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# Suspects cornered by cops

## Suspects Apprehended

BY RANDAL YAKEY AND ANDREW DIETDERICH Staff Writers

A crime wave that may have left 70 burglarized homes in its wake ended Tuesday with a successful manhunt conducted by police officers from Northville Township, Novi and Livonia.

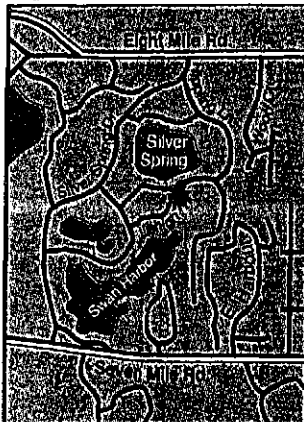
Northville Township police said the 26-year-old Inkster man arrested was one of two suspects sought in connection with several break-ins occurring the last few weeks in western metro Detroit,

## Bogus meter readers

including Novi and Farmington Hills. Police investigating a break-in spotted and tackled the suspect after he ran from them through several Northville Township subdivisions. A 39-year-old Inkster man was also arrested. Investigators said they are still trying to determine what charges they will bring against the two sus-

pect. Names were withheld pending arraignment.

"I have heard about them (the suspects) and to have it so close to my house is pretty scary," said Northville resident Pete Demos, who lives on Scenic Harbor, where the man was caught. "When I pulled up, they were subduing the guy and he was putting up a little bit of a struggle. It looked pretty scary." Sgt. Ray Garbino, Northville Township Police Department, said the incident began Tuesday morning after several break-ins were reported in Livonia condominiums and apartments. The Livonia Police Department issued a "be on the lookout" alert to area departments. Shortly after, Northville Township police received a call on a break-in with a similar method of



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# Follow the leader

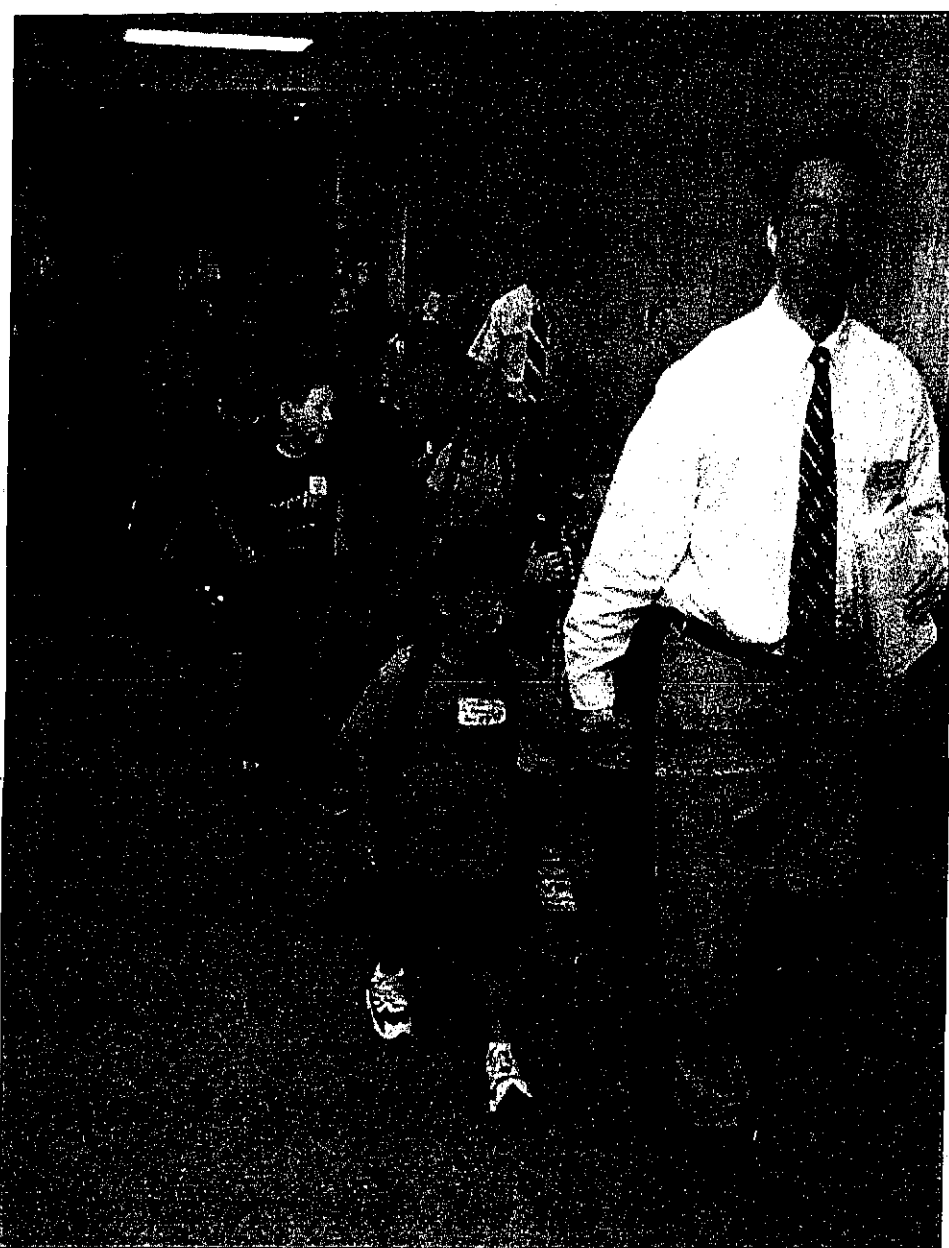


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Kindergarten teacher Gerard Kenrick leads Taichi Horino and other Deerfield students.

## In a race to finish, doors open at Deerfield school

BY STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

With construction workers still plugging away at 11:00 p.m. on Sunday evening, it was a wonder if the \$11.6 million building would be completed on time.

But when the doors opened at 8:30 a.m. on Monday morning, parents, children and staff members at Deerfield Elementary all had smiles on their faces as Novi's newest school and first school of choice made its debut.

With the exception of carpeting in the cafeteria and the completion of the media center, the school was ready to accommodate all its new students with its revolutionized semi-opened setting, multi-aged grouped houses, and full-day kindergarten.

"Everything is going very well, we're really excited," said Deerfield Principal Richard Njus as he busily greeted each and every student and parent Monday morning.

"We still have some work to do, but it's like night and day compared to last Wednesday."

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# City drops contract of attorneys

BY RANDAL YAKEY Staff Writer

After over 25 years, there will be a new law firm representing the City of Novi as it moves into the 21st Century.

The Novi City Council voted Monday to allow the city administration to work out a working contract with the firm of Secrest, Wardle, Lynch, Hampton, Truex and Morley of Farmington Hills. Prior to this, Novi has been represented by Fried, Watson and Bugbee as city attorneys and Cooper, Shiffman, Gabe, Quinn and Seymour as prosecuting attorneys.

Council Member Louis Csordas was the only dissenting vote.

The council's Consultant Review Committee selected the Secrest group after a long discussion over what was best for the city, according to committee chair and Council Member Craig DeRoche.

In 1999, the city lost a spectacular lawsuit brought by developers and is still appealing a \$53 million judgment.

DeRoche said that he expects the Secrest group to be paid an estimated \$393,000 annually. The city spent an estimated \$325,000 for the attorneys last year and has budgeted \$375,000 for the current year.

"We undertook this process and went through it as a learning curve, as a committee," DeRoche said. "It was the second time in three years that we actually underwent a request for qualifications, a process followed by a request for a proposal. I think we made the best choice."

Current City Attorney Dennis Watson didn't have much to say during the Monday city council meeting, but Tuesday reiterated

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# Saxophonist to play at jazz fest

BY STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

If you love jazz, then you probably already know about Detroit's 21st annual Ford International Jazz Festival set to take place labor day weekend at Hart Plaza.

But what you probably don't know is that Novi's own talented jazz musician Larry Nozero will be performing, along with his group, The Larry Nozero Quartet.

With his soothing alto saxophone that has made him a guru in the jazz community, the Detroit native has recorded 14 albums, and was even inducted into the Legends of Jazz International Hall of Fame three years ago.

"My career has taken me many places and provided me with many experiences," he said. "Jazz music is truly one of America's art forms."

Nozero, who has been teaching in the Jazz Studies Program at Wayne State University since 1982,

has traveled all over this country and Europe, with his quartet, including France and Switzerland.

"We were the first band to represent Detroit at the Montreaux in Switzerland," he said.

While Nozero has been influenced by jazz musicians such as Charlie Parker, Stan Getz and Paul Desmond, he has still managed to create his own unique style.

"I do have my own distinctive sound, which is something that every jazz musician strives to get," he said.

As the son of a clarinet musician, Nozero's music career began while he was still in his teens. He played with many of the most prominent names in Motown, both on stage and in the recording studio, including Stevie Wonder, The Four Tops, Diana Ross, The Temptations, and Marvin Gaye.

"Marvin and I lived in the same

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# Lumber industry: Designs with logs created at furniture factory

BY STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

You could say that Sarah Verlinden has cabin fever.

As the owner of Novi's new American Log Furniture Designs, Inc., Verlinden is bringing the lodge-style furnishings of the outdoors indoors to homes across the country.

American Log Furniture Designs, which opened in the spring, uses logs cut from lodgepole pine to create a unique style of furniture.

"If you want something with a rustic flare, we have it, and if we don't, we'll find it for you," said Verlinden, who with her family took over the ten-year-old business

three years ago.

Their retail shop, located in front of the manufacturing plant, is filled with an abundance of frontier furniture and accessories, such as tepee beds, antler chandeliers, and wildlife bedspreads.

The business makes a wide variety of furniture using lodgepole pine from Idaho, including bed frames of all sizes, dining room tables, entertainment centers, desks, armoires, and coffee tables. All are made right there on the grounds.

Verlinden, a Farmington resident, said that the company is unusual because they manufacture each piece of furniture from

start to finish.

"When the logs come in we put them on a drying rack and peg each one individually, which prevents the logs from mildewing," Verlinden said.

Once the logs achieve a certain moisture content they begin working on them, she explained.

"The first thing we do is cut them to the size that we need them using a chop saw, then the logs are put through a pole sander machine which gives them that smooth texture, and then we put a finish on them," she added.

Verlinden said what makes



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Continued on 12 Owner Sarah Verlinden discusses Log Furniture Designs.

## Community Calendar

Thursday, August 31

**Summer Taxes Due**  
Today is the last day summer property taxes may be paid without a late penalty assessed. Pay at the city of Novi Treasurer's Office at the Novi Civic Center.

Monday, September 4

**Labor Day**  
Novi city offices, library, and recycling center are closed. Lakeshore Park is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Tuesday, September 5

**Lakeshore Park Closed**  
Lakeshore Park is closed for the season today.

**Seniors Meeting**

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

**Civil Air Patrol**

The Sixgate Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, meets at Parkview Elementary School, 45825 Eleven Mile Road, from 7:30-9 p.m. Adults and youths who have finished the sixth grade are welcome. For additional information call 349-2669.

**Menopause Support Group**

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

**Amateur Radio Club**

The Novi Amateur Radio Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. For more information call 348-0068.

**Novi Toastmasters**

The Novi Toastmasters Club meets at 7 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. New members are welcome anytime. For more information on the Toastmasters, check out the web site at: [www.toastmasters.org](http://www.toastmasters.org)

Chess Club

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

Zoning Board of Appeals

The Novi Zoning Board of Appeals meets tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Wednesday, September 6

Planning Commission

The Novi Planning Commission meets tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Novi Youth Baseball

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

Thursday, September 7

Novi Rotary

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

Novi School Board

The Novi School Board meets tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Educational Services Building on Taft Road.

Monday, September 11

Library Board

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

City Council

The Novi City Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Stroke Support Group

The Stroke Support Group meets at Providence Park from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. For information, call Carol Charnity at (248) 380-4190.

Tuesday, September 12

Civil Air Patrol

The Sixgate Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, meets at Parkview Elementary School, 45825 Eleven Mile Road, from 7:30-9 p.m. Adults and youths who have finished the sixth grade are welcome. For additional information call 349-2669.

Beautification Commission

The Novi Beautification Commission meets at 7:15 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. Audience participation is welcome. For additional information contact Maureen Malone at 347-0445.

Chess Club

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

Wednesday, September 13

Seniors Social Club

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

Lions Club

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

SPARK

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

Thursday, September 14

Parks Meeting

The Novi Parks and Recreation Commission will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Novi Rotary

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

## Correction

In a story in the Aug. 24 edition of the Novi News, "Battle of the ballot issues" which would be levied if voters agreed to a city charter change authorizing a full-time fire department was incorrectly listed as 15 mills. In fact, that would be 1.5 mills, or \$1.50 per each \$1,000 of state equalized valuing voters', a millage that would be levied if voters agreed to a city charter change authorizing a full-time fire department was incorrectly listed as 15 mills. The millage level for the city road bond issue was given as 0.5 mills. That would be 0.3 mills the first year and 0.5 mills in following years.

## Swap flowers with friends at annual perennial exchange

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## Public school pep talk

Michigan Attorney General praises public education at Novi



A firefighter works to extinguish flames at Gatsby's Bar.

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

When Board of Education President Carol Efring said there was excitement in the morning of August 24, she wasn't kidding. Not only was the entire Novi Community School staff excited about the start of the school year, but also because Michigan Attorney General Jennifer M. Granholm — who just returned from the Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles — was present to address them in a speech that would make any educator proud to be involved in public schools.

"I know it's a tough time to be an teacher, or in public education at all. Kids are smarter than they used to be, technology is changing faster than most budgets can keep up with, and to make it worse, cynicism about anything connected to public service, especially public education, is running rampant," Granholm told Novi staff members at the Fuest Auditorium at Novi High School on Aug. 24.

"But we can not allow the trashers of public education to seize the rhetoric. Public school are the hearts and souls of our communities. They deserve to be supported and not abandoned, and it is time that we stop the war on public education and on teachers."

Granholm, who was elected Michigan's 51st Attorney General in November 1998, has made child protection, high-tech crime prevention, consumer and environmental protection and senior citizen safety key priorities for her office.

"As the top law enforcement officer of the state, Granholm introduced a new High Tech Crime Unit to explore, investigate, and prosecute internet and high-tech crimes earlier this spring. In August, her office brought the nation's first criminal charges against an on-line company selling illegal drugs on



Jennifer Granholm, Attorney General

"Public school are the hearts and souls of our communities... and it is time that we stop the war on public education and on teachers."

serve the world by shaping it every-day through the lives you have touched in your classroom. So to all the educators of Novi, let us go forth and let our students light shine."  
Throughout her speech, the attorney general also commended the recent bestowal of the high school's Blue Ribbon Award. "I do want to congratulate you on the Blue Ribbon designation," she said. "To Dr. Jennifer Ched and to everyone in this building who prepared those students along the way, what a great honor and a feather in the cap not just to this district but to the entire state of Michigan. Congratulations."

Both Superintendent Dr. Emmet Lippe and Superintendent of Instruction Dr. Rita Traylor said the speech really got them fired up about the new school year. "It was a very exciting speech and I think everyone left feeling good about education and came away with a positive attitude about their profession," said Traylor.

