbs., with blond hair and blue eyes, who enjoys gardening, the outdoors and cooking, is looking forward to meet a SWF, 35-45. Ad# 1019

**HAVE FAITH**  
 Outgoing SWM, 40, 6', 180lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys movies, music and more, is in search of an honest, intelligent SWF, 32-42. Ad# 1017

**DESTINY**  
 SWM, 55, 5'10", 200lbs., with grayish-black hair, who enjoys fishing, dining out and animals, is seeking a SWF, 44-55. Ad# 1012

**WORTH A TRY**  
 Nice, friendly SWM, 28, 6'2", 185lbs., who enjoys skiing, traveling and animals, is seeking a sweet, kind-hearted SWF, 18-32 Ad# 1015

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

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

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

**TAKE A CHANCE**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**CHANGE OF PACE**  
 DWCM, 45, 6'3", 230lbs., with dark hair and brown eyes, who loves traveling, movies, dining out and spending time with friends, is seeking friendship first, with an honest, sweet and kind SWF, 38-48. Ad# 2020

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

**NEVER ENDING ROMANCE**  
 Outgoing, friendly and sensitive describes this DW dad, 40, 6'1", 200lbs., with black hair and blue eyes, who enjoys traveling, sports, movies and more, is seeking an educated, fit and attractive SWCF, 30-42, for romance. Ad# 7686

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

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

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

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

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

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

**GET ACQUAINTED**  
 Outgoing and friendly, this DW dad, 44, 6'1", enjoys exercising, family times, horses, and dining out. He is seeking a SWF, 34-44, in good shape, for dating and maybe more. Ad# 1246

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## Kings of the Rink

### All-area team boasts offensive threats galore

This year the Kensington Valley Conference was full of surprises.

Not necessarily overachievements, but surprises with players and teams coming out of no where to make their mark in the league. Take for example Novi, which transformed from a middle-of-the-park first-year program to a co-KVC champion (with Milford). The team was as talented as any in the league, but to many it was a surprise finish.

Look at Novi's top player, Brad Zarem. The junior winger came out of no where (actually a good AAA program) to lead the league with 32 KVC points and was the top vote-getter at the all-KVC meeting held after the season. Did he play above or beyond his level? No, he just came out of no where to surprise some people.

Milford lost its top player (Cory O'Toole), yet still had enough depth and talent to win a second-straight conference championship. Northville picked up its play in the second-half of the season and stormed back to take third place in a tough Western Lakes Activities Association conference. Were they that good all along, yes. But they came out of no where late to surprise some people.

South Lyon had a pair of scorers (Dan Merritt and Rick Wosek) who had people wondering, where did they come from. Well they came out of no where to surprise some people this year.

In an area of many surprises, HomeTown Newspapers takes a closer look at the best of the best by selecting the six best players

Northville, Novi, Lakeland, Milford and South Lyon could offer. Here's what they came up with.

**Brad Zarem**  
Novi forward—HomeTown Player of the Year

There's not a KVC award for newcomer of the year, so Zarem went ahead and earned HomeTown's 2000 player of the year honor after posting astronomical numbers in just his first year playing high-school hockey.

The junior set school records with 42 goals and 28 assists while leading the area with 70 points. His 21 goals and 11 assists gave him a league-high 32 points in KVC action. He was first team-all KVC and first-team all-state, one of just 12 forwards to receive the honor.

**Travis Malott**  
Novi senior forward

He and Zarem formed the best 1-2 tandem in the league and one of the best in the state.

The senior captain scored 24 goals and assisted on 24 others. His 25 points in league play was fourth best as he earned second-team all-KVC honors.

"He's the kind of player who can control a game," Novi coach Dan Phelps said. "He can dictate the pace of a game and what the outcome will be. Now that's a quality player."

Malott has been invited to tryout for the Michigan High School Showcase all-state team, which is limited to invited high school seniors only.



HomeTown's all-area first team includes (l-r) Milford forward Paul Schiebold, Novi forward Travis Malott, Milford goalie Jason Mulligan (on net), Novi forward Brad Zarem and Milford defenseman A.J. Perrault. Northville forward Rob Ryan is kneeling in the goal, where many of these player's shots found their way into this season.

**Paul Schiebold**  
Milford senior forward

The other forwards on the first team have more gaudy numbers. But none is a more complete player than Schiebold.

