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Suburban Hockey scores a goal

Novi Ice Arena's management gets new contract, pat on the back for saving city's facility

By Victoria Sadlocha STAFF WRITER

Novi Ice Arena's management firm, Suburban Hockey, received high praise and a new contract last week, confirming its ability to take the city-owned facility out of the red.

"It is clear from our monthly financial reports that Suburban Hockey, under the leadership of the president, Mr. Tom Anastos, has made significant strides in improving the operations and profitability of the ice arena," said Craig Klaver, City of Novi chief operating officer.

Klaver said Anastos is credited with increasing fiscal year 2002

gross revenues by 9.3 percent while reducing operating expenses and the arena's debt owed to the city's general fund.

The arena's current debt to the fund is \$746,656.

The City of Novi's finance director and treasurer, Kathy Smith-Roy, said the amount is about \$65,284 less than the amount owed at Novi's 2001 fiscal year end.

According to documents provided by Smith-Roy, the arena has an unaudited net profit for the 2002 year of about \$20,000.

"We had budgeted a loss for the year, so the arena outperformed expectations," Smith-Roy said.

The new three-year contract, with a 12-month termination

notice, will feature a base management fee with incentive provisions like additional rewards for increases in gross revenue.

According to contract documents, Suburban Hockey will receive a base management fee of \$7,166 for the first year of the agreement. In the following contract years, the fee will increase by 4 percent from the base amount of the preceding year.

Gross revenue incentive percentages range from 1.25 percent to 2 percent, the same as the last contract, but will be calculated from the gross revenue schedule beginning at \$1.715 million compared to last year's \$1.675 million starting point.

"While it is difficult to speculate, our expectation is that the gross revenue for the first year of the contract will likely fall within the first tier of the incentive schedule," Klaver said. "Should this prove to be true, Suburban's compensation would be very close to the \$109,882 they earned last year."

Last fiscal year's gross revenue for the arena was \$1.813 million.

Klaver said the expectation was based on Suburban's indication it will maintain the existing rate schedule for the balance of this fiscal year, ending June 30, 2003. Anastos said overall he is satisfied.

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"The progress was slow, but steady."

Craig DeRoche Novi City Councilman

Survey says...

Residents voice their opinions on Novi library

By Victoria Sadlocha STAFF WRITER

High city taxes was revealed as the major reason Novi residents, recently surveyed during an independent study, said they were not in favor of paying more for a new library.

The message was delivered to library officials via the "Novi Public Library Survey on Public Support for a Bond and Operating Millage Proposal," prepared and conducted by the Lansing-based Educational Political Industrial Consumer Market Research Analysis (EPIC-MRA) firm.

According to the executive summary and demographic analysis, "the Novi library board will have a difficult time persuading a majority of voters in the City of Novi to support a bond and operating millage proposal for the dollar amounts tested in the survey."

Topping the list of reasons is a belief by many of those polled that their taxes are already too high for what they get back in city services.

The Aug. 19 report stated, 57 percent of the respondents directly said their local taxes are too high for what they get back in city services, 38 percent said their taxes were about right and 1 percent said their taxes were too low.

The report did state the "anti-tax" feeling is not as intensely negative as it could be since out of the 57 percent who said taxes were too high, only 19 percent said they were "much" too high. The 38 percent group said their taxes were "somewhat" too high.

Representatives from EPIC-MRA said when a majority of voters view their tax burden as too high, it becomes very difficult to convince them to vote for proposals increasing taxes.

According to the report, 78 percent of respondents also said their property taxes had increased over the past two to three years, including 33 percent who said they had increased "a lot" and 45 percent who said "somewhat."

"This response also points to the recognition of increased taxes among the public and contributes to an anti-tax sentiment," the document stated.

When asked what recent tax increases polled residents remembered the most, 60 percent of the respondents answered the road bond, Novi school bond improvements and expansions, the special education millage for schools and the police building improvements proposals. Forty percent were undecided.

The study additionally outlines what firm representatives believe are the best prospects for positive feelings toward a library bond and millage.

According to the report, the best prospect is offering voters

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Photo by John Heider

The Novi Senior Center presents its musical tribute to New York, New York last Thursday afternoon. Here the 42nd St tap-dancers perform for the crowd at the Novi Civic Center.

"New York, New York!"

Area seniors a big hit in this fall production

By Victoria Sadlocha STAFF WRITER

Area seniors kicked their feet, tapped their toes and sang their hearts out during last week's spectacular performances of "New York, New York!"

"It was inspirational, it was colorful, it was exciting and it was unbelievable," said Kathy Crawford, City of Novi Special Recreation Coordinator.

The Sept. 11 through 15 Novi Theatres' Senior Variety Series production was dedicated as the

city's love letter to New York City. "It was a labor of love," Crawford said. "We had our first show on Sept. 11."

Ironically, Novi Theatres' and show director Linda Wickert came up with the idea for the tribute last year a few days before Sept. 11.

Wickert said it was early September of 2001 when she began asking her oldest daughter to make a list of every song she knew was about New York or had New York in the title.

"It was like synchronicity," Crawford said. Beginning the show was none other than "New York, New York" followed by many entertaining songs, dances and skits.

One of the crowd favorites included a fun version of The

Village People's "YMCA" performed by some of the shows colorful senior men.

"They were sort of the older version of the Village People," Crawford said. "It was really, really good. The audience was really going nuts with the costumes."

A parody performances of "Les Misérables" and a "Who's on First?" skit were other crowd pleasers.

"Songs ranged from Billy Joel to Bart Bacharach to Cole Porter," Crawford said. All four performances of "New York, New York!" were sold out.

"It was a full house everyday," Crawford said. Organizers said the show attracted about twenty different bus groups and more than 1,300

people. "Our show is really up there and as professional as any top show out there," Crawford said. "We could compete with anybody regardless of age and a lot of the cast is in their 80s."

The group recently received a big honor as they were asked to perform their big city show Oct. 7 on Mackinac Island.

The show was sponsored by The Novi Theatres' Senior Variety Series, The City of Novi Department of Parks, Recreation & Forestry and The Demmer Automotive Group.

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School board names Brown to fill Newton vacancy

By Phil Foley STAFF WRITER

There's a new, albeit familiar, face on the Novi Community School District Board of Education.

The board voted unanimously Sept. 12 to name Dave Brown to fill the remainder of Ann Newton's term on the board. Brown retired as principal of Village Oaks Elementary School last spring after more than 30 years with the district.

He was one of seven people — including John Burkhardt, Ed Coury, Janet Cross, Keith Menedeth, Geoffrey Scott and Becky Staab — considered for the

position. It's likely Brown will have serious competition for the seat when he runs for a full four-year term next summer.

Board members marveled at the quality of the candidates vying for Newton's vacant seat. "They're all so good," quipped Trustee John Balagna early in the deliberations. "we could just all resign and let them take over."

Balagna and other trustees urged all of the candidates to stay involved in school affairs.

Still, early in the board's final discussions, it became clear Brown was the strong front-runner for the post.

Julie Abrams, the board's second

longest serving member, pointed to Brown's long history with the district, his familiarity with the issues and his reputation in the community as reasons to appoint him to the vacant seat.

Balagna expressed concerns that making Brown Superintendent Emmett Lippe's boss after years of Brown being Lippe's subordinate might create some tensions. However, board member Bruce Bagdady said he spoken to both



Dave Brown

men and neither were concerned. Several of the candidates, including Brown, said they would run for election next summer regardless of the outcome of the board's deliberations.

Among those Brown is likely to face when he runs on his own will be Cross, a full-time mother and school activist, and Becky Staab, a fixture on the Novi school scene for more than 20 years and a counselor for Waterford schools.

Several candidates appeared to lose points with the board when they didn't immediately commit to running for a full term when the appointment expires in June.

Burkhardt, a professor of education at the U of M; Ed Coury, senior

editor and bureau chief at the Wall Street Journal Radio Network's midwest office; Scott, a Ford Motor Company executive; and Merideth, president of a German fabrics company's North American operations, all wanted to see how they meshed with the sitting board members before committing to running on their own.

Trustee George Kortlandt said all of the unsuccessful candidates should be recruited into school-related programs such as the Novi Education Foundation.

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# Novi Schools hikes fees for facilities rentals

By Phil Foley  
STAFF WRITER

Renting everything from a classroom to the high school performance auditorium in Novi is expected to get a little more expensive when the Novi Community School District's board meets tonight.

James Koster, Novi's assistant superintendent for business operations, urged raising rental fees on 12 of the district's 21 rental categories.

After presenting a fee list close to the average charged by the surrounding six districts, Koster turned the fee increases "over."

"I'd have no problem setting them even higher," offered Trustee John Balagna.

The rental fees are charged to local for-profit organizations and to non-profits that are not located in Novi. Local non-profit groups are not charged a rental fee, said Koster.

Koster explained those groups come behind the district's K-12 program, community education and the city's parks and recreation department on the priority list for using school facilities.

Trustee John Streit wanted to know, given the number of computers in the school's media centers, why they were on the list of rentable facilities.

Koster said it was more of a being prepared issue than anything.

"We've never had anyone ask to rent a media center," he said, adding that for some facilities, such as the auditorium and media centers, renters are required to pay to have a school staff person present in addition to the rental fee.

Koster said it was difficult to compare fees charged by surrounding school districts because the facilities are not all identical and each district's policies are different. For instance, while Novi does not have a minimum use requirement, West Bloomfield Schools charges groups for a minimum of four hours regardless of how long they use a building.

West Bloomfield also had the highest rental fees of any of the surrounding districts.

He said after reviewing Novi's fees, he found the district's rental fees either on par or below other districts in the region.

The trustees voted unanimously to give preliminary approval to the fees at their Sept. 5 meeting and instructed staff to place the fee schedule on its next consent agenda.

The new fees are expected to be put in effect immediately after the Sept. 19 board meeting.

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Novi Community School District - Facility Rental Fees

Facility/Location	Novi	Walled Lake	South Farmington	Huron Valley	Northville	West Bloomfield	AVG.	REC.	STATUS	
Auditorium: Performance	100	173	90	150	147	125	125	135	inc.	
Auditorium: Rehearsal	50	173	90	150	147	125	125	135	inc.	
High School Gym - Full	75	77	40	75	60	45	150	75	No inc.	
High School Gym - 1/2	50	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	50	No inc.	
High School Gym - 1/4	35	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	35	No inc.	
M.S. Gym - Full	50	77	35	50	60	30	40	49	50	No inc.
M.S. Gym - 1/2	25	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	25	No inc.	
Elem Gym - Full	40	46	35	40	34	19	24	33	40	No inc.
Elem Gym - 1/2	20	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	20	No inc.	
Pool 1-25 people	35	152	75	75	n/a	85	100	97	50	inc.
Pool 26-50 people	40	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	50	inc.
Pool 51-70 people	45	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	50	inc.
Kitchen	25	60	30	40	34	35	40	40	40	inc.
H.S. Cafeteria/multi-purpose	35	60	30	30	34	35	50	40	40	inc.
M.S. Cafeteria/multi-purpose	35	60	25	30	34	22	40	35	35	No inc.
Elem Cafeteria/multi-purpose	35	46	25	30	22	19	40	30	35	No inc.
Classrooms	10	24	20	8	16	14	10	16	15	inc.
H.S. Media Center	30	45	n/a	15	60	26	25	35	35	inc.
M.S. Media Center	30	46	n/a	15	60	26	25	35	35	inc.
Meadows Media Center	20	46	n/a	15	60	19	25	32	30	inc.
Elem. Media Center	15	46	n/a	15	60	19	25	31	30	inc.

AVG. - average; REC. - recommendation; No inc. - no increase; n/a - not available

# Changes in education law concern district

By Phil Foley  
STAFF WRITER

There is a light at the end of the educational tunnel. However, school officials in Novi and across the country still aren't sure if that light is coming from a bright new day for their students or from an on-coming train.

Dozens of Novi Community School District administrators and senior teachers gathered at Novi Middle School Sept. 12 to hear Lawrence Lezotte discuss the implications of the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, signed into law by President George W. Bush in January.

According to Lezotte, a nationally known education consultant, it is the most fundamental change in education in a century. At the very least it's the biggest change since the federal government got involved in K-12 education in a big way with the Elementary and Secondary

Education Act (ESEA) of 1965.

At stake is more than the nearly \$11 billion in Title One money the federal government spent last year. According to Novi School Board member Carol Effring, there is the possibility that the district, like many others across the country, could be facing untold thousands of dollars in transportation and tutoring costs.

In the past, schools that received federal Title One money and failed to meet the federal guidelines risked the loss of those funds. But districts like Novi which received little or no federal money were relatively unbothered about federal oversight.

That all changed when Bush signed the No Child Left Behind Act. According to Lezotte, it expands the role of the federal government in local education decisions to a level never seen before. Prior to this year, only schools considered to have high poverty levels saw a great deal of federal involvement.

Novi, said Lezotte, "the federal reach extends to all schools."

That reach, he added, is unlikely to go away, since the legislation was approved by 92 Senators and an equal proportion of the House of Representatives.

That, he said, means educators across the country are going to have to make fundamental changes in the way they do about teaching.

Lezotte noted that under the current federal standards, about 54 percent of the schools in Kansas, for example, will be considered failing schools. "They are livid there," he said. Michigan, he said, is looking at a failure rate of close to 60 percent.

Lezotte said that while public schools have spent the past 100 years thinking in terms of averages, the new measure is going to be to how much the lowest performing students in a school improve their performance. He noted that while people have called for school reform almost

since the moment the core structure for schools was established at the beginning of the 20th century, they also wanted the grammar of schools left untouched.

The challenge for educators, said Lezotte, is figuring out how to meet federal and state standards that haven't been set yet.

Novi Superintendent Emmett Lippe said he believes the baseline for school performance will be the current MEAP tests. However, he noted, "No one knows exactly what the state guidelines are going to be."

Still, Lippe said, he is not frightened by the coming changes. "Leave no child behind only makes sense. Why would you want to leave any child behind," he said.

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# Tee off for charity at Links of Novi

There's a few slots still available, but not much time left to enter the Cancer Charity Classic.

Golfers will tee off today at 12:30 p.m. at the Links of Novi on 10 Mile Road west of Waxom Road.

Tournament Chairman Jane Thomas said at least 125 participants are expected. Over the past four years the event has raised more than \$100,000 for the Assarian Cancer Center in Providence Medical Center Providence Park Novi and the Kids at Beaumont program at Royal Oak's Beaumont Hospital, said Thomas.

She said the event began four years ago when Novi Police Chief Doug Sheffer was stricken with throat cancer. "They gave him a 7 percent chance of survival and he beat it," she recalled.

She said she and five of Sheffer's other friends decided they wanted to do something, and the Cancer Charity Classics was born.

This year, said Thomas, a number of celebrities will be on hand for the tournament including several Red Wing alumni.

For more information, call Thomas at 248-346-6162. "There's always room for a few more people," she said.

# Principal builds spirit with pins

By Phil Foley  
STAFF WRITER

From trade shows to the Olympics, trading pins is a ubiquitous part of the American landscape. But while you expect to get a fistful of pins at a Scout Jamboree, you don't expect to get one when you drop by your local high school.

