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Park will be bargaining chip

Council votes 7-0 to use land as a settlement for lawsuit

By VICTORIA SADLOCHA
 Staff Writer

As a result of an unanimous decision, Novi residents may put their arms in the air in preparation of waving goodbye to at least 87 acres of North Novi Park.

During the Oct. 15 city council meeting, members of council agreed upon a resolution authorizing a con-

sent judgment in Oakland County Circuit Court regarding the matter of Sandstone Limited Partnership subject to specified conditions.

To translate, members of the council agreed the city would settle the lawsuit, agreed on a basic framework of the terms and now will just wait to see the final settlement draft. Novi Mayor Richard Clark assured

all meeting attendees he would scour the final draft making sure all the "I's were dotted and T's were crossed."

Clark also vehemently spoke against public accusations that the consent agreement before council was patently false and was made available to the citizens of Novi in an untimely manner.

"You provided the city with a resolution which was not available until Thursday night," said Robert Shaw, former Novi Parks and Recreation commissioner. "And by adopting this resolution, you will be making statements which are partially false."

Shaw passed-out a copy of the consent judgment with additional information he added to highlight

how the resolution was lacking. Some of the issues Shaw highlighted in the judgement included why there is not an exact definition of the dimensions of the property defined in the settlement; why the city is conveying possible mineral rights to Sandstone; what exactly

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Robbers bind employees for diamonds

By VICTORIA SADLOCHA
 Staff Writer

Two local employees were bound at their hands and feet after the jewelry store they were working in was robbed by a couple of unknown men.

"There were no injuries, but the employees were obviously quite upset," said Kevin Hebert, detective with the Novi Police Department. "The store suffered a substantial loss - over \$100,000."

According to police reports, two men entered Ram Creations Custom Jewelers at about 3:20 p.m. Oct. 9 and started looking around the store.

Employees of the Novi Town Center store, said after talking to them briefly the men pulled out handguns and ordered the employees into the rear of the store where they were ordered to the floor.

The suspects then took cash and merchandise before restraining the employees.

"Primarily diamonds were stolen," Hebert said. "When the men were done, they left through the rear door in an unknown direction."

Police believe one of the men was inside the store about two weeks before the robbery.

The two suspects were described as white males between the ages of 40 and 50 years old.



A composite of one of the robbery suspects.

Witnesses said the first suspect had short dark hair and was about 6 feet tall with a large build and a mustache. He was wearing a black and white checked shirt and a leather cap.

The second suspect was described as a bald man about 6 feet tall with a thin build and no facial hair. He was wearing a white T-shirt.

The Novi Police Department released a composite sketch of the first suspect last week.

Hebert did confirm the police do not believe this robbery had anything to do with the Elias Jewelry larceny that occurred last month. On Sept. 15, one man entered Elias Jewelry in Twelve Oaks Mall and stole a necklace valued at \$80,000.

Expo overlay approved by city

By VICTORIA SADLOCHA
 Staff Writer

A revised version of the Exo Overlay ordinance allowing the construction of a new Novi Expo Center passed a second reading and was adopted by members of the city council Monday night.

The action taken at the Oct. 15 meeting was the next necessary step in a list of many along the road leading to the new Taft Road and Grand River Avenue area center.

"We're pleased it passed," said Blair Bowman, president of the Novi Expo Center. "Now it gives us the opportunity to prepare for the next step."

Some of the changes to the ordinance generated from the first reading include stating the district will not encompass more than 55 adjoining acres, stating there may not be more than one Exo Overlay district until the population of the

city exceeds 100,000 and stating only one hotel within the district may have a height not to exceed 100 feet or nine stories, whichever is less.

The maximum business height for the ordinance is sixty-five feet or five stories, whichever is less.

The inclusion of containing the district to 55 adjoining acres, which is basically Bowman's property, was the largest concern coming from the first reading.

Without that amendment, the ordinance would have applied to the entire Grand River Avenue corridor.

"I've seen Blair work very hard to make this a success," said Council member Victor Cassis. "I feel it is a win-win situation."

Not all members of the council agreed, resulting in a vote of five to two.

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Frightfully fun



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi Town Center's Halloween USA's Debbie Schaff and Brian Young hang out with a decorative "friend" at their store. The ghoul is available for \$90.

Halloween safety a priority for Novi Police Department

By VICTORIA SADLOCHA
 Staff Writer

Judging by the smell of baked pumpkin seeds, the taste of candy corn and the eerie sounds lurking in the night; it seems as though Halloween is hiding around the corner.

Along with costume choices and full bellies, Halloween also means a time for safety and fun.

"Always err on the side of safety," said Douglas Shaeffer, chief of police for the city of Novi. "If you take something that

could be harmful, then throw it away or skip a house if you need to."

The department outlined several safety recommendations for both parents and children including to wear light-colored clothing, add reflectors to material and trick-or-treat bags and clothing should be short enough to prevent tripping.

The department added homeowners may help make the evening safer by keeping their property well lit, refraining from trying to scare children and

watching for suspicious people trying to pick children up.

The recommended trick-or-treat time for the city of Novi is 6 to 8 p.m.

Whether taking the children trick-or-treating or passing out candy to neighborhood ghouls, it is the goal of the city to make the 2001 season a positive and fun day for everyone.

For residents seeking an alternative to door-to-door treat gathering, the city of Novi Parks,

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Novi News online access brings more news to homes

Readers of the Novi News can now access one Internet site, HomeTownLife.com, for news, information and classified ads from the Novi News and business listings from the recently published Northville, Novi, Plymouth telephone directory.

"Today we're announcing a complete local information system that will eventually link news and classified advertising from all our group of hometown newspapers,

business listings and advertising from our telephone directories, our Internet access service and our Internet site, HomeTownLife.com," according to Phil Power, Chairman of HomeTown Communications Network, Inc., the company that owns the Novi News.

Available to readers in Novi at novinews.com, which is part of the general Internet portal - HomeTownLife.com, the new service offers:

- News content from the Novi News. Eventually news and information adapted from all 44 Michigan community newspapers in the HomeTown group will be available on the HomeTownLife.com site.
- Classified ads from the Observer & Eccentric, Mirror Newspapers and Green Sheet. Taken together, the site offers the

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Novi Paid-on-Call firefighter Bob Peterson takes a look at Novi News' new Web site: novinews.com.

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NOVI CITY COUNCIL ELECTION 2001

Cassiss wants to see long-term plan developed

By VICTORIA SADLOCHA
Staff Writer

Current city council member Victor Cassiss shows with his participation, he is a part of the Novi community.

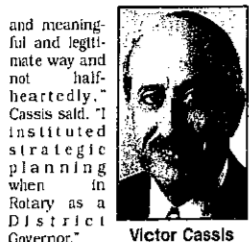
As a business owner, volunteer and city official, Cassiss has made his 23 years spent in the community count.

"I love this community so much," Cassiss said. "The people are just so wonderful."

As a businessman, Cassiss plans on providing his drive and persistence in developing a long-term strategic plan for the city of Novi.

As a business owner of four restaurants with about 200 employees, Cassiss said he was always evaluating and asking, "where are we?"

Cassiss said he kept the best bot-



Victor Cassiss

tom line and had employees who stayed for 10 to 15 years.

"This is what a city like Novi should be doing," Cassiss said.

If elected, Cassiss proposes to make it his goal to devise, implement and monitor a long-term plan for the city of Novi that will fulfill citizens and bring a strong level of fiscal health to Novi.

"We, as a city, where do we belong," Cassiss said. "What will our children inherit from us?"

These are questions Cassiss feels need a defined answer.

Victor's wife, Rep. Nancy Cassiss (R-Now), started implementing a strategic long-term plan before leaving her seat on city council for her appointment in Lansing and where she aspires to continue with her efforts.

"If I return to council, I will pursue that and do it in a professional

and meaningful and legitimate way and not halfheartedly," Cassiss said. "I instituted strategic planning when I was in the District Governor."

As a man of action, Cassiss has served Novi in a number of ways.

He has served the city as a member of the city council, the planning commission, the consultant review committee, the ordinance review committee and the Grand River Corridor Committee.

Cassiss was appointed to the council last year, filling a vacancy created by current County Commissioner Hugh Crawford.

He has also served the community as District Governor of the International Rotary, as president of the Novi Rotary Club, as a member of Providence Hospital's Community Advisory Council, as a chairman of the board and lifetime member of the Chamber of

Commerce, president of the Novi Ambassadors and more.

"In 1987, I was the first person to give money to the Novi Education Foundation," Cassiss said.

Cassiss is a member of the long range planning committee of the school board and is proud of the 18 years he has dedicated to the Rotary in an effort to help others and bring new and exciting opportunities to Novi.

As a member of the council, Cassiss says he supports the OST district in Novi because it attracts businesses that are in high demand which do not require a lot of services making them economical for the city to maintain.

"We really don't need more commercial businesses, small businesses yes, but not more malls," Cassiss said.

Cassiss proposes to promote a community with more open space.

"I have confidence in this city, its citizens and its values," Cassiss said.

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NOVI CITY COUNCIL ELECTION 2001

Landry wishes to see Novi as a "destination" city

By VICTORIA SADLOCHA
Staff Writer

Novi City Council candidate David B. Landry would like to see Novi as a destination city.

He envisions Novi as a place where families come to raise their families or start a business.

"Why should anyone have to leave?" Landry said.

If elected, Landry proposes to plan and coordinate the future development of Novi so this becomes a reality.

"Development and planning is the key issue in the next five to 10 years in Novi," Landry said. "Decisions made in the next five to seven years will determine what our city looks like and how the community works."

In order to have a community that supports the increasing growth of Novi, Landry feels a sufficient tax

base needs to be maintained as a source of providing residents with the services they require.

A sufficient tax base is achieved through careful and deliberate planning and use of taxes paid by local businesses.

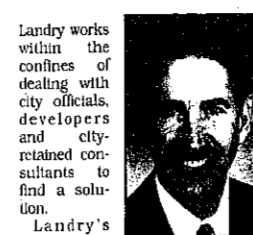
The 6-year Novi resident feels he has the expertise needed to tackle the important issue of planning and development.

Not only has Landry served on the city of Novi Planning Commission since February, he also works as an attorney primarily representing municipalities.

Landry said he is the guy who is appointed by the insurance companies.

For example, the insurance company representing Novi would have hired Landry to represent the city during its lawsuit with Sandstone.

As a result of his profession,



David Landry

Landry works within the confines of dealing with city officials, developers and city-related consultants to find a solution.

Landry's opinion of the Sandstone settlement is "It is a lose-lose situation."

One thing Landry disagreed with was the dollar amount of the estimated property tax citizens would owe if park land was not conveyed.

Landry said the lesson learned is if you make mistakes, it can be costly - so be careful when planning.

As a member of the council, Landry would look forward to planning and budgeting for a better Novi

without Sandstone hanging over his head.

"My stance on the library board yesterday was different than today," Landry said, stating without the threat of an increase in taxes from a lawsuit - he will now vote for the library millage.

Landry is active with his children's athletic endeavors, is a member of the "Friends of the Novi Library" and played a key role in launching oppo-

sition towards a community pool complex scheduled for construction behind Novi schools.

Landry said he also served as the first president of his subdivision association and was a member of the steering committee managing Mayor Richard Clark's 1999 campaign.

"I am committed to Novi, my family is here and this is where I want to stay," Landry said.

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Halloween around the corner

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 Recreation and Forestry has brewed together, "Tricks and Treats Halloween Festival."
 The Halloween party sponsored by the Novi Newcomers & Neighbors Club, Cottage Inn Pizza, President Dentistry and the Novi Police Officers Association will be held 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 31 at the Novi Civic Center.
 "We're trying to supply an alternative to what can sometimes be a busy and hectic day," said Guyann Timmann, the city of Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry recreation coordinator. Timmann explained the combination of an inexpensive dinner and one-stop place for fun

may be a welcome alternative for residents with hectic schedules and families that may not live in an environment conducive to trick-or-treating. Children are also invited to join the fun before, after or during their candy collecting.
 For 81, a pizza slice and pop dinner from Cottage Inn Pizza will be available for all the little hungry ghosts and ghouls to gobble up. Activities planned for the evening include the "Dreadful Dragon Moonwalk," the "Haunted Hall" and a "Mysterious Magician" show, presenting to novice members of the audience for \$1 at 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30 p.m.
 Timmann did say the "Haunted Hall" is tentative depending on the recruitment of volunteers.

"We're still looking for volunteers," Timmann said.
 For children under 13 years of age. Admission is \$5 for children and free for adults.
 Kids' carnival games, fun activities, candy and prizes provided to provide fun for all.
 "It will be a great time," Timmann said.
 Of course if the question of what to wear is looming and help is needed, workers at Halloween U.S.A. in Novi said Harry Potter is this year's best selling costume.
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Decision for park, 7-0 in settlement favor

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 will be done with net insurance proceeds the city may receive; and how valid is the claim of "dangerous" arsenic levels in the park.
 "There is no need for remediation," Shay said. "The park is suitable for recreational use."
 Another challenge against the agreement wording was a mention that the land given away was not park land and therefore it would not constitute a sale, but rather a transfer.
 "I urge you to make sure the loopholes in the Sandstone agreement, language are closed," Mutch said.
 Mayor Clark rebutted by telling attendees that as a practicing attorney when someone tells him he's perpetrating a fraud, he won't stand for it.
 "Change your words carefully," Clark warned those speaking out.
 In reference to the allegations the park arsenic level was not at a dangerous level and would not have to be cleaned, Clark discussed catastrophic arsenic level lawsuits that have been made aware of.
 "Those judgments make this judgment look like pocketchange," Clark said. "Arsenic is a serious issue."