"I don't think there is any greater calling, outside of priesthood, than there is to an educator," she said. "In your case you have chosen to

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## Gatsby's fire starts in bathroom as employees, customers flee

A fire in a restroom left a Novi night spot a little hotter than usual. The Novi Fire Department arrived at Gatsby's Bar and Grill shortly after midnight on Tuesday August 29. Fire officials on the scene said that the fire was most likely started in a waste basket. Gatsby's owner Mary Catherine Johnson said late Tuesday that the cause of the fire was still unknown, but that it began in men's lavatory around 11:30 p.m. "People were inside at the time, including employees and customers wrapping it up, but everyone was evacuated safely and no one was injured," she said. There was no apparent damage to the outside of the building. Firefighters were on the scene for two hours, leaving the scene around 2 a.m. There were approximately five or six customers inside the bar at the time of the fire. Management reported to the fire department that the workers smelled smoke and left the building immediately. Estimated damages had not yet been determined by press-time.

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Kaitie Hildreth puts together a model T. Rex skeleton.

# Fascinating summer

## Community Ed. classes kept young minds active while school was out

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE  
Staff Writer

As summer comes to a close, kids are soaking up every drop of excitement they can get. Earlier this month, kids got an up-close-and-personal look at science including physics, biology, wildlife, the solar system, and even television, as they participated in a week-long summer camp offered by Novi Community Education.

"Today they'll be learning about animals," said Dick Buchholz of Mobile Education Productions. "But all throughout the week, they'll study chemistry, work with special effects and visit the planetarium."

On animal day, the children worked in groups putting together a large wooden dinosaur and later got the chance to meet and handle

some furry friends: a chinchilla and a hedge hog, as well as some scaly ones, including an alligator. Eight-year-old Sheena Ehatia and Michelle Rich said they learned a lot about the critters.

"We learned that the chinchilla has a lot of fur and is the softest animal in the world," Ehatia said. The girls added that it was fun to begin to touch the hedge hog's pointy quills.

Nine-year-old Elaina Sekuloski said she really liked the hedge hog because she did a report about the animal in school.

Stephanie Song said she especially liked wildlife day because "it was interesting and I learned a lot more about animals."

Most of the girls said they had participated in community education classes all throughout the

summer and that they enjoyed every program they got involved in. "I went to the movie star camp," said Ehatia. "It was a lot of fun. We did a dance routine, made our own commercial, had pizza and even put on a fashion show for our parents."

Sekuloski said she likes the community education programs because they keep her occupied during the summer.

"It's a lot of fun, and it's better than being bored all summer, but you also gain a lot of knowledge too," she said.

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## Burglary suspects chased to ground

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The dedication his company has had to the City of Novi over the years.

"I've been representing the City of Novi for eighteen years and I think Mr. (David) Fried has been doing this for twenty-eight years," Watson said. "I don't know what the committee reasoning was."

Cordas said he voted no because he thought the entire council would be involved in the decision process and interview the finalists.

"My concern that this is such a crucial decision to the city and I really don't know anything about these people, no disrespect. I'm sure they're good lawyers," he added.

DeRoche said the committee took many issues into account, including work in the courtroom. The city is still facing an estimated \$53 million judgment against it in the lawsuit brought by Sandstone Development.

## City council drops attorneys' contract

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But Mayor Pro Tem Laura Lorenzo said that case was not "the straw that broke the camel's back."

"I don't think it was the main issue but it was an issue," Lorenzo said.

Lorenzo did say that the recent merging of the city's former law firms Fried, Watson and Bugbee and Cooper, Shifman, Gabe, Quinn and Seymour gave her problems.

"Matt Quinn has been representing repeatedly two clients during each council meeting," Lorenzo said. "How can you then come in and defend the city. It's like coming in and doing an about face."

Quinn, a current resident of Novi and former mayor, said that he would not have any problem representing the city.

"I'd just say as a professional attorney I represent cities and clients and it is unusual for attorneys to do so," Quinn said. "Sometimes you're the defendant and sometimes you're the plaintiff."

Quinn said that a lawyer with the city's new attorney, Gerald Fisher, has a good reputation. Lorenzo had nothing but praise for the Secrest-Wardle Municipal Law Group, headed up by Fisher, saying it will provide the expertise that the city needs.

"This is an extremely reputable firm and they have a lot of expertise in environmental matters, municipal law and taxation," Lorenzo said. "We have to deal with a lot of environmental matters and this firm has that expertise."

Lorenzo said that Fisher's reputation precedes him and the city is lucky to have him on board.

"When I heard that they applied, I was very pleased," Lorenzo said. "It's a really good fit."

Both Lorenzo and DeRoche said that both firm's records were scrutinized and that the choice was clear.

"The incumbent firm was evaluated, as they are every year," DeRoche said. "We

looked at this from two legal firms coming in and proposing new and better ways of handling our exposures and our risks. I think they both did well with their presentations."

Mayor Richard Clark said that he wanted an escape clause so that the contract could be voided after sixty days notice. DeRoche said that the new attorneys will not take over until after the contract is settled.

"We tried to cover all our bases on this," DeRoche said. "There is a significant amount of work our current city attorney is doing for us."

DeRoche said that the change over could take up to 90 days to complete.

David Fried, of Fried, Watson and Bugbee, represented the charter commission that submitted Novi's incorporation to the city to the voters in 1969. He is a former member of the Novi school board and zoning board.

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## Help wanted for Fuerst fix-up

Plans are underway for the September restoration of the city's historical landmark, Fuerst Farm and the city needs resident support to make it happen.

The Fuerst Farm Festival Weekend will take place September 15-17.

On July 25, the project's coordinators met at the Novi Expo Center to assign tasks and discuss what will be needed for the weekend renovation of the property.

The chamber and city need help performing a number of different duties on the estate, ranging from painting to planting flowers to serving food.

Friday and Saturday will be dedicated to most of the clean-up. On Sunday they'll put on the finishing touches and hold a picnic later in the day to promote interest, as well as a thank you to those who volunteered.

Volunteers and donations are needed and are now being accepted through the Novi Chamber of Commerce office. To become an integral part of this renovation, call their office at (248) 349-3743. Volunteers must be 16 years of age or older.

The farmstead, located on the southeast corner of Ten Mile and Tall Road, dates back to mid-1800s, although some of the buildings are newer.

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On September 19 and 21 at 4 p.m., auditions for the Children's Annex production will take place at the Novi Civic Center Stage. The play will be performed on December 8-10.

This unique adaptation includes ballet, but mainly tells the story of Clara and her Nutcracker through dialogue and interesting characters in her life and dreams.

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Sax player Larry Nozéro has lived in Novi for seven years.

## Jazzman had Motown hits

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neighborhood," he said. "And I later ended up recording 'What's Going On' with him in the '70s."

Nozéro, who has been playing the alto saxophone for over 40 years, said while his musical roots were strictly jazz, his career with Motown Records provided him with the opportunity to make a living in music.

Other major names Nozéro has toured, recorded and performed with include Ella Fitzgerald, Dizzy Gillespie, Sergio Mendez and Henry Mancini.

Nozéro, who received the Spirit of Detroit Award, is also a regular guest soloist with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

"For me, being a musician has been a blessing, a gift," he said. "I have had a full career and it's still inspiring."

Nozéro studied at the Teal School of Music and was even a music director for six years at the Grand Hotel in Mackinaw. He also plays the clarinet and flute.

Not only does Nozéro head The Larry Nozéro Quartet, who have been together over ten years, but he also has his own record label and runs his own production company, called Nozetic Productions Inc.

Nozéro has lived in Novi seven years and has a wife, Rachelle and son Tony.

It seems that music runs in the family, his son is a drummer who lives in New York and is in his own

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The idea in moving to Novi from their former location in Royal Oak was to combine the store-front with the manufacturing division, explained Verlinden.

"We wholesale this furniture to stores all across the United States," she said.

"The manufacturing is a big part of this business and it was just too hard to run the two separately."

Currently American Log Furniture Designs sells to furniture stores in 25 states, including Pennsylvania, New York, and Illinois.

Verlinden said while cabinus up north are still their biggest market, their second largest is children's bedrooms.

"When we moved to this location,

"You would be surprised how much of this is going into city homes."

Sarah Verlinden,  
owner of American Log Furniture Designs

"We do a lot of bunks and trundles," she said. "You would be surprised at how much of this is going into city homes."

Verlinden added that the company also specializes in a lot of custom work for their clients, which have included a tepee bed, computer desk and loft bed.

Pieces range anywhere from \$185 for a bar stool to \$1,500 for a king-size bed.

Verlinden said each piece usually takes about six weeks to complete and the orders are done as they are placed.

"We also continuously add new pieces," said Verlinden. "Our latest is the futon, which took us awhile because we like everything to be 100 percent wood."

Verlinden said she has been pleasantly surprised with the customer response since moving to Novi.

"When we moved to this location,

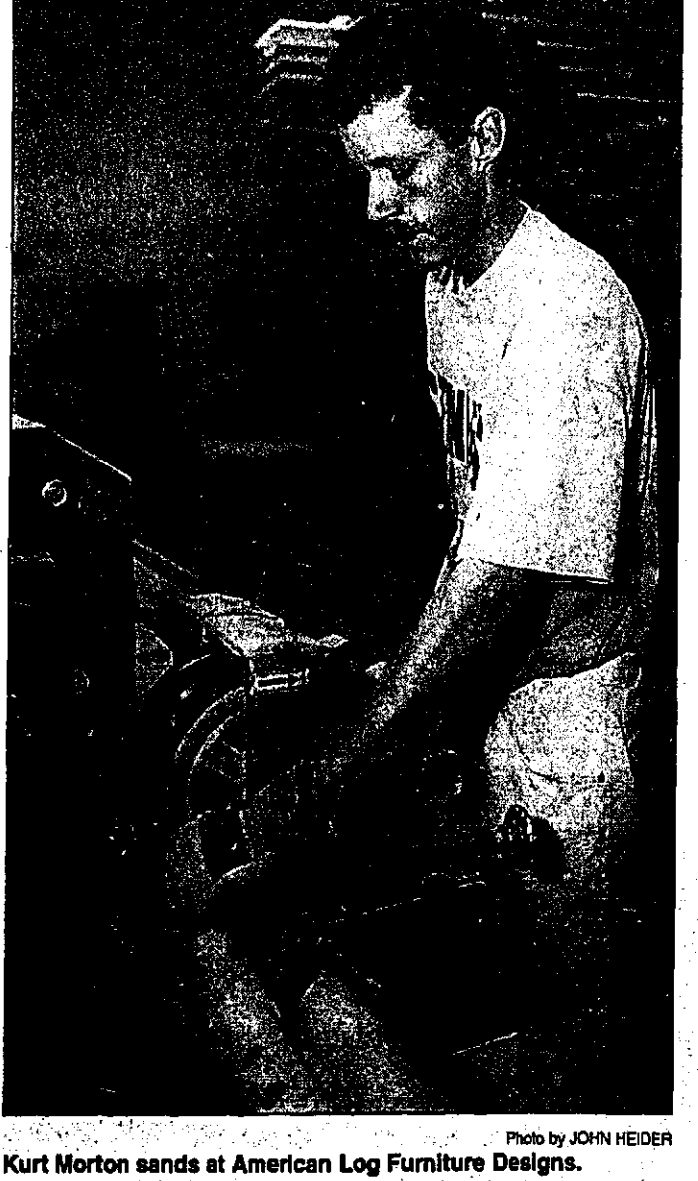


Photo by JOHN HEIDER  
Kurt Morton sands at American Log Furniture Designs.

## Maybury Park offers outdoor fun

The following programs are offered at Maybury State Park this summer.

Most programs are free, however, a state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry to the park.

Maybury is located on Eight Mile Road, one mile west of Beck Road in Northville Township. For more information, call (248) 349-8390.

**FARM STORIES**  
Each month, Maybury Farm presents "Farm Stories for Kids." Join us in the farm demonstration building as we read stories about a different farm topic each month followed by a short activity. "Insects on the Farm" will be featured on Saturday, Sept. 2 beginning at 11 a.m.

**BIRD HIKES**  
Maybury hosts bird identification hikes throughout the year. We explore a variety of habitats throughout the park, and each hike lasts one to two hours.

The hikes are open to all regardless of birding experience. Dress for the weather and bring along binoculars if you have them. Plan to join us on any of the following dates:

- Sept. 9, 8 a.m. — Meet at the concession building in the main parking lot on Eight Mile Road.

## Police academy shows residents the ropes

By Randal Yakey  
STAFF WRITER

The Novi Police Department will hold its annual Citizens Academy this fall to give local residents an opportunity to gain knowledge of the police department's personnel and policies.

The class is open to any resident of Novi, Walled Lake, Wixom, Wolverine Lake and South Lyon age 21 or older. Those who work in the city are also welcome to attend.

The classes are held three times a month in September and October and will concentrate on communications, investigations, narcotics, crime scene processing and will also provide a tour of the Oakland County Medical Examiner's office and the Michigan State Police Crime Lab and Evidence Room.

The Novi Police Department is actively seeking people who live or work in Novi or one of the surrounding areas to join in the program that familiarizes the public with police operations and procedures.

Novi Resident Dotie Alban said that the experience of being involved in the police academy has given her more insight into the how police operations work.

"I guess it was the science of it all that I really liked," Alban said. "To be able to look at a body and see the entrance of a bullet, it was fascinating."

The academy course meets in 10 three-hour sessions alternating between the participating police departments. The course covers such topics as training, communications, criminal investigation, juvenile law, and tactical teams. Instruction consists of lectures, demonstrations, and hands-on experience. In addition to the classes, attendees will also receive tours of the five police facilities.

For more information call the Novi Police Department at 348-7100.