That's one of the things that makes Novi High School a little different. Students, staff and a few visitors to the school can be seen sporting postage stamp-sized gold-toned pins bearing the words "Novi High School Wildcats," the school's mascot and an American flag.

Principal Jennifer Cheal got the pins from an academic seminar for her staff earlier this year, but the minimum order was 300, so she's been handing them out to students and school visitors since school began.

It's something Cheal has been doing ever since she became a principal six years ago. "Education is a serious business,

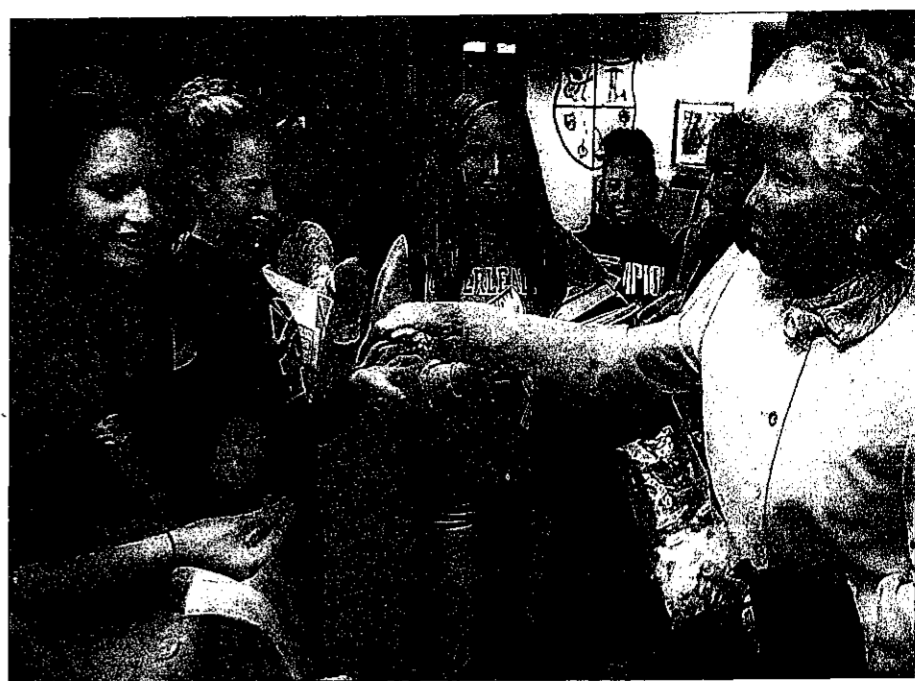
but you've got to have fun and laugh now and then," she observed.

Cheal said she got the idea to hand out trading pins shortly after taking over as principal at Novi High. "A company sent me a sample, and I thought it would be nice to have things hand out," she recalled.

Currently she has three different Wildcat designs as well as some "Novi Special" race car pins from city government in her arsenal. Cheal said she hands the pins out for a variety of reasons. For instance, during Homecoming Week she'll give Wildcat pins to the students who show their school spirit by wearing the most green and white.

With more than 1,600 students on campus, Cheal said it's important to "try very hard to keep things as personal as possible. I think people appreciate that."

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Novi High School Principal Dr. Jennifer Cheal hands out pins to the school's varsity cheerleading squad last Thursday in appreciation of their gift to her of a patriotic T-shirt.

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### Novi City Council Briefs

#### Remembering Sept. 11

Members of the Novi City Council along with city officials and Sept. 9 meeting attendees observed a moment of silence for all of those who lost their lives Sept. 11, 2001. Novi Mayor Richard Clark also proclaimed Sept. 11 as "Always Remember Sept. 11, 2001 Day." On behalf of the city, Clark extended his deepest condolences to the innocent victims of the unprovoked act of terrorism.

#### Imagine Novi

Representatives from the Imagine Novi Theater were given an arcade license during the Sept. 9 Novi City Council meeting. The movie theater, slated to open in the Fountain Walk development in about one month, will have 18 arcade machines in the lobby. The state-of-the-art multiplex will offer digital projection and sound and a full bar with standard movie-going fare in addition to the lobby-located video games.

#### Public hearing

A public hearing will be held during the Sept. 23 Novi City Council meeting to hear residents' input on the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant 2002 proposed use of funds. The purpose of the grant is to provide funds to units of government to underwrite projects reducing crime while improving public safety. A requirement of the grant is a public hearing must be held regarding the proposed use of

#### Weapons training

Members of the Novi City Council gave their approval last week to the Novi Police Department, allowing it to purchase a weapons training system. The computerized simulator, costing \$85,695, presents scenarios to officers in training on a life-size screen providing shoot-down-to-shoot scenarios. The scenario will call for officers' judgments to fire their weapons, use less than lethal force or no force at all. The system will be permanently mounted in the department's training center and consists of a dedicated primary simulation computer, an instructor's control station, speakers, a screen and a projector. The money for the expenditure will come from the Police Building Construction Fund.

#### Safe driving task force

Members of the Novi City Council gave their unanimous approval to the Novi Police Department to participate in the "Drive Michigan Safely Task Force" 2002-2003 traffic improvement grant. The pass-through grant was initiated by the Traffic Improvement Association. Novi has participated in the grant for several years with other departments including Troy, Waterford,

#### Monthly elevator maintenance

Pontiac, Bloomfield Township, West Bloomfield, the Oakland County Sheriff's Department and the Michigan State Police. The grant does not require matching funds and will cover 390 over-time hours from November 2002 through September 2003 for the safe-driving campaign. The two initiatives of the campaign are "You Drink and Drive, You Lose" and "Click it or Ticket."

#### Stop signs

During the Sept. 9 Novi City Council meeting, members voted to approve a request to analyze a solicitation for stop signs from the Riverbridge Homeowner Association. Members of the association are asking for the signs on Ashbury Drive at the intersections of Riverbridge and Windmill courts. Members of the city's staff will complete a review of the intersections including any adverse results of the sign placements and report back in about 60 days.

#### Meadowbrook Commons

City Elevator was awarded the elevator maintenance contract for Meadowbrook Commons during city council's Sept. 9 meeting. The Detroit company will provide

#### New appointee

Novi resident Robert Wolf was unanimously appointed to the Storm Water Management Stewardship committee during city council's Sept. 9 meeting. Wolf was commended for his dedication and interest in the committee as a past volunteer and members said they were very pleased to see him appointed.

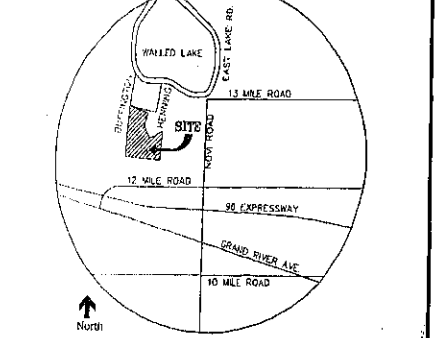
#### New subdivision

With a vote of 5-4-2, members of the Novi City Council approved a conceptual development plan presented by Joe Kokosak during the Sept. 9 meeting. The plan is for a 45-unit condominium development on 11 Mile Road between Telford and Beck Roads. Novi Mayor Pro-Tem Michelle Bonomi and city councilwoman Laura Lovrenco did not support the plan, stating potential weed violation concerns as the reason.



**Distinguished**  
Past Novi Rotary President Mav Sanghi (left) accepts the Distinguished Club President Citation from M. Abigail Scott, District 6380 governor for 2001-2002, during last Friday's Rotary lunch. Fifty clubs were up for the honor, but only nine received it. The award is based on public image, education and training, and club development and improvement.

**CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 25, 2002 at 7:30 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **SITE PLAN NUMBER 01-62 SCENIC PINNS ESTATES FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN APPROVAL OF SITE CONDOS WITH A ONE-FAMILY CLUSTER OPTION, WETLAND AND WOODLAND PERMITS, LOCATED SOUTH OF PEMBINE BETWEEN BUFFINGTON AND HEADING**. The applicant is proposing 24 detached residential condominiums.



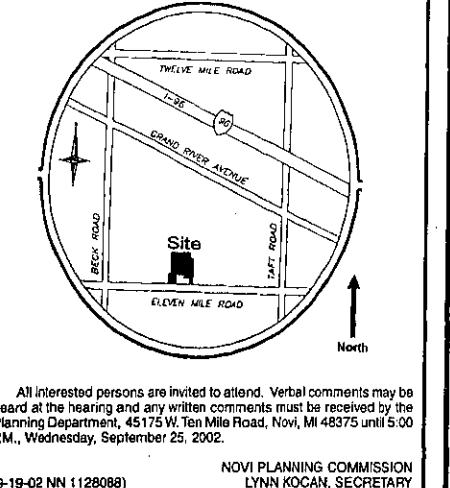
All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48075 until 5:00 P.M. Wednesday, September 25, 2002.

**NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 02-040**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that SWS Construction, LLC is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of one construction trailer at 25017 Meadowbrook (Tn Tech Usa, Inc.) from September 25, 2002 until September 25, 2003.

**NOTICE - CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY GUIDE**  
The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for Parks, Recreation & Forestry Guide according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Bid packages are available at the Office of the Purchasing Director.

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### Arena: Suburban Hockey gets new contract, praised

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ried with the contract and very pleased with the arena's progress. "We are where we are faster than we anticipated," Anastos said.

The arena manager said he figured it would take about five years to turn a profit or even break even. Suburban Hockey was hired in August, 1999 after a fiscally-disappointing first year.

During the facility's honeymoon, many in the community were skittish about the city-owned arena. Residents questioned the use of their tax dollars and city officials were forced to answer tough questions about the viability of the project while doubling it themselves.

Novi City Councilman Craig DeRoche said he wasn't originally supportive of the ice arena, but is very glad to see it all worked out in the end. "I didn't want it to begin with," DeRoche said, "but I am very happy with the direction it is going."

DeRoche said it is great to talk about it now and talk about a man who did such a wonderful job turning the arena around. "The progress was slow, but steady," he said.

Strides Anastos has made to take the arena out of the red include leasing the then city-operated pro shop to Bob Perani's Sport Shops, Inc.

Perani's is the largest independent hockey dealer in North America and recently celebrated 26 years in business.

Benefits of the change to the city include economic stability, a consistent source of revenue and the release of financial resources once tied up in stocking the shop's inventory.

Perani's Hockey World opened May 1, and Anastos said the shop is "certainly everything we expected."

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Perani's employee Jordan Collins straightens some of the hockey sticks in the Novi Ice Arena proshop. The ice arena has increased its revenues since turning their proshop over to Perani's.

**PAY SCHEDULE**

Suburban Hockey will be paid a percentage of the arena's gross revenue based on the following schedule:

Greater than \$1.715 million, but less than \$1.815 million	1.25 percent of gross revenues
Greater than \$1.815 million, but less than \$1.915 million	1.50 percent of gross revenues
Greater than \$1.915 million, but less than \$2.015 million	1.75 percent of gross revenues
Greater than \$2.015 million	2 percent of gross revenues

### Ice arena management firm looks to the future

**Suburban Hockey President Tom Anastos gives his goals for the new contract with Novi Ice Arena**

By Victoria Sadlocha STAFF WRITER

After two years of managing the Novi Ice Arena, staff at Suburban Hockey plan on keeping up the good work. "We are re-establishing our business plan right now," said Tom Anastos, president of Suburban Hockey.

"The plans are not overall sophisticated at this point in the game," Anastos said.

Anastos said his goals during the company's contract renewal period are to continue providing the best customer service possible and the most diverse programming possible, appealing to families, seniors, children and specialty groups.

"That will continue to be our goal," he said. "We also want to make sure we manage the expense side of our operations as tightly as we can."

The management firm president also plans on focusing on some capital investments to put back into the building. "These buildings are indoor playgrounds," Anastos said. "They get beat up pretty bad."

Within the next three-plus years Suburban Hockey will serve as the rink's manager. Anastos

additionally will focus on keeping fees at a minimum. "We are very proud to stabilize with no increase in fees," he said. "It would be my goal to try to do everything we can to maintain as minimal as fee effect as possible. You don't want to push fees to a level where people won't participate."

Anastos said he hasn't counted on the concept of selling naming rights to the arena either. Last year, members of the Novi City Council gave him the approval to solicit the idea. "We haven't had that on the front burner," he said. "We've been focusing on operations."

Currently, representatives from the management firm have been doing the ground work to see if now is the time to launch a naming-rights campaign. Suburban Hockey representatives said the slow economic climate has been the main deterrent in the plan.

"People have to be able to afford the opportunity," Anastos said. "What the city-owned facility manager is absolutely certain about is the continued success of the arena is based on the team effort of Suburban Hockey, the arena's participants, Novi's management and members of the city council."

"We've had very strong support from city council and city government," he said. "Without everyone's support, Anastos said it would be impossible."

"So really, at the end of the day it has been a team effort," he said. "We are just part of the reason."

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### NOVI PUBLIC LIBRARY

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### Story Time notes

Fall Story Times begin September 23. Please call the library for information on the day and time of your child's session.

### Museums in the 21st Century



S. Hamp

Susan Hamp, President of the Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, discusses the evolution of museums and the adjustments they have made to compete with entertainment venues such as Disney World on Tuesday, October 1, at 7 p.m. The program includes a drawing for a free annual membership to Greenfield Village. To register for this free program, please call the library at 349-0720.

### Using the library catalog on the Web

We'll cover author, title, subject, and keyword searches on Thursday, September 19, from 7-9 p.m. You'll learn how to link your search results to items in our library and/or to specific types of media, such as videos or audiobooks. The session will include hands-on practice. Please register

in advance for all Internet classes in person or by calling the library.

### Internet practice lab for seniors

Practice makes perfect! Join us for an opportunity to practice any of the skills you've learned in our Internet classes on Thursday, September 26, from 1-3 p.m. During this two-hour session, you may choose to work on any Internet skills you wish, with librarians to assist you and answer any computer-related questions. Note: There is no set agenda for this class; you may come and go as you please during the two-hour session.

### Mastering the mouse for seniors

A hands-on class designed to introduce seniors to using the computer mouse will be held Thursday, October 3, from 10-11 a.m. We will complete a self-guided online tutorial, learning and practicing all of the basic functions of the mouse. If you've never used a mouse, this class is definitely for you!

### WALLED LAKE CITY LIBRARY

Calligraphy  
The Wall Lake City Library will present an introductory calligraphy program for ages 9 and up, with instructor Gaylene Vitale, on Thursday, Sept. 26, at 4:30 p.m. Supplies are provided. Please register in advance by calling (248) 624-3772.

For more information about upcoming programs for children and adults, new materials, and library services, visit the library's Web site at [www.walled-lake.lib.mi.us](http://www.walled-lake.lib.mi.us).

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## Survey: Residents voice opinions on library

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a time-limited, lower-amount millage. The weakest link in the proposal is the operating millage, but including an expiration date on the funding (opposed to in perpetuity) significantly increases its prospects for passage," the report stated.

Representatives further said reducing the amount of the operating millage so the total tax increase would be less than \$100 per year would make passage more likely.

"As far as we're concerned this is a planning tool," said Kathy Match, vice-president of the Novi Public Library Board. "This is a way to get us from where we are to getting us to the next step. We don't even know if it will be on the ballot next year."