New website will cater to readers' needs by individual basis

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 largest collection of local classified advertising in Michigan, according to Power. The ads will appear as a searchable database on the HomeTownLife.com site or at novius.com.
 Business listings from the new edition of the "Northville, Novi and Plymouth's Own Directory," published by HomeTown Directories, a sister company to the Novi News. The directory is being delivered to 52,000 local residences and businesses over the next three weeks. Eventually, business listings from all 21 Michigan directories published by HomeTown Directories will be available in a searchable database on the HomeTownLife.com site.
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 "You get an instant summary of Novi news through the Internet, which you can follow up in detail by reading Novi News. You can skip the classified ads either in the Novi News by going to novius.com or by searching the complete listing of all the home-

town classified ads on the HomeTownLife.com site. And you can go to the site to use the searchable database to find local businesses that advertise in our family of Michigan telephone directories," Power said.
 News content on the site is updated at 6 a.m. on the date of publication. Classified ads are updated at 6 a.m. on the publication day.
 Newspapers in the HomeTown family that will be accessible on the HomeTownLife.com site include the Observer & Eccentric, HomeTown Newspapers serving communities in Western Oakland County, The Mirror newspapers serving Southeastern Oakland County, the Livingston County Daily Press & Argus and Lansing Community Newspapers. Taken together, these 44 newspapers have a combined circulation in Michigan of 550,000.
 HomeTown Directories publishes 21 "yellow pages" telephone directories serving communities in Southeastern Michigan. Total

annual aggregate distribution is more than 1 million.
 "Our telephone directories are more local in scope and, therefore, more convenient to use than the competing utility directories," Agtinan said.
 Both the HomeTownLife.com site and HTConnect, the ISP product, are available through a newly formed sister company, HomeTown Digital, Inc. HomeTown Digital also offers a suite of cost-effective Internet-based marketing and advertising products, according to sales manager Sam Gerardi. These range from buttons and banners on the HomeTownLife.com site to eBusiness Cards and eBrochures, as well as customized web pages.
 "Our site currently attracts 3.5 million hits per month, which yields a total of 330,000 page views per month," Gerardi said. "These are already big numbers in the local internet portal world, and we expect a substantial increase as the HomeTownLife.com site rolls out over the coming year."

Both Lorenzo and Bononi objected to Bowman's proposed parking design because of its lack to incorporate land.
 "It is going to look like a sea of parking," Lorenzo said. "We've got one shot to do this right."
 Bononi did not feel the center proposed in the second reading was good enough for the city of Novi.
 "It looks like a downgrade because it is a downgrade," Bononi said.

Overlay approved

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 Council members Michelle Bononi and Laura Lorenzo voted against approving the second reading and adopting the ordinance.
 "I think it is premature at this time," Lorenzo said. "I still believe the ancillary land lawsuits have been made aware of."
 Lorenzo originally objected to the vagueness of ordinance wording, which did not regulate the "extra" type of activities and establishments Bowman may place on his property.

Organization Calendar

ACCORDIA Community Organization (Recognizing Diversity)

What: A group of Northville residents concerned with fostering harmony and understanding diversity. Group believes in actively promoting equality for all people, regardless of race, creed, color, religion, gender, disability, socioeconomic situation or national origin.
 Contact: Al Gnatman
 Phone: (248) 349-1343

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Where: Faith Community United Presbyterian Church, 44400 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375.
 When: General meeting Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.; Couples meeting Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.; Women's meeting Sunday at 4 p.m.
 Contact: Stanley
 Phone: (734) 922-8971

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS

Phone: (248) 626-0877

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN - NORTHVILLE/NOVI BRANCH

What: Promotes equity for all women and girls, life-long education and positive societal change.
 Contact: Barbara Wilson (248) 348-3999

AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION - NOVUS CHARTER CHAPTER

What: Bring together businesswomen of diverse occupations and provide opportunities for them to help themselves and others grow professionally.
 Where: Wyndham Garden Hotel, 42100 Crescent Blvd., Novi.
 When: Every third Monday of the month.
 Contact: Bettie Johnson
 Phone: (248) 960-9559

AMERICAN LEGION NORTHVILLE - POST 147

Phone: (248) 349-1060

AMERICAN LEGION NOVUS - POST 19, AUXILIARY POST 19

What: Service group open to all eligible veterans of all wars and conflicts as prescribed by the U.S. Congress. Auxiliary is open to all female members of eligible veterans' families.
 Where: Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Dr., Novi.
 When: Every second Tuesday for business and every fourth Tuesday for social event at 8 p.m.
 Contact: (248) 344-8236; Auxiliary: (734) 981-5125

AMVETS

What: Provide services and assist with obtaining benefits for veterans and their families of military service during and after World War II through present.
 Where: Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Dr., Novi.
 When: First Wednesday of each month at 8 p.m.
 Phone: (248) 349-2835

BUSINESS NETWORK INTERNATIONAL

Greater Novi Chapter
 Where: Novi Hilton, 2111 Haggerty Road, Novi
 When: Every Wednesday from 7:30 a.m.
 Contact: BNI regional office
 Phone: (810) 323-3800
 Where: Leon's Restaurant, 29710 S. Wixom Road, Wixom, between Pontiac Trail and I-96
 When: Every Friday from 7:30 a.m.
 Contact: BNI regional office
 Phone: (810) 323-3900

CALLING CART

Contact: Sonja Lane
 Phone: (248) 348-0628
 Contact: Marlene Kutz
 Phone: (248) 344-1033

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Phone: (734) 591-0360

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What: Assists with emergency needs and helps low-income families with clothes and baby items.
 When: Every Monday from 9 a.m. to noon and 6:30-8:30 p.m. and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon
 Phone: (248) 349-8553

DETROIT/OAKLAND CHARTER - GENTLEMEN SONGSTERS CHORUS

Contact: Fran Durham
 Phone: (248) 344-4613

FRIENDS OF MAYBURY STATE PARK

Phone: (248) 349-8390

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Phone: (248) 462-4413

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LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE - LODGE NO. 1190

Phone: (248) 344-0920

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE - NORTHWEST DETACHMENT NO. 162

What: A service-oriented organization dedicated to the purpose of uniting all U.S. Marines, both discharged and an active duty. They also assist and help all needy veterans and their families.
 Where: Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Dr., Novi
 When: Second Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m.
 Phone: (734) 421-8298

MASONIC TEMPLE ASSOCIATION

Phone: (248) 478-0320

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NORTHVILLE ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

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NORTHVILLE BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

Contact: Linda Iestock
 Phone: (248) 349-1300

NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Contact: Laurie Marrs
 Phone: (248) 349-7640

NORTHVILLE CO-OP NURSERY SCHOOL

Phone: (248) 348-1791

NORTHVILLE EAGLES

Phone: (248) 349-2479

NORTHVILLE GARDEN CLUB

Contact: Marjorie Paessler
 Phone: (248) 349-7709

NORTHVILLE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Phone: (248) 348-1857

NORTHVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

What: To discover, collect, observe, advance and disseminate knowledge of history of the Northville Region. The group's focal point is Mill Race Historical Village.
 Contact: Pat Schimmer
 Phone: (248) 348-1845

NORTHVILLE LIONS CLUB

Phone: (248) 349-9075

NORTHVILLE MOTHERS CLUB

Phone: (248) 344-1585

NORTHVILLE NEWCOMERS

What: Gives residents of the community a knowledge of their common heritage; fosters the collection

and preservation of records and

objects; and loans historical materials to local societies or educational institutions have a curator. It is also the purpose of the society to establish a historical museum in Novi.
 Contact: Kathy Mutch
 Phone: (248) 349-6774

NOVI JAYCEES

What: Group of men and women ages 21-39 working on community projects, leadership and spiritual and management skills. The Jaycees sponsor fund raising projects for muscular dystrophy, St. Jude, March of Dimes and local charities affiliated with the Jaycees.
 Where: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile, Novi
 When: First Thursday of every month at 8 p.m.
 Phone: (248) 348-6684

NOVI LIONS CLUB AND LIONESSES CLUB

What: The Lions' objectives are to help the blind, sight-impaired and blind physically and mentally challenged children and to help find cures for preventable blindness. Lionesses work with the Lions Club but also host their own projects and programs.
 Where: Kim's Garden Restaurant, 28150 Novi Road, Novi
 When: Lions: every second and fourth Wednesday; Lionesses: every third Tuesday. Social hour is at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m.
 Phone: Lions: (248) 348-0531; Lionesses: (248) 348-9098

NOVI MINISTERS ASSOCIATION

Phone: (248) 349-8847

NOVI NEWCOMERS AND NEIGHBORS

What: To help newcomers to the area, as well as, current residents who would like to become more familiar with the community on a social and civic level. Newcomers hold fund raisers to aid the Novi community.
 When: Once a month, September through May. Social interest groups meet once or twice a month.
 Phone: (248) 349-2414

NOVI REBEKAH'S LODGE 482

What: A fraternal organization; the women's division of the Independent Order of Oddfellows.
 When: Second and fourth Thursday of every month at 1 p.m.
 Phone: (248) 349-2835

NOVI ROTARY CLUB

What: A service-oriented club composed of business and professional people within the community. The Rotarians hold a variety of fund raising events every year.
 Where: Novi United Methodist Church, 41671 W. Ten Mile, Novi
 When: Every Thursday at noon
 Phone: (248) 380-0500

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Possible slingshot prank leaves residents uneasy

Police News

NOVI
Driving down West Park on Oct. 9 seemed a little dangerous as two motorists filed reports stating their vehicles were hit by projectiles. The first incident occurred at about 5:20 p.m. A Walled Lake resident was driving northbound on West Park, north of Bristol Circle and south of South Lake Court, when he heard a "bang." The man continued driving to his home, and when he arrived he noticed a small circular dent in the side of his right rear door. In his report, the officer noted it appeared to have been made by a CO2 pellet gun. The man did not see anyone in the area while he was driving. The second incident occurred at about 6:15 p.m. A Novi police officer was dispatched to West Park and Penhill Road to respond to a call made by a woman saying her car was shot at while driving. When the officer arrived at the scene, the Novi resident began telling him someone had shot out her window as she drove down the street. The officer wrote in his report the driver's window of her sport utility vehicle was shattered and there was an apparent impact point near the top left-hand side of the window. The female, who police said was visibly shaken, told the officer she was driving south past the

woods when the "shot" happened. The officer searched the vehicle but could not find any type of projectile. The driver said she was not injured. After the officer left the scene, he went into the woods on the east side of West Park between Penhill and Ludlow Roads. In the woods, he found to juvenile males dressed in camouflage holding slingshots. The officer asked them what they were doing in the woods and they told him they were shooting rocks at trees. They told the officer they had been there less than an hour. After being questioned, the two males said they did not shoot at a vehicle - only at trees. The officer took the juveniles to their homes and told their parents about the day's events. Both cases are open pending investigation.

VEHICLES STOLEN
Two vehicles were stolen from the overflow lot of the Novi Expo Center in the same day with only one recovery. On Oct. 1 between 6:45 and 7 a.m., two men parked their cars in the lot and went to work. When both returned to the lot at 5:30 p.m.

Novi Briefs

TRICK OR TREAT
The city of Novi invites all ghosts and goblins younger than 13 to attend a "Tricks and Treats Halloween Festival." The event will be held 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31 at the Novi Civic Center. A "howling good time" is promised to all attendees who may participate in many ghoulish activities such as: honoring in the "Dreadful Dragon Moonwalk," visiting the "Haunted Hall," attending the "Mysterious Magician" show and playing kids' carnival games for candy and prizes. Dinner will also be provided by Cottage Inn Pizza. Admission is \$5 per child and no charge for adults. An additional cost of \$1 is required for dinner and entry to the magic show.

and Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday. Tickets may be purchased for \$10 at the door or \$8 in advance. For more information, call (248) 347-0400.

HALLOWEEN FUN
All Star Gymnastics in Novi invites all ghosts and goblins to tumble in "Trick or Treat" a Halloween Party. Some of the event activities include a star walk, cargo net, rope climb and loose foam pit. Pizza and punch will be provided at the event occurring 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Oct. 27. Costumes are required and attendees must be older than 6. The cost is \$10 and all attendees must pre-register. For more information, call (248) 380-5330.

INTERCHANGE OPEN HOUSE
The Michigan Department of Transportation is holding an information open house for area business, residents and motorists regarding the single-point urban interchange for the Interstate 96 and Beck Road connector. Two sessions will be held on Thursday, Oct. 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. in an Adelphi Hall at the Novi Expo Center.

Notice is hereby given that the following storage units will be sold to the highest bidder by way of Open Bid no earlier than 9:00 AM on November 5, 2001 at Shurgard Storage located at 1901 East West Maple Road., Walled Lake, MI 48390 (248) 669-4020

THE CRUCIBLE
The Novi Theatres Performance Plus presents "The Crucible" Oct. 26 through 28 at the Novi Civic Center on W. Ten Mile Road. Come and enjoy Arthur Miller's tale of the Puritan purge of witchcraft in old Salem brought to the stage. Performances are 7:30 p.m. Friday

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their Dodge Intrepid and Pontiac Grand Am were gone. The Pontiac was later found at about 11:45 p.m. in the 10,000 block of Joy Road damaged with the left-side door lock punctured. Police do not have suspects for either case. The Pontiac was taken into police custody and held for prints.

DRIVING DRUNK
A Novi police officer was following a car at about 1:40 a.m. on northbound Novi Road south of Grand River Avenue on Oct. 5 when he noticed the vehicle cross the yellow line twice from Trans-X Drive to Interstate 96. He also noted in his report that the vehicle was traveling 10 mph above the speed limit. The officer stopped the vehicle at Novi Road and I-96.

As he approached the driver he smelled an odor of intoxicants. The officer asked the 26-year-old Brighton resident if she had been drinking and she said she had one drink earlier. The officer then asked the driver for her vehicle information in which she fumbled, found it and

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The man asked if they were insured by ATT Security. The caller then stated that there was a vandal in the man's house and hung up. The man told police he had been receiving similar calls in the past and he wanted the incidents documented.

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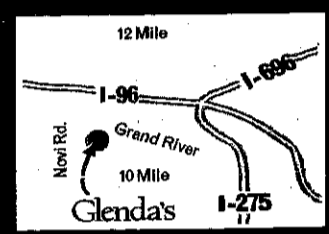
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City hires three employees to cut costs of consultants

By VICTORIA SADLOCHA
Staff Writer

The city of Novi is changing the way it does business, forging towards autonomy.

"The city is working on becoming more self-reliant and less dependent on contractors," said Clay J. Pearson, Novi assistant city manager for development services.

In order to carry out its self-reliance goal, the city hired three new employees this year.

Joining Novi is city planner Amy Golke, city engineer Nancy McClean and landscape architect Lauren McGuire.

"Our new three staff members are high quality experienced people," Pearson said.

The new hiring will allow the city to build its core of capabilities and provide officials the opportunity to do business with in-house professionals.

Pearson believes it is a natural progression the city would advance to this level.