## Public Access

**Monday, Sept. 4**  
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**Tuesday, Sept. 5**  
10:00 a.m. — Legislative Forum  
10:30 a.m. — Opening Meeting  
11:00 a.m. — The Cutting Room

**Wednesday, Sept. 6**  
1:30 a.m. — (con't)  
12:00 p.m. — Summit University  
12:30 p.m. — (con't)  
1:00 p.m. — Chamber Spotlight  
1:30 p.m. — Home For Life: Stains and Finishes  
2:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection  
2:30 p.m. — Cosby and Company

**Thursday, Sept. 7**  
1:00 p.m. — New Millennium Medicine: Scott Popky  
4:00 p.m. — Critter Connection  
4:30 p.m. — Choose to Have a Drink: Think Before You Drink  
5:00 p.m. — Berean Baptist Church  
5:30 p.m. — (con't)  
6:00 p.m. — Harvest Ministries  
6:30 p.m. — Building Scene  
7:00 p.m. — Potpourri: Bernie Fratto  
7:30 p.m. — Aviation Journal  
8:00 p.m. — Middle School Madness

8:30 p.m. — (con't)  
9:00 p.m. — Out in the Open: Men in Robes  
9:30 p.m. — (con't)  
10:00 a.m. — Middle School Madness  
10:30 a.m. — (con't)  
11:00 a.m. — A Reason to Vote  
11:30 a.m. — Good News for Living Healthy: Stress  
12:00 p.m. — In The Green  
12:30 p.m. — MDOT Today  
1:00 p.m. — Study in Scripture  
1:30 p.m. — AMVETS  
2:00 p.m. — Restoration Now  
2:30 p.m. — Women on the Move  
3:00 p.m. — Senseless Death II: Prom Night  
3:30 p.m. — (con't)  
4:00 p.m. — Critter Connection  
4:30 p.m. — Choose to Have a Drink: Think Before You Drink  
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5:30 p.m. — (con't)  
6:00 p.m. — The Jesus Center  
6:30 p.m. — Fitness Motivators  
7:00 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete

8:30 p.m. — Alcohol the Middle School Years  
9:00 p.m. — Chamber Spotlight  
9:30 p.m. — Step 'n Move to the Groove: Uprizin  
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12:00 p.m. — Bagels and Talk with Tracy  
12:30 p.m. — Alliance for Democracy  
1:00 p.m. — Dance with Virginia: Showtime  
1:30 p.m. — Hastings Paradise Valley Days  
2:00 p.m. — 3:00 p.m. — Documentary of Margaret Vaughn  
3:30 p.m. — 4:30 p.m. — GRIP 2000 with Milton Creagh  
5:00 p.m. — Shaarey Zedek  
5:30 p.m. — (con't)  
6:00 p.m. — The Jesus Center  
6:30 p.m. — Fitness Motivators  
7:00 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete

**Friday, Sept. 8**  
10:00 a.m. — Lumen Christi  
10:30 p.m. — Christian Single Today  
11:00 a.m. — The Jesus Center  
11:30 a.m. — Todd L. Levitt Show  
12:00 p.m. — (con't)  
3:00 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen  
8:00 p.m. — Chamber Spotlight  
8:30 p.m. — Maxabilities  
9:00 p.m. — In the Studio with Bry: Girl Talk  
9:30 p.m. — Potpourri

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### Obituaries

**Mary B. Knoll**  
 Mary Beth Knoll, 59, died Aug. 22 at her residence in Novi. She was born in 1940.  
 Mrs. Knoll is survived by her husband, Ron; sons, Bill (Dana) Feagin, Scott (Kendall) Knoll, and Jeff (Kristen) Knoll; daughter, Janet (Greg) Mahoney; mother, Elizabeth (Richard) Wolfe; two brothers, John (Marilyn) Howell and David (Joyce) Howell; and nine grandchildren.  
 She was preceded in death by her father, George Howell.  
 Services were held on Friday, Aug. 25 at Faith Evangelical Covenant Church in Farmington Hills.  
 Arrangements were made by O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi.  
 Memorials to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, P.O. Box 650309, Dallas, TX 75265 would be appreciated by the family.  
**Eleanor R. Mason**  
 Eleanor Rosemary Mason, 79, of Novi died Aug. 29 at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. She was born in 1920.  
 Mrs. Mason is survived by daughters, Suzanne Mason and Michelle (David) Makubski; son, Harold Jr.; and three grandsons, Phillip, Shawn and Josh.  
 Mrs. Mason was preceded in death by her husband, Harold, and two sons, Lawrence and Gerald.  
 Services were held on Thursday, Aug. 31 at Holy Family Church in Novi.  
 Arrangements were made by O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi.  
 Memorial contributions to The Michigan Kidney Foundation would be appreciated by the family.  
**Doris V. Steiner**  
 Doris V. Steiner, 70, died Aug. 25 in the Hospice of Michigan in Farmington Hills.

She was born May 12, 1930, in Detroit to Flavius and Myrtle (Weston) Burke.  
 Mrs. Steiner retired in 1999 as a real estate broker with Coldwell-Banker in Florida. She was a former employee of the U.S. Census Bureau-Detroit prior to her move to Florida.  
 Mrs. Steiner is survived by two sons, James (Janet) Pratt of Rockford, Mich., and Brian Pratt of Grand Rapids; daughter, Cindy (Jeff) Heins of Northville; one sister, Beverly Hutchinson-Siefert of North Readington Beach, Fla.; and five grandchildren.  
 Services were held on Monday, Aug. 28 at Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home, Northville. The Rev. Richard J. Henderson of Faith Community Presbyterian Church in Novi officiated. Interment was in Acacia Park Cemetery.  
 Memorial contributions to the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society or the Hospice of Michigan would be appreciated by the family.  
**Barbara J. Thompson**  
 Barbara Jean Thompson, 60, died Aug. 28 at her residence in Novi.  
 She was born in 1940.  
 Mrs. Thompson was employed at Holy Family Church in Novi as a secretary/bookkeeper for 23 years. She was the first chairperson of the parish social commission, a church lector, and a member of the chime choir. Mrs. Thompson was a passionate University of Michigan fan, a world traveler and a precious grandma.  
 She is survived by her husband, Ray; daughter, Connie (Frank) Leuck; son, Randall (fiance, Karen); father, John Watanas; one brother, John (Pam) Watanas; and eight grandchildren: Ryan, Monica, Julia, Jacob, Andrew, David, Ashley, and Reid.  
 Mrs. Thompson will be in state Thursday, Aug. 31 at Holy Family Church, 24505 Meadowbrook Road, Novi, from 7-9 p.m. with a scripture service at 7:30 p.m.  
 Continued visiting at the church Friday, Sept. 1 at 10 a.m. until a funeral Mass is celebrated at 10:30 a.m.  
 Arrangements were made by O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi.  
 Memorials to the Karmans Cancer Institute, 41835 W. Twelve Mile Road, Novi, MI 48377-9939 would be appreciated by the family.  
**George W. Weiss**  
 George William Weiss, 87, of Cherokee Village, Ark., died Aug. 25 at St. Bernard's Regional Medical Center in Jonesboro, Ark. He was born Aug. 9, 1913, in Detroit to Charles and Mary (Wagner) Weiss.  
 Mr. Weiss moved 21 years ago from Northville to Cherokee Village, upon his retirement as executive sales manager for Shatterproof Glass Corp. His memberships included Cherokee Village Men's Golf Association, Spring River Entertainment Association, Cherokee Village Community Chorus, and the Cherokee Village Players.  
 He was also a choir member of the Cherokee Village United Methodist Church.  
 Mr. Weiss is survived by his wife, Gladys of Cherokee Village; Charles (Sandi) of Brighton; two daughters, Marlene (Skip) Harrington of Buffalo, N.Y., and Barbara (Francis) Thomason of Cherokee Village; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.  
 Memorial services were held on Tuesday, Aug. 29 at Cherokee Village United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Jim West officiating. Arrangements were made by Tri-County's Cherokee Chapel of Highland, Ark.  
 Memorials to the Cherokee Village United Methodist Church or to the American Cancer Society would be appreciated.  
**Rhoda O. Werthmann**  
 Rhoda O. Werthmann, 78, of Macomb County died Aug. 23 in St. John's Hospital.  
 Mr. Wright retired from Ford Motor Co. He served in the Navy during World War II and received several medals: Asiatic-Pacific Medal with three stars; American Area Medal; Victory Medal; and the Philippine Liberation Medal with one star. Mr. Wright was a member of American Legion Post No. 109 in Farmington Hills.  
 He is survived by his wife, Frances G.; sons, Dennis (Emma), Donald, Tim, Richard, Glenn (Colleen), and Brian (Connie); daughters, Barbara Dawson and Patricia (Raymond) Beazure; two brothers, George (Betty) and Robert (Alma); one sister, Blanche Wright; 22 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.  
 Interment was in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens.  
 Memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society, 29350 Southfield Road, No. 118, Southfield, MI 48075 would be appreciated by the family.

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**Frank C. Wright**  
 Frank C. Wright, 74, died Aug. 21 at his residence in Novi. He was born Oct. 19, 1925, in Detroit, Mich.

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## This was worth saving

Something exciting is happening near the corner of Nine Mile and Novi roads and we aren't referring to the new traffic signals.

A just-opened restaurant, Shiro, is elegantly serving up high-style Japanese cuisine, while incorporating a touch of France, in the old Rogers mansion.

Restaurant owners Howard Yang and Ji Woong Shin say they want local people to concentrate on the quality of their food and not just be distracted by their spectacular make-over of the 1930s estate home. And the food is well worth the attention.

Still, several people a day pull up at Shiro, which means both white and castle in Japanese, with one intention in mind. They want to tour that house, which was built for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rogers in 1930-31. It was the height of the Depression and the couple chose a conservative style for their residence, reminiscent of the Antebellum South.

Rogers died in 1942; two other families lived in the stunning building. In 1976, Irwin Arkin, who owned the home then and now, approached the city and asked for encouragement in converting the place into a restaurant. The resulting eatery, Home Sweet Home, was a hit there for a number of years. But that closed down and two other attempts at a

restaurant floundered. Then, Arkin met Yang and Shin and Shiro was hatched.

While the two restaurant owners deserve ample credit for their achievement, applause is overdue for Arkin and all he's done to keep lovely buildings standing in Novi, when so many have been plowed under to make way for new development.

The Rogers family, who were related to Novi pioneer Sally Thornton, moved her old home to a site near their mansion. It was in decrepit condition several years ago when Arkin decided it needed to be moved. He cooperated with local preservationists, but ultimately the home was given by Arkin to a man who moved it and restored it for a private sale. It remains a lovely Novi historic site.

And as the Rogers home has stood vacant for several years, a businessman other than Arkin may have given up and developed the attractive piece of land in another direction. Novi might have had one more drugstore, strip mall or gas station.

Instead, Arkin held fast to his dream of finding a contemporary use for the mansion. And so a very unique local landmark remains open to the dining public. We wish Shiro and Arkin success, because all of us share in it when something beautiful is not lost to Novi.



The historic Rogers mansion continues to thrive as a restaurant, surviving decades of bad lucks rampaging through Novi.

## Saving grace

## LETTERS

### Ignored by CVS

"How to have the best sex of your life." "Make him ache for you." "Your sex drive: How does it compare?"

Do these articles titles get your attention? They have been recently featured on the covers of "Marie Claire" and "Cosmopolitan" magazines on prominent display at eye level on top of the candy counter in your store. This is the third letter that I've sent with no response. Someone from CVS management did call me to say that "someone would get back to me" but it's been three months since my first letter and I've heard nothing yet.

For the third time I am voicing my objection to the inappropriate placement of these magazines for the viewing of small children at the candy counter, and am requesting that such material be placed in other areas of the store, be displayed with covers (as does Kroger in response to their customers) or not displayed at all. Because my concerns have not to date been addressed, I can no longer give CVS the benefit of the doubt that my first two letters were misread or lost. The lack of a response from CVS shows that my requests have not been taken seriously and more importantly, that CVS shows a lack of concern for the interests of the young children of this community.

John S. Parker, DVM

### Help Jerry's Kids

Labor Day weekend marks the end of summer for many people, but to me it means it's time for the Jerry Lewis MDA 4633, introduced in 1999, would make our Metroparks ineligible for local recreational grants if the Metroparks impose restrictions on hunting/fishing.

Pat Brown, Program Supervisor  
Northville Parks and Recreation

### Actor writes

Labor Day weekend is fast approaching, and I must tell you it's an occasion with special meaning for me. You see, more than 20 years ago I agreed to help the Muscular Dystrophy Association by reading a message for the Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon from a father dying from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS or Lou Gehrig's disease). His amazing expression of courage brought me to tears, and became a personal source of inspiration that prompted me to again appear on the Telethon in 1997.

Many of you watching in last year's ABC-TV movie "Tuesday's With Morrie" in which I played Morrie Schwartz, another brave man dying from ALS. An incredible educator, Morrie's indomitable spirit has transcended death by serving as a catalyst for living - even when one is being ravaged by disease. I'm proud that the movie and the best seller by Mitch Albom on which it was based, have helped so many families. But Labor Day reminds me that we can't stop with Morrie's important lessons. We must find a way to stop ALS, an insidious disease affecting some 35,000 Americans.

I just completed a message for this year's Telethon. It will be part of the chorus of celebrity testimonials and performances you'll see this Labor Day weekend on WDWB, WB20, beginning at 10 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 3.

Nearly a million volunteers will be working Labor Day weekend to help families affected by ALS and other muscle-wasting diseases. Like me, they want to accelerate worldwide research seeking treatments and cures and help MDA maintain its network of 230 clinics offering families unparalleled medical services without direct charge. I hope you'll try to make a difference, too. For more information about MDA or the Telethon, I encourage you to contact Bob Mackle, MDA Director of Public Information at (920) 529-5317 or bobmackle@mdausa.org.

Lin Szymanski

Jack Lemmon

### Get other side

Your sports editor should try and stick with sport news rather than moaning about a traffic ticket he received. Who is he trying to rally against the police, what is his beef?

Of course nobody likes getting a traffic ticket but because he is a sports editor, he now thinks he can take up almost one-quarter of the opinion page venting his outrage about a traffic ticket. Of course, we are only getting one side of the story as well. What gall.

"What is a man supposed to do," he asks, in his quest for truth. I say - grow up.

Reference: "Lack of Road Sign is Route to Trouble" by Jason Schmitt.

Gerald R. Lynch

### Thanks for votes

I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the voters in Oakland County and to "everyone" who worked so hard to help me realize my success in the primary election for the position of Oakland County Drain Commissioner.

It was a wonderful team effort with a victorious outcome, and it could never have been achieved without the support and dedication of so many. Please accept my sincere thanks.

John P. McCulloch

### Aid from Novi

This year Northville Parks and Recreation was pleased to once again hold another very successful year of the Safety Town program for pre-kindergarten children.

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank our sponsors for their very generous donations for the Safety Town program. Dr. Timothy Kirk O.D., Town & County EyeCare in Novi, Northville Kiwanis, Home Depot, Northville Mother's Club, University of Michigan Health Center, Northville Family Practice, Hon. Ronald W. Lowe, District Judge and Jim Roth, Ron Miller from Custard Time. It is with their continued commitment that we can make a difference in the young children of the community.

We would also like to give special thanks to St. Paul's Lutheran Church and their wonderful staff for the use of their facility, to our many presenters for their time and energy, and last but certainly not least, our teen volunteers. This program would not

### Share your opinions

We welcome your letters to the editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask that your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content.

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### Preserve deer

Many people from the media, along with private citizens, have asked for information on the Metroparks Deer Preservation Council (mdpc). We are a non-profit, all volunteer group which includes concerned residents, taxpayers, and frequent park users.

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- establish a humane role model for today's society and tolerance for wildlife; and to work harmoniously with all organizations to implement a variety of non-lethal control methods.

We believe and support the following:  
• There is a better, more humane, long-term and effective non-lethal way to manage deer in our Metroparks. Non-lethal forms of deer management (e.g., public education regarding deer behavior, trap and relocate, fencing sensitive areas, seasonal forage plots, etc.) can be used.

- We are making a call for non-lethal deer management with government support and financial assistance. We met with DNR personnel, and they agreed that there is a need to research non-lethal for urban/suburban deer issues.
- Deer numbers and Metropark wildlife may be mismanaged for economic and political reasons. In 1995, Gov. Engler's Task Force on Hunting/Fishing convened to set goals for increasing hunting participation in Michigan with one goal being to increase hunting opportunity in urban

## Politics begins to get interesting

Gee, what happened? All of the sudden, election year politics is getting interesting. After several years of rather uninteresting contests, all of the sudden there are run-offs worth watching all over the Michigan landscape.

It starts at the top of the ticket. Al Gore has managed to make a horse race out of a presidential campaign that, until just a week ago, looked like slam dunk for George Dubya. And Michigan is in the unusual position of being one of a handful of states likely to make a difference in the outcome.