Match said the board decided to spend the money on a survey by a reputable polling company to really understand the mindset of Novi voters opposed to just doing a questionnaire where anyone could potentially "stuff the box."

"What the library is trying to

do is get a clearer picture," she said. "We live in a community with the demographics that should support the library, which is puzzling. This is where people with experience in interpreting data comes in handy."

Match was interested to see many voters' anti-support feelings stemmed from the perpetuity wording of last year's proposal.

She feels opinions for the future may be putting a time limit on the operating millage. Residents would then have the opportunity to vote on funding library operations at different times throughout the library's existence.

It is also the perception of some library officials that voter sentiment may change now that the Sandstone lawsuit settlement deal is in the works.

When the proposal was given to voters last year, the face of the city's tax mill remaining to the lawsuit was still in question.

The firm's opinion was based on interviews conducted with 300 registered Novi voters in July. Residents were included in the survey if they voted in the 2000 election, 1998 general election or both.

According to the summary, the sample was stratified so every area of the city was represented according to its contribution to a normal general election.

Officials paid for the survey with library funds to try and understand why the 2001 library bond and millage proposal to construct and operate a new facility was turned down.

Fifty-nine percent of the Novi voters showing up at the polls cast may votes last year.

Out of the city's 30,503 registered voters, 3,768 residents voted against and 2,667 residents voted for the 1.20 mills increase needed to construct and operationally fund a new Novi library.

According to a December, 2001 report issued by the city's auditing firm, Plante & Moran LLP, Novi ranked as the sixth lowest community in Oakland County regarding property taxes.

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### INTERPRETING RESULTS

When interpreting survey results, all surveys are subject to error; that is, the results of the survey may differ from those obtained if the entire population was interviewed.

The sampling error depends on the total number of respondents in the particular question. For example, 51 percent of all Novi respondents said they support a large central location for a library instead of a branch office.

This percentage would have a sampling error of plus or minus 5.7 percent.

That means with repeated sampling, it is very likely (95 times out of every 100), the percentage for the entire population would fall between 45.3 and 56.7 percent, hence 51 percent plus or minus 5.7 percent.

The margin of error is arc shaped, peaking when half of all respondents give the same answer.

This means the margin of error is smallest when either a large percent or small percent of the respondents give the same answer.

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## 9/11: Novi residents seek comfort in faith

By Victoria Sadlocha  
STAFF WRITER

About 30 area residents knelt and prayed to God, seeking solace for the unexplainable events that happened one year ago.

The crowd gathered in the quiet Novi chapel of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross, hoping for a moment of comfort during the noon, somber service.

Some were dressed in suits, rushing from their place of work while others dressed in casual wear came from their homes.

But what they all, young and old, had in common was the hope that faith would ease their sorrows.

"When we remember the stock brokers, office workers, maintenance workers, bystanders, snow-washers and all the others who worked together so valiantly to help each other, we can say together, we remember great courage," said Father Fred Brunson of The Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross.

"When we recall the firefighters who rushed upstairs as must

everyone else was racing out, we can say together, 'We remember selfless service.'

"When we recall the police officers who stood to protect and defend the people and performed their duties until the towers came crashing down on top of them, we can say together, 'We remember selfless sacrifice for the safety of others.'

"When we recall the thousands of workers, women and men, old and young, single and married, American-born and those born in countries around the world who did not escape the buildings, we can say together, 'We remember the loss of human life.'

"When we recall those citizens who rushed to help, did all they could to help, we can say together, 'We remember and give thanks for dutiful commitment to those in distress.'

"When we recall the people who stood in line at the nation's blood banks to make living donations from their very bodies, we can say together, 'We give thanks for those who live on to pass on life and love.'

"When we remember the millions of Americans who gave so generously of their life and labor



Attendees of a special memorial service sing a hymn last Wednesday at Novi's Church of the Holy Cross. The church held a special service for Sept. 11.

In the words of Brunson, remembrance begins with deep, personal identification.

It begins with remembering the affliction of our brothers and sisters, and making their pain as our own.

Most of all, Brunson reminded all in attendance on Sept. 11, 2002 that remembrance is a sacred moment when we as a community raise up and hold to the light of the eternal moment, the good who have passed.

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### Calendar of Events

**MICHIGAN REMEMBERS - A TRIBUTE TO OUR NATIONS POW/MIA AND ARMED SERVICES**  
 DATE: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21  
 TIME: 5 p.m.  
 LOCATION: Oakland Hills Cemetery - Novi Road and 12 Mile Road

DETAILS: Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 154 Color Guard and Oakland Hills Cemetery invite you to attend a patriotic tribute to our armed services with special recognition to honor our POW/MIA service personnel. Performances by the 120th Army Band, the 927th Air Refueling Wing Honor Guard, Bag Ceremony, Winston Churchill High School Curial Assembly, U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps, and Shrine Highlanders Pipes.

Also, the Michigan POW/MIA Committee will host a ceremony on Friday, September 20th at Oakland Hills Cemetery at 6:30 p.m.  
 PHONE: Carol, (248) 352-4690

**Novi Chorale's auditions**  
 DATE: Tuesday, Sept. 24  
 LOCATION: Novi Middle School  
 TIME: After regular 7:30 p.m. rehearsal

DETAILS: Do you love to sing? Novi Chorale's perform two big concerts per year. This year's Christmas concert will be performed December 6, 7 & 8 at area churches. Spring concert will be Saturday, May 10, 2003. Come help us balance out our ranks. If you would like to check us out before auditioning, join us for our rehearsal September 17 at Novi Middle School on Whom Rd. and 11 Mile at 7:30 p.m.

PHONE: Please call our president Larry Malloy at 248-474-8277. Check out our web site at www.dhpc.net/mv/.

**Novi Theatre "The Hotacker"**  
 Auditions  
 DATE: Auditions: Tuesday, Sept. 24 and Thursday, September 26  
 LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Rd.  
 TIME: 4 p.m.

DETAILS: Performances will be December 6, 7 & 8, 2002. Although there is no fee, this is a paid, not the ballet.  
 PHONE: 248-347-0100.

**Mental health professional series**  
 DATE: Wed., Sept. 25  
 TIME: 9 a.m.  
 LOCATION: Novi Civic Center

DETAILS: The director of pre-writing education at Brighton Hospital will lead off the Novi Community That Cares Coalition's fall season with a discussion of the hospital's services. Along with detailing the hospital's services, Dawn Minock, BS, CAC-I, is expected to offer some tips on how parents can stem their children away from substance abuse. A continental breakfast will be served at the meeting.

**Novi Newcomers & Neighbors Annual Dinner & Fashion Show**  
 DATE: Thursday, September 26  
 TIME: 6 - 9:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Hudson's Cafe in Marshall Field's at Twelve Oaks Mall  
 DETAILS: This annual dinner and fashion show is held to kick-off another year of membership and to promote involvement in our organization. The dinner and fashion show will be followed by a raffle, with prizes donated from local businesses. Proceeds from the event will benefit local charitable causes. Tickets are \$21 and must be purchased in advance.

CONTACT: RSVP by 9/20 to Laurie @ (248) 344-4614.

**Fall Detroit Rose Society Rose Show**  
 DATE: Saturday, Sept. 28  
 TIME: 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
 LOCATION: Novi Civic Center Atrium, 47175 W. Ten Mile Rd., west of Novi Rd.

DETAILS: For details on exhibiting your roses and meeting American Rose Society members, free and open to the public call 917-1111 in the Atrium. PHONE: contact Roman Kwarcinski @ 586-268-5194

**Huron Valley-Sisal Hospital Laser Vision Correction Seminar**  
 DATE: Tuesday, Oct. 1  
 LOCATION: Huron Valley-Sisal Hospital, Commerce, Mich.  
 TIME: 7 p.m.

DETAILS: Ophthalmologist Robert J. Clark, M.D., will provide information about the most advanced refractive surgery techniques available today including the new VISX S3, which has improved surgical results. Bring your glasses or prescription with you.  
 PHONE: 1-888-DWC-2500 by September 27 for more information or to register.

**BID & BREAKFAST**  
 DATE: Wednesday, Oct. 2  
 LOCATION: Southfield City

**Council Chambers, 26000 Evergreen Rd., Southfield**  
 TIME: 8:30 a.m. to Noon  
 DETAILS: Small, women or minority owned business owners can learn how to become a vendor to city, county or federal government and improve their company's bottom line. The fee is \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door.  
 PHONE: (248) 858-0783 to register. For more information visit Oakland County Planning and Economic Development Services' website at <http://www.co.oakland.mi.us/peis>

**Roses-West Rose Society Meeting: "Misting, Pruning and Budding Roses"**  
 DATE: Friday, Oct. 4  
 LOCATION: Novi Civic Center  
 TIME: 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

DETAILS: One-on-one speaker and Horticultural Judge, Paul Scheel. Social hour with pastries and coffee. Free and open to the public.  
 PHONE: For details, contact Pat @ 248-449-4626.

**13th Annual Fall Detroit Camper & RV Show**  
 DATE: Wednesday - Sunday, Oct. 2-6  
 LOCATION: Novi Expo Center, Novi Road between I-96 and Grand River Avenue

TIME: 2-9 p.m. Wednesday - Friday, 12-9 p.m. Saturday and 12-6 p.m. Sunday  
 DETAILS: All current model and 2003 RVs, ranging from \$5,000 to more than \$300,000, will be on display, including folding campers, motor homes, travel trailers, truck campers, park models and fifth wheel travel trailers at this annual event hosted by the Michigan Association of Recreation Vehicles and Campgrounds - Adult admission (age 15 and up) is \$7.75, children age 14 and under get in free. Seniors admission \$5 on Wednesday, October 2, and Thursday, October 3 (no coupon necessary).  
 PHONE: Call 517-349-8881 or visit [marv.org](http://marv.org) for additional information.

**Novi Chamber of Commerce New Member Reception**  
 DATE: Tuesday, Oct. 8  
 LOCATION: border's Book & Music  
 TIME: 8 - 9 p.m.

DETAILS: A networking opportunity and business card exchange for new and old chamber members alike

**Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Days**  
 DATE: Saturday, October 12  
 LOCATION: behind RRASOC, 20000 W. 8 Mile Road (enter via Maple Ridge, North of I-96, just East of Evergreen Road).  
 TIME: 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. both days

DETAILS: Residents may take used computer equipment, oil-based paint (no latex paint), household and automotive batteries, pesticides, herbicides, cleaners, fluorescent light bulbs and other common household chemicals from their homes, garages and workshops. These are the final two days for 2002 for drop off.

PHONE: For more information including tips on drying out latex paint, call RRASOC at 248-208-2270.

**Quick Date**  
 DATE: Tuesday, Oct. 8  
 LOCATION: 5th Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi

TIME: 7 p.m.  
 DETAILS: Meet 10-15 new people for 5 minutes each. It's fast-paced, fun & exciting! Cost is \$40. Pre-registration is required.  
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**Motorcycles Hall of Fame "Art of Racing" Exhibit**  
 DATE: thru Dec. 31  
 LOCATION: Motorsports Hall of Fame, inside Novi Expo Center at I-96 and Novi Road.  
 TIME: open 10 a.m.-5 p.m., 7 days a week, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursday thru Sundays after Labor Day.

DETAILS: \$4.00/adults, \$2.00/Seniors, \$2.00/children. Special exhibit of original paintings by noted motor racing artist, D.R. Shuck. Limited edition prints of many of the paintings are available for purchase in the Hall of Fame gift shop.  
 PHONE: (248) 349-7223

**Debian Parent Classes**  
 DATE: ongoing series  
 LOCATION: Oakland County Health Division, 1010 East West Maple, Walled Lake.  
 TIME: 7 p.m.-9 p.m.

DETAILS: Classes will be taught by Public Health Nurses. Topics will include childbirth preparation, labor and delivery, care of the newborn baby, breastfeeding, bottle-feeding, information about keeping children safe, and caring for them when they are ill. Cost is \$25.00.  
 PHONE: (248) 858-4003, or 1-888-350-0900 ext. 84003

**Novi Toastmasters**  
 DATE: First and third Tuesdays of the month  
 LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile, Novi, MI

Send calendar items to Col Stone, Novi News, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48168 or e-mail to [stone@hl.home.com.net](mailto:stone@hl.home.com.net)

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### Engagements



**Muncay-Gress**  
 Robert and Debbie Muncay of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter, Amber to Dan Gress, son of Doug and Denise Gress of Novi.



**Johnson-Lykins**  
 James and Linda Johnson of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie Anne Johnson, to David Rickett Lykins, son of Roger and Christine Lykins of Novi.



**Slayton-Rudy**  
 Barb and Gary Sobotta of Novi and Joe Slayton of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie Slayton, to Aaron Rudy, son of Richard and Elaine Rudy of Rochester Hills.

### Obituaries

**Anne Marie Wilber**  
 Anne Wilber, nee Visger of Novi, died Sept. 11, 2002 at Hope Nursing Care Center, Westland. She was born Sept. 11, 1918 and was 84.

Survivors include one daughter, Wendy Wilber; one grand-daughter, Eloise; two brothers, Frank D. and Robert E.; one sister-in-law, Mary Jane Visger; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Felix J. Visger. A funeral service was held Sept. 14 at St. James Catholic Church of Novi. Interment will be at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Arrangements were made by O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River Ave., Novi.

**David M. Sparling**  
 David Sparling of Northville and Ormond Beach, Fla., died Sept. 15, 2002. He was 75.

Mr. Sparling was matriculated at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and received his master's of business administration degree from Harvard Business School in 1953. He was employed with Ford Motor Company from 1953 through 1984 where he began as an engineer and retired as executive vice-president of Ford Aerospace and Communications Corporation.

Mr. Sparling is survived by his wife, Anne; his children, Debi (Greg) Mathias of Lewisburg, Pa., Lisa (Ben) Sparling Griffith of Media, Pa., David (Christine) Sparling of Novi, and Laura Chanin of Northville; his sister, Pat Franerick; and his grandchildren, Nic, Travis, Griffin, Chase, Amanda and Spencer.

A memorial service will be held Sept. 21 at 2 p.m. at Meadowbrook Congregational Church. Memorial contributions may be made to the hospice organization of the donor's choosing.

Funeral arrangements were made by McCabe Funeral Home of Farmington Hills.

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## New establishment scores

■ A near split city council vote almost prohibited a soon-to-open Novi restaurant from offering residents arcade games.

By Victoria Sadocha  
STAFF WRITER

With a near split vote, representatives from Margarita Mama's Bourbon Alley spoke out an arcade license approval from members of the Novi City Council.

During the Sept. 9 meeting, City of Novi Mayor Richard Clark, Mayor Pro-Tem Michelle Bononi and City Councilwoman Laura Larentis all voted to deny the restaurant's request to offer area residents video-game playing opportunities.

At the next of the may votes was the number of machines the Fountain Walk development establishment plans to offer.

The restaurant plans on offering 124 machines in its nearly 30,000-square-foot location.

Clark felt the floor space would be too jammed with machines, causing a hard-to-hear environment.

Representatives from the

restaurant stressed their case, saying the games are part of their business plan.

They did not want to say the "D word," but finally told members of council the plan of the Novi business is similar to a Dave and Busters, an established east-side gathering place that offers a variety of amusement opportunities for adults.