"If you ask the other coaches, the first kid they'd pick would be Paul," Milford coach Gary Johnson said.

"He plays up-and-down, the consummate power forward. He works both ends and goes hard all the time. He would lead the corner fore check, then beat everyone down to the other end."

Schiebold was Milford's leading scorer and was sixth in the KVC with 11 goals and seven assists.

**A.J. Perrault**  
Milford senior defenseman

The fateful switch in the two-and-a-half years ago certainly paid off. Back then, Perrault was a tenth-grade forward. By the end of his high school career, he was the best defenders in the state, let alone the KVC. To bring the puck up on Perrault's side of the ice was usually a

most point. Because it wasn't getting any further.

"He's just solid," Johnson said. "He doesn't make too many mistakes. He doesn't look to score, but when he had to step up and score he did."

Jason Mulligan

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Submitted Photo

Members of the Farmington Hills Fire squad include (front row l-r) Jason Dude, Ryan Timar, Joshua Proben, Michael Thompson, Shane Lewandowski and Ian Jezak. The second row consists of Ethan Larkin, Nathan Milam, Curt Farneth, Luke Gignac, Alex Kolpacke, William Danko, Jonathan Berry and Justen Mitchell. Coaches Steve Dudek, Bruce Larkin and Jim Jezak are in the back.

## Fire squirt team wins state title

The Farmington Hills Fire, a Squirt A Youth Travel Hockey Team competed in the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association state tournament in St. Clair Shores, Mich., the weekend of March 10 through March 12 and captured the Michigan Cup state championship trophy for boys nine and 10 years old.

Ryan Timar of Novi scored the overtime game-winning goal for the Fire.

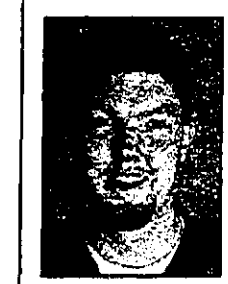
The Fire competed in the three-day tournament as the district representative for all of Oakland and Livingston counties, as well as part of Wayne County, including the communities of Canton, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth and Redford. In order to advance to the championship round, the Fire defeated teams from Woodhaven 5-0, Calumet 2-1, Traverse City 10-0 and Kentwood 6-1. In the championship game, the Farmington Hills team faced Belle Tire, a strong opponent from Frazier, Mich., besting them 2-1 in five overtime periods to win the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association state title.

The Farmington Hills Fire competes in the Little Caesar's Amateur Hockey League. They were division champions and finished the regular season with a record of 18 wins, 1 loss and one tie. Advancing to the state tournament, the Farmington Hills Fire got past teams from Birmingham, Farmington Hills, Lakeland, Livonia, Livingston, Novi, Plymouth, Southfield and West Bloomfield.

The team is comprised of the following members: William Danko, Michael Thompson and Luke Gignac of Farmington Hills; Jonathan Berry, Jason Dudek and Ryan Timar of Novi; Curt Farneth of South Lyon; Ian Jezak of Northville; Ethan Larkin, Justen Mitchell and Joshua Proben of Livonia; Nathan Milam of Westland; Alex Kolpacke of Garden City; and Shane Lewandowski of Lincoln Park. The team is coached by Bruce Larkin with assistants Steve Dudek and Jim Jezak. Team manager is Dawn Larkin. Navetta Mason of Novi and Dr. David Siezk D.D.S. of Davison, Mich., are the team's sponsors.

## Thank you, thank you

Thanking people really shouldn't be that difficult. And it really does mean a lot just to hear those two words.



Jason Schmitt

For myself, working behind a sports desk many hours a week, I rarely get the chance to thank people for everything they do to make my job easier.

Whether it be the coach or athletic director taking my call or going out of his way to call me, or the anxious mother or father dropping off a needed photo and cutline for their child's hockey or soccer team, I really do appreciate their efforts towards making this sports section what it is today.

But while I'm making the rounds, I think there are a select group of individuals who maybe mean as much to my section and special sections as anyone. It's a group of people who not only gather information and give it to us here at the paper, but they also shell out the bucks to make my sections and myself go.

I'm talking about the many advertisers who so generously purchase the advertisements which give me an

opportunity to spread the good news of some 47 high school teams, along with hundreds of other club or individuals who appear in the sports publications of the Novi News and Northville Record.