The city anticipates it will rely on outside consultants only for over-

flows and specific expertise issues. In the past, the city has relied on three main consulting firms to fulfill its professional service and advice needs.

Birchler Arroyo Associates, Inc. provides planning and traffic engineering services. Linda C. Lemke & Associates provides woodlands and landscape architect services and JCK & Associates provides engineering, surveying, facade and architect, and environmental services including professional opinions on wetlands and soil erosion.

All three firms will still remain under contract with the city.

"Many cities and counties have been doing this for years," said Richard Helwig, Novi city manager.

Although the three consulting firms contracted with the city remain the same, the way they are being paid has changed.

In the summer, members of the city council voted to change the way the consultants receive their pay.

As of July 1, an hourly pay rate structure has been in place opposed to compensating by

retainer which was the previously used method.

"We eliminated retainers to improve the city's accountability in managing work," Pearson said. "It provides us with more financial accountability."

The three firms also received an increase in service rates and fees being paid for fiscal year 2001-2002.

The increase in the standard hourly rate for Birchler Arroyo Associates, Inc. increased anywhere from \$19 to \$23 per hour depending on the compensated employee's position. The employee

with the lowest increase was an associate planner who was paid \$55 per hour and under the new rate schedule now makes \$77 per hour. The positions with the highest increases are the principal and CADD designer. Both positions received an increase in hourly rates of \$23 per hour. Clerical and drafting employees for the company increased \$5 per hour.

JCK & Associates received an increase in hourly pay anywhere from \$1 to \$3 per hour and offered to attend city council regularly scheduled meetings as a complimentary service.

The increase in hourly wages for Linda C. Lemke & Associates

ranges from \$5 to \$20. The hourly rate of the principal increased from \$60 to \$85, the senior associate I rate decreased from \$45 to \$40. The hourly rate for the positions of associate II and drafts-person remained the same.

It is important to note service fees for all three firms for the last fiscal year, 2000-2001, were adopted by city council in 1999 for fiscal year 1999-2000 and then maintained for fiscal year 2000-2001.

Birchler Arroyo Associates, Inc. stated the new rates are now in line with its other

municipal clients. After looking over the new rate proposal, the one council member who voted against the increase, Michelle Bononi, said at the Aug. 27 council meeting, "I read (the proposal) with interest and in some cases, disbelief."

She stated that she saw no reason to increase the rates.

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If you are not considered a high-risk individual, it is recommended that you contact your physician's office in mid-November to see when the influenza vaccine will be available to you. As a reminder, it only takes two weeks to benefit from the effects of the flu shot. A shot given in December can still help during flu season, which typically occurs from January through March in Michigan.

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By DIANE DEMPSEY DEEL, Staff Writer. Grace Dersa spun the wheel and came up with \$19,350 in her park...

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Internet sales could be taxed in near future

BY MIKE MALOTT, HomeTown News Service. At present, 46 states collect sales taxes. 34 of them allow local option sales taxes, and 30 have multiple rates. That's too complicated for software designers to create the programs needed to automate collection on the Internet...

necessary to participate in the national project. There are also provisions included that specifically state that the purpose of the bill is not to extend the scope of the tax or eliminate exemptions. Another positive change, Studley said, was the addition of a sunset to the bill in December of 2002...

Internet use. Sales taxes on goods purchased over the Internet are considered a separate issue. But Congress suggested Congress may address the issue of sales taxes when it revises the moratorium. Constituents have contacted her office in opposition to the bill, but I didn't have anyone writing to support this bill...

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Website to service more reader needs

Some may say using editorial space to play up our own company is a classic example of shameless self-promotion. In the case of the startup of novinet.com, our new website, we think it's worth tooting our own horn, if only for a moment.

Chairman Phil Power, careful planning and research was conducted to find out how we could create a website that went well beyond that of most newspapers. And so we waited. We sympathized with readers who called from across the state and across the country, who were looking to learn something about Novi but were a full day's drive away from the nearest News newsstand. As we waited, and we'd like to think the result was worth the wait.

WL block schedule worthwhile change

Principal Dave Barry and teachers at Walled Lake Central are excited to create a new schedule, which they believe would provide a better educational environment for students.

for a seminar class where students would be able to receive help, make up tests and spark other educational topics. Students would finish with their subjects and take four more subjects the following semester. They would learn eight subjects during the school year, rather than six. Therefore, they would be learning more in the concentrated time period.

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LETTERS

Missing flag

I need your help. Last week I lost a very special flag. It is a large flag with 48 stars. It was the flag used in the military funeral for my grandfather in 1956. He was a decorated Marine sergeant in World War II.

Not the same kind of war

I take objection to the letter from Patrick M. Downey in the Sept. 20 newspaper comparing the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki by the United States in World War II to the bombing of the World Trade Centers.

Lakes Area thanks volunteers

Lakes Area Youth Assistance wishes to extend sincere appreciation for the many who contributed to our most recent fundraiser, "Taste of the Lakes," which was held on Sept. 27 at Links at Pinewood.

Three cheers for coach

Last Thursday evening the friends of the Novi Library opened their fall season of programs by presenting Detroit News columnist George Cantor to an overflow audience. Mr. Cantor spoke to the group about his upcoming book regarding the untimely death of his daughter, Courtney, at the University of Michigan.

Amazed at actions

I have lived here for over 30 years and I have never seen such displays of rude behavior to others by people who claim to be adults. I was shocked when they refused to back Mr. Helwig and Mayor Clark in limiting the control by the consultants of this city.

Kudos to Red Lobster

For over 15 years we have been regulars at the Red Lobster restaurant, but yesterday they and all of their allied restaurants exceeded by widest expectations. The Red Lobster organization donated their entire operating profits to the Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund from their operations on Oct. 11. Rumors among the uneducated were between 1.0 and 1.43 million bucks might get to New York.

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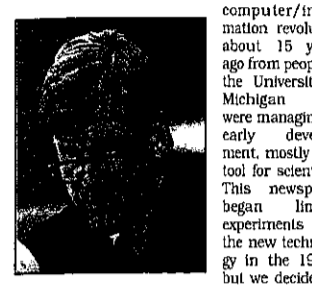
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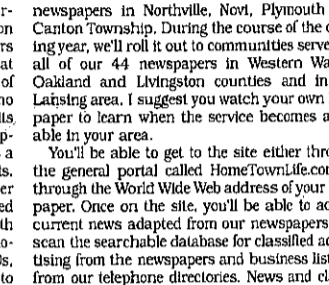
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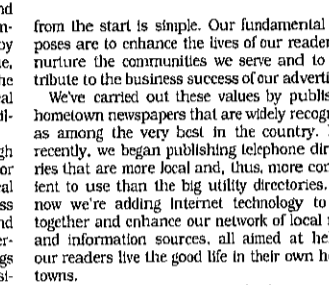
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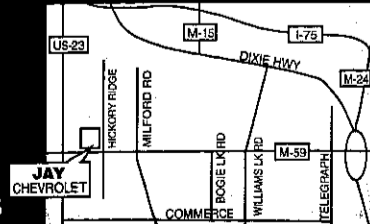
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Wildcat tennis notches KVC title

Novi KVC champs, but can't pull out of tough regionals

By SAM EGGLESTON
Sports Reporter

Determination and gritty performances paved the way to a Kensington Valley Conference tournament championship for the Novi girls' tennis team, which took out Brighton and Pinckney en route to the big prize.

The 'Cats used their overpowering doubles lineup as well as some dedicated play from their singles to oust the Bulldogs and hold off the Pirates to claim their second straight individual KVC crown and their sixth straight overall (some shared with Brighton as co-champs).

The Wildcats also took to the task of trying to climb out of one of the toughest regionals in the state when they took on the likes of Troy, Troy Athens and Farmington Mercy but could not score enough points to continue on to the state tournament.

"That is one of the toughest Regionals in the state," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "I am pleased with the way the girls played and I am happy with the results of this season. I hate to compare teams from the past to current teams but if this is not the best team I have ever coached, it is one of the best. There is a lot of talent on this team and a lot of talented tennis players."

The Wildcats couldn't hold on to take a regional win as they fought their way to the finals round of the tournament in fourth singles, second doubles and third doubles.

Fourth singles found sophomore Anna Switzer slashing through the ranks with wins over Milford (6-2, 6-2) and Troy Athens before falling to Troy's sophomore Sara Suckstorf 7-5, 6-2. Second doubles found freshman Emily Holt and sophomore Laura Vaughn defeating Milford (6-0, 6-1) and West Bloomfield (4-6, 7-5, 6-2) before falling to Troy's team of senior Heather Morgan and junior Amanda Heichel 6-7 (1), 6-3, 7-6 (6). Third doubles found juniors Gabi Frask and Megha Vadula defeating Walled Lake Western's Shanen McCourt and Rachel Rzenick before topping Troy (6-1, 4-6, 7-6) before falling to Farmington Mercy's senior team of Kristin Walsh and Beth

KVC Champs

All-KVC tennis selections

- 1st singles — Ashley Ruff, Pinckney
- 2nd singles — Melissa Roemer, Novi
- 3rd singles — Carolyn Vermeulen, Novi
- 4th singles — Anna Switzer, Novi
- 1st doubles — Colene Brockman and Lauren Carosio, Novi
- 2nd doubles — Emily Holt and Laura Vaughn, Novi
- 3rd doubles — Gabi Frask and Megha Vadula, Novi
- 4th doubles — Justina Chiang and Holly Graziano, Novi

Rutkowski 6-1, 6-4.

"They played outstanding matches," Hanson said. "We could have very conceivably won all three of those matches. We competed at a high level and we just came up a little short. That is nothing to be ashamed of. These girls should be proud."

KVC TOURNAMENT

The 'Cats dominated the Kensington Valley Conference tournament to take the KVC title as they rolled over all but one flight, as the doubles swept their side of the board and the singles took three out of four flights.

"You always hope your team peaks at the tournament time of the year," Hanson said. "We actually played our best tennis this past week. I am very pleased with the way things went in the KVC tournament."

The Wildcats rolled to wins as Melissa Roemer dominated her way through her flight, pouncing Milford 6-4, 6-2 before beating Nikki Getsolan 6-2, 6-4 in the semi-final round. The win, which earned Roemer All-KVC first-team, came as the senior topped Brighton's Ashley Beach 4-6, 6-4, 6-1.

"Both Beach and Getsolan had beaten her in dual matches this year," Hanson said. "They are

both very nice players, but Melissa was very determined and she played the best tennis of the year that day."

The Wildcats collected wins with senior two singles player Carolyn Vermeulen topping Milford's Andrea Darin (6-0, 6-4) before moving on to beat Brighton's Megan LaBoe 6-3, 6-3. Her win and All-KVC first-team selection came when she pounded Pinckney's Jessie Lamb 6-2, 6-0.

"She played strong tennis, as always," Hanson said of his second singles star. "She has beaten both Pinckney and Brighton's girls before. Actually she won a little easier than before. Carolyn has been one of the strengths of the team all year."

Third singles found sophomore Anna Switzer earning first-team All-KVC and a KVC title win as she topped Howell's Chelsea Wanlass 6-2, 6-0 before beating Pinckney's Alexa Turke 6-4, 6-4. The title win came as Switzer dominated Brighton's Megan Fischer 6-0, 6-1.

"Anna lost to both Brighton and Pinckney in dual meets," Hanson said. "Anna had her best week as a Novi tennis player. She was really coming along at the end of the year. She is definitely going to have to play higher in the lineup next year, but I think she is up to the challenge."

The doubles teams continued their dominance for the Wildcats as they swept through the KVC like a cyclone, picking up every win and every title along the way.

The first doubles team of Colene Brockman and Lauren Carosio volleyed their way to victory, defeating Hartland 6-1, 6-3 before topping Pinckney 6-0, 6-1. The title win, and the All-KVC first team selection, came as they tipped Brighton's Laura Hitte and Jessie D'Amico 6-3, 6-1.

"Our doubles played their usual good, solid, fundamental, aggressive tennis," Hanson said. "We just swept the doubles."

Second doubles found Novi's Emily Holt and Laura Vaughn topping Hartland 6-1, 6-0 before blasting Milford's Laura DePetro and Andrea Crouchman 6-3, 6-4. The win and first-team All-KVC was awarded after a 6-1, 6-1 thumping of Brighton's Katie Ray

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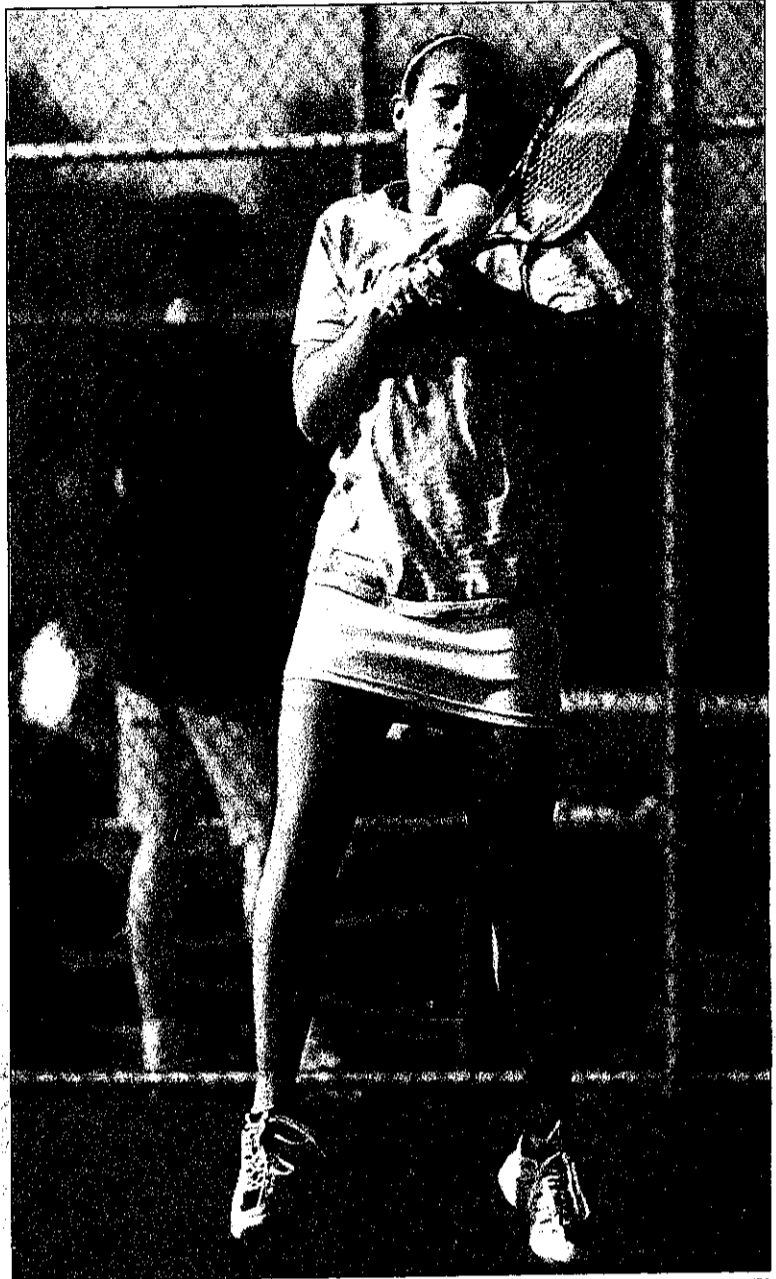


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Sophomore Ashley Glover returns a serve during a dual meet against the Pirates of Pinckney. Glover and the Wildcats climbed through the ranks and won the KVC title.