Novi City Councilman Kim Capello was in favor of the approval, saying he and his family have visited businesses like this in the past and appreciated that there was also something fun to do for everyone.

Members Louis Cusard, Craig DeRoche and David Landry also supported the approval.

The arcade will be located on the lower level of the restaurant, called Margarita Mama's, below the second-floor dance area which is Bourbon Alley.

Margarita Mama's is described as a restaurant and bar with interactive games and billiards.

Bourbon Alley will be an

adult-oriented haunt with dancing, disc jockeys and live entertainment.

The machines will include nine driving games, including Star Wars Pod Racing, pinball, redemption-type skill games, shooting games, including Trophy Hunter, air hockey, sports games like Wave Runner and Alpine Racer II, and video games.

Representatives of the project also received approval the same night to transfer ownership of a Class C liquor license in escrow from Southfield to Novi.

City officials said a transfer does not affect the city's quota, currently at one license.

The restaurant and entertainment establishment plans on opening its doors very soon.

Victoria Sadocha is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1702, ext. 105, or at vsadocha@ht.homecomm.net.

## Northville church relief work gets soccer jerseys to youth

By Pauline Campos  
STAFF WRITER

Northville's Oak Point Church members recently returned from their second mission trip to Zambia where they worked with Campus Crusade for Christ. The group donated clothing, toys and medical supplies to children in need.

The group's members also put smiles on many young faces when they donated soccer jerseys to be worn during the second annual Zambian international soccer game.

Novi resident Trina Nestle, who served as mission trip organizer, said the soccer jersey drives held prior to the trip were a success with approximately 500 jerseys collected.

And the jerseys were more than appreciated. Nestle received a letter from Campus Crusade employee Collins Mwasom, letting her know that a soccer team had been named after her.

"We also had many things that we could not take with us

that were donated," she said, referring to some of the clothing and medical supplies were, of course, taken.

Nestle said that each of Oak Point's 28 members who went on the trip were investigating ways to take next year what they could not take this year.

"Each of us could only take two 70-pound bags, including our own luggage for the trip and we were there from June 26 to July 11," she said.

The groups also took school supplies for five schools with a total of 10,000 children enrolled, a medical team, and supplies that were donated to various orphanages.

"It does change lives," Nestle said of the visits to Zambia. "We have made so many personal relationships. We weren't able to change lives indefinitely but could be a light in Zambia and change the right now. Bringing the word of God, praying with them, and just being with them was such a blessing. They are sick and hungry but

they are happy and appreciate what they have."

Nestle said the experience was very humbling.

"There was a woman we worked with both last year and this year who told us that she had thought we were a rich church with thousands and thousands of members who had a little bit of money left over to spend on the Zambians."

The woman had gotten the image from television. "They think we are all rich. But when she found out that we don't even have our own church yet and had chosen to spend our time and money with and for them, she cried," said Nestle. "I cried too. I was glad she found out because then I knew that she understood that we came because we loved them as our brothers and sisters in Christ."

Pauline Campos is a staff writer for the Northville Record. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700 ext. 109, or at pcampos@ht.homecomm.net.

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Metrobank has also provided three million dollars in principal for the Independence Loans, a privately funded program the College established in 1984 to replace federal taxpayer funds and ensure Hillsdale's independence.

A private four-year liberal arts institution founded in 1844, Hillsdale does not accept federal taxpayer funding of any type for its operations, including all federal student financial aid programs, which now make up nearly 75 percent of all student financial aid available to American colleges and universities.

The College has gained a national reputation for its stand against bureaucracy and its dedication to quality liberal arts education, free enterprise, limited government intervention and the American heritage of individual self-determination. As part of the College's original charter, it adheres to the

non-discriminatory policy regarding "nation, color or sex" which it has maintained since 1844, long before the Civil War and well before almost all other American colleges did so.

Within the last decade, Hillsdale College has doubled the capacity of the library, constructed a new fine arts center, put in a new state-of-the-art, three-story science building and completed construction of new faculty and administration buildings. Currently under construction, the Howard Music Hall will open in spring 2003. Overall, this campus of 1,150 students has over 40 buildings.

Hillsdale also hosts the Center for Constructive Alternatives (CCA) and the Shavano Institute for National Leadership, which have attracted speakers such as Clarence Thomas, Margaret Thatcher, Colin Powell, William F. Buckley, Jr., Ronald Reagan, Dave Thomas, Benjamin Netanyahu, Norman Schwarzkopf and many others.

Hillsdale's speech digest, *Imprimis*, reaches over 1.1 million readers each month. Meanwhile, Hillsdale's academic reputation has grown steadily, gaining favorable reviews from national surveys of quality in higher education. *U.S. News & World Report* has named Hillsdale among the top 100 national liberal arts colleges, and *Peterson's Competitive Colleges* annually lists Hillsdale among its top choices and notes that the College is "constantly chosen by the best students for their education."

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Colby Clugston will graduate in May 2003 with a degree in political science and history and plans to pursue a law career. He is a member of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity and the College Republicans, and has also volunteered for several humanitarian projects. Colby resides in Farmington Hills.



Rachel Rock, of Livonia, is a junior with a major in international business and foreign language and minor interests in psychology and Spanish. She belongs to the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority, serves on the Student Activities Board, and participates in the Paint-the-Town volunteer project. Additionally, she serves as a tutor.



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# Commerce Twp. PC approves site plan for 52-lot subdivision

By Erin Johnson  
STAFF WRITER

Commerce Township will continue to grow after the planning commission gave site plan approval at their Sept. 9 meeting for a 52-lot subdivision called Woodland Ridge.

The site, which is located south of Commerce Road and east of Winewood Lane and is near the Lake Sherwood subdivision, is just more than 41 acres and the developers asked the commission for a special land use permit to exercise a cluster option. The homes will be single family but the developer, Windham Development, Inc., wants the cluster option because the square footage of the lots will be slightly smaller than the township requirements.

Planning Director Connie Guest told the commission the developer had done a good job incorporating park land into their design given that the site is environmentally challenged.

"Due to the fact that a lot of it's swamp and bog land," she said.

The developer is also hoping to have water and sewer services for the homeowners, but township engineer Jay James told the commission there is a chance sewers may not be available for this, or future, building projects. James said the sewer treatment

plant which serves Commerce Township has permits to treat up to 3 million gallons a day. He said in the past the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality has left it to the township to keep track of their usage, but have now decided to do it themselves. They have told the township that it must account for any possible connections over the next year when figuring their sewage usage.

"They kind of changed the rules," James said.

He said using the new MDEQ formula puts the township at a rate of 2.8 million gallons per day with several projects featuring sewers already part of the planning stage. James also said that he expects the treatment plant to receive a new permit allowing for the processing of 5 million gallons per day, but isn't sure when that will happen.

It is because of that reason that James asked the planning commission to put of caveat on future site plans they approve letting developers know they are not guaranteed sewer service at this time.

James also said he spoke with the developers of Woodland Ridge and they understand what is happening.

Guest said that developers shouldn't be forced to wait while the township figures out the problem.

### MORE CTPC

Other items addressed by the Commerce Township Planning Commission at their meeting Sept. 9 include:

- Approved a pet services establishment text amendment which set requirements for animal day care and overnight boarding businesses

- Approved special land use permit and site plan for the addition of parking and meeting area at the Zanobia Center

- Approved a request by SpectraSite Communications to modify an existing cell phone tower on Commerce Road

The site plan and special land use permit was approved by the commission unanimously.

The commission's next meeting will be at 7 p.m. Sept. 30.

Erin Johnson is a reporter for the *Novi Times*. She can be reached at (248) 685-1507, ext. 21 or by e-mail at [erjohnson@nvtimes.com](mailto:erjohnson@nvtimes.com).



Photo by Phil Foley

### New Chamber Officers

The Novi Chamber of Commerce's newest board members took their seats at the chamber's luncheon at the Novi Hilton Sept. 17. The new officers include Nikki Pearce (left) of Forum Nine Entertainment, Gina Blazo of All Star Gymnastics, James Koster of Novi Community School District, Joe Sutcheck of Ramco Geshenson and Lou Martin of Providence Medical Center.

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of the township break. Since it would benefit the majority of people in the township, he also suggested the board consider assessing a user fee for those using the water system.

The board voted 5-2 to allow the engineers to proceed with the project and continue to research possible funding. Trustees Robert Long and Rick Sovel voted against.

Also during the meeting, the board approved a special assess-

ment district for dredging in the lower section of the Mount Royal subdivision on the west side of the waterway which flows in that area.

James told the board that when samples were taken of the soil to be removed from the area, a contaminant was found in one sample. He said, however, that testing indicating the contaminant was not harmful. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality is still requiring that the township send any soil removed from the area where the soil sample was taken to a landfill.

The extra effort will raise the cost of the originally \$137,000 project.

"The bids we got in were almost double that," James said.

Since homeowners will be paying for the dredging the cost per home increases, as well, to almost \$9,000 per lot.

James said the cost may fluctuate depending on how far they will be allowed to dredge, which could affect the number of homes in the SAD, and how much will be removed.

at the meeting for a public hearing regarding the dredging voiced no concern over the higher price tag.

"This is a lot different than we've used to," Long said.

The board approved the formation of the SAD unanimously. The board of trustees' next meeting will be at 7 p.m. Oct. 8.

Erin Johnson is a reporter for the *Novi Times*. She can be reached at (248) 685-1507, ext. 21 or by e-mail at [erjohnson@nvtimes.com](mailto:erjohnson@nvtimes.com).

### CTBT ITEMS

Other items discussed by the Commerce Township Board of Trustees at their Sept. 10 meeting include:

- Approved re-establishment of street lighting Special Assessment Districts
- Approved by a vote of 4-3 a land title survey to be done by the township's engineering firm of Giffels-Webster. Trustees Robert Long, Cheryl Magalski and Rick Sovel voted against
- Approved an ordinance amendment to rezone a piece of property on Greenlawn from single family residential to commercial

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**Smart Kids**

Novi High School seniors Asha Radhamohan (front, clockwise), Matt Haugen and Ben Rose have been named National Merit Scholarship semifinalists. Only the top 1 percent of all high school students get into the program. Fewer still make it to this level. The winners and their scholarship amounts will be announced this spring.

Harsha-Strong received numerous honors while at Novi

**Novi students earn scholarships**

A pair of Novi High School graduates were among 13 college-bound students awarded scholarships by the H.T. Ewald Foundation during a luncheon at the Country Club of Detroit in Grosse Pointe Farms Aug. 10.

A foundation spokesman said Matthew Harsha-Strong and Michael Hendricks were selected for scholarships based on their overall academic record, leadership abilities, community work, character and financial need.

Matthew Harsha-Strong of earned a 4.0 grade point average while at Novi High School. In his junior year, Harsha-Strong founded a non-profit organization called Teens Aiding the Cancer Community, Inc. (TACC). This group supports children affected by cancer, providing them with backpacks filled with fun-filled items.

Harsha-Strong recruited 60 teen volunteers to deliver the backpacks and has trained four underclassmen to take over TACC when he leaves for college. He has also helped raise over \$3,000 to support the non-profit's mission. In addition to his volunteer work Harsha-Strong has served as president of the Spanish Club, captain of the wrestling team and Student Council representative. He was a member of several school organizations including National Honors Society, Model United Nations, cross country and track teams.

High including Southeast Michigan Winner of the Outstanding Student Competition, Target's All Around Local Scholarship, Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition Finalist, National Merit Competition Commended Student, and finally both Detroit News and Detroit Free Press Student of the Week.

Harsha-Strong will attend Yale University where he will double major in biochemical science and political science.

Michael Hendricks' strong interest in computers led him to upgrading and repairing computers for people along with building his own, a foundation

spokesman said. In addition, he assisted the Information Technology staff at his school for a semester and served on the bid review committee when the school district wanted to pass a technology bond. He also served on the Student Council where he was responsible for running its major fundraiser for two years. Hendricks has worked part-time as a camp counselor, day care worker and sports referee. He will pursue a bachelor's degree and then a master's degree in management information systems at Kettering University (formerly General Motors Institute) in Flint.

The H.T. Ewald Foundation was founded in 1928 with endowments made by the late H.T. Ewald, founder and president of the Campbell-Ewald Advertising Company, one of America's largest advertising agencies best known for its work with Chevrolet.

Each year the foundation awards scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,500 to Metropolitan Detroit area high school students who deserve, but can not afford, a college education. The scholarships are renewable for up to four years.

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Chris R. Stallard has entered basic cadet training at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo., in preparation to enter the first academic year at the academy. The five-to-six-week orientation program trains men and women to meet the rigorous mental and physical challenges of a cadet.

learning to deal with physically and mentally demanding situations are practiced. Cadets participate in the obstacle, confidence, assault, and leadership reaction courses, including an Operation Warrior rescue mission.

Stallard is the son of Sanford Stallard and Drew Stallard, both of Novi. He is a 2002 graduate of Novi High School.

The cadet training will complete two phases of training, phase one involves personal in-processing, orientation, and training in the fundamentals of being a cadet. Individuals are prepared to adjust from civilian to military life, and learn proper wear of the uniform, drill and ceremony, marching, and living quarters standards.

Stallard's parents are Don and Diane St. Clair of Novi. He is a 2002 graduate of Novi High School.

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**Novi engineer publishes his first sci-fi book**

By Phil Foley



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Writer Doug Lebeck works on a new novel in his Novi home. Lebeck has just published "Memoirs of a Dinosaur Hunter".

Douglas Lebeck spends his days dropping key fobs in pools of icy, slushy salt water and sprinkling artificial human sweat on electronic components at TRW Automotive at 10 Mile and I-275, where he is chief engineer for testing.

Most nights and weeks for the past few years though, you would have found the Novi man at home, settled in his favorite chair tapping away on his laptop — not on reports, but on his first novel.

"Memoirs of a Dinosaur Hunter" is now available electronically at www.1stbooks.com and according to Lebeck will be available in both hardcover and paperback versions from the publisher "any day now."

Lebeck said he got bitten by the writing bug a few years ago while working on his MBA. "I found I really missed writing," he recalled. He said he found writing to be an escape from the pressures of his day job. In writing "Memoirs of a Dinosaur Hunter" Lebeck said he was able to "get 65 million years away from the office."

He said he decided on a science fiction tale as his first effort because, "I've enjoyed reading it ever since I was a small kid. I never thought I'd write one self, though. Every time I found myself reading a paper-turner, I found myself thinking, 'Wow, what would it be like to hold someone's attention like that?'"

About five years ago Lebeck began wondering about two of his favorite sci-fi themes — dinosaurs and time-travel. "I began to wonder what would motivate someone to want to go back in time, and an idea began to jell," he recalled.

Lebeck said he spent about a year in the library and surfing the Internet for information on time-travel and dinosaurs. After deciding to make time-travel a one-way trip, Lebeck decided to put a little of himself into his book by making his paleontologist a body builder.

A body builder himself, Lebeck said he figured, "You'd have to be a strong person both mentally and physically to spend the rest of your life alone."

The first couple of years working on the book was something of a solitary experience for

Lebeck. "Nobody knew what I was doing, not even my wife," he said, adding it wasn't unusual for him to spend hours watching sports while working on reports.