There are of course the important U.S. Senate and U.S. House races. Debbie Stabenow is looking to bump off Republican incumbent Spence Abraham, a contest getting a lot of attention. And then there is the Mike Rogers-Dianne Byrum contest for the eighth Congressional district in Livingston, Genesee, Washtenaw and Ingham counties. The seat, previously held by Stabenow, is up for grabs and the contest is getting national attention. With Democrats looking to make gains in Congress, here's one the GOP could snatch away, putting the majority one seat further out of reach.

Even Michigan's Supreme Court contest is heated this year. But don't overlook the contest for control of the Michigan House of Representatives. If Democrats could pick up just four seats there, they would wrest control of that chamber away from the Republicans. Sound unreasonable in a state so dominated by the GOP at this level? Think again.

A quick glance at the races shows Democrats threatening to steal away eight seats from the GOP. Of course, Republicans are threatening to take seven more seats back from Democrats.

The upshot is that 15 seats are up in the air when it would take only four to alter the balance of power. Don't underestimate the importance of this. With Republicans in control of the governor's mansion as well as both chambers of the state legislature, Democrats have been largely relegated to playing speed-bump politics—at best, they can try to slow those party pachyderms down at bit.

And it has been most notable on issues like permits to carry concealed weapons, where it took a public outcry to get Republicans to

rethink their plan to make permits more available. Other issues that have gone badly for Democrats include residency requirements and the proposal to take over Detroit schools. Attempts to curtail the powers of the Attorney General, the only statewide post held by a Democrat, have been narrowly averted.

Polling at the state House level is hard to come by, but one has been conducted. It's called the primary election. No, perhaps it isn't as scientifically accurate as the nation's Harris polls. Yes, it is a flawed indicator. But it is still an indicator. And a close look at how the results came out shows some interesting things.

The Republican hold on a number of districts is precarious at best. In incumbent Republican Laura Toy's 19th district in Livonia, Democratic challenger Michael Sullivan actually got more votes in the primary, 3,669 compared to her 2,059. Even if she picked up the 653 votes cast for another Republican, she'd still fall short.

Bruce Patterson, the incumbent Republican in Plymouth, fell short of the 3,594 votes cast for Democratic challenger Mickey Walsh. Patterson got only 2,733.

Five other Republican incumbents were bettered by their Democratic challengers — Gary Wronochak by Amanda Howe in Dearborn, Jennifer Faunce by Steve Bieda in Warren, Gerald VanWoerkom by Steve Habeler in Muskegon, Jim Howell by Cheryl Hadsall in Saginaw County, and Randy Richardson by Herb Hotal in Monroe County.

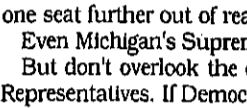
Another Republican may have bettered his Democratic challenger — Andrew Richter beat John Anderson in Grosse Pointe — but if all the Democratic votes ended up moving to Anderson, 3,244, Richter's 2,716 votes would fall short.

Republicans pulled off a similar feat in fewer districts. The GOP's Scott Wojak did better than incumbent John Hansen out in Dexter. Fred Gallagher got the better of Democratic incumbent Doug Spade in Adrian. Patrick Miller pulled in more votes than incumbent Democratic Steve Pestka in Grand Rapids.

And if the primary were the final tally, Francis Flanders would have unseated Andy Neuman out in Charlevoix. They came real close in two other districts. The final analysis is that Republican control of the House is by no means assured. And Democrats are doing their best to make a race out of it. One more contest that bears watching.

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### Mike Malott



## Farmer diarist jotted down life in Novi

Time travel back to the past can seem almost real when reading diaries or letters written long ago. The diaries of early settlers paint a vivid picture of what life was actually like at a point in time, as it was taking place.

Often, though daily activities tended to be rather mundane, tedious and downright boring, they still provide us with a good idea of life in a different age.

One such manuscript concerns the life of Henry Larcom of West Novi.

The West Novi Post Office was located on the Detroit-Howell Turnpike (later called Grand River Avenue) near today's Providence Park Medical facility. In the mid- to late 1800s, according to the Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society, West Novi was a thriving town, with post office, furnace, etc.

"The furnace was built by N.G. Pinyne...then sold to Daniel Smoke and C.P. Larcom (sic); when the railroad missed them they moved it to Wixom." Henry Larcom's older brother Chauncey ran the furnace, or foundry, with Henry

and other neighboring men as helpers in the shop. The 1860 census lists both Henry and Chauncey as "Machine and pattern-makers." Henry's diary for 1865-66 tells of a hard-working life, with no vacations or days off - except Sundays.

Most days, Monday through Saturday, Henry wrote: "Chauncey, Perry (neighbor and Co-owner Lemuel Perrigon), George (third hand) and all in shop to work." A typical entry was like of Monday, May 8: "I worked in shop good 3/4 of a day & mixt my mortar." (Spelling in the entries is left as Henry wrote it.)



Barbara Louie

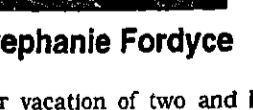
Local historian Barbara Louie, a Novi resident, has published two books of Novi history books.

"It was like a slap in the face to know I would never have a summer vacation of two and a half months to look forward to ever again...I have a real job now...Like my dad would say, 'welcome to the real world.'"

Now that summer wasteland is gone. And the even scarier thought is that there won't be anymore lengthy Christmas vacations or spring breaks.

But regardless of a little jealousy, I'm overjoyed to be working for this newspaper and I wouldn't change it for anything. I am definitely one of the luckiest people in the world to have come straight out of college and be hired with practically no job experience. I am extremely grateful for having this wonderful opportunity. Now, can I take some time off?

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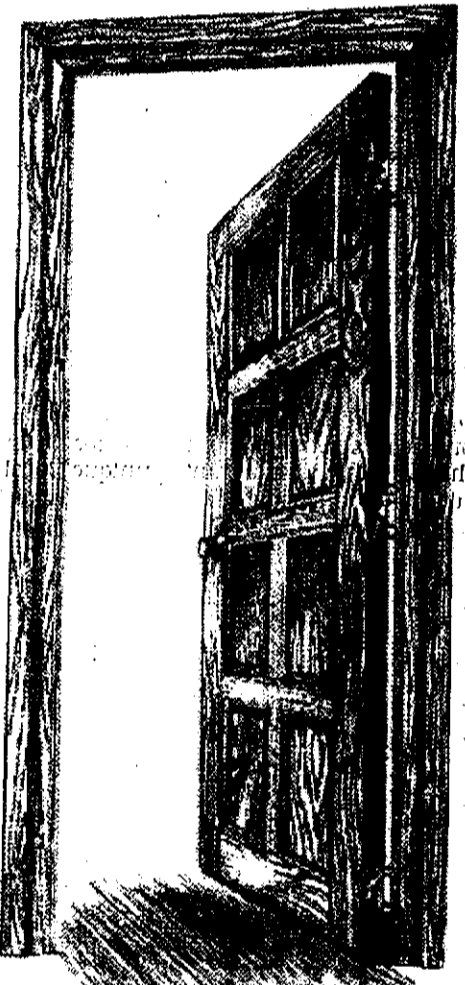
mer vacation of two and half months to look forward to ever again. See - I have a real job now, a career, and now I know what it's like to be a so-called adult, welcome to the real world."

This year, for the first time, the summer months just flew by. It didn't even feel like summer. I guess the unusually cool weather didn't help much either, but it wasn't like it was in the years

## SYNOPSIS OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING BREAKFAST PROGRAM

In accordance with Section 380.1272 of The School Code, the Novi Board of Education conducted a Public Hearing on August 24, 2000 to ascertain the need to implement a breakfast program. No member of the public spoke at this hearing. Based upon no public support, the Novi Board of Education will not offer a breakfast program in 2000-01. (8-31-00 NN 995603)

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## Novi News Quote of the Week

"There were no female justices on the supreme court or any female attorney generals to look up to, but none of that mattered because my teachers told me I could be whatever I wanted to be."

Jennifer Granholm  
Michigan attorney general speaking to Novi schools staff.

## Volleyball players wanted

Players are still needed for the Novi Parks and Recreation adult volleyball league.

A team entry fee of \$210 includes ten regular season matches, a league supervisor, trophies and individual awards, and league materials.

Matches begin September 18.

Players are still needed for the Novi Parks and Recreation adult volleyball league.

All games will be played at the new Novi Middle School on 11 Mile and Wixom. Match times are 8:45, 9:15 p.m. with four games played for each match.

Leagues and game days are Monday's for six co-ed teams and 6 men's teams, Wednesday's for 12 men's teams and Thursday's for 12 co-ed teams. The tournament will adjust registration accordingly to host the greatest number of teams.

For more information call the Novi Parks and Recreation Department at (248) 347-0400.

## Sports Club offers fitness classes

Whip that body into shape, with some of these upcoming classes from the Sports Club of Novi.

All Functional Fitness, Physio-Ball and Yoga classes run from September 5 - October 23.

and 7:30 p.m. Cost for club members is \$91 for one day a week and \$182 for two days a week. Non-club members fee is \$105 once a week and \$210 twice a week.

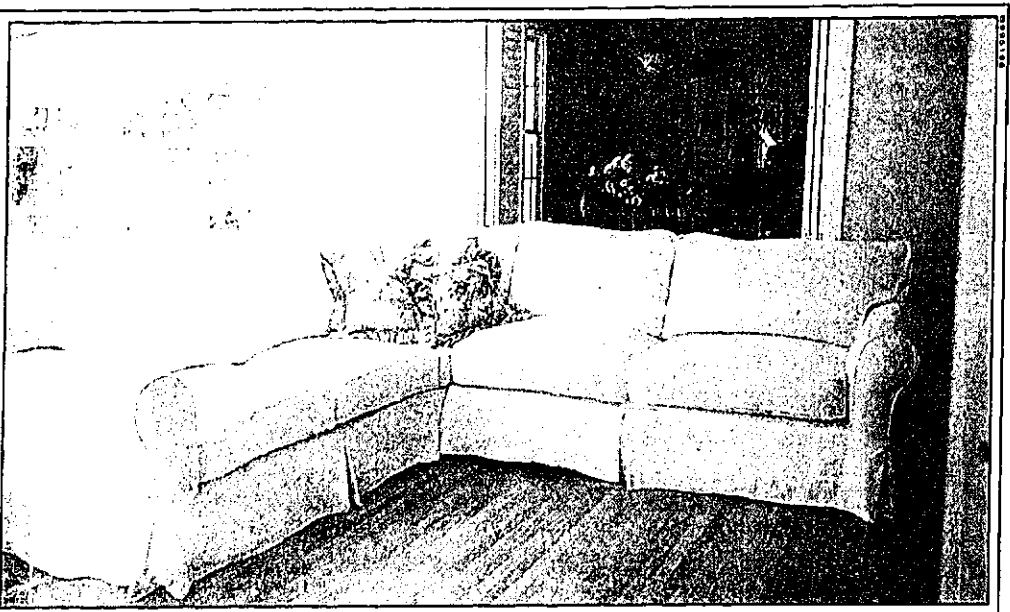
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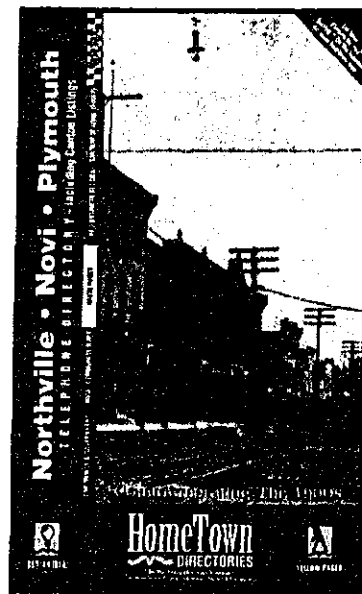
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## Discovery is the year's theme at new \$11M school

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The school, with a student enrollment of 452, features a large stage in the cafeteria, an outside amphitheater, fully-equipped music and art rooms and an impressive wildlife diorama located in the main lobby.

"This is not just used as a decoration, but is used as an educational tool as well," said Superintendent of Instruction Dr. Rita Traynor, explaining that the students will learn about Michigan plants and animals.

In fact the diorama fits in perfectly with the nature theme created by the school.

Once the media center is complete, it will feature murals of each season, as well as a greenhouse and planetarium.

"The media center is going to be really beautiful," said Traynor. "It was built more or less to take advantage of the environmental aspects. It will really bring the outside inside in terms of teaching."

The library will also feature pictorial landscape carpeting and cloud-like lighting, which is already in place.

Njus said the media center will be ready in two weeks and carpeting in the cafeteria will be installed as soon as the moisture level of the concrete reaches a certain level.

Continuing its wildlife trend, the grounds outside the school will be designed for the enjoyment of nature, gardening and environmental science.

"The building was designed to meet the needs of the program, and that's key," said Njus.

"We have movable walls, project rooms, and the media center centrally located."

Njus said aside from its full-day kindergarten and Spanish classes, the multi-age classroom settings and continuous progress model also appealed to parents.

"The continuous progress model we created means that we move kids at their own rate and pace, so like in reading and math, if the child is working above or below grade level, we will place them in the best group for them," he explained.

"There's nothing I don't like about it," said Milton, adding she was really impressed with the diorama. "Plus there's lots of space."

"I like the multi-age classrooms," said Patient, formerly of Novi Woods.

Njus said he couldn't be happier seeing the halls filled with children and that he is really looking forward to the new school year.

school mascot will be chosen on Thursday, with the help of its students.

Traynor said she thought the new building was absolutely wonderful and that the response from parents was extremely positive.

Another new concept for the elementary is that a student and teacher remain together for two years.

Parents Mike and Joannah Werth, whose son Stefan began kindergarten, said they were really pleased with what they had seen so far and were really happy to take advantage of the full-day kindergarten.

"I think it's a great adjustment into first grade," said Joannah Werth. "We also like the idea of multi-age grouping and the foreign language."

The school of choice seemed to impress its students as third graders Gavin Patient and Courtney Milton said they were excited to start the school year off in their brand-new surroundings.

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Mike Werth said it was also nice for the elementary to be so close to home.

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On Monday, Principal Richard Njus gives a hearty welcome to an arriving first grader, Jonathan Fox, to the first day of the new Deerfield Elementary School, Novi's first school of choice.

ward to the new school year. "It's great for me because I've been without kids for a year, so it's nice to finally have students again," he said.