Novi football takes tough loss to Howell

Baseline game must-win

By Frank Dimich
Hometown Newspapers

The Novi Wildcats football team just couldn't get things rolling in the right direction Friday.

Howell's seniors don't want Friday night's home game to be the last of their football careers. The Highlanders took another step toward making sure they get another home game in the playoffs with a 28-6 victory over Novi.

"It's definitely important," Howell's senior quarterback Kyle Richards said. "It would be great to have the opening game at home."

Howell goes to 7-1 and 6-1 in the Kensington Valley Conference and ended in sole possession of second place in the conference. Novi is 5-3, 4-2.

As they have been in every game this season, the Highlanders were effective with backs Mark Brown and Kellen Kirby, who combined for 202 yards of rushing.

But with Novi putting eight and sometimes nine guys near the line of scrimmage, the Highlanders had to rely on Richards' arm to move the ball and free up the running game.

"We threw the ball more in this game," said Neil Carl, who led Howell with three catches for 50 yards. "We ran some throwing formations early. There were some new formations we hadn't run before."

Richards proved up to the task

Wildcat football

by going 9-for-18 for 150 yards with two touchdown passes and two interceptions.

"The receivers are running the right routes and the offensive line is did a great job," Richards said. "They gave me time to throw."

Many of his passes were on roll-outs or scrambles, and Richards praised the ability of his receivers to adjust patterns so he could find them.

"There were a few times he was flushing the pocket," Carl said. "You just find an open zone and sit."

After a scoreless first quarter, Richards capped off a 13-play, 81-yard drive with completions to Jon Klein for 21 yards and Brian Snover for 10 yards on a fade pattern into the corner of the end zone early in the second.

With 1:22 remaining in the first half, Richards directed a six-play, 60-yard drive keyed by a 17-yard pass over the middle to Neil Carl and a 24-yard sweep run by Kirby.

Novi would attempt would later threaten to come back, but that quick drive in essence gave Howell

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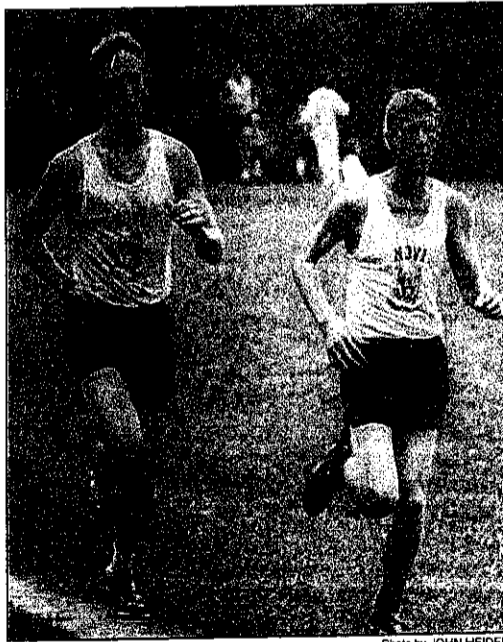


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Novi's boys cross country team has shown steady improvement since the beginning of the season.

By SAM EGGLESTON
Sports Reporter

The Novi Wildcats boys soccer team continued to collect wins as it rolled over Kensington Valley Conference opponents South Lyon and Hartland.

The Wildcats took to their winning ways as they blanked the South Lyon Lions 10-0 after topping the Hartland Eagles 5-0.

"We continued our excellent play and beat South Lyon 10-0," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said.

The 'Cats climbed to an 11-3 record (10-1 KVC) with the crushing of the Lions in the soccer contest. The Novi squad will have two more Kensington Valley Conference games before the end of the regular scheduled season.

The Wildcats used scoring by a host of kickers including Eric Schleuder, Mike Crawford, Tyler Mohr, Vince Slovan, Josh Churella, Adam Southworth, Jeff Dodds, Alan Holdorf, Matt Erick and Tracy Stewart to dominate

Wildcat cross country running personal bests

By SAM EGGLESTON
Sports Reporter

CROSS COUNTRY

The Novi Wildcats cross country teams notched nice runs as the girls took first-place over Pinckney and the boys collected a first-place in the Gabriel Richard Invitational, as well as a win over the Pirates.

The Novi girls took first as Nina Schmitt continued her top-flight running, finishing in a time of 19 minutes, 32 seconds as the 'Cats ran away with a 19-42 Kensington Valley Conference victory.

The Novi girls were running without Latne Williams or Patti Ramos, both being out with injuries but coach Norm Norgren said he "hopes to have both girls back by the end of the season."

The Wildcats rounded out their running as Bethany Kittle finished in

second place in 20:23 with Margo Wolowec taking fourth at the 20:43 mark. Tae Kono was fifth in 20:54 while Emily Cross finished seventh in 21:49, Jenny Thompson eighth in 21:58, Laura Bruner ninth in 22:09 and Angela Buchard was 10th in 22:13.

Norgren also said the Wildcats had good runs by Hayley Gigurich and Lauran Kava, who finished 14th (22:37) and 15th (22:41) respectively.

The Wildcats (5-1 in the KVC) will have resumed action when they visit Howell with Norgren still looking for improved pack times from his harriers.

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Novi soccer wins two KVC games

the Lions throughout the contest.

"Ten different players scored and every player played half of the game," O'Leary said. "The game was only 50-minutes long because of the 10-goal mercy rule."

The Wildcats will have played host to Kensington Valley Conference opponent Pinckney Pirates (after the Novi News went to print) before hosting a KVC opponent in the Howell

Highlanders today at 6:30 p.m.

Novi 5, Hartland 0

The Novi soccer team continued its success as they rolled over KVC opponent Hartland October 9.

"The keys to our success lately has been unselfish play and tight defense," O'Leary said.

Holdorf scored the first goal for the Wildcats, notching the score on a direct free kick from 25

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Western basketball gets wins, loss

By SAM EGGLESTON
Sports Reporter

The Walled Lake Western Warriors basketball team notched two wins and a loss as they took on the John Glenn Rockets, the Farmington Hills Harrison Hawks and the Novi Wildcats last week.

The Warriors notched a crushing 70-18 win over the Rockets October 9 before dropping a tight 55-48 game to the Hawks October 11. The rebound back to winning was a quick one as the Warriors beat Novi 56-38 October 13 in a non-conference match.

"I told the girls before the game they needed to take revenge for the Harrison loss," Western coach Darrin Jennings said. "They had to use it to their advantage and that is exactly what they did."

The Warriors utilized their fast-break offense and relied heavily on the passing abilities of guard Tracey Winkler, who notched eight assists in the game. Western climbed to a 41-18 lead at the end of the fourth quarter but the Cats were determined to make a comeback.

"I think our girls got contented just trading baskets with them,"

"I told the girls before the game they needed to take revenge for the Harrison loss. They had to use it to their advantage and that is exactly what they did."

Darrin Jennings
Western basketball coach

Jennings said, "They outscored us 20-15 in the fourth quarter because our defense started trying to get every steal and every block."

The Western squad not only defeated the Wildcats, they came close to breaking a record that has stood at Walled Lake Western since 1968.

"The record for assists in a game by one team is 18," Jennings said. "We have had 17 assists in both of our last two games. The girls are pretty excited that we are that close to breaking the record."

The leading scorers in the con-

text were Kristen Burgess and Lauren Talbot, both with 12 points, while Winkler added 10 points in addition to her eight assists.

The Warriors will resume action when they visit Farmington Tuesday (after the Lake Area Times went to print) before hosting Northville Thursday in a WLAAC contest.

"Our goal has been to win the division since the beginning of the season," Jennings said. "We are tied with Harrison and Northville in first place right now with a two-and-one division record."

HARRISON 55, WLW 48, OT

The Warriors could not get their offense playing the game they would have liked to play when they took on division rival Harrison October 11.

The Warriors and the Hawks shared the lead throughout the contest before the Harrison eagles eventually walked away with the WLAAC win. According to the Jennings, free throw shooting played a big factor in the loss for the Warriors.

"We shot 32 percent," he said of the teams' 8-of-25 performance from the charity line. "Our average for the year hangs right around 70 percent. Looking back at the tapes, I don't think we have ever shot that bad from the free throw line."

The Hawks and the Warriors went into the overtime period tied 47-47 before Harrison's Ayana Richmond took the ball to the hoop from beyond the three-point arc before draining some free throws to put the contest on ice for the Hawks.

Leading the Warriors in scoring was Dawn Dawood, who had an exceptional night despite the loss with 20 points.

In the final seconds of the fourth period, the Walled Lake Western Warriors took the ball down the court before calling a time out with time expiring. In a play designed to free Burgess up for a 3-point field goal, the Warriors set up a high screen.

"They did a nice job hedging out and pushing Kristen until she had to cough the ball up," Jennings said. "She passed the ball to Dawn Dawood right around an elbow shot away from the basket."

Dawood pivoted before putting the shot up. The ball hit the backboard before bouncing harshly off of the front of the rim and rolling clockwise before falling out.

"It was one of those shots that



Photos by SAM EGGLESTON

The Walled Lake Western Warriors have proven their press defense to be an effective way of shutting down an offense as they did against Kimball earlier this season.

you just clench your teeth when you watch it," Jennings said. "Talk about nerve racking when it rolls around the rim like that."

WESTERN 70, JOHN GLENN 18

The Warriors dominated every aspect of the game from the tip-off until the final buzzer when they hosted the Rockets of John Glenn October 9.

"That game was pretty much a blow out right from the beginning," Jennings admitted. "We were up by so much we had to pull the press in the first couple minutes of the second half."

Because of the mercy rule that requires the clock to continue to run when a team is down by 40 points or more, the game was much quicker than usual.

John Glenn could not get an offensive threat to build against

the overpowering defensive coverage of the Warriors. The Rockets only managed 23 shots the entire night, with 5-of-13 coming from the floor and 0-of-9 coming from three-point land.

"Once we got up by quite a bit, we never looked back," Jennings said. "When it came to our defense, John Glenn had a hard time getting the ball beyond the mid-court line."

The Warriors were led in scoring by Burgess with 19 points.

"She has been playing very well," Jennings said of the senior guard. "She is playing both sides of the ball, just like we planned. Her defense has been incredible and she is taking shots when she feels she has an opportunity."

Adding to the Warriors victory were Michelle Martin and Dianna Houghton, who added eight points each, while Winkler

notched eight assists.

The Warriors relied on their speed and their defensive capabilities when they took on John Glenn — something they have relied on all season long.

"We have been running pretty much the same defense all season long," Jennings said. "It has worked well with this team. It takes a special group of athletes to run a defense the way we do and I think these girls are perfect for it."

The Warriors pulled out of their normal defense late in the contest after climbing to a substantial lead.

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Vikings lose close game

By Ed Wright
Special Writer

If you're a high school quarterback, throwing the football in the direction of Plymouth Canton defensive back Kyle Lasko these days isn't as dangerous as diving into a shark tank while holding a juicy filet in each hand — but it's close.

Lasko intercepted three Ryan Trailer passes Friday night, propelling the Chiefs to a come-from-behind 28-20 victory over Walled Lake Central in a key Western Lakes Activities Association cross-over playoff game.

The senior now has 10 picks on the season.

"Kyle is just playing at an extremely high level right now," said Canton coach Tim Baechler. "He's playing like an All-State defensive back. Tonight we asked him to play single coverage against some very fast receivers and he proved he was up to the challenge."

The stirring win — Canton's fourth consecutive following a Week Four loss to Farmington Hills Harrison — improved the playoff-bound Chiefs' record to 7-3 (6-1 in the WLAAC) heading into Friday's cross-campus showdown against Plymouth Salem. Central dropped to 5-3 (5-2 in the WLAAC).

Less than 12 minutes into the showdown between the WLAAC's two second place teams, Canton found itself in unfamiliar territory — trailing 14-0. However, the Chiefs big-play defense rose to the occasion, forcing five Viking turnovers on a night when their usually juggernaut-like offensive teammates sputtered.

Central coach Chuck Apap praised Canton's linebacking unit, especially Todd Shirkman and Dane Kobus.

"They came off the edges real hard and didn't let us get outside after our first couple of drives," Apap said. "Both teams gave every ounce of everything they had. We just came up eight points short."

Whether it was the pre-game "Parents' Night" festivities, the stirring rendition of the National Anthem by the Central marching band, or just the challenge of playing one of the top-ranked teams in the state, the Vikings were revved up from the opening kick-off.

After holding Canton to a rare three-and-out, Central took the ball at its own 40 and promptly marched 60 yards in six plays, scoring the opening TD on a 1-yard run by Mike Schultz on a fourth-and-goal play. Mike Hildebrand's extra point made it 7-0 with 7:17 left in the opening quarter.

Central's defense held again on Canton's next possession when quarterback Brendan Murphy mishandled the center snap on a fourth-and-1 play on the Chief 33.

Despite the prime field position, Central was denied points when Lasko snared his first interception of the night in the end zone and returned it to the Canton 34.

Following Canton's third consecutive first down-less drive and a 7-yard punt, the Vikings took over at the Chiefs' 36. A clipping penalty on its first play of the drive moved the ball back to the Canton 44, but on the next play Schultz turned a sprint-draw into a 56-yard touchdown run, upping the hosts' lead to 14-0 with 19 seconds left in the opening quarter.