He said when he was about halfway through the book he showed it first to his sister, who shares his love of sci-fi literature, and then his wife. His said his sister began calling weekly to make sure he'd finish the book, and when he did, she and his wife agreed he should try and have it published.

Lebeck said he first went to four publishers who all said the same thing, "We don't publish

first-time authors without an agent." That sent him to "Writers Digest," where he found a list of agents who handled sci-fi authors and he sent out 60 letters.

"All but one sent back form letters or postcards saying they weren't taking on any new authors," Lebeck said. The last one sent a personal letter suggesting he try "alternative methods of publishing."

The agent didn't say how to do that, so Lebeck went back to the Internet and found www.1stbooks.com, a Bloomington, Ind.-based, pub-

lishing house. He said he settled on 1stbook.com because it was the most cost effective and offered the most options. He said that while some other vanity presses wanted as much as \$500 to print a single copy, the Bloomington is only charging him half the \$27 cover price to produce hard-bound copies of his book on demand. He said he's also contracted with the company to place ads in the New York Times and a trade publication.

Lebeck said deciding to self-publish his book is "a dream come true and terrifying all at the same time. I mean, what if I write this and people say they don't like it at all?"

Still, Lebeck has been bitten hard by the writing bug. "Now I am writing every night. If I could do this full time, this would be my dream job. This would be better than even being a pitcher for the Tigers," he said.

He's already working on two more books, one a horror story loosely based on his experience exploring St. Joseph's Retreat, an insane asylum that was torn down in Dearborn when he was 10, and a fantasy about an aging minor league pitcher throwing a perfect game on the last game of his final season.

"I'm planning on retiring in about three years," he said. "It would be nice to have a hobby that brings in a little income. I'd like it to be a best seller, sure, but I'm not pinning all my hopes on it."

Phil Foley is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700 ext. 108 or by e-mail at pfoley@h.honcom.net.

**On Campus**

David Primrose, son of Kit and Shari Primrose of Novi, has been appointed a leader of the swing club during the 2002-2003 academic year at Hope College.

The following students were among the graduates for spring 2002 commencement exercises for Lawrence Technological University: Cong Chen, Kuan Yu Huang, Kathleen O'Hearn, William A. Fisher, Alan D. Hendry, Donald Reed, and Donald Slavater of Novi; Ianice Key, Thomas Kurak, Hilary Olson, and Mateo Pedini of Commerce Township; JoHanna Timmer of Walled Lake; and Aaron Elowsky and Jason Fudala of Wixom.

Ann Superfsky, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Felix Superfsky of Novi has been named to the Dean's List for spring 2002 semester at Washington University, St. Louis.

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### Fuerst Farm Family Picnic

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### Novi Senior Center

Tuesday, Sept. 24, the Novi Senior Center will be hosting a dance for all area seniors. The band Salsa Souda will be performing and refreshments will be served. The event will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. and \$4 will be charged at the door. Additional dances will take place on Oct. 22 and Nov. 26.

### West Nile virus

Residents wanting more information about the West Nile Virus are asked to call the Oakland County Health Department at (977) 377-3641. Computer users may also visit [www.co.oakland.mi.us/health](http://www.co.oakland.mi.us/health) and click on West Nile Virus.

### Borders

Friday, Sept. 20 through Sunday, Sept. 22 is Educator Appreciation Week. All educators are invited to stop for a discount including substitute teachers, early education and care providers, student teachers, retired teachers, librarians, homeschoolers and school administrators and support staff. Some restrictions do apply.

On Wednesday, Sept. 25, Jim Brandstater will be signing copies of his new book, "Tales from Michigan Stadium." From hand Salsa Souda will be performing and refreshments will be served. The event will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. and \$4 will be charged at the door. Additional dances will take place on Oct. 22 and Nov. 26.

### POW-MIA ceremony

The POW Committee of Michigan will be holding its POW-MIA Recognition Day ceremony 6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20. The annual event will take place at the Michigan Remembers Memorial in Novi's Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens on 12 Mile Road, just east of Novi Road. The next day at 5 p.m., members of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 154 will begin their annual 24-hour vigil at the memorial. There is no charge for admission and area residents are invited to both events.

### Novi Theatres

Auditions for the Novi Theatres' production of "The Nutcracker" will take place 4

### Baby Safety Month

The Oakland County Health Division declared September as National Baby Safety month. Every day more than 39,000 children endure unintentional injuries requiring medical treatment. It is estimated that as many as 90 percent of unintentional injuries can be prevented. During this month, the OCHD is promoting child safety to help educate parents and caregivers about the importance of keeping their children healthy and safe from motor vehicle crashes, suffocation, drowning, fires and burns, choking, falls and poisoning. Free Baby Safety packets are available from the department by calling, (248) 858-1392.



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**Youngest Board Members**  
Jamii Wilkins (center), dean of student services at Novi High School, introduces the 2002-03 student members of the Novi School Board. David Benton, president of the Class of 2003, (left) is looking forward to a career in education or journalism, while Brian Fry, the class vice president, is considering a future in medicine.

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# ENTERTAINMENT

Thursday, September 19, 2002

## The Screen Beat

By Brian Renner

Coming to theaters this week-end is the epic adventure "The Four Feathers," based on the novel of the same name by A.E.W. Mason. Set in 1898, the film follows a British colonial officer (Heath Ledger) who resigns his post when he learns of his regiment's plans to ship out to the Sudan for the conflict with Mahdi. His friends and fiancée (Kate Hudson) send him four white feathers, which symbolize cowardice. He sets out to prove his bravery to each of them. "The Four Feathers" is a Paramount Pictures release and rated PG-13 for intense battle sequences, disturbing images, and some sensuality.

"Espionage action thriller 'Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever,'" centers on former FBI man-hunter Jeremiah Ecks (Antonio Banderas), who is haunted by the death of his wife. He is blackmailed back into service to track down an untraceable ex-Defense Intelligence Agency operative, codenamed Sever (Lucy Liu), who has kidnapped the young son of the head of a secret committee of international security agencies. "Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever" is a Warner Bros. release and rated R for strong violence.

Baby-boomer comedy "The Bangers Sisters," is the story of former rock groupies Suzette (Goldie Hawn) and Lavinia (Susan Sarandon) who reunite as adults. Their reunion is the collision of two women's worlds; one who's living in the past, and one who's hiding from it. "The Bangers Sisters" is a Fox Searchlight Pictures release and rated R for language, sexual content and some drug use.

Sundance film festival audience favorite "Ighy Goes Down," centers on Ighy Slocumb (Kevin Costner), a young teenager and bagless product of a deplorable upbringing. When his father suffers a nervous breakdown, Ighy runs away to New York City to live with his wealthy grandfather and soon goes on the run, falling off the family radar, where he discovers life's one absolute - you can never permanently escape your family. Lynda Lin, resident West Coast journalist for "The Movie Insider," caught an advance screening of "Ighy Goes Down," and her review was two and half out of four stars. As she states, "Ighy Goes Down" provides some entertainment value, but doesn't flesh out the complications of human interaction.

Also featured among the all-star casts is Susan Sarandon, Bill

Pullman, Jeff Goldblum, Claire Danes, Amanda Peet and Ryan Phillippe as Ighy's brother. "Ighy Goes Down" is a MGM/United Artists release and rated R for language, sexuality and drug content.

Exclusively playing at the Henry Ford Museum IMAX, the Academy-Award winning "Apollo 13," starring Tom Hanks, which is the first (and likely not the last) live action film in motion picture history to be digitally re-mastered into the IMAX format. The massively popular, fast-paced retelling of the story of the heroic actions needed to bring a three-astronaut crew safely back to Earth after the Apollo 13 space mission suffered catastrophic mechanical problems on route to the Moon. "Apollo 13: The IMAX Experience" is an IMAX/Universal Pictures release and rated PG for language and emotional intensity.

Now at theaters is the hair-cutting comedy "Barbershop," starring Ice Cube as Calvin, the owner of a barbershop on the south side of Chicago. Taking place during the course of one day, the film features Cedric The Entertainer as Eddie, the old barber in the shop who everyone tries to avoid; Anthony Anderson as a thief, and rap artist, Eve, as Terri, a shop worker whose boyfriend is cheating on her. Lynda Lin, resident West Coast journalist for "The Movie Insider," caught an advance screening of "Barbershop" and her review was positive, with a rating of four out of four stars. As she states, "If you're looking for gossip, laughs and political debates about how Rosa Parks is overrated, search no further." Even before its release, there is already talk of a sequel and/or television spin off to "Barbershop" if it is as well-received by viewers as predicted.

Explained producer Robert Teitel, "I think this falls into more the 'Cheers' type venue. In fact, that's what we said, it's a lot like 'Cheers' with the one shot, one place you go to, all the characters in the same every week." "Barbershop" is a Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer release and rated PG-13 for language, sexual content and brief drug references.

How far will people go to pay for higher education? Comedy "Stealing Harvard" answers the question. John Plummer (Jason Lee) is an average guy who turns to a life of crime to finance his niece's college tuition. Also featured in the cast are Leslie Mann, Megan Mullally, Dennis Farina and Tom Green as his best friend.

"Stealing Harvard" is a Sony Pictures Entertainment release and rated PG-13 for crude and sexual humor, language and drug references.

Now at theaters is the psychological thriller "Swimming," starring Jessica Bradford, Ericka Christensen and Shiri Appleby. It centers on a young, high-school teen couple, Amy (Appleby) and Ben (Bradford), whose world is turned upside-down by the obsessive and seductive new girl in town, Madison (Christensen). When Ben, a championship swimmer with Olympic aspirations, rejects Madison in the advances, she develops a dangerous obsession with him. "Swimming" is a Twentieth Century Fox release and rated PG-13 for mature thematic elements, sexual content, disturbing images and language.

A gritty crime drama, "City by the Sea," starring Robert DeNiro as a respected New York homicide detective who discovers the prime suspect in a murder case is his estranged son. He is forced to return home to the decaying boardwalks of Long Beach, Long Island to confront the darkness of his past. During the course of the investigation, he realizes his failures as father and his unresolved anguish about the painful estrangement have deeply influenced his son's life. He discovers he must put his own life on the line in order to do right by both his family and his profession. Also featured in the cast are Frances McDormand, James Franco, Eliza Dushku and William Forsythe. "City by the Sea" is a Warner Bros. release and rated R for language, drug use and some violence.

On video / dvd  
On video and dvd shelves this week are zany comedy "40 Days and 40 Nights" (R), sister of the children's entertainment industry "Death to Smoochy" (R); Bill Paxton's creepy supernatural thriller "Frailty" (R); showbiz comedy "Hollywood Ending" (PG-13); eye-popping computer-generated adventure "Monsters, Inc." (G); and Jodie Foster's thriller "Panic Room" (R).

Also on video and dvd shelves, "Blade II" (R), "CQ" (R), "Changing Lanes" (PG-13), "The Count of Monte Cristo" (PG-13) and "The Saitan Sea" (R).

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## Good Girl, great film

By Victoria Sadlocha  
STAFF WRITER

There are three reasons why moviegoers should see Fox Searchlight's film "The Good Girl," now playing at the Novi Town Center.

Great film, great director and great performances by the film's talented cast including Jennifer Aniston, Jake Gyllenhaal, John C. Reilly, Tim Blake Nelson and Zoëy Deschanel.

The film, rated R for sexuality, some language and drug content, piercingly examines two "put upon" people trapped in the meaningless, mundane motions of wanting to shut their eyes because of the way wrongs their characters act out.

That never happens though, because White's dialog and ability to draw the viewer into caring about their twisted heroes is unparalleled.

A wonderful performance by Gyllenhaal as a troubled young man who was not born with the name Holden Caulfield, but chooses it anyway, is an appropriate symbol of White's troubled characters.

"The Catcher in the Rye" anti-hero known for taking on the task of fighting society's phoniness, hypocrisy and passiveness while trapped in the world of child and adulthood in an appropriate parallel.

It is hard to believe this young actor recently started in the movie "Bubble Boy."

Aniston also brings an enveloping performance to the big screen. Her all-American attractiveness adds to the complexity of Justine.

Other great performances by Reilly playing Aniston's pot-smoking, house-painting husband, Blake Nelson playing Reilly's cohort and twisted yet envious best friend; and

reinforce the film's mood. Writer Mike White and director Miguel Arteta took a theme tried so many times before and polished it to perfection.

White and Arteta's amazing talent of taking a subject matter and twisting it until the point of agitation was once again proven with this movie.

As with their previous film "Chuck and Buck," "The Good Girl" takes the viewer to the point of wanting to shut their eyes because of the way wrongs their characters act out.

That never happens though, because White's dialog and ability to draw the viewer into caring about their twisted heroes is unparalleled.

A wonderful performance by Justine Last, a 30-year-old frustrated married woman looking for more.

Then one day she meets 22-year-old Holden Caulfield while at the local Retail Rodeo where they both work.

Under the artificial lighting and disrupted by monotonous customers and feeble co-workers, they immediately connect, understanding each other's plight of being a member of the breathing dead club.

"I saw it in your eyes you hate the world," Gyllenhaal says to Aniston. "I hate it too."

They have an affair which leads to monetary pleasure, lies, heartbreak, internal torture and tragedy.

But the basic synopsis does not do this film justice.

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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the home towns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

## Management of arena pays off

When you budget for a loss and wind up with a profit of \$20,000, you're doing something right.

And it appears Suburban Hockey is doing a lot of things right.

The firm was hired August 1999 to take over management of the city-owned Novi Ice Arena after the facility had a dismal first year.

Suburban's reward for a job well done is a new three-year contract. Rightly so, there are incentives based on future gross revenues, which it appears the firm will do everything in its power to hit. It's a win-win for everyone.

And one of the best aspects is that fees for the arena will stay the same through at least June 30, 2003.

Credit for the spectacular turnaround goes to Tom Anastas, president of Suburban Hockey. His team boosted the arena's gross revenues by over 9 percent and brought operating expenses down.

In the process, the arena's debt to the city's general fund is over \$65,000 less than it was at the end of last fiscal year.

This is great news that brings new hope for the folks who want and need a local ice rink to enjoy.

**This is great news that brings new hope for the folks who want and need a local ice rink to enjoy.**

That's more good news for those who lace up their blades locally.

Anastas is keeping prices down, serving customers, appealing to a wide variety of groups AND making money.

One can't ask for anything more. While some of those funds will have to be sunk back into the facility to maintain it, Anastas is also looking at bringing in additional revenue by possibly selling the naming rights of the arena.

We support that idea wholly.

If America can claim the Detroit Tigers stadium, why can't Novi enjoy the same types of benefits (i.e. money) that come from these deals?

Whether that actually materializes or not remains to be seen. Regardless, hats off to Suburban Hockey for getting the Novi Ice Arena on track. Congratulations!



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**Remembering**  
Leonard Williams, (right) general manager at the Hotel Baronette, listens to the Walled Lake Central High School Choir during a ceremony unveiling a rose bush and stone plaque honoring the dead of 9/11. Williams said even though his hotel caters to international travelers, he and his staff felt it important to make a lasting memorial to victims of America's worst terrorist attack.

## LETTERS

### Bondy clarifies

I am writing in response to the orchestrated campaign letters from Sara Pope-Stames, her political consultant and campaign supporters which falsely attempt to label me as a negative campaigner.