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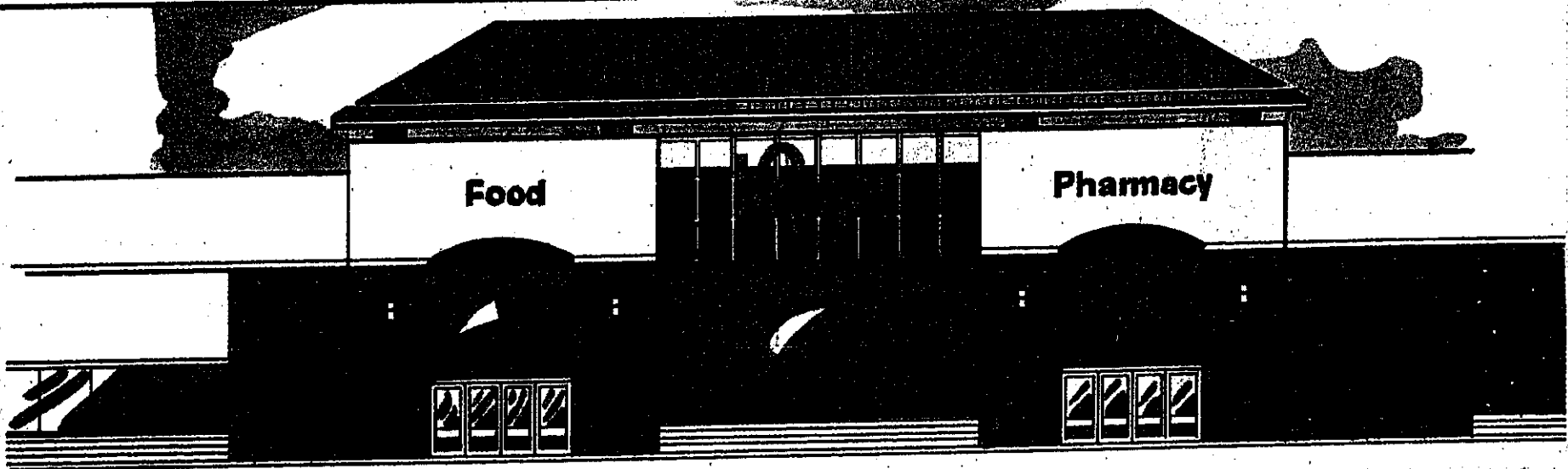
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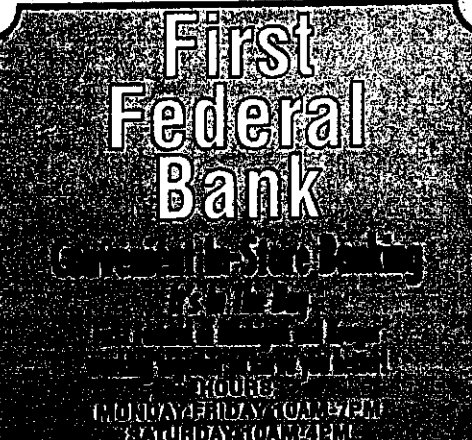
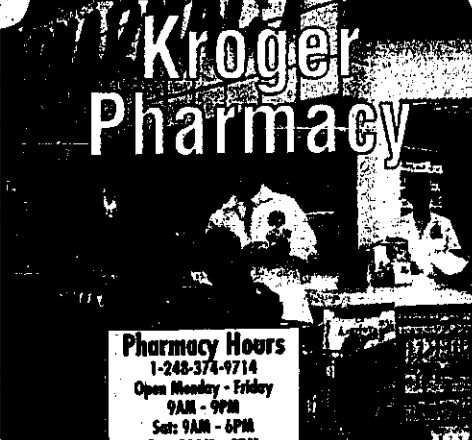
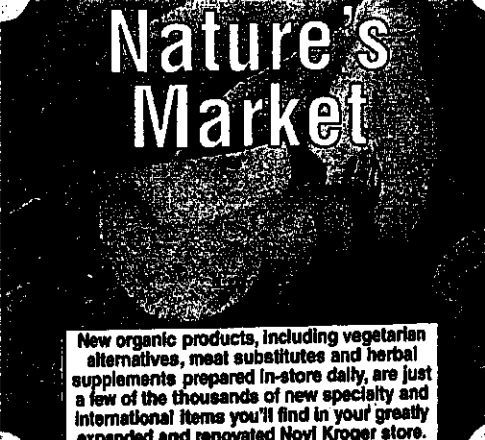
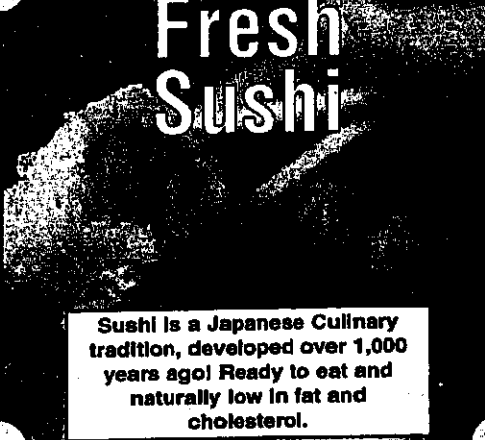
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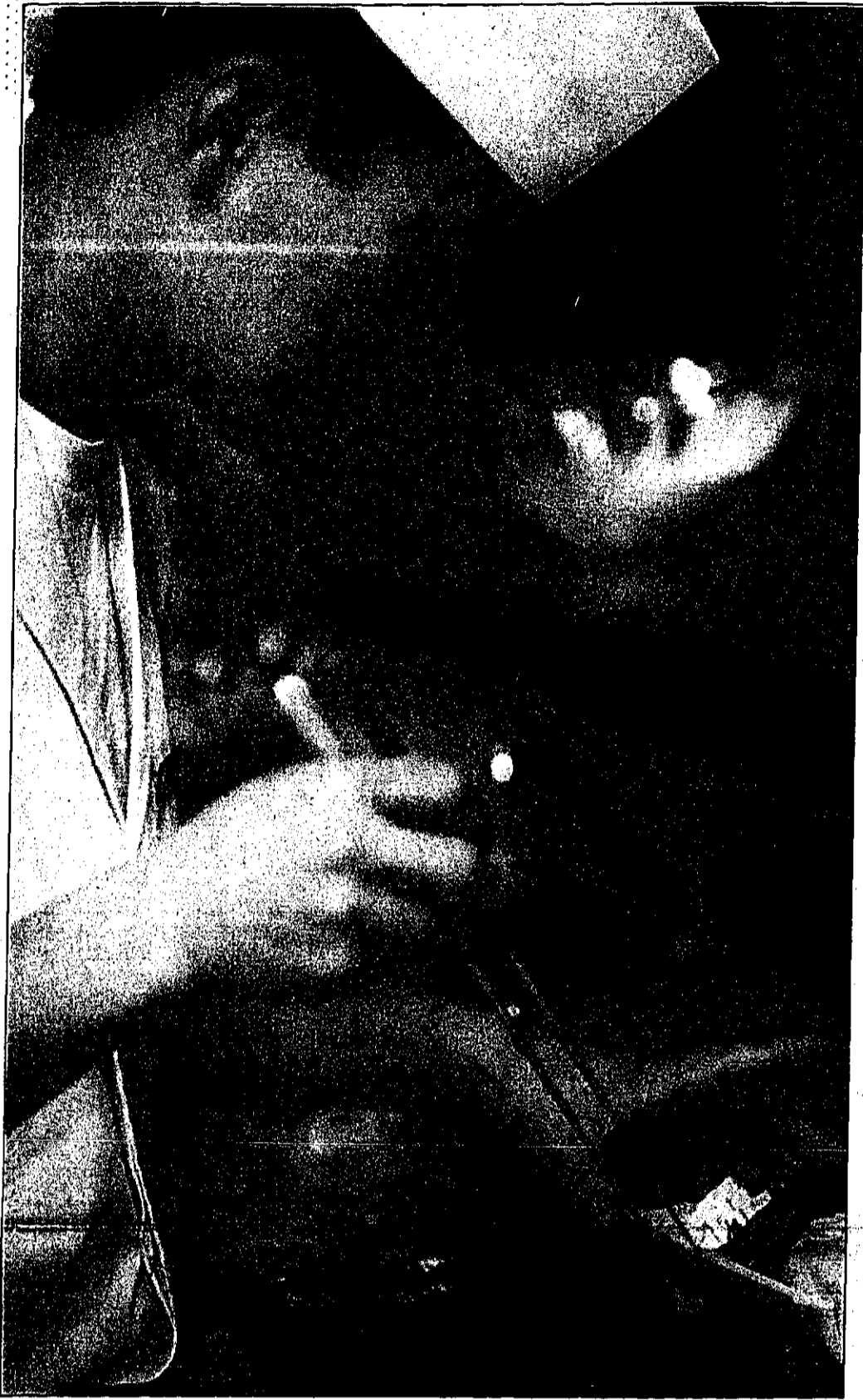


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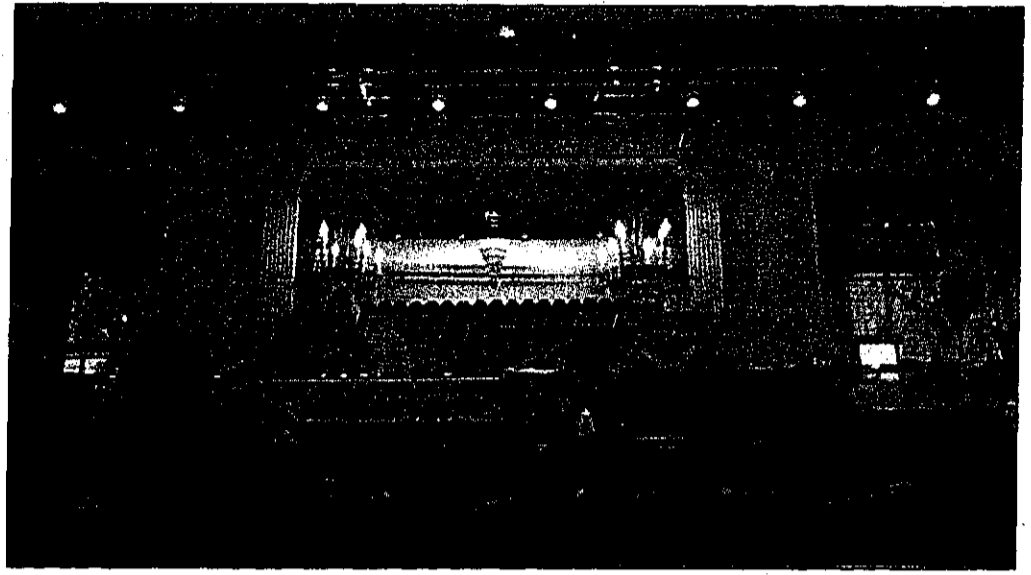
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(Above) Bong Sup Lim prepares sashimi and sushi at Shiro's restaurant.  
 (Below) Howard Yang, left, and J.W. Shin hold a couple of their specialties: (at left) sashimi and sushi, (right) tempura. Yang and Shin are Co-Owners of Novi's Shiro's restaurant.



The sushi bar of Shiro's.

# From Tara to Teriyaki

## Southern-style home transformed to elegant sushi restaurant

Its haunting beauty inspires like dreams of grandeur or lost memories recovered.

Standing alone in stark contrast to the post-modern homes and the retail shops that surround it, another dream has been reborn as people now fill the rooms where only a rumored ghost had previously presided.

Inside the elegant home along Nine Mile Road, the building was constructed with a vision of a bride in white descending the ornate spiral staircase where light reflects and twists through glass along the staircase landing. Charles Rogers already had the vision and all he needed was a daughter. But that dream never transpired.

Rogers, the inventor of condensed milk and an entrepreneur, had only sons and his only granddaughter did not share her grandfather's vision and eloped.

But now there is a new dream in this old house. A dream rich in history and steeped in tradition that goes back thousands of years.

Irwin Arkin, the owner of the mansion, and restaurateurs Howard Yang and Ji Woong Shin have transformed a fading piece of American history, the Rogers house, into a new restaurant called Shiro's.

Yang, sitting in the Sushi Bar area with elegant classical music concertos playing in background, is more than willing to discuss the traditional Japanese food that Shiro's provides.

"We want to show our customers we can make a great meal with good prices," Yang said. "At another restaurant, they charge \$10 for a glass of wine. We use the same wine, but will charge only \$8."

Yang also said that if you are looking for the real Japanese foods, Shiro's is the place to get the authentic cuisine of the Orient. Yang said that the Japanese food ordered at Shiro's may even be more authentic to the Americanized Japanese palate in the Far East.

"In Japan, even traditional cuisine is compromised. Like Chinese food here, (it) is not real Chinese food," Yang said. "We have the (staff) to do Japanese (cuisine) the right way."

Yang and Shin are more than pleased to introduce the novice to the culinary delights that are the authentic Japanese, with a French twist. Even though the food was originally born on opposite ends of the globe, they both provide a unique, tasteful experience.

"We have sushi chefs from Japan, Korea and even French sushi chefs," Yang said.

Sauces in the French tradition



The old Rogers mansion on Nine Mile Road is home to a new Japanese-French restaurant, Shiro's.

help enhance the palate and provide a bouquet of flavors. Yang is very proud of the sauces and noted that they are made fresh everyday. No leftover sauce mixtures are ever reused the way they are in many other restaurants and the ingredients are closely guarded, he said.

"I won't tell," Yang said, of the mixture of ingredients with a smile. "It's a secret."

According to Shin, the sauces are so carefully assembled that they may take up to five hours to prepare. No one knows that better than the Executive Chef Tobin Harris.

"Ginger-cured Salmon with a cucumber salad served with a wasabi cream sauce," Harris said, placing one of the house specialties before an eager customer. "Garnished with a bit of flying fish caviar."

The salmon is situated on the bottom half of the plate rolled into a rose pattern, which is slowly peeled when eaten with the caviar, both black and green, atop.

The wasabi sauce complements the fish in such a way that it actually changes when it is eaten in combination. The tastes actually alter on the palate in mid-bite.

"We match the fish to the sauces," Yang said. "Each one is prepared specifically for that meal."

Shin said that Shiro's management is willing to provide the best to their customers because they want to be a long-time member of the community. Hopes are so high, there is even talk of expansion after the eatery's only been open a few weeks.

"In a couple of years, we will put in a big glass building with a Japanese-style garden," Yang said. "He (Arkin) has the blue prints. We (are) hoping to have banquets and marriage (parties.) We also want to have an outside

barbecue."

Downstairs at Shiro's is an authentic Japanese dining area where the diners sit cross-legged on the tatami, a bamboo type of flooring which has been used for thousands of years in Japan.

"The main material is hay," Yang said, a restaurateur who originally started out in the real-estate business. "The Japanese have been living like this for a few thousand years. It's a traditional Japanese flooring."

"We had a master carpenter come from Japan and do the work," Yang continued. "All hand made. He (the carpenter) also made the sushi bar upstairs."

The Rogers Mansion has had a mixed history as a restaurant. An earlier business, Home Sweet Home, was successful, but closed when the restaurant owner pursued other life options. A later restaurant there collapsed quickly.

From the time Home Sweet Home closed and Shiro's opened was approximately two years, according to Arkin. Last year, an attempt was made to establish a Southern-style restaurant, but that never opened.

Yang was quick to point out that the finest building cannot hide the fact that the food has to be good.

"The house can be great, but the food is most important," Yang said.

Chef de Cuisine Hirofumi Taira, Chef de Partie Hwasung Kim and Sushi Chef Bong Sup Lim are an essential part to the food preparations that not only provide a meal but strategically placed, position food in a way to make it as attractive as it is delicious, reminiscent of a fine French cuisine presentation.

Learn of the old mansion's legends and Shiro's fine cuisine on Page 2AA.



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Novi Highlights

Novi Girl Scouts: The Neighborhood Service Unit No. 13 recently held their first meeting at the Civic Center...

Final plans were reported by Tammy D'Amico of the Novi Girl Scouts Encampment week-end at Camp Metanora...