Schultz's sprint to paydirt proved to be a wake-up call for the Canton offense, which constructed one of its patented, clock-consuming scoring marches the next

time it had the ball. The 11-play, 70-yard drive was capped by Brandon Wilcox's 1-yard plunge with 6:18 left in the first half. Sophomore kicker Dutch Morrell's extra point cut Canton's deficit to 14-7.

Central answered Canton's touchdown with a five-play, 71-yard scoring drive of its own. Junior running back Scott Long accounted for most of the damage when he scampered 61 yards to the end zone to make it 20-7. Hildebrand's unsuccessful extra point attempt never elevated more than a foot off the ground and struck one of his offensive linemen in the back.

The less-than-soaring kick proved to be a bad omen for Central, which saw its once-explosive offense smothered by Canton for the remainder of the game.

The Chiefs made it 20-14 with 55 seconds left in the half when Reggie Joyner raced 7 yards to the end zone. The big play of the drive was a 28-yard run on third-and-2 by Kobus.

Canton threatened to grab its initial lead of the game the first time it had the ball in the second half. However, after advancing the ball to the Central 14, Murphy's fourth-and-6 pass was intercepted in the end zone by Viking safety Matt Andriese, who returned it 36 yards to the Central 34.

Canton outgained Central, 270-238, in total yards, with 265 of the yards coming on the ground. Kobus led the way with 120 yards on 11 carries. Joyner finished with 87 yards on 17 rushes while Wilcox grinded out 79 on 20 carries.

Too bad both can't win

By SAM EGGLESTON
Sports Reporter

First of all, congratulations are due to the Walled Lake Western Warriors for notching a birth into the playoffs Friday with their sixth win — way to go guys.

Aside from that all I am going to say is I am expecting the Friday night football game where Western is going to host Walled Lake Central at 7:30 p.m. is going to be an absolute slugfest. This is no kiddie stuff — this is an all out monster football game.

The only bad thing about this particular game is — well — someone is going to have to lose.

If Western loses it will be their second loss to Central in two years, but also only their second loss to Central in 14 years — not a bad win/loss record against your city rival.

If Central loses, on the other hand, they will be knocked out of the playoff run and will be watching the state championship from their couches and not from the sidelines of the Silverdome like

they have been hoping to do all year.

Sometimes you wish things could be different — that both teams could go to the playoffs (which is still a possibility) but that sometimes doesn't happen, especially in a situation like this.

There is no way of predicting who is going to come out ahead in this game — you could guess but you couldn't be sure. Western will have the advantage of their home-field but the Vikings are going to have the advantage of having beaten the Warriors in the prior match up and will be looking to do the same thing this season.

There is no way I could possibly guess who is going to come out on top of this contest, nor would I want to try to make such a prediction. Both of these teams are quality and both are chalked full of players who love to go to the wire in the truest form of football. This may end up being the toughest game for both of these teams with an interesting situation — if Western wins they not only get the

bragging rights for the rest of the year but knock their city rivals out of the playoffs before they even begin while a Central victory will earn them a trip to the next level and possibly another chance to kick off against the Warriors.

Whew, this is a tough one. I don't think I am going to say a word. Everyone knows this is going to be a huge game and it shouldn't take any poking or prodding from me to get you going to this match up.

This is some of the best high school football has to offer in terms of intensity and rivalry. There is no way to predict a winner so I am not going to try. I think you will find out for yourselves when you head to the game tomorrow or when you grab a copy of the Lake Area Times next week.

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Stevenson takes loss out on WLC

Vikings can't stop angry Spartans in WLAAC contest

Walled Lake Central paid the price for the state's top-rated boys soccer team losing its first game of the season.

Livonia Stevenson rebounded from its only loss of the year against the squad from Troy Athens to thrash the Walled Lake Central Vikings, 9-0, in a Western Lakes Activities Association soccer match.

On October 13, Stevenson lost, 2-1, to visiting Troy Athens. Stevenson (15-1 overall) piled up a 5-0 halftime lead

and cruised to the shutout behind its strong defense and the goalkeeping of John Magoulick.

Ben White and J. T. Katikos scored three goals apiece, while Jamie Miller, Brian Ennis and

Brady Crosby each had one goal. Paul Johnson was the Stevenson assist leader with three. T.J. Djokic and Jon Spray had two assists apiece, while Dan Salvano and Katikos contributed one each.

Against Athens, who climbed to 8-5-3 on the season, Johnson scored in the first half from from Katikos, but the Red Hawks got a pair of goals from Doug Ewald, including the game-winner in the second to earn the victory.

STEVENSON 9,
WLC SOCCER 0



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What a gem!

Colored stones just as engaging as diamonds

By Mary Martin Niepold
Copley News Service

It's not that diamonds aren't spectacular - they are. But for growing numbers of brides, diamonds are, well, just too traditional. Stepping out of the mold into brilliance of another kind - namely colored gemstones - is a major trend.

For the bride, colored gemstones offer two impressive benefits: She gets more stone for less money, in most cases, and she gets to wear her individuality.

Jewelry designer John Hardy likes to use aquamarine, mandarin garnet, blue sapphire and orange imperial topaz as bezel-set stones surrounded by pave diamonds - bold but unique statements.

"Using colored stones is becoming more popular because you can get the look of an important ring at a fraction of what it would cost in diamonds," says Hardy. "Your engagement ring should be a reflection of you and your loved one."

More and more, it is the couple who chooses the bride's ring. Days past, it was the groom, solo, who picked the ring with possibly the help of his mother who, of course, preferred those diamond solitaires.

Why all the interest in color? Elizabeth Florence, director of the Jewelry Information Center, a nonprofit trade association in New York City, speculates:

"Today's women are marrying later, and perhaps those extra few years of 'singledom' serve to solidify her personal style. In choosing pieces of jewelry she will wear for the rest of her life, she's not just going with the rings she thinks she should have, but really taking the time to explore her options until she finds unique pieces that make her heart sing."

Colored gemstones refer to all of the stones that aren't diamonds - ranging from sapphire, ruby and emerald at the top of the list to aquamarine, opal, tanzanite, tourmaline, chrysoberyl, moonstone and many others down a long list.

Some years ago, most people considered ruby, emerald and sapphire as "precious" stones and everything else as "semiprecious." But semiprecious has

been banned from the jewelry lexicon. The value of any stone is based on its availability and quality. Consequently, a one-carat ruby can cost more than a diamond and range anywhere from \$10 to \$10,000, according to the International Colored Gemstone Association, a nonprofit industry association.

The four C's that guide diamond quality - color, cut, carat weight and clarity - also guide the quality and value for colored gemstones. Color, says the ICGA, is the key factor in determining value. A common misperception is thinking that darker is better. It's not: "A much better rule of thumb is the brighter and more rich and vivid the color the better," according to the association.

In the bride's colored gemstone hit parade, sapphires are the first choice after diamonds, followed by ruby and emerald. These are usually the choices for somewhat older brides, some second-marriage brides and, certainly, sophisticated brides - of any age.

Sapphires have a royal legacy as engagement ring choices. Most notably, Princess Diana received a gorgeous sapphire surrounded by diamonds from Prince Charles.

"Besides being truly beautiful gems, sapphires are remarkably hard and will wear well over the years," notes Florence. Sapphires are the closest stone to diamonds in measure of hardness, and their mythology is pure romance.

In ancient Persia, it was believed that the reflection of sapphires gave the heavens its blue color, and some of earliest jewelry found anywhere, dating to around 2500 B.C., featured sapphires.

Along with sapphires, rubies and emeralds are considered "traditional gemstones," by the ICGA and can range from \$250 to \$10,000 per carat. "New classics" gemstones include tanzanite, tourmaline, aquamarine, imperial topaz and tsavorite garnet, which can range from \$50 to \$1,000 per carat.

A third classification, "connoisseur gems," are more specialized, rare gems such as black opal, jadeite, pink topaz, alexandrite and chrysoberyl cat's eye.



Break tradition in a dazzling way with a colored gemstone engagement ring. Tiffany & Co. offers these three-stone rings, including emerald and diamond set in 18-karat gold and platinum, and sapphire and diamond set in platinum

Because they are highly prized, prices range from \$250 to \$5,000 per carat. "Collectors gems" like spinel, zircon, moonstone and morganite usually sell for hundreds per carat. And closest to earth, ranging anywhere from \$5 to \$100 per carat are "affordable gemstones" such as amethyst, white opal, citrine, peridot and blue topaz among others.

Using the 4 C's as a guide, remember that better color, clarity and cuts cost more and so do bigger carats. To determine quality, try to compare stones - say rubies to rubies - side by side and look for the vividness of the color, not its darkness, to determine value.

Many contemporary jewelry designers have joined Hardy in the creation of colored gemstone engagement rings. Among today's hottest jewelry designers are Chris Corria and Diana Heumann who give an Art Deco look to diamond and sapphire rings. Louise Damiano for DeMerini concentrates on Victorian-inspired bands, and Catherine Iskiw

designs ultrasleek and modern rings. Diamond pave is a stunning effect in the engagement rings in the new bridal jewelry line from Jose Hess.

Then there are the engagement rings designed, in special cases, by the groom. In 1986, Lisa Petrillo, reporter for The San Diego Union-Tribune, was given a thick gold band with a marquis-cut ruby. Her engagement ring had been designed by her husband, then made by his family's jeweler back in St. Louis.

"I'd never seen a ring like that, only the diamond solitaires," she recalls. But Petrillo was very touched by the thoughtfulness that went into her ring: "My husband knew I was somewhat unusual. I kept my family name, because I'm a female reporter in a male profession. He chose the ruby because he thought it was red and flashy like me." She likes to call her ring "discreetly wild," but she says she wouldn't want any other kind of ring. "It just took so much more thought than going down to the mall."

Wedding Bells

"I do" dos, don'ts

It's wedding season and brides and grooms everywhere are stressing out. But it's not all about the matrimonial couple. What about the guests? Doesn't anyone care about their anxiety levels? There's the questions of what to wear to the ceremony, what side of the chapel to sit on, what gift to bring.

Peggy Post, director of The Emily Post Institute, cares. She offers the segit-giving etiquette tips to keep guests from committing fatal faux pas.

- A gift is in order when you receive a wedding invitation, even if you plan to skip the ceremony. There are exceptions, but in general you're on the hook.
- Contrary to popular legend, guests do not have up to one year after wedding to send a gift to the couple.
- Wedding gifts should be delivered to the bride's home or the home of her parents before the wedding. If a couple is living together, gifts can be sent to their home and should be addressed to the bride in her name. In some cases, gifts may be brought to the reception and placed at the gift table.
- Gifts are acceptable, but not required, for second weddings. Friends

whogave gifts to brides the first time around, don't need to do so again.

This really takes the cake!

The cake can take a big slice out of your wedding budget. Wedding-cake bakers charge by the slice, but the problem is "no one can agree on how big a 'slice' is," Smart Money magazine says. Janice Ollenburger of Frosted Art, in Dallas, says a three-tiered cake with 7-inch, 9-inch and 12-inch tiers serves 70 people.

"Some people might say it serves 75," Ollenburger says. "Unfortunately, it's not standardized across the industry."

Here comes the food

The walk down the aisle may be a piece of cake compared with making decisions about what to serve at the wedding reception. Today's bridal couples are facing more culinary choices, according to Bridal Guide magazine. Instead of sticking with the usual chicken and roast beef, many are choosing non-traditional foods such as sushi, or vegan entrees, and brightly colored cakes in orange and blue. (CNS)

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Blending Traditions

New wedding trends are definitely breaking the mold

By Peggy Scott
Copley News Service

If this year's wedding trends are any indication, more brides and grooms are vowing to make their nuptials a highly personalized affair and saying "I do" to special little touches for every aspect of their big day.

"Everyone works within a traditional framework, but they're infusing different traditions from both families, especially if the bride and groom are of different religions," explains Cynthia Edmunds, associate editor of Bride's magazine, which conducted an in-depth survey of wedding consultants across the nation to find out what's hot for tying the knot this year.

Edmunds went on to note that, rather than stick to preconceived notions of what a wedding is, couples are "living out incredible fantasies." One place Bride's noticed a difference was in regard to the places weddings are taking place. While chapels and churches will always be top choices for exchanging vows, wedding venues are "all over the place from ballrooms to barns," Edmunds noted. Not surprisingly, theme weddings are also big, as are "destination" weddings, in which the couple and 50 or 60 of their nearest and dearest friends and family head for some exotic place or resort area for the ceremony and reception. "It's about fun and being yourself," Edmunds says.

Along with a loosening of social convention and the growing acceptance of self-expression, one major reason that couples are feeling more comfortable about setting their own rules is that more of them are picking up at least part of the tab. They're also older - she's an average of 26 and he's 28, so they're probably more self-confident about making their own choices.

And no matter who plans it or pays for it, a wedding is no small undertaking. According to Edmunds, the average wedding in the nation costs about \$19,000 for 150 guests, and the figure can climb a little higher in metro/urban areas. The wedding industry itself is a \$70 billion (yep, with a B) a year business. All the choices the industry offers can become downright overwhelming. The secret for brides and grooms is not to let planning their wedding become work and to make sure their day represents them and their special personalities.

One way radiant brides are showing their true colors is by adding a hint of their favorite hues to their gowns.

"Dresses have gone very couture," Edmunds says. "They're works of art. Soft, pretty colors are being added to the dresses, even by adding an under dress. Colored embroidery and gold accents are also popular."

Friends and relatives of brides-to-be will breathe a collective sigh of relief at another wedding wear trend - elegant, more wearable bridesmaids' dresses. Apparently no longer created with an antebellum junior prom in mind, attendants' dresses are being designed

in beautiful colors and more "evening like" styles.

Also setting trends, and highly dependent upon taste, is the wedding cake. Once strictly a three-tiered white cake with roses and buttercream frosting, the cake is enjoying an epicurean overhaul, now not only coming in different flavors, but also in alternating shapes and with unique fillings (square layers are big in Dallas, Bride's reports, while Dallas wedding celebrants are devouring cakes in which lemon or pineapple flavoring gives way to layers spiked with liqueurs). Dessert bars (don't call them Viennese tables) offering creme brulee and plum custard tarts are hit-

ting the spot in East Hampton, New York. The magazine also reveals that special wedding-celebration libations are entering the mix, ranging from microbrews named for a special family member in Chicago, to fruit-infused vodka and martini bar selections in New York City.