Their fears were obviously ruffled by Tom Longmire's September 5 article, "Quinn endorses Bondy."

Contrary to what these letters allege, at no time did I use the words "paper pusher" or make any derogatory or negative comments. The quote from Mr. Longmire's article from me is: "The focus of her career is evaluating and writing warrants in the prosecutor's office."

"That's one-dimensional when compared against my record of trying both civil and criminal cases."

I have only consistently asked the voters to compare the candidates and consider the courtroom experience of each.

The letter writers also know Matt Quinn's quote was, "His opponent, on the other hand, has set in an office for 12 years and done paper work. She has almost no trial experience. There is a huge difference in experience."

Their transparent attempt to attribute comments to me that I did not make is itself a negative campaign tactic.

**Robert Bondy**  
Candidate for 52<sup>nd</sup> District Court Judge

### Supports Bondy

As founding judge of the 52nd District Court in 1969 I have maintained a particular interest in the court and its personnel. Now, I publicly support and endorse Robert Bondy for election to the court in November and express my reasons.

It is critical that a judge come to the bench with mature and broad legal experience. Cases before the court engage a broad range of civil as well as criminal matters. The lawyer who has experience in all areas of the law is best suited to conduct proceedings. Robert Bondy has that experience.

It is also necessary that a judge possess judicial temperament. It is not a given. It relates to poise and patience as well as thoughtful deliberation, and, especially, a respect for all who come before the court. Robert Bondy possesses that temperament.

Impartiality is an essential for judicial competence. The courtroom is full of people with bias and unless the judge acts free of bias we cannot expect fair decisions and dispositions. Fair play requires discipline, courage and self esteem without ego. It does not come with the robe; it has to be in the personality. Those who know Robert Bondy know that he is fair in his family, his profession, his community. He will be fair in the courtroom.

Finally, Robert Bondy is organized and efficient, and these habits, combined with his experience, temperament and sense of fair play, will assure a most capable judge.

**Martin L. Boyle**  
District Judge (retired)  
La Mesa, Calif.

### Cassis vs. Carlson

In the Novi News of Sept 5, I read with interest the comments given by State Representative Nancy Cassis on her opponent, Sean Carlson.

"I think he woke up one morning and decided he wanted to be state senator... He's got a lot to learn."

Well, Ms. Cassis... as a citizen of your constituency, I can tell you that Mr. Sean Carlson is a very smart young man, dedicated to Michigan families, currently a captain in the US Air Force Reserve, has a juris doctorate in law and he knows what he is getting into.

Hope you accept his invitation to debate.

Come November he is surely going to win and will enhance the strength of Democratic Party in the Michigan Senate.

### FANFARE kudos

On Saturday, September 14 the Novi High School Band Boosters hosted its 12th Annual Marching Band Competition - FANFARE. The weather was hot and sunny and cloudy and muggy with a little rain, thunder and lightning throwing in for good measure. Our congratulations to the winners Lanphere (Flight IV), Farmington Harrison (Flight III), Flushing (Flight II) and Plymouth-Canton (Flight I). Congratulations also to the winners of the David Langham Spirit Awards - St. Clair Shore Lakeshore and Mr. Pleasant. They demonstrated the commendable and positive spirit that is so much a part of marching band.

Thank you's need to go to so many people. The parents, students, alumni students and alumni parents of the Novi Instrumental Band program put in many hours preparing for this day. Our committee chairs Greg and Gail Lis, Sue and Larry Crepea, Craig Wilfong, Karen Anderson, Mike Lasowski, Greg Goodard, Dean Sikonen, Claudia Willing, Althea Hayes, Gloria Webber, Ed Rose, Dave Glick, Sharon Howing, Gil and Barb Truckee, Leon and Gerry Doolin and Dara Rowe went the extra mile to make this years event a success. Special thanks to the voices of FANFARE and the Novi Band. Once again Steve Schram and Chris Janik were awesome.

Our presenters deserve our appreciation for coming to spend time with us and helping to congratulate the competitors. Joanna Haselbuhn, Gail O'Connor and Kathy and Keith Langham - thank you for being with us again.

The administration, staff and custodians of Novi High School. Thank you also to the Novi High School Athletic Boosters. It is great to see athletes and performance art able to work so well together. Your support is necessary to make an event like this successful. It was a great success!

Mark Hourigan, Matt Ownby, Lee Bonnor, Colleen Murphy and the rest of the Novi Wildcat Marching Band staff. Thank you for taking our kids and teaching them that music can express so much and can create so many friendships.

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The Novi-Northville Crop Walk is to be held on Oct. 6, 2002.

Come rain or shine, many area residents are gearing up to join in the 15th year Novi-Northville Crop Walk, Sunday, Oct. 6, 2002 at 11 a.m. The 10 kilometer walk will begin at St. James in Novi and will end at Our Lady of Victory in Northville.

Organized locally the Novi-Northville Crop Walk has set a goal of 400 Walkers and hopes to raise \$31,000 to help stop hunger here in our community and around the world, through self-help development initiatives. A portion of the funds (25%) raised here in Novi-Northville will go to the hunger-fighting work of the 5 following charities, Civic Concern Committee, Novi Emergency Food Program, Active Faith and First Step.

Last year 380 walkers raised more than \$25,786 in the Novi-Northville CROP Walk.

The Novi-Northville CROP Walk is one of some 2,000 interfaith, Community CROP Walks taking place around the country this year under the theme "Walk With the World." A companion theme to this year's CROP WALKS is Vietnam. CROP Walk materials feature the crane, long a symbol of peace and long life for the Vietnamese people. Today, the crane is also a symbol of the hope that is returning to Vietnam after years of war and rebuilding - hope that CHURCH WORLD SERVICE, sponsor of the CROP WALKS, is proud to be a part of.

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE projects in Vietnam and around the world are supported largely with the help of CROP walks gifts. In the remote northern mountains of Vietnam-populated for the most part by indigenous ethnic minority groups-it is estimated that less than 40 percent of the people have access to clean water. This causes serious health problems. CHURCH WORLD SERVICE is helping to improve health and the quality of life in Hoa Binh Province by establishing six gravity flow village water systems and providing wells and pumps at selected village sites in Mai Chau and Da Bn districts. The water projects complement CWS support for education in the region providing school supplies and books, as well as blankets, mosquito nets and training to both students and teachers at several ethnic minority boarding schools-the only educational opportunity available to many of the children.

For more information about the Novi-Northville CROP WALK, contact:

**Phil Power**

# OTHER OPINIONS

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## Unique opportunity to preserve UP forest land

Last week was a good one for stewardship of Michigan's great places.

Gov. John Engler and the Michigan chapter of the Nature Conservancy announced the start of a campaign to buy 390,000 acres of largely wilderness land scattered throughout the Upper Peninsula. The present owner, the Kamehameha Schools Trust of Hawaii, announced in July it intended to sell the land to the highest bidder by the end of this year; best guess is the price will be in the neighborhood of \$150 million.

This colossal once-in-a-lifetime opportunity is obviously too large for a single bidder. Instead, the governor and the Conservancy are working to put together a very broad public-private coalition including state government (the governor has asked the Natural Resources Trust Fund for \$20 million) and federal government (the Michigan congressional delegation has been asked to lobby for federal funds). Also included is Michigan's philanthropic community (the governor has asked the biggest foundations in the state to meet with him in a couple of weeks to discuss the project). Corporations and individuals will be asked to help as time goes on.

The thought is to work out a deal with a timber company that would allow it to practice selective cutting on most of the property to preserve healthy forests and clean waters, but to guarantee public access to the land for hunting, fishing, hiking and snowmobiling. A likely outcome is for the timber company to win up owning title to the land, but subject to a "conservation easement"; this system has been field-tested in similar (but much smaller) deals in New York and New Hampshire. A little land — the watershed for the Two Hearted River, the site of Ernest Hemingway's famous short story, for example — would be carved out for preservation by the Conservancy.

The deal offers a great combination of win-win outcomes:

- The land would continue to be timbered and to provide jobs vital to the economy of the Upper Peninsula. The land would also stay on the local tax rolls, thereby preserving revenue base for strapped local governments.
- The public would be guaranteed continued recreational access to the land, which means fisher-folk, hunters, hikers and snowmobilers would continue to enjoy the north woods they love. The woods are important draws for the UP's tourism industry.

Piecemeal development would be precluded. UP residents still remember anger a company that thought to develop some of these lands near AuTrain and put up long white picket fences to keep undesirable out. Once broken up and developed, this land can never be put back together.

Obviously, a deal like this is by no means a sure thing. There are a lot of moving parts involved, increasing the chances something could go wrong. Reasonably enough, the Kamehameha Schools intends to conduct a public auction to sell the land to the highest bidder. That's why a sweeping public-private coalition on behalf of the people of Michigan is needed to demonstrate wide and deep support and, maybe, scare off some exploitative but rich potential bidders.

So far, opposition has been minimal. Most people in the UP are deeply skeptical of plots hatched up by "troops below the bridge." But so far as I can tell, most Yoopers recognize this deal is so big and important that it needs statewide support. Local government officials by and large are positive, and the area's Congressman, Bart Stupak, is taking a careful look at the details.

The one sour note was sounded by the ultra right wing Midland-based Mackinac Center for Public Policy, whose reflex: any supporting pure market-based activities is as strong as the salivary glands in Pavlov's dogs. "A state land grab," charged Diane Katz, director of science, environment and technology policy at the Center, conveniently ignoring the fact that title to the land will wind up in the private sector.

The record should show that I am not a neutral party in all this. I'm the chairman-elect of the Michigan chapter of the Nature Conservancy, so I'm biased in favor. But I think that for this enormous and unique property — certainly one of the last great places left undeveloped in Michigan — to come on the market just now is an opportunity that simply cannot be squandered.

If you'd like to support what we're trying to do, please write the Nature Conservancy at 101 East Grand River, Lansing, MI 48906. Or you can call at (517) 316-0300 or email at tnc.org.

**Phil Power** is the Chairman of the Board of the company that owns this newspaper. He would be pleased to get your reactions to this column either at (734) 953-2206 or at pppower@homecomm.net.



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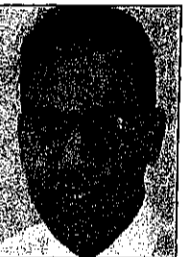
...a sweeping public-private coalition on behalf of the people of Michigan is needed to demonstrate wide and deep support and, maybe, scare off some exploitative but rich potential bidders.

## New writer joins Novi News staff

Everything changes in life. Some changes are for the good and some for the bad, but one thing is for sure, whenever someone moves on to bigger and better things, as I have recently, it is always a good thing.

Hello, let me introduce myself. My name is Ramez Khuri and I am brand new to the Novi News and Lakes Area Times. I have taken over for a fine reporter named Diane Dempsey Deol, who has left for personal reasons. Everyone I have met so far has told me how good of a reporter she is and I will do the best I can to live up to the standard she has set.

My background includes attending Oakland University, where I received a bachelor's degree in Journalism in June 2001. I figured out that I wanted to



Ramez Khuri

continue in journalism after taking news writing, which is the introductory course. I really enjoyed it and unlike some of my other classes, I actually did quite well, so I stuck with it.

In my time at OU, I was involved with the Oakland Post, which is the student newspaper. I started out as a reporter, then worked my way up to assistant sports editor and finally sports editor in my senior year, covering everything from mens and womens basketball, to club hockey, to baseball and softball.

I completed my internship at the Oakland Press during the summer of 2000, where I managed to get 11 of my articles published, and was hired at the Spinal Column right out of school. I spent a year and three months there,

where I learned some valuable lessons about this business. I just hope my knowledge and skills can continue to grow at the Novi News and Lakes Area Times.

Even though I have a rich background in sports journalism, I have also done a lot of news writing at the Spinal Column. Covering areas like Milford Village, Milford Township, West Bloomfield Schools and Waterford Schools has given me experience to cover the City of Wixom, the City of Walled Lake and Walled Lake Schools here.

Moving on to bigger and better things is always exciting and sometimes it can be a little scary, but all the fine people I have met at the Novi News have made my transition a smooth and easy one and I couldn't be any happier to be here!

Ramez Khuri is a staff writer for the Lakes Area Times. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 or by e-mail at rkhuri@tl.homecomm.net.

Summer comes to an end, in more ways than one

I was sitting on a friend's deck the other evening when I noticed something — or rather noticed what I didn't notice, the sound of human voices.

There we sat surrounded by scores of homes and all I heard was the insect-like drone of air conditioning units.

Sometimes wonder if progress, or what purports to be progress is all that it's cracked up to be.

Summer, according to the calendar, ends Monday. It's the autumnal equinox, the day when the light begins to fade from northern skies.

The real end of summer, however, will come Sept. 29 when Ernie Harwell calls his last Tiger's game in Toronto.

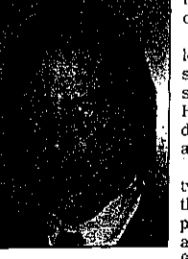
I've got to admit, I'm not much of a baseball fan. I played a little sandlot as a kid but my enthusiasm for the game waned substantially when I tried out for little league and my fielding skills put me so far out in the outfield that I was in another time zone.

Still, baseball is an inescapable part of my life. I grew up in a tiny farming community not far from here and Tiger baseball was as much a part of the landscape as Holsteins and haywagons.

Summer, for me at least, will forever be the sound of screen doors slamming and Ernie Harwell's voice off in the distance somewhere on an AM radio.

Harwell's Georgia twang — "With Kaline at the plate, here comes the pitch and it's high and away..." was as much a fixture of a summer night as the whir of cicadas off in the woods.

About half the folks in the village listened to baseball so Harwell's voice would rise and fall and rise again like the tide as you walked along the street to a friend's house.



Phil Foley

There will be a new voice in the Tiger booth, there was one before Harwell came to town in 1960, but it won't be the same.

Summer will always be screen doors slamming and Ernie Harwell off somewhere in the night.

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## Wide range of musical styles featured at FANFARE

By Cheryl Beck  
SPECIAL WRITER

What do Medusa, a train and the Rolling Stones have in common?

Anyone who attended Novi High Schools' FANFARE 2002 knows the answer.

These were just a few of the themes and selections of music performed by marching bands from around Michigan who came to compete in the twelfth annual event. The show was one of the first of the season coordinated by the Michigan Competing Band Association.

Bands usually compete on several weekends throughout September and October for scores within classes based on school size, overall honors for specific disciplines and the chance to be in the finals in November. The event was also a first for band director Mark Houlihan, but the spirit of the performance would not change from that of years past.

"This is not like sports, I do not have a win-lose philosophy," said Houlihan. "Each week we come out to improve and do our personal best."

The beginning of the season actually makes a type of ending

for some because for seniors it will be their last season. And why do they want to spend a hot humid Saturday marching? What do they get out of it? Senior Katie Fannon summed it up very simply — friendships, relationships and fun. And thanks to weather more appropriate for July than for September, this weekend all of the students also learned lessons in endurance and dedication.