Many times the editorial staff of a newspaper takes little time to look at just who's helping to pay their salaries. We see our sections each week, but focus our attention on the hard copy we just spent 40-plus hours putting together. It's not all that uncommon, but that's just the way it is.

But when I spend numerous hours putting together special sports sections such as the 1999 and 2000 District Basketball Previews along with The Battle of the Millennium football special from this past fall, I also took the time out to see which area businesses helped me put it all together.

And at this time I'd like to thank them, or at least mention each of those people who made my projects successful.

If there's one key (newspaper) supporter of Northville and Novi athletics, it has to be McDonald Ford here in Northville. If you've ever thumbed through a HomeTown newspaper or sports section in particular, this is one business whose name will be front and center. In fact, when I've been out and about at various sporting

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## Kickers aim for KVC title

By JASON SCHMITT  
Sports Editor

With the way soccer has progressed over the last five or 10 years, it's no wonder that a high school team can lose a slew of senior talent and still be solid for years to come.

Novi had lost a good number of seniors two years ago, many of which were top notch. But the team still managed to regroup and finish with a strong 10-2 record in Kensington Valley Conference action last year.

The reason for the quick rebuilding of talent at the high school level is the numerous select, premier and recreational teams that give these girls a head start, a head start that wasn't available to women just 15 years ago.

So this year's Wildcat roster is relatively young. Well it's more

than just relatively young. There are eight seniors on this year's team, but two are transfers and a few others haven't seen a whole lot of playing time over the past few seasons.

"Our inexperience will hurt us, but we're gonna have to mark and mark very well," Novi Coach Larry Christoff said.

"We're going to have to keep teams from penetrating us."

Christoff will rely heavily on a trio of seniors who played key roles in the starting lineup a season ago. Kristi Arrington is the leader among the leaders, having earned all-KVC first-team honors in each of her first three seasons at Novi. She's just three goals shy of 100 for her high school career and will be Novi's most deadly threat to put the ball in the net. The unfortunate thing is that most of Novi's opponents know

Arrington and will probably mark her two or three times over.

"We know the other teams are going to double team her this year, we know that," Christoff said.

"In the past we've had a girl to complement her, like Lydia Raburn. But we're going to need some others to step it up."

One of those expected to pick up her scoring and offensive role on the team will be fellow senior forward Sarah Corless. She scored 13 goals last year and has the speed to up that number this season.

Although she's quite possibly the best goalie in the league, senior Sarah Clark may be utilized in the field more this year than in the past. She started 20 games in goal as a sophomore, and followed that up with just 14

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# Veteran team to get a look at new coach

By DAN KITTLE  
 To get a better idea of it, it is said that a team will often take on the personality of its coach. At Michigan State, Tom Izzo's kids are the most enthusiastic hard working bunch in college basketball. George Hains' Chicago Bears were always the "meanest" toughest, most aggressive football team in the NFL, being up to their balding as the "Masters of the Midway."  
 It is this type of coach that can find its way to Novi High School this spring, the Wildcat baseball squad has a very bright future.  
 Most folk forget, varsity baseball coach at Novi High School, one hands-on with the team, and his enthusiasm will help forward to greet you like a family pet working himself into a tail wagging frenzy. His passion and love for the game of baseball are not only overlooked, and if he can pass this quality onto his players, the sky is the limit.

"I'm excited to be able to play for him this year," comments returning starter Jon Cery. "He brings a lot of intensity to the game, he really knows baseball, and he makes the game a lot of fun to play. That makes it easy to get excited about the upcoming season."  
 This love for the game has been instilled in the coach from the beginning. He tells about summer days of his youth filled with endless games of baseball. "We'd get up at eight o'clock," he recalls, "play for three hours, eat lunch, go back out to the field for another three hours, eat dinner, then go back and play until dark."  
 Since he was a mere eight years old, he has not gone a summer without playing organized ball. From Little League to his current over-40 men's league, his baseball playing experience is phenomenal. He has also gotten a chance to hone his coaching skills at various levels, acting as a player-coach in men's leagues many times. He has also