In Beverly Hills, high school gospel groups are replacing soloists; and ethnic touches are big. And speaking of big, in the Big Apple, many weddings are painting the town red - the color is enjoying a new popularity as the accent color for many nuptials.

As unique and even trendy as many weddings are becoming, Edmunds is quick to

point out that as much as the big event is changing, the more it's staying the same.

"There's still the basic ritual that has all the elements," Edmunds notes. "The bride wears a special dress, a wonderful person or people walk her down the aisle, an officiant is present, vows either written by the couple or the traditional ones are exchanged and a celebration follows."

"Only now, maybe the 'maid of honor' is a close male friend and maybe the couple leaves by speedboat rather than a limo," Edmunds continues. "The standard framework stays the same - you just adjust it to your personality and situation."



Gone are the days of the standard wedding cake. Couples today are choosing more elaborate designs filled with fruit flavors and liqueurs. This cake features sponge-cake layers, lemon cream and raspberries on the inside.

Sharp-Dressed Man

Match groom's attire to formality of the wedding

By Paul R. Huard
Copley News Service

Some say that a groom has two important jobs on his wedding day: Show up on time and be well-dressed.

The perfect marriage of taste and fashion that will dress a man for his wedding day still relies on how formal the wedding and the time it occurs.

"The general etiquette still carries through," says Rachel Leonard, fashion director for "Bride's" magazine. "After six, it's still white tie and tails for a formal wedding; before then, a cutaway. People do what they want, but that's the rule that I think is proper."

If you're having a formal daytime wedding, the groom can wear a morning coat or cutaway - a long black or gray coat that tapers from the waistline button to a broad-tail in back with a vent. The jacket is paired with gray striped trousers, gray waistcoat, wing collared shirt and an ascot or striped tie.

For a formal daytime wedding, another option is a gray stroller - a suit jacket cut like a tuxedo and paired with gray striped trousers - gray waistcoat and white shirt, and striped tie. If the wedding is a semi-formal

daytime affair, a business suit, tie and leather dress shoes are an appropriate choice.

After 6 p.m., the standard is still "white tie and tails." White or ivory dinner jackets can be substituted for the black tuxedo jacket in the summer months. However, Leonard said that there is a "younger, hipper look" inspired by high-fashion attire worn by celebrities attending the Academy Awards presentation.

Instead of wing collars, many tuxedos are complemented with shirts having a lay-down collar. This type of collar is like the collar on a dress shirt.

Combined with a four-in-hand necktie and vest, this look is considered more contemporary. But don't discount the venerable cummerbund.

"It's a mainstay and classic," Leonard says. "You can't go wrong with it. But the current fashion is to wear a vest."

Leonard offered the following tips:

- Avoid the ultra-trendy.
- You and the bride are going to look at those wedding photos for years to come," she says. "To be very trendy, you have to pull it off just right. What counts is your own style."
- Check for fit. If the groom looks like he borrowed his brother's clothing for the wed-

ding day, the results can be embarrassing. Check sleeve lengths on coat, jacket and shirt, the waist and in-seam on trousers and collar sizes on the shirt. When trying on tuxedos and accessories, have your bride-to-be or a groomsman give you an honest opinion about fit.

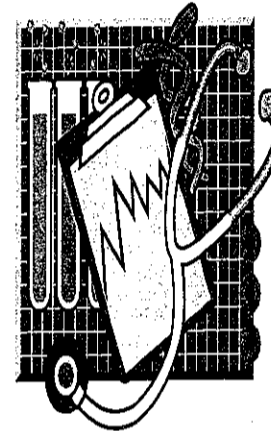
If you plan on wearing some of the longer-cut tuxedo coats, make sure you have the height to match.

- Avoid monochrome clothing.
- "All black or all white is wrong," says Leonard, who adds that ensembles she's seen were among the most terrible fashions she's witnessed.
- Include the groom.

It's his day, too, Leonard says. Besides, there are practical reasons for including the husband-to-be in the wedding fashion planning.



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Long before the wedding day many women begin a routine of facials, manicures, pedicures and body treatments—as well as consulting with stylists to find just the right hairdo. It all comes together with a bride who looks her most beautiful.

Beauty and the Bride

By Mary Martin Niepold
Copy News Service

A wedding may well be the ultimate rite of passage for a woman. It's the day when she wants to look her most beautiful, and the beauty rites that lead up to it have a significance like few others.

Having a stylist do the bride's hair and makeup on the day of the wedding is simply the last step - surely not the only step. Long before the actual day, a facial, massage, body exfoliation, pedicure, manicure, waxing and the perfect hair and nails are musts. But, for optimum results - a genuine look of natural radiance - she needs a steady program of skin and hair treatments.

Many brides are consumed with worries like, what if my skin breaks out? What if my hair looks dull? Beauty experts say that the best strategy begins three months ahead of the wedding. This allows enough time, should skin be sensitive to breakouts or allergic reactions and to make any adjustments if a haircut or color doesn't work.

For optimum care, spas offer beauty packages where you can buy a series of facials and body treatments. Many brides and their attendants - certainly those who can afford it - book beauty packages at the same spa. Spas are increasingly popu-

lar. According to the International SPA Association, visits to U.S. spas increased almost 70 percent between 1997 and 1999, bridal parties included. Experts offer the following beauty suggestions for brides.

• **Facials:** At the Clairins spa in Houston, their aestheticians suggest starting facials three months ahead and continuing to have them either once a week or twice a month until the wedding.

At the Noelle Spa for Beauty and Wellness in Stamford, Conn., director Elizabeth Della Ratta explains that if a facial includes extractions (of blemishes), this should be done at least four weeks before.

Once your beauty plan is in place, maintenance at home - a daily cleansing and toning regime - is essential. Many of the most effective new products, from virtually every manufacturer, include vitamins that restore the skin while helping to remove toxins.

Chanel's senior vice president of research and development, Dr. Jack Mausner, explains:

"Some vitamins, particularly A, C, E and niacinamide, a form of vitamin B niacin, have been found particularly helpful to the skin both when taken orally and applied topically."

Some of the best include Chanel's Rectification line with vitamins A and E; products with AHAs (alpha hydroxy acids), nutrients and vitamins in the Exuviance line by Neostrate; and the new multivitamin, three-product line from Clairins called Hydra-Balance comprised of lotion, cream and masque.

• **Waxing:** Have waxing treatments for eyebrows, lips, legs, underarms and bikini areas about six weeks before the wedding, especially if the bride has sensitive skin. Waxing of the face should be done at least several days before the wedding.

• **Body treatments:** Massage is the No. 1 treatment choice at U.S. spas, and it's a particularly good idea for brides. A series of massages in the weeks up to the wedding will help to untangle all the prewedding knots. On the day before the wedding, a massage should be mandatory.

Jean Ann Karfo, massage therapist at the New York City day spa, Carapan, says, "Of all the gifts a bride might receive, a massage will do the most to help her relax, which will help her look and feel her most beautiful on the day of her wedding."

When massage is combined with body exfoliation, skin literally glows. Body exfoliations should also be done at home;

most experts suggest three times a week. A bride should also moisturize her body daily, preferably after a soothing bath soak. An excellent choice: Frederic Fekkai's Moisturizing Body Lotion.

• **Manicure and pedicure:** This one we all know about, but the more that pedicures and manicures are performed on a regular basis, the better the results. The Noelle Spa says that regular manicures over several months actually make nails stronger. For feet, try one pedicure a month for several months for satiny heels and toes. Dr. Scholl's Warm Wrap Foot Mask is a great in-home product to keep feet moist.

• **Self-tanning:** If you insist on some man-made color, be sure to test products months in advance. Don't ever try a little self-tan on the day of the wedding. If over-applied, some products result in a very unnatural orangey cast. Experiment. Or work with an expert at a spa for the best chance of an overall smooth tan.

Bronzing powders might be even better. Stilla Sun is a celebrity favorite. But forget tanning from lights - Jennifer Heath, founder of the Houston-based line of BeautiControl products, cautions, "Never use tanning beds."

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Beauty and the Bride

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• **Hair:** Jimmy Paul, one of New York's top hairstylists, has styled Uma Thurman and many other Vogue and Harper's Bazaar covers.

As the stylist of choice for Clinique's new hair care line, Paul says the biggest hair mistake for a bride is this:

"Having a hairdresser you've never used before do your hair."

Instead, choose a stylist you trust, and several months before the wedding begin to work toward the hairstyle you want.

"Do not do anything too drastic before a wedding," Paul says.

Choose a style that is natural, and if you can wear it up, you'll have less chance of drooping and losing shape.

Haircuts should be several weeks ahead - if you want a whole new look, several months ahead. Hair color should be touched up two weeks before the wedding.

Professional hair conditioning in a salon should be no later than two weeks before the wedding. A wonderful maintenance product to use at home is Clinique's Clarifying shampoo: It's light, it's clean and it won't weigh down the hair.

For the best hairstyle, Paul says to consider one that's natural: If it's a bun, wear it low, or try a side-part, slicked-back style a la Grace Kelly or Gwyneth Paltrow at the Oscars. If your hair is short, Paul also suggests the slicked-back, side-part style. You want elegance not theatrics.

• **Hair color:** If you use color, start experimenting months ahead. Get highlights one to two weeks before the wedding to allow time for the color to settle.

Daniel Galvin, hair colorist to Madonna, Cher and Richard Gere, among others, predicts a return to stronger, monochromatic coloring, whether for blond or dark hair.

"Color becomes bigger and bigger each year," he says.

For best results, Galvin says to always work with a specialist you can trust and who decides on color based on the client's skin tone and eye color, not on trends.

• **Makeup:** The best makeup always begins with flawless-looking skin, and for that, choose concealer products to hide undereye circles or breakouts.

Some of the best are the Clinique Line Smoothing Concealer, Chanel's Concealer Duo, Calvin Klein's Medium Coverage Foundation (in a compact) and L'Oreal's Translucide Lasting Luminous Makeup.

Begin experimenting with makeup combinations several weeks before the wedding and use a professional on the big day. Experts at Cover Girl suggest

taking a Polaroid of the hair/makeup look you like and use it for reference on your wedding day.

Guy Lento, makeup director for Chanel, says, "A bride should look her most beautiful, but not like a marquee poster. Makeup trends for spring are natural, but glamorous."

One of Chanel's handiest new makeup products (that a bride can use for easy touch-ups) is Crayon Double Ecriture, a two-for-one eye crayon that has kohl at one end and a creamy eye shadow at the other end.

Natural cheek glow can be achieved with products like Lancome's Blush Subtil.

For luscious, natural-colored lips, outline them first with a neutral colored pencil like the Nude Lip Liner Pencil from Ulta. If you go softer in lip color, you can go with a little more color on eyes, and vice versa. As for lips, a must for brides would be nontransfer lipstick like the new LipSTICK (Correct) from BeautiControl or any of the long-wearing choices from Estee Lauder.

As BeautiControl's Heath says, "The last thing a bride wants on the day of her wedding is to worry about retouching her makeup."