Lamphere, Lake Shore, Gibraltar, Carlson, Lakeview, Linden and Farmington Harrison High Schools got the afternoon started as they competed for top honors among the smaller

schools. Show themes included presentations geared toward the youngest audience members such as "Shrek" and "A Picture for Harold's Room" as well as Jehro Tull music for classic rock fans. Neighboring Farmington Harrison picked up the first place trophy for their Flight as did Lamphere to conclude the first half of the contest.

The second part of the day brought 10 more bands to the field to try their best to impress the judges. The competition started heating up as Flushing, Lakeland and Plymouth-Canton displayed creativity and strong music

skills. Colorguards enveloped by neon green snakes in "Medusa" and a high-energy performance of "Channel One Suite" got everyone's attention. Mt. Pleasant, Wyandotte, Roosevelt and Southgate Anderson gave solid performances as well to round out Flight two competitors. After a short break, the final four competitors took the field.

Audiences were again treated to a wide range of show formats including a life-size sailing ship called the "Sardancer," a salute to the Rolling Stones, and Plymouth-Canton would take home first place trophies. Then it

was time for the host band to perform in exhibition. One hundred and fifty one band members in white and silver uniforms, interspersed with 31 color guard wearing deep burgundy and magenta, sparked under the lights as they brought their program "Shtokovich" to life. And even though it was early in the season, intricate drill patterns and challenging music came together successfully under the direction of drum majors Amy Szyr, Marie Trudeanu and Lisa O'Conner.

Overall, the evening was, once again, a success for everyone involved.



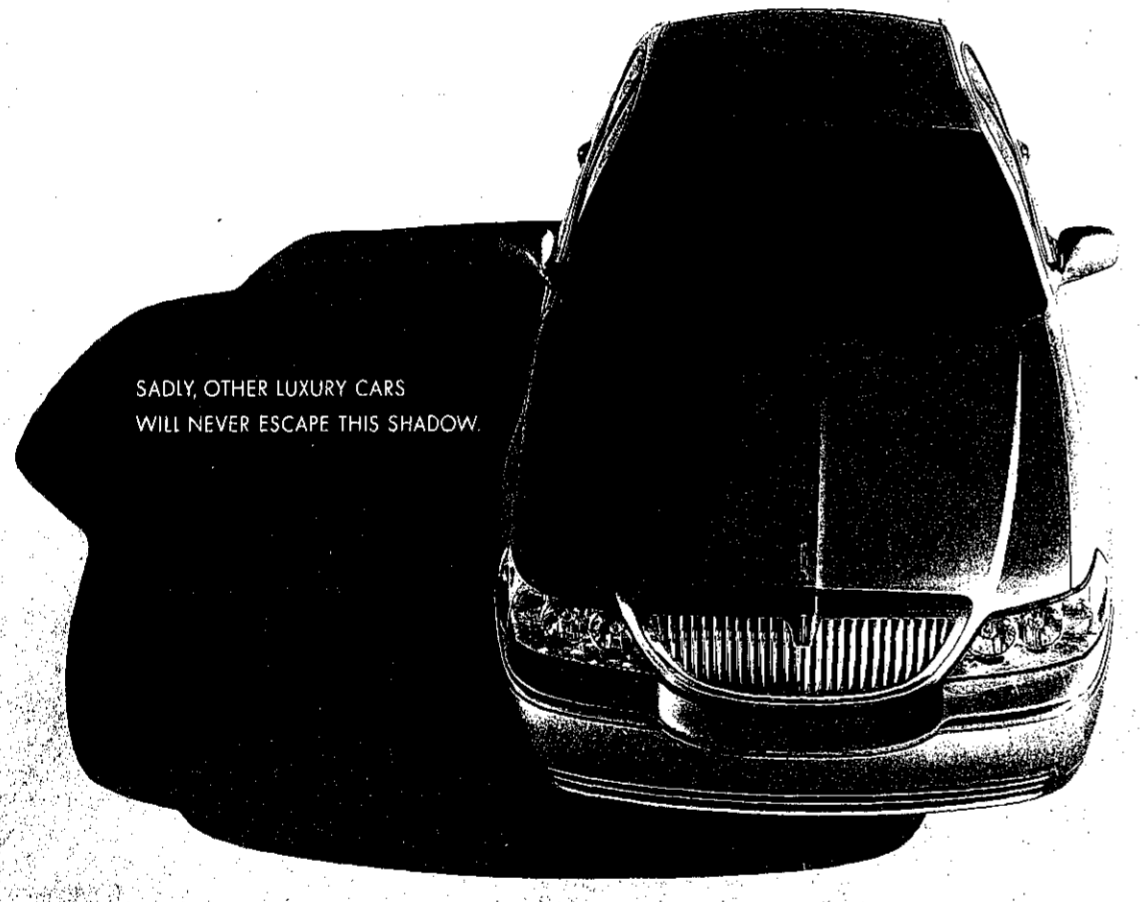
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## Jim Seghi will help breathe new life into the lackluster

SEGGI RENOVATIONS

Jim Seghi Renovations turns dreams into reality. The company performs residential and commercial renovations. Contact Jim Seghi at (248) 437-2454.

By Linda Neff  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Give your home new life by taking its lackluster "white-box" existence to a colorful, exciting and well-designed living space by Jim Seghi Renovations. In business since 1989, Jim Seghi Renovations is a one-stop remodeling company offering personalized service. The New Hudson company has built its reputation on a job well done and prides itself on open and honest communication between it and the client.

"If there's anything in the remodeling business that can go awry it's communication between the builder and the customer," Jim Seghi said.

And that's where partner Kevin Barnes comes in. Once Seghi meets with the client, determines their needs and wants and then secures the job, Barnes works closely with that client to ensure everything goes smoothly and that the work is to the client's satisfaction.

"Kevin does an awesome job," Seghi said. "He meets with the customers every morning... takes care of their questions. If he runs into something he calls me and we discuss it, come up with a solution and discuss it with the customer."

The friendship between the two men extends well beyond the 13 years they have been in business together. Having been in the restaurant business together before the start of Seghi Renovations, Seghi jokes they jumped "from the frying pan to the frying pan." Seghi was actually a licensed contractor before beginning the renovations company.

"I had always fixed up houses and knew people in the construction industry," he said. "We started out doing small jobs like repairs. We were cautious but it has worked out well."

Today, their business carries them throughout the year and takes them throughout southeast Michigan. Much of the work is referred by satisfied customers. When the two started out, a friend in the real estate business referred them to her clients in need of renovations and it has since snowballed.

"We work all over and most of the far-away places are referral work," Seghi said. "People all around are calling us and that's a good thing because that's how we've built our business — we just



Jim Seghi, left, and Kevin Barnes are ready to transform your house into your home.

Photo by HAL GOULD

do a good job."

Jim Seghi Renovations tackles whole-house remodels that include kitchens, bath, recreation rooms, bedrooms, basements and complete additions. They can turn your kitchen into a user friendly gathering space for your family, or transform your basement into a useful lower level the entire family can enjoy. If it's more space you're looking for, Jim Seghi Renovations can add a spacious addition to your home to keep up with your family's growing needs.

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"It's not what you spend," Seghi said. "But the value you get from your remodeling dollar."

Seghi believes new-home construction sets much of the trend for home remodeling today. He said 20-25 years ago houses consisted of smaller dark rooms closed off from each other; today's style is to have open floor plans with large open areas and loft ceilings. The longevity for any home project seems to be

about 15-30 years.

"After that most people get tired of their space, it's out of date. New products come onto the market and people just want the newer items and materials," he said. "You just see cool stuff — that's what gets me."

Seghi, it seems, has a problem, a slight addiction for creating new spaces and adding new materials to his home.

"I have a building problem; I enjoy my job," he said. "My wife literally tells me I have a building problem."

He has been known to begin a home remodel project without the knowledge of his wife and family. "He waits till she's gone and tears something apart so she can't say no," Barnes said.

Barnes is a single father of three children ages 19, 16 and 12.

When he's not at work he enjoys spending time with his kids and camps with his parents when they return to Michigan in the summer from the South. He's currently remodeling a home for his oldest daughter.

Seghi and his wife Ellen have three children ages 16, 6 and 2. When he is not working he enjoys cooking. It's not unusual for him to prepare dinner for clients after completing a major renovation. He's prepared and delivered foods such as barbecue ribs, veal parmesan and lasagna. When time allows, he enjoys camping and sharing time with the guys while drawing a few worms. He says he leaves Barnes to run the shop.

Barnes, who had little building experience when beginning, said Seghi has taught him everything he knows about the remodel

industry. "Now he's better than me," Seghi said. "Go figure."

Don't let the friendly banter between these two long-time friends and business partners fool you. They are totally committed to their clients and to doing top-notch remodeling work. They both take great pleasure in their work and enjoy the versatility the job presents. Their specialty is pleasing the customer, and based on the number of compliments they've received over the years, they're doing it well.

"We do everything we can to run our projects as smoothly and as quickly as we can," Seghi said. "Any remodeling project is an inconvenience on somebody's life, so we just try to make it as pleasant as possible."

### No experience necessary

#### A little fable for the small business owner

By Tim Kissman  
SBAM DIRECTOR OF PUBLICATIONS

Once upon a time a little boy named Sam bragged he could eat the biggest, triple-decker, fudge coated, pudding stuffed, chocolate cake ever made.

He told everyone he knew that on Friday, when his mother finished baking the cake, he'd eat the whole thing by himself.

"I'll eat it faster than a rabbit can run, quicker than a sparrow

can fly and still have room for dessert," he bragged.

Sam was a tiny boy, and although he was a big eater, no one thought he could eat a whole cake. Cakes in Sam's town were as big as a semi-trailer's tires and twice as thick.

The town's lack of confidence bothered Sam to no end. You see, Sam didn't just want to eat the cake, he wanted the whole world to know he could do it.

So, with a week before the big cake-eating day, Sam decided to show off his eating ability. His parents, wanting him to succeed in anything he did, said the only rules he had to follow was that he had to eat his three daily meals before doing any eating stunts.

"No problem," Sam said.

On Monday, he ate his break-

fast, lunch and dinner. Then as the town folk gathered, he ate 20 eggs and a pound of bacon.

Everyone applauded. But it still wasn't a cake.

On Tuesday, he ate his normal meals and then tried to eat five large pizzas. But they were big pizzas and people started to think he may be able to eat most of the cake.

On Wednesday, he was getting better. Sam gulped down his normal meals and then drank three gallons of milk and ate a basket of spaghetti and two loaves of bread. Yum, yum!

By Thursday, Sam wasn't so little anymore. But he didn't care. "I'm the greatest eater of all time," he said. "Put anything in front of me and I'll eat it — morn-

ing, noon or night!"

The whole town was a-buzz about Sam's eating prowess and began to gather to see the boy who could eat anything.

That Thursday, he ate two whole chickens and a large steak. When he finished, everyone started chanting his name and patting him on the back. Sam went to bed feeling awfully proud of himself.

But in the back of his mind, he knew everything he did so far was paled in comparison to the cake.

On Friday after breakfast Sam's mother began to bake. His mom had to use the family's truck bed to stir the batter, an old steel swimming pool as a pan and a burning house as a stove.

When she finished, it was the biggest, gooiest cake anyone ever saw. It took three men a whole hour to put the cake on the street and hundreds of people cheered

when they saw the cake and waited for Sam to appear.

Sam, though, sat inside his house, peeked out the window at the monster cake, and was nervous. For the first time all week his stomach felt flutter. When his parents came up to tell him it was time to eat, Sam shook his head.

"I'm full, mom," he said. "I had too much on my plate all week. I can't do it."

"But you promised everyone a show," his parents said. "I can't do it," Sam whispered. So instead of Sam eating the cake, his parents went outside and told the town the news. While most everyone shook their head and said, "I told you so," they weren't too upset because they got to eat the cake.

To this day though, no one takes Sam seriously any more. And now he's one of the smallest,

skinniest kids in the whole town. Well dear reader, what's the moral of this story?

Don't bite off more than you can chew and if you promise to deliver something, deliver it.

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##### 11:00 am to 7:00 pm • Designer Jewelry Trunk Show by Bellari

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##### 2:00 to 5:00 pm • Linda Hartman Trunk Show

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### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

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# Farmington who?

## Novi girls beat Farmington Mercy for first time in dual meet, 6-2

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

The Novi Wildcats tennis team notched its first ever dual meet victory over regional rival Farmington Hills Mercy — prompting the 'Cats, as well as their coach, Jim Hanson, to suspect that this could be their year to make it beyond the regional tournament.

The Wildcats put together an impressive run as they downed the Marlins 6-2 September 11 before they beat Howell 8-0 in Kensington Valley Conference

play and before taking third in tournament play September 14.

"It was an extremely tough match against one of the top-10 teams in the state," Hanson said of the Mercy meet. "I think it is the first time the Novi girls have beat a top-10 team in a dual match. It's a big win for this program and for these girls."

The Wildcats swept the doubles flights as well as earning wins in the third and fourth sin-

gles flights.

"Mercy has an excellent team," Hanson said. "We pulled out the win by playing extremely well. It was the best tennis we have played all year long. It gives these kids confidence and they now realize they can play with the kids from Mercy and from teams like Troy and Clarkston. Not only can they play with them, they can beat them."

Besides topping the Marlins, the Wildcats opened up their KVC play with a thorough smashing of the Howell

Highlanders, 8-0. Though most flights were won 6-0, 6-0 or 6-1, 6-1, Hanson said, the Highlanders have come a long way.

"I really feel Howell has improved over last year," he said. "Their coach finally has a lot of kids in the program, especially at the JV level. I think they are going to be a factor in the KVC. Maybe not this year, but definitely in years to come."

In the tournament September 14, the Wildcats took third overall as a team behind Grosse

Pointe South and Farmington Mercy, but had two flight champions in third and second doubles.

Diano Ticu and Lauren Thomas earned a victory over Grosse Pointe in the final match to come out on top while seniors Megha Vadula and Gabi Frask topped Farmington Mercy in the final round for the flight victory.

"They had an excellent tournament," Hanson said.

The Wildcats will return to action when they participate in the Saline Invitational Saturday

at 8 a.m. before hosting South Lyon September 23 at 4 p.m. They will also visit both Hartland and Ann Arbor Huron next week. Hartland will be September 25 at 4 p.m. and Huron will be September 26 at 3:15 p.m.

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## Bring on the 'Dogs

After a stumble in the first game of the season, the Novi Wildcats got back on track when they entered the Kensington Valley Conference stretch of their schedule.

First on the list was the Howell Highlanders, a team expected to be the biggest contenders for the number two spot in the KVC. Well, Novi did away with them. Next up was Lakeland, a hard-luck team with a new coach, the Eagles have made drastic improvements in their game since the beginning of the season. Nevertheless, the Wildcats pulled out the close win on the shoulders of the ever-determined Chase Chandler to win 21-17.

Well, now it's Brighton's turn. The Bulldogs have been the top team in this conference for longer than I've been in the area, and were no doubt expected by all to repeat their previous performances. No go. Adam Kellepourey and the Hartland Eagles put a stop to that hunt right away as they toppled the mighty giants in overtime, 13-10. That made for an interesting situation in the KVC.