For more information, call Janice Church at 344-4882 or Carol Sprys at 380-6170.

Novi Youth Forum: The Youth Forum will hold its first meeting of the year on Wednesday, Sept. 6...

The current Steering Committee members are Kevin Hebert, Novi Police Department;

Claudia Walter, caseworker with Novi Youth Assistance; and Bob Stech, Director of Community Education.

Other neighborhood plans include a fall hayride hosted by Deerfield: a holiday bake-off by Parkview sometime in December;

Health and Safety offers classes in both hunting and boating, dog training, photography, and parenting with love and logic.

Novi Community Education: The new Fall 2000 brochure is now available. Information about the Show and Tell for Women program on Nov. 18 is also included.

The Golden Dimensions will meet on Saturday, Sept. 9 at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Center. Those 55 and older are invited to join in for fun and fellowship.

The Golden Dimension group of 46 senior citizens went to see "Always" at the Century Theater. They also enjoyed dinner at Mario's Italian Restaurant in Detroit.

Swimming schedules are also included. Public swim passes are available for purchase with unlimited use during all public swim sessions.

Health and Safety offers classes in both hunting and boating, dog training, photography, and parenting with love and logic.

Church of the Holy Family: Returning from summer hiatus has many programs.

The Holy Family mixed bowling league had their kick-off on Aug. 27 and is open to adult singles and couples.

Retreat Day, sponsored by Christian Service Coordinators Association, will be held Oct. 11 at Sacred Heart Major Seminary.

Adult choir rehearsals begin Thursday, Sept. 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the church.

Baby Baby Resale Offers: Miss Karen will present Storytime at Baby Baby Resale, 302 E. Main, Northville on Tuesdays, Sept. 19 and Oct. 17 at 1 p.m.

Baby Baby Resale: Registration is at 7 p.m. games begin at 7:30 p.m. sharp.

Walk to Cure Diabetes: A six-mile walk starts at 10 a.m.

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Legendary cuisine at old fashioned prices

BY RANDAL YAKY Staff Writer: There is a legend that the old hobo house on Nine Mile Road is haunted.

Local residents say that there have been mysterious sounds coming from the upstairs bar area. Executive chef John Harris said he has been asked about unusual sightings or "close encounters" he may have witnessed while in the building.

They asked about any paranormal things that may have happened and said something about the ladies room upstairs and the bar being the most active, Harris said.

But owner Iwan Arkim insisted that there is no such thing as ghosts in the house.

"I guarantee it's not haunted," he said.

Haunted, or not, here is a list of some of the meals that are guaranteed to be legends in the future. From the dinner menu:

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Ebi Tempura Moriwake: fresh gulf shrimp and spring vegetables prepared with traditional Tempura manor and served with the chef's special tempura sauce.....\$10.95

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## Weddings



Mr. and Mrs. Labruene



Mr and Mrs. Housman

The marriage of Stacie Salas and Jerome Labruene is hereby announced by their parents, Jerry and Lancy Salas of Novi and Jean-Claude and Monique Labruene of Chateaux-Les-Forges, France. Their wedding was held in Chateaux-Les-Forges on July 29, with the Rev. Laurent Outot of St. Etienne Church officiating. The bride was given in marriage by her father. Witnesses for the bride were her brothers, Jerald and Steven; for the groom, his sister, Orienne Labruene and friend, Eric Florian.

Ronald G. Housman and Mary Beth Dickson were married May 20 at Ascension Episcopal Church in Pueblo, Colo.

The groom is a 1983 graduate of Northville High School. He studied construction engineering management at Western Michigan University and is now self-employed in construction.

The bride is a graduate from Denver University with a degree in communications and is currently an anchor-person on the morning show at station KCSJ in Pueblo.

The couple went to Bermuda for their honeymoon and now reside in Pueblo.

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## Religion

Church of the Holy Cross Episcopal Church of Novi will celebrate Holy Cross Day and Sunday School registration on Sunday, Sept. 10. To register, please have the children at the church, 46200 W. Ten Mile at 10:45 a.m.

Holy Eucharist will be celebrated outdoors, weather permitting. A cookout picnic with games for the children will follow the service. A main dish will be furnished, however, families are requested to bring a dish to share.

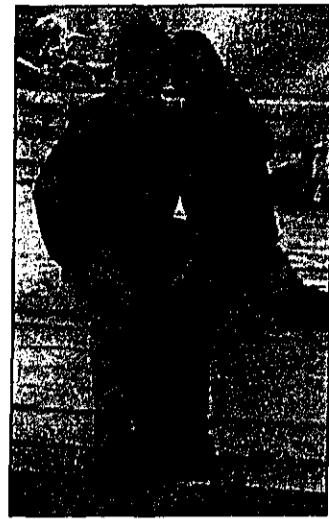
For more information, please call Joyce Marcinek at (248) 349-1175.

Ward Presbyterian Church is sponsoring an eight-week grief workshop, "From Grief to New Hope" beginning Sept. 11. This free workshop is open to the community and will be presented by Cathy Clough, director of New Hope Center for Grief Support. Sessions will be led by trained facilitators.

The workshop will meet for eight consecutive Mondays, from 7:45 p.m. at Ward Church, Six Mile and Haggerty roads.

For registration information, call Dorothy at (248) 374-5966.

## Engagement Births



Ethan Fleming

Ian and Allison (Bullock) Fleming are happy to announce the birth of their son, Ethan Lachlunn, born June 9 at 9:02 p.m. in Providence Hospital, Southfield.

He weighed 8 pounds, 13 ounces and was 21 inches in length.



Kyle Richardson

Jonathan and Tara Gursky-Richardson of Whitmore Lake announce the birth of their son, Kyle Robert, born June 6 at 5:04 p.m. in Providence Hospital, Southfield. He weighed 4 pounds, 15 ounces and was 19 inches long. Kyle's middle name, Robert, is after his maternal grandfather.

His proud grandparents are Robert and Carol Gursky of Northville, William Richardson of Northville and Debrae Richardson of South Lyon. Baby Kyle's great-grandparents are Robert and Betty Gursky of Westland, Ernest and Mae Schuster of Westland, and Sylvia Plumley of Livonia.



Sarah Gentner

Michael Charles and Jennifer Marie Gentner of Northville announce the birth of their daughter, Sarah Rose, born May 29 at 2:57 a.m. in Providence Hospital, Southfield. She weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces and was 21 1/4 inches long. Dr. Thai of Northville was the attending physician.

Grandparents are Donald R. and MaryAnn Gentner of Harbor Beach and Jerry P. and Jacquelyn Timm of Alpena.

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# DIVERSIONS

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Kelli Cooley, Copy Editor 248-349-1700 Thursday, August 31, 2000

## Critter Connection



Tango is a 3 year old Chow/Shepherd mix. He was saved from a kill list at a shelter. He would love a home without other animals or children. He is neutered, crate-trained and housebroken.



Coco(left) is a 2-year-old Chocolate Lab mix who needs a home without little children. She may have been abused and gets scared easily. She is spayed, crate trained and housebroken. A 10-week-old male puppy (right) who is a Spaniel-Hound mix needs a home as well as also a name. Perhaps Mustang or Wildcat? These animals are all available from the Critter Connection, a rescue group dedicated to finding homes for animals. Adoptions are held every Saturday at Pet Supplies Plus in Novi at 10 Mile and Meadowbrook from 12-4 p.m. or by calling (248) 685-1693.

## Seeing double



David and Stephanie Lux of Novi recently attended the 25th annual Twins Days Festival in Twinsburg, Ohio, on Saturday, Aug. 5. This event, held in the only city in the world named after twins, hosted approximately 3,000 sets of multiples (including twins, triplets, quads and quintts) from around the world. This year's event was the largest known annual gathering of twins (and other multiples) in the world, as documented in the Guinness Book of World Records.

Twinsburg is located between Akron and Cleveland on S.R. 91 and was named in honor of Aaron and Moses Wilcox, early settlers from Killingsworth, Conn. The town's name was changed from Millsville to Twinsburg in 1817, at the request of the twins, who also donated six acres of land that is now the city square and \$20 to start the first school. The Wilcox twins were so identical that only their closest friends could tell them apart. They married sisters, held property in common, were stricken with the same ailment and died the same day. They are buried in the same grave in Twinsburg's Locust Grove Cemetery.

The Twins Days Festival features 64 different contests.

## Northville Seniors

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

- **Senior Services Directory**  
 The Northville Senior Center has created a directory of services available to senior citizens. The directory includes information on support programs, health and medical services, available housing, organizations providing financial assistance, and much more. Please stop by the Senior Center to pick up your free copy today. (Funding for this directory was provided by the Oakland County Community Development Block Grant Program.)
- **TRANSPORTATION**  
 • **Bus Service for Local Shopping Trips**  
 Tuesdays: Meijer, Kohl's, Target and local banks.  
 Fridays: Farmer Jack/Hillier's or Shopping Center Market/Busch'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 to 3:30 p.m.; Pinochle, Mondays and Thursdays, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.; beginning Pinochle on Tuesdays, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.
- **Pot Luck Luncheons**  
 Held on the third Tuesday of every month at the Senior Center. Meet at noon, bring your own table service, a dish to pass, and \$1. Afterwards, there will be a movie on the big screen T.V. at 1:30 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.

- Bring a main dish, your own table service, and \$1. Refreshments will be provided. There will be dancing and entertainment by Jim Lauri. This activity is co-sponsored by Alterra Wynwood of Northville. Call the Senior Center to register.
- **Detroit Symphony Orchestra**  
 Northville Senior Center has reserved tickets to various concerts throughout the season. Tickets to Classical Coffee Concerts are \$28 for residents and \$35 for non-residents. Upcoming concerts include: All Mozart, Sept. 29; Beethoven's Fifth, Oct. 6; and Tchaikovsky's Fourth, Oct. 20.  
 Tickets to Pops Concerts are \$34 for residents, \$41 for non-residents. Future concerts include Halloween Horrors, Oct. 26; and Debbie Reynolds, March 8.  
 Departure time is 9 a.m. from MAGS for all concerts. Registration is necessary.
- **"The Beach Grill"**  
 Dinner at The Beach Grill in St. Clair Shores on Thursday, Sept. 28. The bus will depart from MAGS at 4:30 p.m. Cost for transportation is \$4 payable to the driver. Please call the Senior Center to register.
- **SENIOR FITNESS**  
 • **Line Dancing**  
 Line dancing on Wednesdays, from 1:30-2:30 p.m. starting Sept. 7. Drop-in fee, \$4. Classes will be held at the Parks and Recreation Meeting Room.
- **Flu Shots, Bone Loss Prevention Screening, Blood Sugar and Blood Pressure Tests**  
 Flu shots will be given again at the Northville Parks and Recreation Building, Thursday, Nov. 9, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call the center to register and to find out information regarding bone loss, blood sugar and blood pressure tests and costs involved. You must be 65 or older to participate.
- **SENIOR CENTER TRIPS**  
 • **Sept. 6, Williamsburg of the Midwest**  
 Depart at 7:30 a.m. and return at 7:45 p.m. cost is \$59 for residents; \$66 for non-residents.
- **Sept. 10-16, Cape Cod National Seashore**  
 Cost is \$849 per person. double occupancy.
- **Sept. 13, Salute to Seniors, Crossroads Village**  
 Depart at 9:30 a.m. and return at 8:30 p.m. cost is \$65 for residents and \$72 for non-residents.
- **Sept. 13-14, Amish Acres**  
 Cost is \$179 per person, double occupancy.
- **Sept. 19-20, Bay Mills Resort Casino, Kings Club Casino and Wild Bluff Golf**  
 Cost is \$179 per person, double occupancy.
- **Sept. 22, Toledo Zoo**  
 Depart at 9 a.m. and return by 7:30 p.m. Resident, \$50; non-resident, \$56.
- **Sept. 25, In the Mood at Soaring Eagle Casino**  
 Depart at 7:30 a.m. and return at 9 p.m. Cost is \$55 resident; \$61 non-resident.
- **Sept. 26-28, Grand Traverse Train**  
 Cost is \$345 per person, double occupancy.

**SENIOR CENTER EVENTS**

- **Senior Fest**  
 The annual Senior Fest picnic with the city of Plymouth will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 13, from 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Cost is \$2. The location will be Gonsully Mill Park located on Edward Hines Drive, between Wilcox and Plymouth roads. Call the Senior Center to register.
- **Great Lakes Crossing Trip**  
 Join others for shopping at Great Lakes Crossing on Thursday, Sept. 14. The bus pick-up at home begins at 9 a.m. and MAGS at 9:30 a.m. Cost is \$7. Call the center to register.
- **Renaissance Festival in Holly**  
 Come along with us to the Renaissance Festival on Saturday, Sept. 16. The theme for this weekend is "The Emerald Isle," so Hollywood will be transformed with the essence of Ireland. Bus will depart from MAGS at 10 a.m. and return at approximately 4:30 p.m. The cost is \$22. This includes a \$6 coupon book for food. Stop by the Senior Center to register.

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# MOVIES

Karl Kling, Editor 248-685-1507

Thursday, August 31, 2000

## Takin' a poke at the large screen

"Pokémon the Movie 2000" continues the mania surrounding the Japanese cartoon seen everywhere.

Ash, Pikachu and the entire Pokémon universe return for a spectacular, all-new adventure in Kids' WB! presents "Pokémon the Movie 2000."

The sequel to last fall's hit movie is an exciting adventure about prophetic events that throw the Pokémon universe horribly out of balance, threatening all life on Earth. The only one who stands a chance of stopping it is younger trainer Ash Ketchum... but it will take all his courage and strength to become the hero he was destined to be. Ash sets out to prove that one person can make all the difference when he embarks on the greatest Pokémon adventure yet... saving the world.

"Pokémon the Movie 2000" is the combination of the feature length film, "The Power of One," along with a 22-minute short, "Pikachu's Rescue Adventure," which follows everyone's favorite Pokémon into a magical underground forest paradise.

Together, "The Power of One" and "Pikachu's Rescue Adventure" will see the screen debut of six Pokémon, including Lugia, a legendary Pokémon rumored to lurk beneath the surface of the ocean that plays a key role in helping Ash restore balance to the world in the feature length story; and Slowking, guardian to the ancient legend. "Pikachu's Rescue Adventure" introduces four Pokémon to theatre audiences: Hoothoot, an owl-like Pokémon spotted in the trees; Bellossom, who performs a full musical production number in the tropical grotto; Ladyba, a

ladybug Pokémon with a swarm of friends; and Elekid, an electronically-charged Pokémon that combines energy with Pikachu to create a formidable blast.

Warner Bros. Pictures is once again collaborating with Nintendo of America, which manages the Pokémon franchise, which it acquired from the original creators in Japan, in all territories outside of Asia, and 4Kids Entertainment, which adapted the film and is Nintendo of America's exclusive agent for licensing the property.

Kids! WB Presents a 4Kids Entertainment Production, "Pokémon the Movie 2000," produced by Norman J. Grossfeld, President of 4Kids Productions. Grossfeld and Michael Haigney adapted the script from the original screenplay written by Takeshi Shudo. The director of the Japanese production is Kunihiko Yuyama, and the American director is Michael Haigney. Fans of the #1 TV Show will recognize the voice talents of Veronica Taylor, Rachael Lillis, Eric Stuart, Addie Blaustein, Ted Lewis, and featuring Ikue Otani as Pikachu, who return for the feature film, along with music by Ralph Schukett and John Loeffler of Rave Music. "Pokémon the Movie 2000" is distributed by Warner Bros. Family Entertainment, a Time Warner Entertainment Company.