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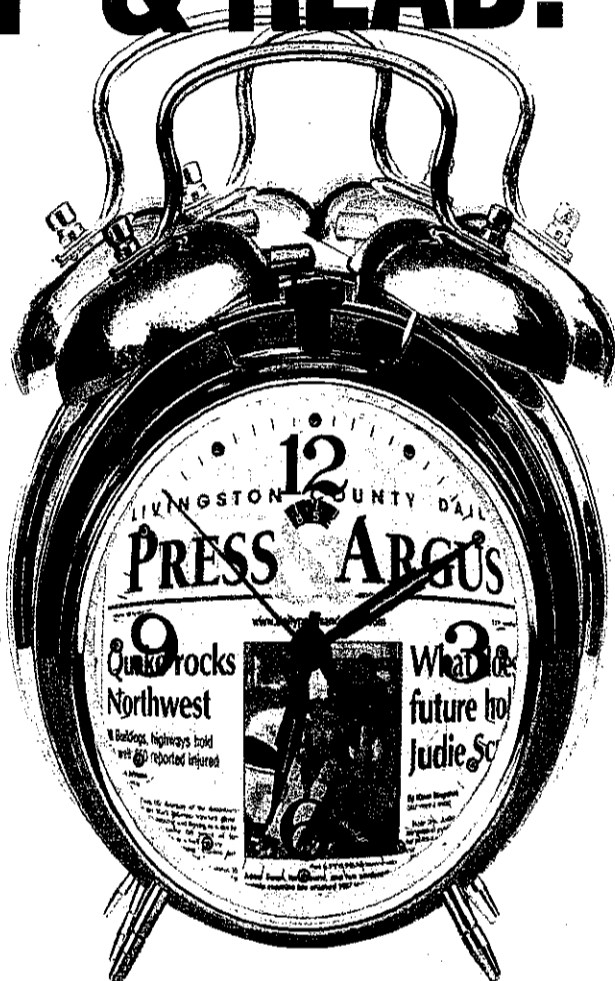
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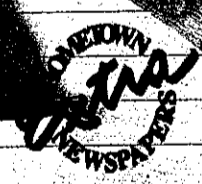
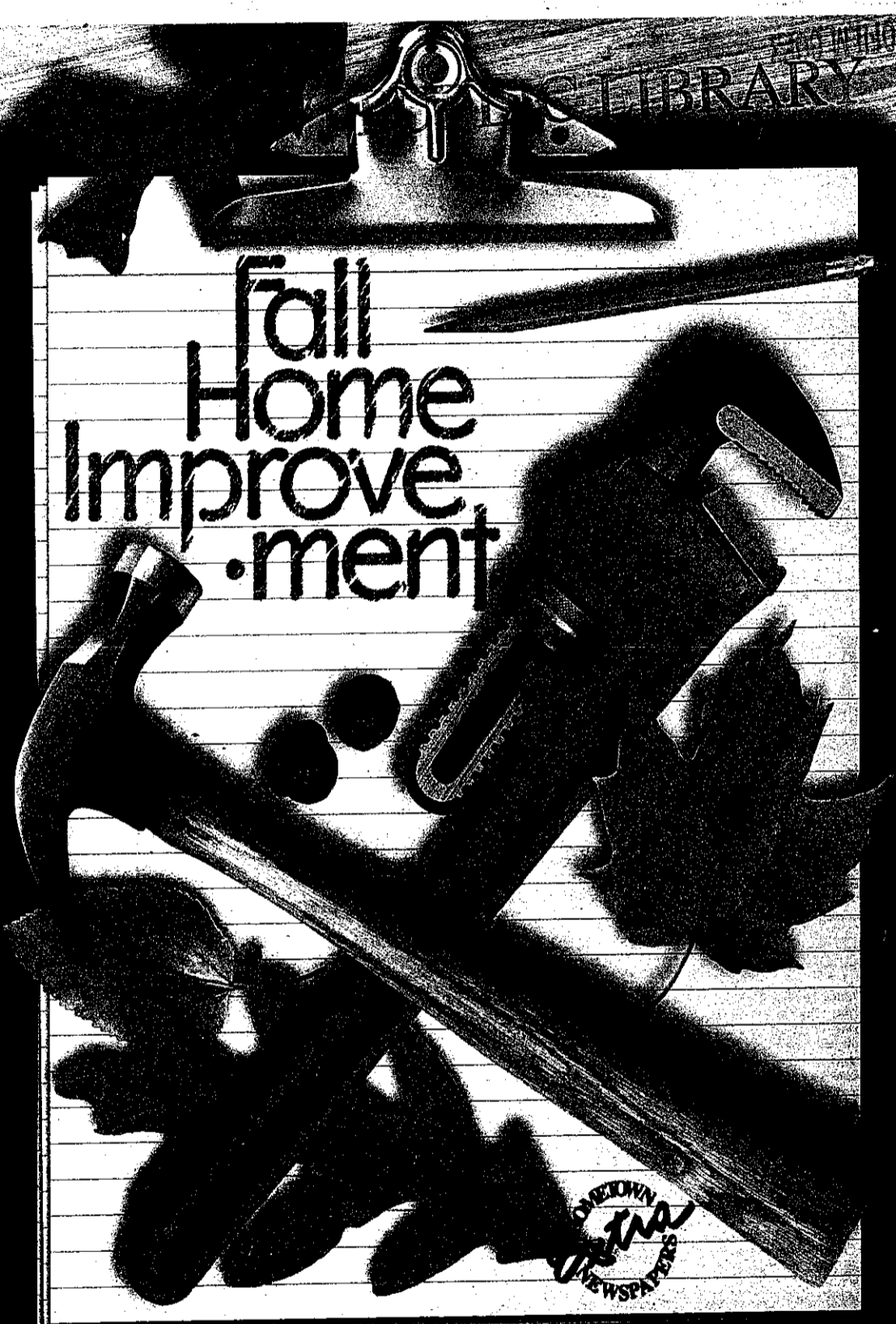
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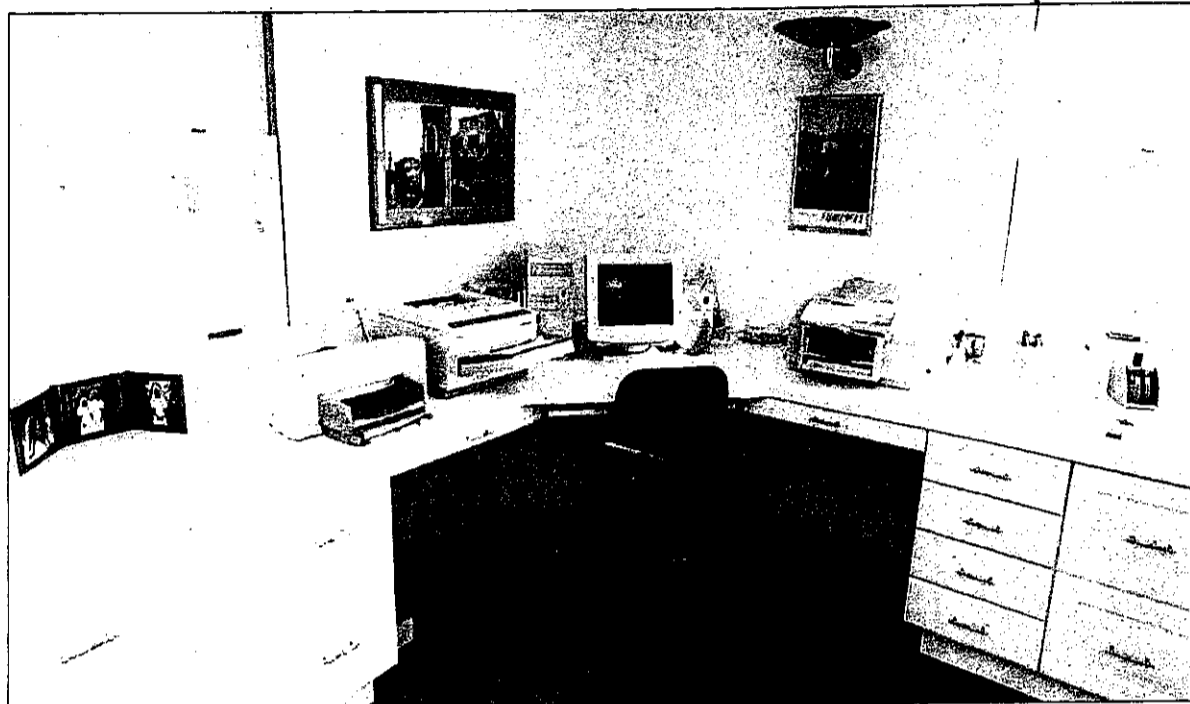
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Denver organizer Melly Kinnard's office is on the second floor of her home.

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Home Work How to set up shop at home

By Shelley Gonzales
Scripps Howard News Service

When Bill and Barbara Pierpoint of Arvada, Colo., were house-hunting two years ago, a main-floor study was high on the priority list.

"That was probably one of the main things we were looking for," Barbara Pierpoint said. "We knew we didn't want our office in a bedroom or stuck in the back of the house."

As a business controller, Bob Pierpoint often brings work home and wanted a comfortable place to work at night, as did his wife, an elementary-school teacher.

The home they settled on had the perfect office space, which they have retrofitted with built-in cabinetry and storage units, in addition to matching desks. The Pierpoints are among a growing number of people who are dedicating office space in their homes, even if they don't work full time from home.

An estimated one-third of American households have home offices, and a growing number of U.S. employees - now about one in 10, according to the International Telework Association and Council - telecommute from their homes.

Whether it's a bill-paying station in the kitchen or a full-fledged home-run business, planning is critical to creating the most efficient work space, experts say.

"Pick an area of your home where distractions and interruptions will be minimal," suggests Ronni Eisenberg, author of *Organize Your Home Office!* "It might

seem like a good idea to set up shop in the guest bedroom, but if you see clients or have frequent overnight guests, the extra room probably won't work as an office."

Other areas to consider are the basement and the garage, she said.

Organizer Melly Kinnard said there is a tax advantage to keeping your home-based business separate from the living quarters: You can deduct the square footage of the office as a percentage of the total square footage of the home from your homeowner's insurance, mortgage interest, real estate taxes, utilities and other expenses, as well as maintenance costs, such as plumbing, electricity, cleaning service and landscaping.

Keep in mind that home-based businesses are often flagged for audits, so you should steer clear of playing fast and loose with your books, Kinnard advised. Once you select the appropriate space, getting it adequately wired for office equipment is the top priority.

"Before you buy one stick of furniture, you'd better decide exactly what equipment you need, from the computer system and fax machine to phones and a copy machine," said Denver interior designer Jane Gates. "Don't skimp on the number of phone lines you'll need. If you are working solely from home, you will need to keep all your business lines separate from the personal lines."

As for furniture, Gates tells clients to invest in a good desk. She prefers them long and narrow to minimize clutter, with a computer/fax work station directly behind you for quick access.

If your budget doesn't allow for built-ins, modular furniture (Techline, for example) is a good, flexible alternative.

Eisenberg said office layouts generally fall into these categories: parallel (such as the work space Gates likes), L-shape (which makes the most out of corners) or semicircle, in which the desk and equipment encircle you on one side. If your spouse or another person works out of the same space, you might consider a T-shape.

The most important thing in layout is work flow. To get the most efficient use of the space, Eisenberg suggests considering what equipment you need access to, your work style (for example, do you spread papers out or work from detailed lists?), how much time you spend on the computer compared with the telephone and whether you see clients at your home.

Other equipment must-haves include a surge protector, anti-virus and backup computer programs, good lighting and ample filing storage.

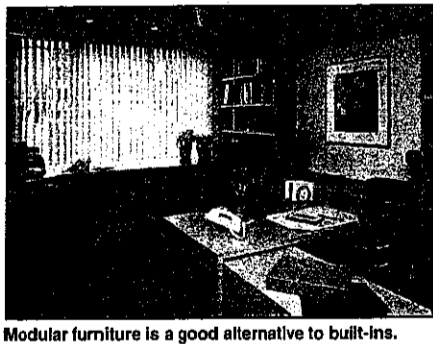
Once you've set up the perfect office, how do you keep it running smoothly?

Eisenberg offers three tips for keeping your desk clean:

- 1 First, get an office notebook. It doesn't have to be fancy - just a plain

writer's composition book will do. In it, archive everything that happened that day, including phone calls, your ideas and other pertinent information. That way everything you might need to recall is in one place. When they are filled, file the notebooks by dates for easy access.

Second, handle your mail every day. The old adage about touching each piece of paper only once comes in handy and is key to keeping office clutter at bay. As you go through your mail, decide what needs to be filed or answered and put it in the appropriate areas. Pitch the rest. If you think you might want to read some mail later, such as magazine articles, tear them out and put them with extra reading and other projects, such as writing thank-you notes or filling out surveys, in a basket or tote bag near your



Modular furniture is a good alternative to built-ins.

Repair It Yourself

Quick fixes for some appliances on the fritz

By Paul R. Huard
Copley News Service

Does your garbage disposal sounds like it could star in a remake of "The Exorcist"? Is your dishwasher just rearranging the food fragments on your plate, not cleaning it? Is your dryer actually making clothes wetter?

Cheer up. The answer might be simple enough for you to solve without the contents of your wallet and a repair man.

Try some of these quick fixes before you bring in the experts. They are aimed at specific problems that plague the most common modern conveniences. But remember, if they don't work you might still need to call in the professionals.

Prevention remains the best cure of all. Following the manufacturer's instructions regarding use and maintenance will extend the life of your appliances and keep breakdowns to a minimum.

THE GARBAGE DISPOSAL

Most malfunctions are appliance homicides, inflicted by homeowners. Despite the appearance of a steely maw that consumes all things, garbage disposals gag on metal, glass, plastic and fibrous materials such as banana peels, paper and wood. Try these steps if all else fails:

- Unplug the unit.
- Find your owner's manual and check for cleaning instructions.
- Look on the bottom of the disposal for a hexagon-shaped hole. If there is one, find a hex wrench that will fit it. (Sometimes a wrench is mounted on the disposal unit).
- Put the hex wrench in the hole and rotate the wrench back and forth to free the obstruction. (Some models have a reversing switch that accomplishes the same action.)
- If your disposal is still jammed, turn the unit off, then use a broom handle to loosen the clog. Use tongs or pliers to pull any material out. Never use your hand.

DISHWASHER PROBLEMS

Some of the most common problems, such as poor cleaning or slow drainage, can be easily prevented. Overloading a dishwasher or placing pots and pans crusted with hunks of crud will challenge the best-made machine.

Pre-rinsing heavily soiled dishes and reasonable loads will keep the sink trap and drainpipe open and unclogged.

If your dishwasher doesn't drain, unplug the unit or turn off its circuit breaker and follow these steps:

- Remove the cover from the air gap at the top of sink and clean it with a wire.
- Look for kinks in the drain hose.
- Let the dishwasher cool and remove the strainer, if possible (the strainer is under the bottom spray arm), clean it with a brush and replace it. Use a screwdriver if necessary to unfasten these parts, and carefully set any screws or washers aside to avoid loss.
- If the drain hose or valve is clogged, pull the dishwasher out from under the counter, disconnect the drain hose and flush it outdoors with a stream of water from a garden hose.
- Call a repair man if these quick fixes don't help.

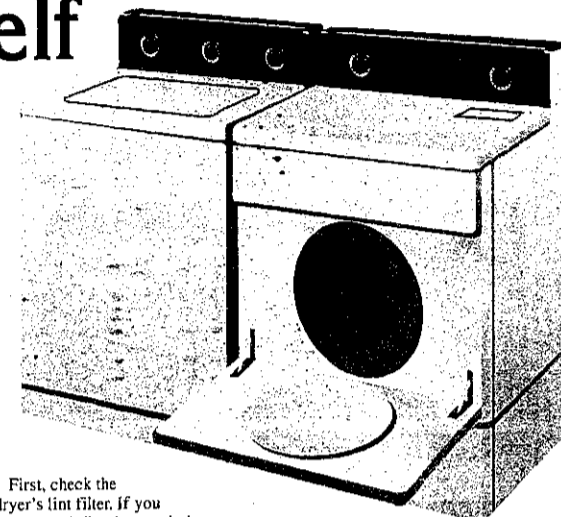
THE WASHING MACHINE

Burst or leaky hoses are inevitable, but check first to see if what you really see is water from a spill or dripping laundry. Follow these steps if you still believe the water is coming from the washer:

- Check the fittings where the hoses connect to the faucets and the back of the machine.
- Look for worn or leaky hoses.
- Tighten couplings or hose clamps.
- Replace hoses if necessary, but turn off water before removing hoses and have a bucket close so you can drain them. Continual leaking after these steps mean a call to your repair man is in order.

THE CLOTHES DRYER

Consistently wet loads after lengthy drying usually indicate a clogged venting system.



First, check the dryer's lint filter. If you find enough lint there to knit a sweater, chances are a quick cleaning will cure the problem. Keep this from happening again by cleaning the lint filter after every load.

Overloading will also cause longer drying times. Don't try to cram a week's laundry into one dryer load.

If your clothes still take too long to dry, the exhaust venting system probably is clogged with lint. Take the following steps, but after you unplug the dryer or turn off the pilot light:

- Check the dryer's vent cap where the dryer blows outside the house. It could be blocked with foreign matter. If blocked, pull the vent cap away from the wall and clean out the duct with a hooked wire.
- Disconnect the air duct hose from the back of the dryer and remove built-up lint.
- Clean out the vent duct, then reconnect the vent.