been coaching at Novi since 1996 at the freshman and JV level.  
 On top of his experience and enthusiasm, Green brings a blue-collar workmanship to the table rarely seen in the game of baseball today. Without a formal college education, he has had to work hard for everything he's ever had, and he wants his players to carry that mentality with them onto the field.  
 "I'm big on fundamentals and drills and doing things the right way at all times," he says. "I'm big on communication with the kids, going over the little things that help win ball games. It's very important that the kids have the will to want to win. Working hard in practice means you want to win."  
 Discipline and hard work play a big role in Green's system. However, the main concept the new coach wants to stress to the kids is enjoyment of the game. "My main coaching philosophy is to have fun. The kids need to enjoy themselves when

they're out there."  
 Former coach Brian Howard is quick to praise Green. "He knows his stuff very well," he comments. "Once he gets his feet under him as far as experience, he'll be great."  
 Brendan Hadley offers his opinion about his new coach, stating, "He's a former player, he knows the game, and he's the type of guy that can lead us to the next level."  
 "I'm thrilled to death to be left with a team like this senior class," Green adds, "and I'm looking forward to hopefully winning a KVC championship."  
 If Green plans to take this year's team down the road to the promised land, his first pothole will be no easy obstacle to avoid. The defending KVC champion Brighton Bulldogs come to town tomorrow afternoon for a double dip with the Wildcats at 4:00. "With Brighton," says Green, "I know we'll have our hands full, but I think our kids will step up to the plate."

# Genso lands on all-area 2nd team

Although a few stood out above the rest, there were many talented players who stepped and made plays when their teams needed them most.  
 HomeTown Newspapers all-area second team is composed of a bunch of tough hockey players who definitely know how to put the puck in the net, just as South Lyon's opponents.

He was Lakeland's leading scorer with 21 goals and 29 assists for 50 points. In KVC play he was the fifth-leading scorer with 11 goals and 13 assists.  
 "Klein was our offensive catalyst," Lakeland coach Frank Zack said. "He's the one we went to."

**Jared Genso**  
**Novi junior defender**  
 Definitely the workhorse and unsung hero in the Wildcat's run towards the KVC and regional titles. Genso played on average 30 to 35 minutes a game for coach Dan Phelps.  
 "He's the backbone of our defense," coach Dan Phelps said. "I've got a blessing with him coming back next year."  
 Genso's defense allowed just 29 goals in 12 KVC games this season. He was a second-team all-conference selection.

**Josh Block**  
**Northville senior goalie**  
 The name says it all for this Northville senior.  
 His 2.90 goals against average was very solid, but what was more impressive was that the Mustang netminder faced 544 shots this season and saved 96.7 percent of them.  
 "He's had an incredible year," Northville coach Brad O'Neill said. "He has the attitude of 'I want the game.' He wants to win the game for us."  
 Block was all-division, Western Lakes selection and was voted MVP by his own teammates. He posted a 16-7-2 record and started all but two of his team games.

**Pat Klein**  
**Lakeland junior forward**  
 One of the best skaters in the league, Klein was honorable mention All-KVC.

**Cam Kiesgen**  
**Millford junior defenseman**  
 Kiesgen missed the first half of the season with an knee injury, but still ended up as a second-team all-league pick. As a sophomore, Cam was a talented and important member of Millford's 1999 team. He was much better in 2000, as he was able to stay on the ice to take advantage of those talents.  
 "He worked hard, and kept his penalty minutes down," Millford coach Gary Johnson said. "It was a shame he missed half the season."  
 Perault will be gone, but with Kiesgen, Darren Terry, Darrell Kains and goalie Brian Curtin all coming back, next season the Redskins will again have the best defense in the KVC.

**Dan Merritt**  
**South Lyon junior forward**  
 A lurker, a sniper, Merritt is a big kid with eyes only for the net. He came out of nowhere to finish the year as the KVC's number two scorer, with 11 goals and 19 assists in the league. A physical player, as well, Merritt led South Lyon in penalty minutes, too. He was voted second-team All-KVC by the league's coaches.  
**Rick Wosek**  
**South Lyon senior defenseman**  
 Defense was South Lyon's Achilles' Heel all season. As the season wore on, coach Marc Poullit entrusted more minutes to his younger forwards, and moved his top senior — Wosek — to defense. With their best passer holding it down on the back line, the Lions began playing their best hockey of the season. Others took notice, and Wosek was named second-team All-KVC. He was the league's number three scorer, with eight goals and 19 assists.