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Senior Blake Meyers fends off a defender on the way down the sidelines on the game's opening kickoff.

## In your face

Novi stomps North, 34-7 in opener

By JASON SCHMITT  
Sports Editor

Tab Kellepourey's sideline debut was quite impressive in Novi's 34-7 win over North Farmington last Friday night.

But junior Matt Gorman's debut behind center was even more impressive.

The first-year quarterback led Novi to four first-quarter touchdowns and a 28-0 lead before sharing time at the position with teammates.

Gorman connected with fellow junior Tyson Frantz for a 39-yard touchdown reception on the first play from scrimmage. The score, set up by a long kickoff return by Blake Meyers, came just 19 seconds into the game.

"We started off the season on the right note," Kellepourey said. "That was exciting to see, Tyson not having played on the varsity before, coming down with that catch."

The excitement didn't end there, though. On the ensuing North Farmington possession Scott Kortlandt forced a tipped pass which was intercepted by Gorman and returned down to the Raider 18 yard line.

Three plays later Gorman scampered 12 yards on a keeper up the middle to put Novi up 14-0. The score came with 8:48 left in the first quarter.

North's luck didn't change much as on their next possession disaster struck again in the form of Matt Gorman. The

Raiders tried a screen pass, which was actually a laterated attempt which was dropped by the fullback. The ball bounced toward the Raider bench and was scooped up by Gorman, who returned it 11 yards for the touchdown. A missed extra point left the 'Cats with a 20-0 lead with 8:26 to play in the first.

Novi took advantage of another Raider misfortune when a mishandled punt snap gave the Wildcats the ball on North's 37 yard line. Aided by a 28-yard run by Meyers, Novi pushed the ball towards the goal line and Gorman scored from three yards out to make it 26-0. Meyers took the ball in for the two-point conversion.

"He didn't play a lot out there, but when he was out there, he made the plays," Kellepourey said of his starting quarterback. "The way our kids ran out of that tunnel, I was very impressed with them."

Novi's luck settled down the rest of the game as the only other scores of the game came from the foot of Brandon Davis. The junior nailed a 48-yarder in the second quarter and a 39-yarder in the third.

North Farmington avoided the shutout with a touchdown late in the game.

"We had very good field position all night long," Kellepourey said, giving credit to his defense. "The defense was swarming to the ball all night long. They did a

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## Rose rates amongst KVC's best

Junior forward ranks 8th on HomeTown's list

By JASON SCHMITT, SCOTT KELLEY  
and STEVE BELL  
Sports Editors

Just when it didn't seem possible, the bar has been raised for girls' basketball in the Kensington Valley Conference.

While the talent has always been strong, the addition of Pinckney this year and a strong senior group put the KVC among the top in the state in producing the best players.

This year, the league is rather wide open as far as which team is going to win the conference title. At least three and maybe four teams could walk away with the title.

In fact, the same could be said of the top three or four players in the league — any of them could be considered the league's best.

Each player brings a special flare for excitement when they touch the ball and each are an integral part of their team.

According to HomeTown's sports editors, here's a look at this year's top 10 basketball players in the KVC.

### 1. Sara Piepho 5-6 Howell Senior G

While the talent is certainly strong this year, the Howell senior stands out above the rest. Piepho entered the Howell scene as a freshman four years ago and quickly made an impact for the Highlanders.

Her tremendous ball-handling skills and her good speed proved to be a deadly combination. Her efforts were rewarded with the award of being selected to the honorable mention all-state team. But something went south her sophomore years as Piepho sustained a season-ending knee injury

before the season even began. But the Highlander was far from done.

During the off-season, she worked at rehabilitating the knee and even played that spring for the Howell softball team. From there, she moved on to a successful summer season playing for the Livingston Sting AAU team and setting up a productive junior season.

Last year, as a junior, Piepho was the league's second-best player behind Miss Basketball candidate Christie Schumacher of Milford (now at Michigan).

With Schumacher graduating, Piepho is a natural to move into this year's top spot. Last year, she averaged 11.6 points per game, pulled down 5.8 rebounds per game and averaged 2.9 steals. This year, with health on her side, Piepho should easily eclipse those numbers.

### 2. Brittany Henson 6-1 Brighton Sr. F/C

The time has come for senior Brittany Henson to shine for the Bulldogs and in the league.

In fact, for the past two years, Henson has been a force on the court, but a young and inexperienced team took its toll on the team's numbers. But this year, the once inexperienced Brighton team is stacked with experience and talent. Leading that talent is Henson.

Henson brings the rare combination of size, speed and game experience to the floor for the Dogs. As one of the top athletes on the team, she also brings a distinct inside presence to the team.

Last year she averaged 11.3 ppg and pulled down an average of 8.0



Photo by HAL GOULD

Brighton center Brittany Henson (right) is the second-ranked player in the KVC, according to HomeTown sports editors.

rebounds. Throw in an average of two assists and one steal, and Henson has the whole package.

### 3. Stephanie Anderson 5-6 Milford Jr. G

Anderson is a three-year varsity starter. This could be the year where experience and talent converge. She has excelled in AAU competition, and now that she'll be competing with players her own age on the high school level she should move past

be a role player.

Anderson holds the reins of Milford's three-guard lineup.

"Stephanie's a prototypical point guard," Milford coach Don Palmer said. "She can penetrate, pass and is a good shooter."

### 4. Kristea Cullen 5-7 Hartland Sr. G

The turnaround for the Hartland

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## Cagers start up title defense

By JASON SCHMITT  
Sports Editor

Replacing your top six players from a team that dominated the Kensington Valley Conference last year won't be easy, but Novi coach Dennis Cichonski feels that given time his 2000 girls' basketball team will do just fine.

"Right now we've got to get our players to be able to expand their games a little bit," he said. "They're all smart, good players, but we need them to become more well-rounded ball players."

The 1999 team excelled at nearly every aspect of the game, and finished 22-2 in perhaps the greatest season of Novi girls' basketball ever. Several of those players are back this year.

Junior Kate Rose proved to be a valuable asset off the bench a year ago and has set herself up as the go-to-player in 2000. At 5-11 she already has the height, but as one of the best high jumpers in the KVC she'll be able to rebound with the best.

"She has a nice 12-15 foot perimeter shot and can also score inside in traffic," her coach said. "She just needs to work on her ball handling under the bucket."

She, along with fellow junior Megan Colligan will sure up the middle for Novi. Colligan saw time on the varsity last year and has improved tremendously according to her coach.

"Megan's a more aggressive rebounder now and she's able to score inside," Cichonski said. "But she's got to get the calls from the officials. She may take a lot of abuse because she's so strong and people can hang all over her."

Depending on his matchups, Cichonski can go with three players who can all handle the ball. Senior captain Allison Tingwall will handle the point guard responsibilities. She played behind Beth Rice a year ago and made good decisions while on the court. A good passer with a nice first step to the basket, Tingwall just needs more game experience.

Karen Edwards is another captain who will play some off guard and some small forward for the team. She, along with fellow senior Jenny Krystoff both came off the bench last year, but will start this season. Having been around winners for two seasons, Cichonski hopes some of that rubbed off on them.

The bench rotation will vary depending on the situation. Cichonski can go big or quick.

With senior Mickie Rzepka and junior Brittany Barrett among the first two off the bench, the coach has speed and quickness along with additional ball handlers. Rzepka is a strong rebounder for her size and Barrett can play either

the point or off-guard position.

If Novi is forced to go big, sophomore Laura Longo and junior Liz Stevens will see plenty of action. Longo is 6-0 and is a shot blocker. Cichonski said he's really pleased with her daily development on the court. Stevens is 5-10 and has earned praise as the "hardest working girl he's seen in a long time." A competitor, Stevens is a good rebounder who must control her aggression to avoid foul trouble.

Cichonski also has a handful of girls who can play the off guard, small forward or even big forward positions if needed. Sophomore Melissa Stephen is among the team's best defensive players and will be utilized on the press.

Junior Jaime Sabol can play any of the above positions and has great footspeed and defensive anticipation. Fellow junior Carrie Copp will play down low or on the wing and is a threat against the zone.

Freshman Allison Greulich rounds out the team and will play at both guard positions. Her coach said she's a good ball handler and a solid all-around player. She'll see some good time on the court this year.

"Our big thing is putting the right combination on the floor when the situation calls for it," Cichonski said.

Novi played Walled Lake Central Tuesday (after the Novi News' deadline) and will host the Novi Invitational next Thursday and Saturday.

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## Depth replaces talent on swim team

By JASON SCHMITT  
Sports Editor

Different steps will need to be taken in order for the Novi swim team to be successful this upcoming season.

"They no longer have some of the vital cogs of last year's success at the state meet. However, coach Bill McCord said his team does have several key weapons back and will have to rely on its depth more than in the past.

"We're not going to have that top-notch talent we've had, but we still do have some great swimmers," McCord said. "We're hoping to compensate by filling in the middle a little bit. When you give up an (Amy) Hartland and Kristina (Uley), then you've lost a lot."

Novi returns several letterwinners this season, including a few who competed at last year's state meet. Senior Andrea Yocum grabbed seventh in the breast stroke competition and heads up Novi's returnees. She was also 11th in the individual medley and will lead the team in both events this year. Her versatility may be called

### Swimming

upon in other events as well.

Fellow senior Lindsey Vermillion also has state experience after competing on the Wildcats' relay teams. She's mostly a backstroke who's versatility will also be needed. She just missed qualifying for the state meet in the 500 freestyle.

Joining Yocum and Vermillion as a captain will be fellow senior Kyle Clark. She returns to the team as a butterflyer and backstroke and will be competing there this year as well.

Helping to replace some of the talent lost last season will be returning sophomore Amanda Smith. She's strictly a sprint freestyler who has the strength to be among the state's best this season.

"She's somebody who doesn't want to swim very long distances. She's got a swimmers' mentality," McCord joked.

Junior Blair Tyler's role on the team will also

be magnified this year after a strong sophomore season. Tyler has looked great early on according to her coach and should lead the team in the butterfly.

Another senior, Krysta Lynch, returns as a letterwinner who contributed to the team in the backstroke event. She's had some early-season injuries but should be able to help out. Junior Amanda Gee is a distance freestyler who carries a great work ethic. Her coaches hope she'll be able to help the team out in the 200 and 500 freestyles.

Assistant coach Larry Teahan has his top diver of a year ago back. Laurel Weiss returns for her senior season and may contend for the state meet according to McCord.

"She's shown steady improvement all along," the head coach said.

McCord will be assisted by both Teahan and Wendy Tucker this season, which begins today at home against Walled Lake Western (7 p.m.) The Wildcats will travel to Fenton Tuesday and Walled Lake Central next Thursday.



# Novi routes Raiders

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nice job, however we've still got plenty of work to do with our defensive line."

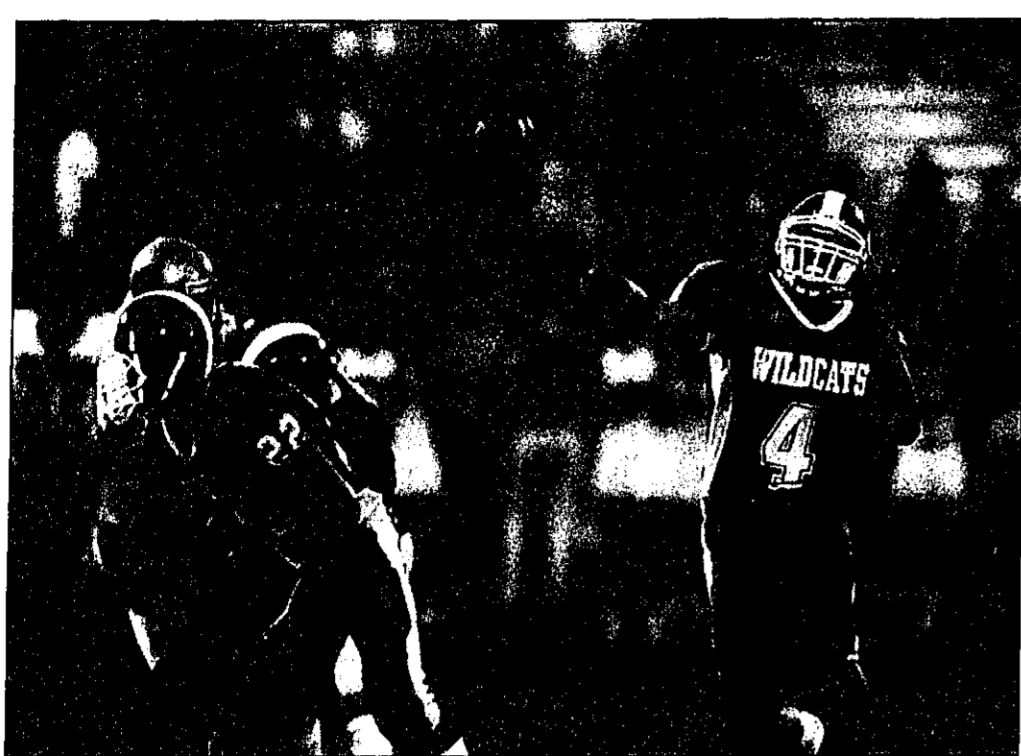
Gorman finished the game with 14 yards on the ground and 39 yards through the air. He also had the interception and fumble recovery for a touchdown on defense. Meyers led the team with 40 yards rushing and backup quarterback Drew Doll had 31 yards on three carries. The junior also completed 2 of 4 passes he attempted.

Eleven Wildcats combined to rush the ball 166 yards. The defense shut down the Raiders, allowing just one yard via the ground.

Matt Polcyn led the team with four solo tackles and three assists. Cas Werda and Andy Becker led four first hits and an assist and Jake Ray and Matt Murray had three and one each.

"I was very pleased with the way all the kids played," the coach said. "They played hard, and they were intense and focused. They made mistakes, but those are correctable.

"Even the kids on the sideline



Novi quarterback Drew Doll (4) wings a pass to one of his wideouts last Friday night.

Photo by TOM HIBBELN

were fired up and wanting to get in the game."

The coach said the win capped off what was one of the most exciting moments of his coaching career.

"It really was rewarding for me as a coach to come back here and be a part of this Novi team," he said. "All the parent involvement, the pregame activities, the fans in

the stands, I was just impressed with it all."

The win moves Novi to 1-0 with a Kennington Valley Conference matchup with Lakeland coming up this weekend. The game is on the road and will begin at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow night.

The Eagles were 9-9 last year and were outscored 369-25 by their opponents. They lost a close

one to Holly last Friday 21-20. "Their coach (Brian Howe) has been working hard with that team since January," Kelleporey said. "That hard work was obvious on the field the other night. They have a good team over there, and the season is still fresh. Everyone improves each week out, so you have to improve too."

## NOVI JV RESULTS

**NOVI JV FOOTBALL**  
 The Novi JV football team won its first game of the season against North Farmington 8-6 last Friday night. The Wildcats' defense did the most to win the game. The defense also registered a safety.