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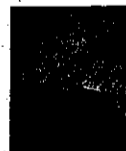
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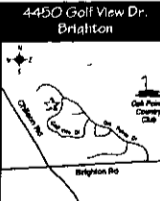

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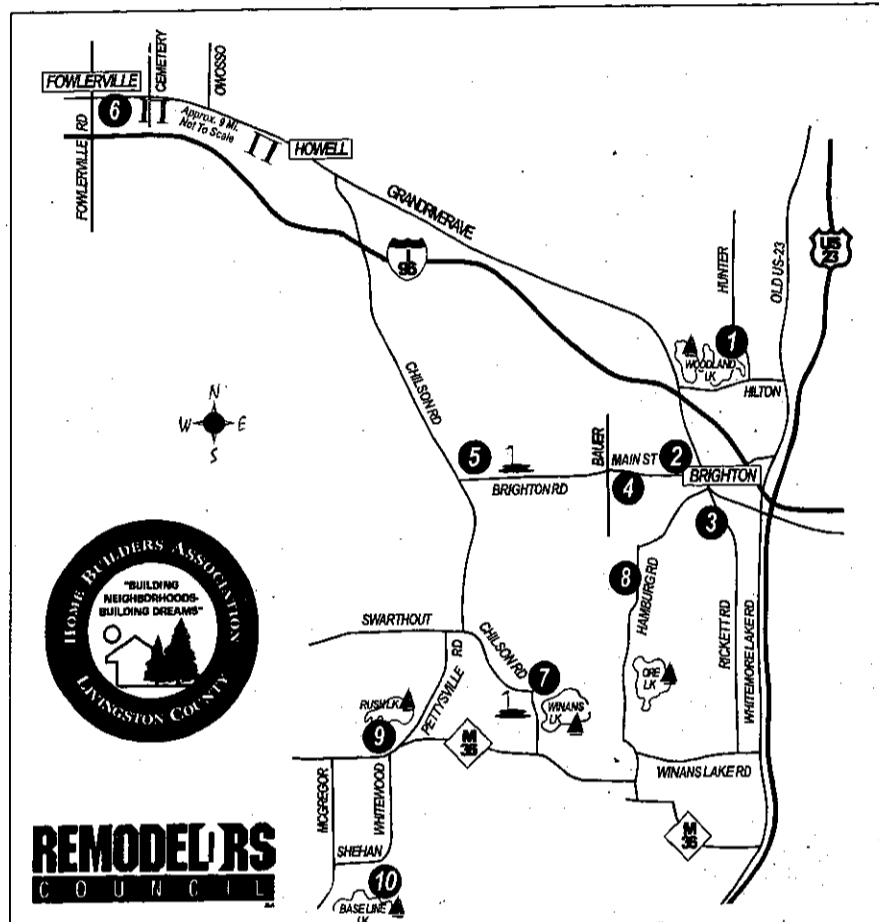



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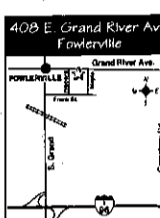
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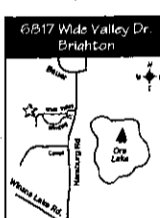
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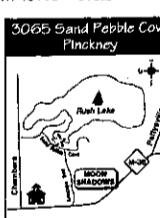

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Project Planner

Workbook makes home renovations painless

By L.E. Klein
Copley News Service

Renovating a home can be a daunting task for even the handiest homeowner.

So you know your kitchen is too small or your bathrooms are out-of-date - but what do you do next? For many homeowners, it seems impossible to plan and organize a project that will consume thousands of hours and dollars without putting your entire life on hold for several months.

Join Lemos to the rescue. With "The Home Renovation Workbook: A Step-by-Step Planner for Creating the Home of Your Dreams" (Chronicle Books, \$29.95), Lemos has taken the guesswork out of home projects from a simple kitchen remodel to the construction of a whole new addition.

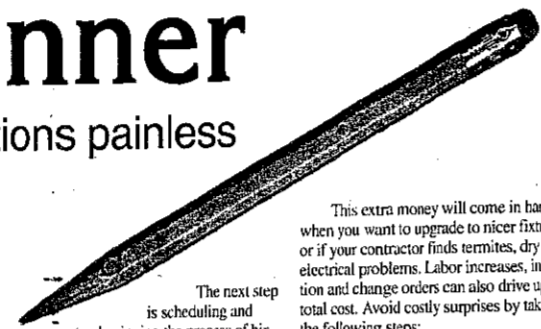
Lemos starts by bringing together all the planning and organization materials in a binder form. The chunky and durable volume is held together with Velcro tabs and has folders marking off each chapter. You even get preprinted labels to stick on any additional files you might make in the course of your project.

The book is divided into sections titled "Plan," "Schedule," "Budget," "Design" and "Work." Each chapter includes several blank pages for items like a wish list, notes and calendar. Dozens of blank sheets of graph paper are included for drawing plans.

"The workbook's flexibility allows you to begin at any stage in process, and to arrange it in a way that works best for you," Lemos writes.

The workbook can also save you money by helping you decide exactly what you want done and how it should be done. Before starting a project, Lemos advises, ask yourself why you want to remodel. Consider the following factors:

- Adding value to your house: Find out exactly how much you stand to add from a real estate agent, and, remember, a full appraisal will have to wait until work is finished.
 - Resale: Updated kitchens and added bathrooms add the most to resale value. If you have quick resale in mind, spend less on fancy fixtures and materials and more on creating space.
 - Size and style: Bigger is not always better when building additions. A huge addition that makes your house look ugly can actually drive down value. Make sure your color choices don't date your house or simply reflect a fashion trend or your own taste.
 - Think ahead: Look to future uses of your home, whether for children or aging parents. Consider improving stairs and access for long-term utility.
- With priorities established and a clear purpose in mind, renovation plans often fall into place, Lemos writes.



The next step is scheduling and beginning the process of hiring architects and planners, if needed. The workbook includes sample schedules for kitchen renovation, bedroom and bath and a house addition, with estimates for how long a job should take.

With a house addition, for example, the whole project should take seven to eight months - or longer if it is difficult to obtain building permits in your area. A kitchen remodel can take up to six months, and part of that time you won't be able to use your kitchen.

When planning financially for a remodel, Lemos advises budgeting in an "X" factor to reflect the inevitable extra expenses that so often result in sticker shock. Add this "X" factor to your budget to reflect overruns, an average of 20 percent to 30 percent.

This extra money will come in handy when you want to upgrade to nicer fixtures, or if your contractor finds termites, dry rot or electrical problems. Labor increases, inflation and change orders can also drive up the total cost. Avoid costly surprises by taking the following steps:

- Inspect your house before starting to find expensive flaws like bad foundations, poor wiring and plumbing.
- Decide exactly what you want before your contractor comes by, and makes bids based on the same materials. Get multiple bids on your project.
- Spend money where it will give you the biggest boost in property value.
- Keep labor costs down by doing some of the work yourself.
- Be realistic: Don't try to copy interiors from fancy design magazines.
- Take advantage of software like Better Homes and Gardens Home Improvement Suite and Broderbund 3-D Home Architect to draw your own plans.

Location, Location, Location

Need more space? Don't move - home improve

By Steve Tarter
Copley News Service

Kathy Millard didn't want to leave her home but wanted more space. So she decided to remodel her house.

"We've lived here for 12 years. We love our street and neighborhood," Millard said. "We're in the woods here. We could move and find a beautiful home, but we couldn't find an area like this."

When Millard and her husband, Dave, opted to stay put, they undertook some major alterations.

"We basically built a house around our house. From the street, it looks brand new." Adding a second story and extending the main floor mean the Millards, who have an 11-year-old son, now enjoy two new bedrooms, a large bathroom, a home office and family room.

There's also a new enlarged kitchen where Millard, a former home economics teacher, can practice her art.

Such a conversion doesn't come cheap. Chuck Gabbert, the Millards' contractor, said such major jobs cost between \$100,000 and \$150,000.

Almost a million U.S. homes underwent makeovers last year, generating \$180 billion of business, said Dean Inzerarity, a spokesman for the National Association of Home Builders.

Baby boomers are expected to exert a profound impact on the remodeling industry in the coming decade, he said.

"Boomers will account for the creation of 12 million new households as a result of 'empty nests' and new single-person households," said Inzerarity.

More people just want to stay put these days, he said.

"They're comfortable in their current neighborhood and feel a connection to the people and places around them," he said. "But people still desire more space or want to add amenities."

"Homes built in the 1960s and 1970s are noticeably smaller than those built now," said Peoria, Ill., builder Bob Lundholm. "Customers want to bring a house out of the 1970s to the 21st century."

Along with shifting from darker earth tone colors favored in the 1970s, homeowners are also looking to expand their horizons - and their square footage.

"They're turning a three-bedroom home into a four-bedroom one or

they're converting several rooms into a master bedroom," said Lundholm. Kitchens and bathrooms also are getting upgraded, he said.

But while all this construction is going on, homeowners don't want additions to look like add-ons.

"Their biggest concern is if the work will look like it's just been attached or whether it goes with the home," said Lundholm.

Consumers also look for quality when they take on a remodeling job, builders said. "People are spending more time around the house. They want things larger and nicer. Instead of vinyl on the bathroom floor, they might use tile. Now they're adding heating coils in the floor. We're seeing more whirlpools," said Gabbert.

"In the kitchen, instead of just taking off one set of cabinets and putting up another, we're seeing homeowners load up on all the options. You'll see solid surface tops, pantries with big pull-out trays," he said.

"People are putting in better stuff and they're happier with it longer. They're using

30-year shingles instead of 20-year ones," said Gabbert.

Other area builders agree the trend with boomers and others is to spend more in and around the house.

"We're seeing some very upscale choices," said Terry Ruhland, owner of Plum Creek Builders in Dunlap, Ill. "Instead of a Formica countertop, some do granite instead. They may invest in a \$250 wood panel kit for the refrigerator."

While homeowners may be more interested in upgrades, they're also more demanding, said Ruhland.

"Clients are infinitely more educated about what they buy than they were 20 years ago," he said. "They investigate more, whether in person or on the Internet. When they call me, they're already educated about the items they want."

Home shows are also a good way for people to become educated about a wide variety of products and services, he said.

"I work hard in January to get all my prospective clients to a home show," said Ruhland.

While boomers are renovating, the economic slowdown means things aren't exactly booming in the building industry. "I'm lucky. I'm not short for work and some (builders) are busy. But some don't have much to do. Overall, the industry has slowed down," Ruhland said.



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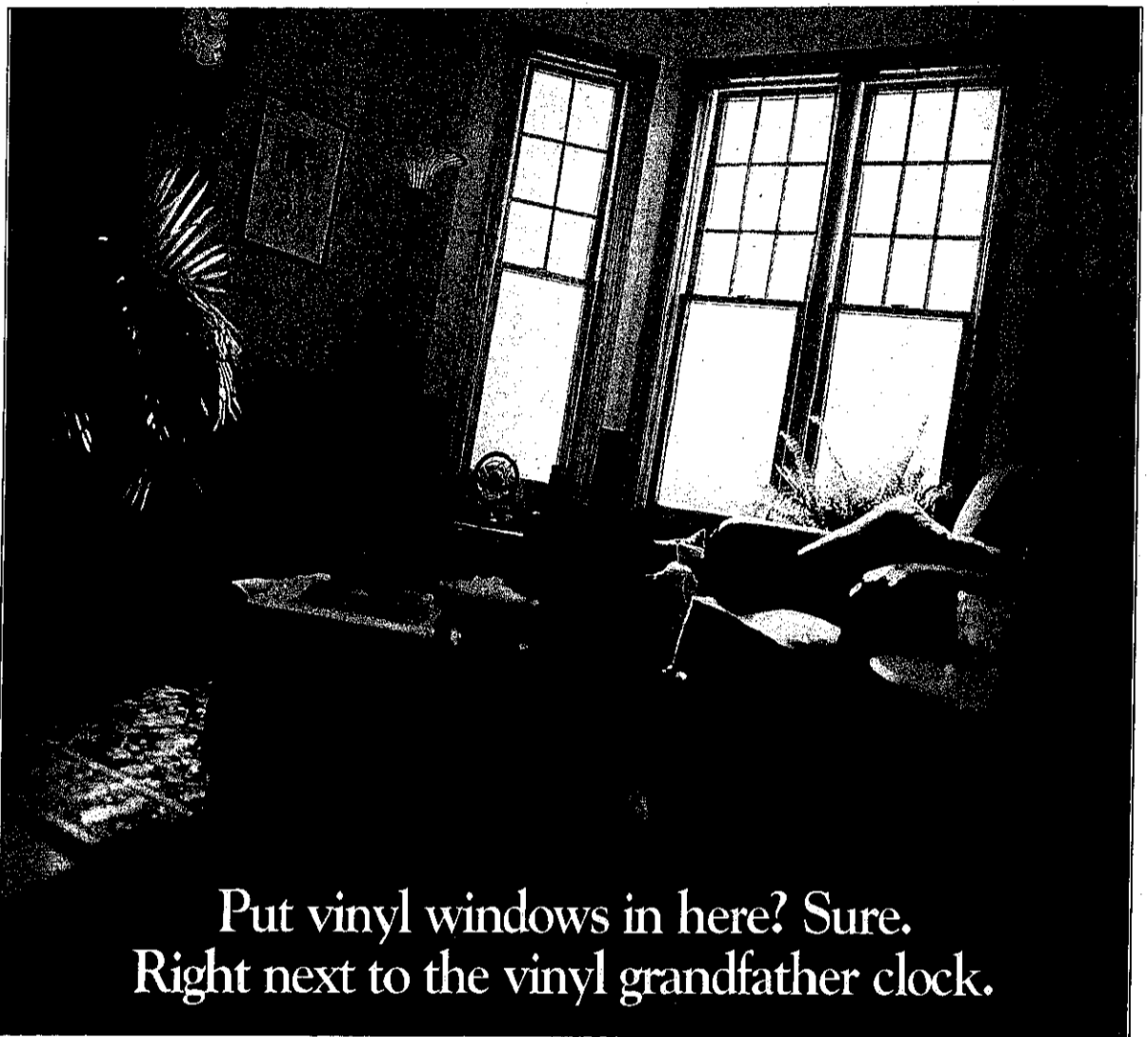
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