**Rob Ryan**  
**Northville junior forward**  
 All anyone needs to know is that Ryan earned first-team all-league honors (one of three forwards) in one of the toughest conference's in the state (Western Lakes Activities Association).  
 He finished the season with 23 goals and 22 assists in 26 games. Northville finished third in their league behind Livonia Stevenson and Livonia Churchill.  
 "He's a pure goal scorer," his coach Brad O'Neill said. "His scored goals in every way for us, and he only had 20 penalty minutes all year. He was there when we needed him on the ice."  
 Ryan was an honorable-mention all-state selection at forward this season.

**Michelle Miller**  
**Novi senior forward**  
 Michelle Miller was the best in the KVC, with four goals who could play with anyone in the state. Behind them, anchoring that defense, was Mulligan. A repeat first-team all-area selection and second-team All-KVC pick, Mulligan oversaw five shutouts his senior season, including a 1-0 win against Livonia Stevenson. In league play, Mulligan allowed 1.8 goals per game. Overall, his goals against average was 1.9.

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# Banquet for Osborne planned

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 Millford on June 2 in "A Tribute to John Osborne."  
 Tickets 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 will be 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.

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**COLTS REGISTRATION COMING UP**  
 Registration for the 2000 Northville/Novi Colts fall football season will be on Saturday, April 8 at the Novi Civic Center from 9 a.m. to noon. As with last year's program, the Colts will be fielding three teams:  
**FRESHMEN** (Ages 8-9, weight 60-105 pounds); **JUNIOR VARSITY** (Ages 9-11, weight 105-125); and **VARSITY** (Ages 11-13, weight 125-150 pounds).  
 Registration for the three cheerleading teams will also take place on April 8. For further information regarding any of the teams, please contact Cathy Thomas at (248) 348-4282.

**SUBURBAN HOCKEY LOOKING INTO GIRLS LEAGUES**  
 Suburban Hockey is conducting preliminary inquiries as to the feasibility of a fall hockey league for girls 12 and under, with all games to be played at the Suburban Training Center in Farmington Hills and Novi Ice Arena.  
 The league would adhere to all Michigan Amateur Hockey Association and USA Hockey rules, which means there would be no checking. The league would create an atmosphere of competition at two convenient locations for girls who want to play hockey with other girls at their age level.  
 Those interested in such a program should contact Amy Jones at Suburban Hockey (248) 478-1600 and indicate their interest by April 15. If enough interest is received, a registration period will begin immediately.

**CYO FOOTBALL MEETING**  
 There will be a C.Y.O. football meeting for boys grades 3-8 on Tuesday, April 4 at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, located at 1082 Church St. in Plymouth.

**SPRING BREAK BASEBALL CAMP**  
 Total Baseball's Spring Break Baseball Camp will take place April 24-26 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Powers Park in Novi. This camp will be instructed by Lee Bjerk, assistant coach at the University of Detroit and Aaron Knieper, former Montreal Expos professional player.  
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Cheer team finishes perfect...

The 7th-grade cheer team finished first at the fifth-annual Novi Competitive Cheer meet held on Jan. 22. Team members include (front row, l-r) Jacquie Peruski, Carly Kouchary, Jessica Glancy, Natalie Laitinen, Kendall Ziegler, Kimberly Honaway. In the second row are (l-r) Jeanie Quigley, Amanda Poole, Dior Nichols, Katelyn Kujawa, Kaylan Pustover and Tiffany Lynch. The back row includes Sara Bielski, Amanda Dixon, Leisa McCarty, coach Linda Parker, Kendall Hubbard, Cathleen Garback and Lauren Anderson.

# First team honorees

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 Michelle Miller was the best in the KVC, with four goals who could play with anyone in the state. Behind them, anchoring that defense, was Mulligan. A repeat first-team all-area selection and second-team All-KVC pick, Mulligan oversaw five shutouts his senior season, including a 1-0 win against Livonia Stevenson. In league play, Mulligan allowed 1.8 goals per game. Overall, his goals against average was 1.9.

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### Netters finish undefeated...