Novi's offense was led by dominant line play. Drew Hunt ran for four touchdowns and Josh Buck scored a touchdown on a pass from quarterback Doug Ray. Buck also picked up an interception.

**NOVI FRESHMAN FOOTBALL**  
 The freshman football team was victorious in its first game of the season, 14-6, over North Farmington. Scoreless at the half, the Wildcats scored on the first possession of the third quarter. Evan Lukacs scored on a six-yard touchdown run and Matt Angele blocked the return. After North Farmington made it 6-8, Novi put the game away when Andrew Summerville scored from three yards out to complete the scoring.

An interception by Brad Chandler late in the game secured the win for the Wildcats.

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# Golfers fare well at pre-KVC Brighton, Howell head up KVC

By JASON SCHMITT  
 Sports Editor

Sometimes tiebreakers can do you good, and sometimes they can do you in.

The Novi golf team finished tied for second at the pre-Kennington Valley Conference meet on Aug. 22, but lost out to both South Lyon and Hartland in the tiebreaker and had to settle for fourth place.

Brighton won the meet with a total of 308 and the Lions, Eagles and Wildcats all came in with 314s. The fifth-score tiebreaker system was used at the match.

"We're still playing very well right now," coach Brad Flux said of the team. "Brighton was particularly pleased with the play of Ayes and Cole. The latter has really picked up his game since last year and is making significant contributions to the team."

Derek's really put a lot of work in over the summer," Huss said. "Sometimes all your hard work doesn't always pay off like you'd hoped. For this kid right now it is. It's really satisfying to see."

Novi faced Northville Tuesday (after the Novi News' deadline) and will take a week off before traveling to Lakeland next Thursday for a KVC matchup.

# Brighton, Howell head up KVC

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basketball program began about four years ago. That just happened to be the same time a young freshman named Kristen Cullen entered the scene.

She immediately made an impact on Coach Mike Joseph, and soon found herself in the starting lineup. Four years later, she's the only player on Hartland's team who has started all four years.

While Cullen plays the guard position, she is also the top defensive player on the team. "There is no question about it. Kristen is our best player on the team," Joseph said. "She does so much for us. She is really the complete package."

Cullen is the team's best shooter, and is also the top defensive player on the team. "She's always given the task of guarding the opposition's top player. The senior is also one of the top guards in the conference in ball-handling skills, and is an excellent passer."

"Another big thing about Kristen is she works hard," Joseph said. "She is the hardest worker I have ever coached."

**5. Anne Marie Tupper**  
**5-8 Pinckney Jr. G/F**  
 Last season, the Pirates often looked to senior star Ashley Emery to lead the way. But a rising young star quickly helped take off the pressure with her solid skills and ability to play well under pressure.

That sophomore was Tupper. Now, with a year of experience under her belt and the graduating of Emery, Tupper is in the perfect

situation to flourish.

She brings very good ball-handling skills to the team and has solid speed which comes in handy in breaking the press. Tupper is very solid with the outside jump shot, and has the size to take the ball inside.

**6. Karl Murphy**  
**5-11 Brighton Sr. F**  
 Size is always hard to come by in high school girls' basketball, but the Bulldogs have two of the better big girls in the league this year.

Murphy, along with Henson, gives Brighton a very distinct presence inside the paint. Murphy came into her own last season as she quickly gained a reputation as a tough inside player. And now with a year of experience under her belt, she is being looked upon to become an even stronger offensive and defensive threat for her team this year.

**7. Connie Mallinson**  
**6-7 Jr. G. Milford**  
 On pure athleticism, Mallinson would likely be at the top of the list. And it's not just that track speed, she's got the whole package — the quickness, the hand-eye coordination.

In the graduation of Christie Schumacher, the Redskins lost nearly 30 points per game. Mallinson is the one most capable of helping to fill that void. Palmer said she has improved as a three-point shooter. Now all Mallinson needs is a scorer's mentality.

"She doesn't realize how good she is or how good she can become," Mallinson's coach said.

**8. Ashlee Larsen**  
**5-8 Howell Sr. G**  
 Talent is certainly not lacking in Howell's backcourt. Playing as a perfect complement to Piepho is classmate Ashlee Larsen. Also returning as a starter from last year's team, Larsen brings a unique dimension to the team.

She has very good speed which makes her vital in breaking the press. Larsen is also a solid shooter and has very good vision on the court. She spent this past summer playing AAU basketball and looks even stronger than the past. With Piepho gaining the attention of one, two and maybe even three players from the opposition, Larsen will have the chance to put up some big numbers.

**9. Kate Rose**  
**5-11 Novi Jr. F**  
 Defending KVC champion Novi has a lot of work ahead of it as it tries to replace its top six players who graduated from last year's 12-0 squad. One of the best high jumpers in the KVC, Rose has a tremendous advantage on the boards and should provide a lift for the 2000 Cats.

"She's got a nice, quick first step and she really gets up for rebounds," Novi coach Dennis Cichowski said. "We're hoping she can play either 3, 4 or 5 for us this season."

Although Novi has several scoring options on the team, Rose should be the go-to player when she's on the court.

**10. Jessica Williams**  
**5-4 Hartland Jr. G**  
 While Hartland will have its only four-year varsity starter on the team this year in Cullen, this junior will be in the same boat next season. Jessica Williams started for Hartland as a freshman and has been a mainstay on the varsity squad ever since. While not a very big player, she brings a lot to the table in each game. Her strongest point is her solid defensive skills. Williams does a great job of using her speed and quick feet to throw a defender off.

This year, the Eagles will also be looking for her to be more of an offensive threat.

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The third season of football picks is underway, and everyone will be trying to top the previous year's choices. Jason Schmitt. The coin flip is back this year, so hopefully everyone has at least a 50 percent chance of finding out if we're right. We hope!



Jason Schmitt	Bob Jackson	Chris Davis	John Heider	Kelli Cooley	Randal Yakey	Kevin Meak	The Flip of the Coin
Northville at N. Farmington	Northville	Northville	Northville	Northville	Northville	Northville	Northville
Novi at Lakeland	Novi	Novi	Novi	Novi	Novi	Lakeland	Novi
Howell at Pinckney	Pinckney	Howell	Howell	Howell	Pinckney	Howell	Howell
Franklin at Stevenson	Stevenson	Stevenson	Stevenson	Stevenson	Stevenson	Stevenson	Franklin
Bowling Green at Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Bowling Green
Central Michigan at Purdue	Purdue	Purdue	Purdue	Purdue	Purdue	Purdue	Purdue
W. Michigan at Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wisconsin
Detroit at New Orleans	Detroit	Detroit	Detroit	New Orleans	New Orleans	Detroit	New Orleans
Tennessee at Buffalo	Tennessee	Buffalo	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee
Indianapolis at Kansas City	Indianapolis	Indianapolis	Indianapolis	Indianapolis	Indianapolis	Indianapolis	Kansas City
Last Week	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0 (DNP)	0-0	0-0
Final 1999 record (place)	92-48 (1)	91-49 (2)	86-54 (5)	87-53 (3)	0-0 (DNP)	0-0 (DNP)	60-70 (8)

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## Health Column

### New research helping those with defects

Nine-year-old Ryan Dewald of Tawas, Mich., just wants to have a steak dinner with his parents. But because he was born with almost half of his jaw and one jaw joint missing, he can't. His face has been deformed since birth, caved in on one side and affecting not only his appearance but hindering his ability to chew, breathe and speak.

Now, Ryan is looking forward to that steak, and to a more normal life, because of treatment he's receiving at the University of Michigan Health System. In a pioneering attempt, plastic surgeon Steven Buchman M.D. has led the effort to grow Ryan almost an entire left jawbone, and a joint to connect the bone to his skull. But it didn't happen in a test tube: Buchman has been able to help Ryan's own body to grow 35 centimeters of bone and a joint where there was none before.

The process, which has previously been used only to heal fractures in large bones or lengthen or repair existing facial bones, has successfully created an entirely new structure for Ryan's tiny face. He's the second young patient to undergo such an extensive treatment at the U-M's multidisciplinary Craniofacial Anomalies Program, one of the largest and oldest in the nation.

The technique is called distraction osteogenesis - literally, growing bone by distracting, or pulling apart, the ends during the healing process. Buchman and a handful of other surgeons around the country are hopeful that with more research, the technique could be used to help thousands of children born each year with facial defects, and others with facial bone problems.

"This is a process by which new bone is formed from the old bone that was there," says Buchman, who heads the U-M craniofacial program. "You cut the bone, and when you cut it, it wants to heal. If you fool the body by moving those two cut surfaces away from each other very slowly, almost like a clock moving every day, you'll fool the body into making new bone."

In Ryan's case, distraction osteogenesis offered hope after a more conventional approach - a bone graft using part of one of his ribs - failed last year. So, Buchman and the Dewald family decided to form something from nothing in order to overcome Ryan's severe form of the congenital problem called hemifacial microsomia.

"Hemifacial microsomia is a big word, but essentially what it means is that part of his jaw did not develop" normally in the womb, Buchman says. "The jaw is the growth center for our face, so the entire part that didn't develop initially won't grow at all. Meanwhile, the normal side develops correctly, and it shifts the opposite side because there is nothing there to push against it."

Ryan's condition is actually the second most common facial birth defect, after cleft lip and palate. As many as 1 in 3,000 children are born each year with the abnormality, in varying degrees of severity. Some have an undersized mandible, or jawbone, on the affected side, and distraction osteogenesis has been used for several years to grow the bone long enough to make a joint with the skull. Patients as young as two have been able to have it

done, but only if there is some bone there to work with.

In the case of patients like Ryan, who have almost no bone to grow, and no existing joint bone to fit into the skull, a bone graft has been the only hope. Once the child is old enough to have a rib bone of sufficient size to transplant, doctors have performed the surgery in hopes that the graft will take root and become permanent.

Since Ryan's bone graft failed, Buchman and his team started from scratch, much as they had done with the other patient, who had not wanted a bone graft. After making a cut at the very end of Ryan's tiny, existing malformed bone, Buchman installed a device called a distractor beneath Ryan's cheek.

The distractor, an adjustable rod, is connected to two sets of pins, one set implanted in the bone on either side of the cut. The rod has a gear mechanism on it, which connects through the cheek to a device outside the skin. This allows Buchman or Ryan's parents to use a key to turn the gear half a millimeter at a time. Each tiny turn creates just a little more room for bone to grow in the gap between the cut ends.

"The body thinks it's going to heal a fracture, and by stretching the sides away from each other we sort of throw a little monkey wrench in the works, and the body says 'well I thought we were healing a fracture that was just that big. OK, we'll now fix one that's that big,'" says Buchman.

Ryan's only complaint is that the distractor has kept him from playing hockey and riding his bike, to protect the new bone. "Most of the time I can't even feel it, so it's pretty good," he says.

Ryan's progress has been slow and steady, but the distractor has allowed him to grow nearly 35 centimeters of three-dimensional bone. Buchman is optimistic that it will produce solid bone after a healing period ends and the distractor is removed in early fall. When it is done, Ryan will have a new main horizontal body of his left mandible, an ascending ramus, or vertical part of the mandible, and a condylar joint that articulates with the skull to make up the jaw joint. His teeth will be better aligned, and he should be able to move his jaw much better because of the new joint.

The success of Ryan's treatment, and of dozens of less-extensive distraction osteogenesis procedures around the country, encourages Buchman. But there's still more to learn, he adds.

"What the extent of the bone growth can be, and how far we can go, those are questions we're going to have to answer in the laboratory," he explains. So, he and colleagues from U-M's School of Dentistry are doing basic laboratory research to study at the microscopic level how the bone cells form and harden in the gap during distraction osteogenesis, how growth signals are sent within and between cells, and how genes govern the bone cells' action.

Buchman is also studying the long-term effects of distraction osteogenesis on the psychosocial and communication status of children who have the procedure done for facial deformities, compared with those who do not. Since social and psychological factors are

often cited as part of the reason to make such dramatic and costly efforts to fix facial birth defects, Buchman hopes to show how the outcome and timing of each procedure affect patients in non-physical ways.

That kind of information will only add to what he says parents already know. "I think it is medically necessary to have a face that looks like a face," he says. "Only after you're a parent of a child with a congenital deformity do you realize that it's a very important thing to look normal."

As for Ryan, his experience has given him a new ambition for later in life, and a new pen pal: The little girl who has gone through the same procedure at U-M. Said Ryan, "When I grow up I want to be a doctor, because I want to help people and I've seen a lot of good things that they can do."

More information is available by phone through TeleCare, Aug. 28 to Sept. 3; Call 1-800-742-2300, category 1010 to access the information. After that time, call (734) 763-8063 for the Craniofacial Anomalies program.

### UM-FACTS

**Facts About Hemifacial Microsomia and Distraction Osteogenesis:**

- Some form of hemifacial microsomia occurs in about one in every 3,000 births, making it the second most common facial birth defect.
- Hemifacial microsomia is characterized by problems with the jaw bones, the ear, and the soft tissue in the area. It most often occurs on one side of the face, but it can occur on both.
- The cause of hemifacial microsomia is not known, but it seems to arise from a problem in early prenatal development. It has not been linked to any behaviors by the mother. There is some evidence it may have a genetic component.
- Children with hemifacial microsomia may face problems with feeding, breathing, growth, development, hearing, speech, language, learning and social integration.
- Distraction osteogenesis was first performed on leg bones in Russia in the early part of the 20th century. In 1990, the first attempt at the technique on a mandible was made.
- Currently, orthopedists perform distraction osteogenesis in long bones to heal fractures, lengthen limbs that have formed too short, and strengthen areas of bone affected by cancer.
- Several institutions in the U.S. perform distraction osteogenesis on less severe craniofacial conditions in children, while additional centers perform it for dental conditions.

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### Intermediate Water Aerobics

This is a 50-minute water exercise class for postnatal and post-physical therapy patients. There is a \$35 fee for the six-week course and registration is required. For registration and information, call the Botsford Center at (248) 473-5600.

### Child Clinic

Oakland County Health Division's Child Health Clinics provide free ongoing well care for children from birth to school entry. Families who do not have an HMO or Medicaid may be eligible. Clinics are held at 14 locations throughout Oakland County. Services include heights and weights; head to toe physical examination; immunizations; vision, hearing and lab testing; growth and developmental screening; and counseling as needed. Appointments are required. For more information, call: north Oakland, Pontiac: (248) 858-1311 or 858-4001; south Oakland, Southfield: (248) 424-7066 or 424-7067; west Oakland, Walled Lake: (248) 926-3300; and Holly residents: 1-888-350-0900, extension 8-1311 or 8-4001.

### Panic attack and agoraphobia support group

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

### ABCs of Weight Loss

A registered dietitian will work with you individually for three months to set up a realistic weight loss plan, organize your appetite and discuss the best strategies for weight loss. A \$95 fee and appointment is required. The class is sponsored by Botsford's Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave. in Novi. For more information and to register, call (248) 477-6100.

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### Healthy Solutions Seminar

Healthy Solutions are offering a seminar series over the next few weeks. All seminars are free and begin at 7:30 p.m. Please call (248) 305-5785 or stop in healthy solutions to reserve a seat (space is limited). You may show up the night of the seminar, however a seat may not be available.

### Hot Flash Study

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### Blood pressure checks

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