The Novi 7th-grade volleyball team finished its perfect season by winning the Livonia-Oaks tourney. They finished 8-0 in the league and were 16-1 in 17 games at the tournament. Team members include Marcie Fink, Katie Shannon, Sara Schmitt, Andrea Alfors, Kim

Herbst, Nicole Barndt, Stephanie Wainright, Laura Clark, Sara Bielski, Megan Wainright, Liz Clark, Julie Johnston, Jessica Haggerty, Becky Reichel, Julie Longo, Beth Mallo, Dana Frantz, Jessica Westfall, Kelly Hebert and Amanda Toffoli



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### Tigers win mini-mite title...

The Novi mini-mite Tigers won the Novi Youth Hockey league title and the playoff championship last week. The team also won the Troy Hockey Town Christmas tournament earlier this season. The team was coached by Kevin Gentry, Rich Valade, Ken Perpitch and Curt Steel.

The team consists of Joey Steel, Caleb Gonzalez, Garrett Jewell, Christian Geoghegan, Brett Jewell, Kevin Lidstrom, Hunter Brennan, Gregory Lorrain, Tyler Perpitch, Kyle Kantabet, Andrew and Christopher Valade, Joey Silvestri, Tommy Goers, Taylor Howell and Zachary Mitchell

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## Health Column

# Alivia will hear all about it

Sixteen-month-old Alivia Anderson of Sparta, Mich., doesn't realize it yet, but she's already made medical history three times over. When she's a little older, she'll hear all about it from her older brothers and sisters - and that's the most amazing part.

Alivia, born deaf, is the fifth child in her immediate family to receive the gift of hearing at the University of Michigan through the use of a medical device called a cochlear implant. She and five others of the eight Anderson children were born with a genetic condition that left them severely or profoundly deaf. Besides the five with implants, one sibling uses a hearing aid.

As if the national record of five implants in one family weren't enough, Alivia is also one of the youngest patients in the nation ever to undergo the cochlear implant operation, at 13 1/2 months. She's also the 500th patient - and the 300th child - to receive an implant at the U-M, as part of one of the nation's busiest and oldest cochlear implant programs.

"It's like life is starting anew for her and it's exciting that she now has the opportunities that other children in our family have," says her mother, Darlene. "We definitely consider all of them a miracle. We don't even want to think where our children would be without the implants because of the benefit they have received."

Of all the Anderson children, Alivia may receive the most benefit from her implant, says Terry Zwolan Ph.D., director of the U-M Cochlear Implant Program. "We're seeing that the sooner a child gets an implant, the sooner we can tap into speech and language development."

In fact, she and U-M audiology chief Paul Kileny Ph.D. have just completed a study of 102 children who received their cochlear implants at different ages. They found that children who received their implants at a younger age did better on word and sentence recognition tests.

Advances in technology also help. Alivia and two of her siblings have the Nucleus-24 Cochlear Implant System, made by the Cochlear Corp. Two others have a slightly earlier version.

"About ten years ago, cochlear implants were only suitable for people who could hear almost nothing," says Zwolan. "Technology has advanced so quickly and we're getting such nice results that criteria have expanded to include adults and children with severe to profound hearing loss." About 200 adults have received cochlear implants at the U-M.

Alivia and her hearing-impaired siblings were all born with what's called the Mondini malfor-

mation, in which the cochlea - the snail-shaped part of the inner ear that channels vibrations to the auditory nerve and the brain - is malformed. Instead of a hollow spiral for sound to travel through, their cochleae are incomplete, preventing or limiting the ear-to-brain communication that makes hearing possible.

That's why the surgically inserted cochlear implants are such a good choice for the Anderson children and thousands of others each year.

Cochlear implants transform speech and sound into electrical signals that the brain can interpret. They bypass the normal function of the outer ear, hair cells and cochlea, using surgically implanted electrodes and digital signal processors worn on the ear or body to do the work that the damaged or malformed ear structures can't do.

The first step is capturing sound: A small magnetic microphone on the outside of the head, held in place by an implanted magnet, picks up sounds and sends them to a processor. After the processor's programming translates the signals, the impulses travel through a coil to a receiver inside the ear. The implant transmits these signals through dozens of electrodes to the auditory nerve and brain, allowing the wearer to detect and understand speech and noise.

The Nucleus-24 model that Alivia was fitted with uses the first miniaturized device worn behind the ear, as well as a second processor the size of a pager worn on the body. It will allow her audiologists to fine-tune the sound she hears and the way speech is interpreted.

"Hearing aids and cochlear implants are very different instruments," says Zwolan. "A hearing aid amplifies normal sound and uses the hearing that a person has to let them process that sound. It's simply making sounds louder. A cochlear implant replaces the hearing inside the cochlea - that's why it's reserved for people who can't benefit from hearing aids."

As a result, Zwolan explains, hearing impaired children as young as 3 months can be fitted with hearing aids, but the more profoundly deaf may be unable to hear appropriately even with the most powerful hearing aids. So, through the use of cochlear implants, physicians at the U-M and other centers are working to give such children the chance to hear at as early an age as possible. Increasing numbers are receiving their implants as young as 18 months.

Zwolan and others are beginning to see proof that intervening at such a young age can help children develop the normal speech and language skills that hearing children acquire at about the same age. The Andersons hope that

Alivia will have an even easier time adapting to the implant - and to being able to hear - than their children who received implants at older ages.

But, Zwolan says, not until the first group of early-implanted kids reaches school will researchers know for sure. "We have great hopes for these children that they will lead a normal hearing life," she says. "But it's so recently that we've started to do these really young children that only time will tell if we're able to fully mainstream them into normal hearing classrooms."

Added Darlene Anderson after Alivia's implant was turned on for the first time and the toddler first reacted to sound. "This is only the beginning. We know that now that she has this ability, we have to work with her to teach her to listen to sounds and to help her in her language."

That life has already begun, with Alivia's parents and siblings teaching her simple songs and reading books aloud to her. Someday, they'll be able to tell her the story of how she made medical history.

University of Michigan Health System.

## UM-FACTS

### Facts About Cochlear Implants

- More than 25,000 people in the world have cochlear implants, most of them with the Nucleus system used in the Anderson children.
- Cochlear implants are used in more than 80 countries.
- The devices were approved for use by the Food and Drug Administration in 1985 for adults and in 1990 for children.
- Patients currently receive a cochlear implant in one ear.
- The operation to insert a cochlear implant lasts about 1 1/2 hours and costs around \$50,000, which is usually covered by insurance. About four to six weeks later, an audiologist will add the components outside the ear, turn the implant on for testing, and then help the patient adjust to the sound.
- Cochlear implants are best for adults and children who have severe to profound hearing loss in both ears, limited benefit from hearing aids and a strong desire to be part of the hearing world. Children who receive the implants are placed in educational programs to help them develop auditory skills.

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# There are a lot of people to thank

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events, I've had students and parents come up to me and ask about "the McDonald Ford thing." They don't refer to it as the athlete of the week, but rather "the McDonald Ford thing."

McDonald Ford was there when we came calling for support for both our district basketball supplements as well as our football tab section. They've also been supportive of the athlete of the week spot each week in the sports sections of both Northville and Novi.

Others who have pitched in on multiple occasions include Keford Collision, Weingartz (power equipment), Varsity Lincoln/Mercury and Botsford Center.

But they are not alone.

Others who have contributed to the memories of hundreds of local athletes include: John Goodman at Coldwater Banker, Oak Pointe Church, Rymal Simes Co. ERA, Dr. Kirk at Town & Country Eyecare, Dan's Auto Repair, Tri-County Orthopedics, Cougar Sales and Rental, Dr. Kathy Duncan/Chiropractor, Davis Auto Care, Brateman and Rupp/Family Medicine, Santi-

no's, Rent-a-Flick, Jerome, Austin & Smith, Casey Monti at Century 21, Citizen's Insurance, Michael Haggerty, Knights Auto Parts, Dearborn Music, both the Novi and Northville High School Booster clubs as well as the Northville Football Parent's Association.

I know from experience of having been a high-school athlete myself that memories are precious, especially when they are documented through a hometown newspaper like ours. I wasn't blessed with having a newspaper like the Novi News or the Northville Record. I never had my picture published in the paper, but

my name was in print each week.

I know how much it means to these athletes, and I'm sure as the years pass by, those memories will be ever-more embedded in their minds. The above businesses may or not be around the time these kids have kids, but if they are, it will be because of the support from the readers who thumb through these pages each and every week.

Thanks again.

Jason Schmitt is the sports editor for the Northville Record and Novi News. He can be reached at jschmitt@nl.homecom.net

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