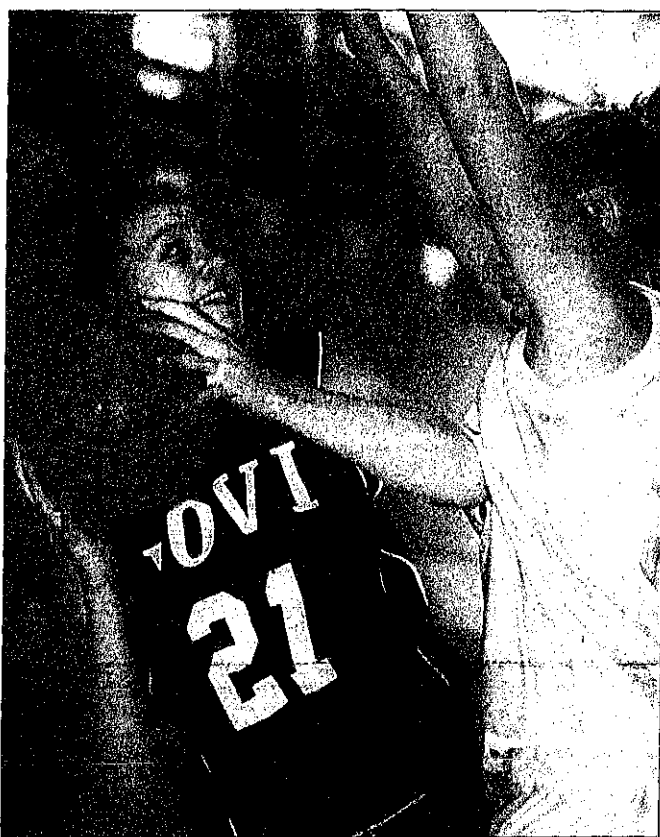
The only undefeated teams standing in the conference are the Millford Mavericks, the Novi Wildcats and the South Lyon Lions. With Howell, Brighton, Pinckney, Hartland and Lakeland all having taken losses, it is really anyone's game. There are countless numbers of combinations that could lead to a single KVC champion or a tie from all different sorts of ways. Really, who knows. But I do know that if Novi wins this one, they are sitting pretty and Brighton... well, Brighton is in the doghouse. The Wildcats will bring to the field a slew of different attacks, with many focusing on the talents of Chase Chandler, who is pretty much a jack of all trades this season. Once a receiver and a defensive back,

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**GAME OF THE WEEK**

**Novi Wildcats Football vs Brighton**

Friday, September 20  
7:30 p.m. at Novi



Wildcat center Becky Gaslorek tries to get a shot off against a Walled Lake Central defender during last Tuesday's away game.

Photo by John Helder

## Folino leads cagers to win

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

The Novi Wildcats basketball team notched another victory — this time under the guidance of a very promising freshman in Rachele Folino.

Folino poured in double digits to lead the 'Cats to a 51-46 victory over the Walled Lake Central Vikings September 10 before the Wildcats continued on to find themselves on the opposite end of the spectrum and holding a 37-26 loss to the Walled Lake Western Warriors just two days later.

"We were really on the opposite end of where we were against Central," Novi coach Dennis Cichonski said of the Western contest. "I really can't put my finger on it for sure, but we didn't have the same fire, intensity, awareness or execution that we did Tuesday."

The Wildcats found themselves trailing 22-13 at the halftime buzzer, a situation that Cichonski thought his squad could pull out of.

"Even as poorly as we started out, I thought we could come back if we had any kind of effort like we did against Central," he said. "We couldn't get things on track."

The Wildcats followed the lead of ever-impressive Laura Longo, the team's stellar senior post player. Her 10 points led the Novi cagers with junior post player Kim Zarczynski

adding five in the losing effort.

The Wildcats will return to action when they host Kensington Valley Conference rival Howell September 24 at 7 p.m. before visiting KVC opponent Lakeland September 26 at 7 p.m.

### Novi 51, WLC 46

It was a game of balance for the Novi Wildcats as they pounded out a victory over the very tough Central Vikings.

The 'Cats followed the lead of Folino, who poured in 18 points to lead her squad to victory with Longo adding 12 to continue compiling heaps of statistics. Longo added to the victory with 10 blocked shots on the night, assisting in holding stellar Central post player Katie Rademacher to 16 points on the night.

"She got into some foul trouble, which helped us out," Cichonski said of Rademacher. "She ended up sitting a bit after getting three fouls in the first half."

The 'Cats also utilized the ball-handling skills of Jessica Haggerty, Angie Schmitt and Megan Gurnham to hold turnovers to a minimum in the second half.

"We did a great job with time management and holding onto the basketball," Cichonski said. "It was a nice, balanced effort in all aspects of the game."

## 'Cats 'Chase' down Eagles

### Quarterback Chase Chandler sparks final, winning drive

By Karl Kling  
HOMETOWN NEWSPAPERS

The chances of Novi winning the Kensington Valley Conference were seemingly slipping through Chase Chandler's fingers. The senior quarterback's three fumbles allowed the Lakeland Eagles to slowly creep back into the game last Friday, eventually leading to a three-point Wildcat deficit.

But as was expected heading into this season, Chandler did what he had to do, by picking his team up and carrying them on his shoulders as he led his team downfield early in the fourth quarter for the game-winning touchdown.

The drive started ominously for Novi as they faced a third-and-21 at Lakeland's 46-yard line. A deflected Mike Hart pass had the Eagle faithful in jubilation. Their celebration prevented them from seeing the yellow hankie on the field.

The Eagles were called for an unsportsmanlike penalty; 15 yards were walked off and the Wildcats were in business.

Hart hit senior Darren Guffey in the flat for a gain of 13 yards, putting the Wildcats at Lakeland's 21-yard line. Chandler stepped up and took control as he rumbled the remaining yards on three carries, putting Novi up for good at 21-17.

"I was just having a rough day," said Chandler. "It felt good to finally get one in there."

The game, however, looked to be a Wildcat blowout, as many had anticipated.

Led by seniors Matt Murray and George Boueri, the Wildcat defense was swarming and stymied the Eagle offense in the

first quarter, holding Lakeland to minus seven yards of total offense.

On the other side of the ball, the Wildcats dictated the flow with their first drive, a 14-play drive that chewed up seven-and-half minutes of clock. The drive was finalized as J.W. Woods scampered through the right side of the line for a 2-yard touchdown run. Mark Angelocci added the point-after and the Wildcats posted a 7-0 lead.

Woods would finish the day with 29 yards on five carries and the lone touchdown. He would also add a 10-yard pass reception to his credits.

After stopping Lakeland on the next drive, Chandler fielded the punt and then quickly handed the ball off to Kerry Kreutzberg, who rumbled up the left side for a 40-yard touchdown. Kreutzberg was freed in the open field as Jarrell Woods gave a deafening block, sending Lakeland's Eric Downey flying, leaving open turf in front of Kreutzberg.

With little more than a minute remaining, it looked as if the Eagles would spiral back to their ways of old and Novi would coast to an easy victory.

"We were playing a little tentative and we had to get acclimated to their speed and their quickness," said Lakeland coach John Maltese.

What Novi took in quarter one they gave right back in quarter two.

"We knew it was going to be a tough match, but we just didn't come out prepared," said Chandler. "It showed today that we didn't have it in us."



Photo by HAL GOULD

continued on 2 The Novi Wildcats hunted down and stopped the Lakeland offense as time ticked away.



# Tankers still strong in pool

By Tyler Carter  
SPECIAL WRITER

The Novi girls swimming and diving team continues to tear through their opponents with a victory over Livonia Churchill, Sept. 10.

On the way to a 112.5-73.5 win, the Wildcats had several highlight performances. Co-captain Amanda Smith logged her second state qualifying time with a 1:11.48 in the 100 Breaststroke. Smith has already qualified for state in the 50 Free, and is an asset to the team this year in freestyle and breaststroke events.

The Wildcats started the meet on a high note, winning the 200 Medley Relay with a team made up of Amanda Smith, Erica Hartland, Jill McNamara, and Brittany Brodfechter. Junior Christine Elrod won the 50 Freestyle in an all out sprint to the finish. Junior Kristina Thompson helped the Wildcats by winning the diving competition after Elrod's victory. Amanda Telford, Tiffany Kelly, Ashley Skinner, and Co-captain Lindsay Oechel followed suit by winning the 200 Freestyle Relay. The 200 Freestyle Relay preceded Amanda Smith's state qualifying swim in the 100 Breaststroke. The

Wildcats ended the meet with a victory by Elrod, McNamara, Kelly and Smith in the 400 Freestyle Relay.

Thus far, the Wildcats have been perfect, earning a 3-0 record in dual meets. Coach Larry Tahan reflects, "It is nice to be off to a 3-0 start, but we expect a very difficult Conference schedule. Everyone in our Conference has improved a great deal from last year."

As everyone knows, one swimmer cannot carry an entire team. While Amanda Smith will give strong individual performances, Coach Tahan feels that the junior class will provide the depth that a swim team needs to compete.

Due to complications at their home pool, Novi will not host any home meets this season. In effect, their first scheduled Conference meet, against Howell, has been postponed to Sept. 24 and moved to Howell. The Wildcat swimmers and divers will do battle with Fenton on Sept. 17 in their next meet.

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# Chase: Novi gets KVC win

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The Eagles chipped away at the lead with a field goal midway through and followed up with safety as J.W. Woods was dropped in the end zone by a penetrating Ken Taylor. The Wildcats elected to kick off to the Eagles, who marched right back down to set up a second field goal, pulling the game to an 11-14 mark.

The Wildcats staged a furious drive themselves only to be stopped at the Lakeland 34-yard line to close the first half.

As the second half opened, it was apparent that Goliath would not be able to shake David. On the Wildcats first drive, Chandler fumbled for the third time, this one leading directly to an

Eagle score.

"Our turnovers hurt us early in the game and it took the ball out of our hands," said Novi coach "Big" Kelleppoury. "Give Lakeland credit. It — their defense played a nice game."

Positioned at Novi's 34-yard line, quarterback Sean Hooper hit a streaking David Beck on the right sideline who was left wide open. The extra-point was blocked and the game was as knotted as the stomachs of every fan in the stadium.

Less than two minutes later, Joe Kowalski added his third field goal of the evening, and with less than seven minutes remaining in the quarter, the Eagles had their first lead, 17-14.

Chandler would close the scoring

with his 1-yard blast through the left

side of the Eagle line giving Novi an unblemished 3-0 record overall and a 2-0 record in the KVC.

"He's a team player and he's going to go out there and work hard," said Kelleppoury. "Chandler would finish the day 62 yards rushing on 14 carries, 33 yards receiving on four catches, while adding 2-for-3 passing for 27 yards. Had added 91 yards through the air on 9-of-17 passing.

"We knew Lakeland would play very hard for the new coach they have over here," said Kelleppoury. Novi looks to continue their winning ways this Friday as they battle the surprisingly winless Brighton Bulldogs.

"We have to take care of the mistakes and the penalties," said

Kelleppoury. "Our defense has to buckle up when their backs are against the wall. We also have to go back and work on ball security with our kids."

As Chandler and the rest of the Wildcats learned, if they look to host a conference champion team they have to keep their focus week in and week out the rest of the way.

"We can't overlook anybody," said Chandler. "For the rest of the season we have to take it game at a time and just try to beat these other teams."

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# Game of the Week: Bring on Brighton

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Chandler has revived his old ways as a runner as well as taken to the habit of throwing the ball. I must say that Mr. Chandler is starting to look like a high school quarterback that has a bright, bright future in the KVC and beyond.

Besides Chandler playing offense and defense, I think

that the fans should keep their eyes on Josh Buck. This scrapper is willing to bury his face-

mask in the chest of any defender — no doubt, if he just loves doing it to Bulldogs. I know that watching him make his out on the field is enough to convince me that I wouldn't want to get hit by him. He's fast, he's furious and he's looking to help his team notch

a win over Brighton.

I am expecting this to be one heck of a game. The down-trodden Bulldogs aren't

liking the position they are in, and they are going to be looking to bring everyone down to their level. On the other hand, the Wildcats haven't been pondering their KVC possibilities in the last couple of years after they fell to Brighton. They're

going to be wanting this win.

Novi 27, Brighton 16

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# Next Level Athletes

The Next Level Athletes portion of the sports section is dedicated to the men and women who have taken the next step in the athletic careers. It is here that we are able to applaud them for their efforts, their dedication and their abilities. It is here that we are able to step back and admire all that they have accomplished in the world of sports.

Alan Lyskawa, Senior, University of Notre Dame — Alan Lyskawa, a graduate of Novi High School, is a member of the Fighting Irish soccer squad. A four-year midfielder, Lyskawa brings experience to the midfield unit as well as being a technically sound player who has filled a variety of roles for the Irish through his career as both a reserve off the bench and a starter. Through his

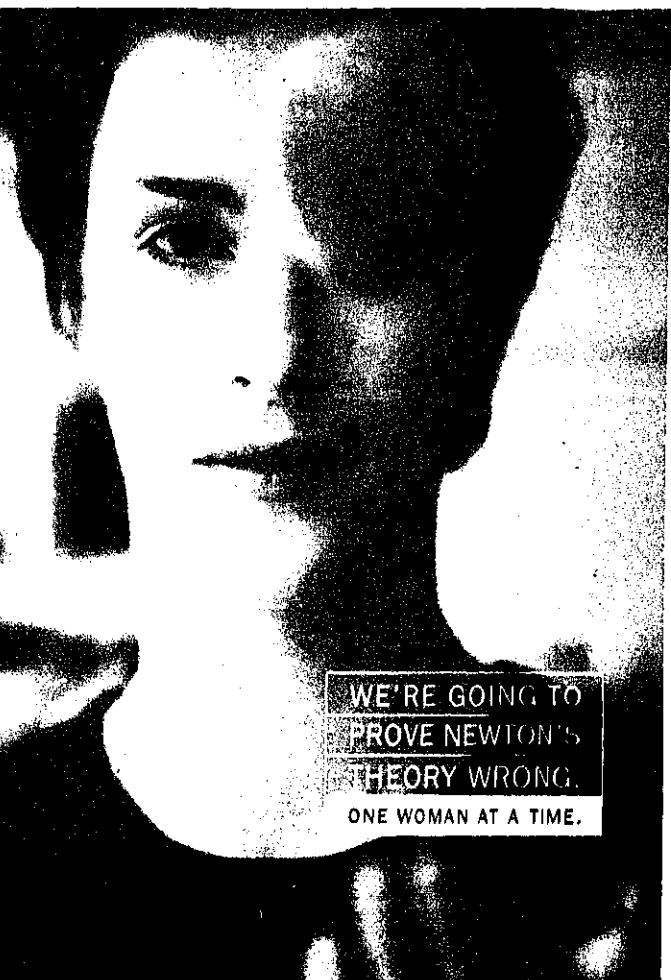
career, he has had 25 shots on goal, scoring two, and has collected four assists.

Jamie Jo Sabol, Freshman, Hope College — Jamie Sabol, a 2001 graduate of Novi High School, is a member of the Hope College Flying Dutch Volleyball team. Under coach Maureen Dann, the Flying Dutch hope to continue their streak of gathering more than 100 victories in five seasons, including four MIAA championships and three NCAA Division III tournament appearances.

Brandon Langston, Freshman, Grand Valley State University — Brandon Langston, Northville 2001 graduate, has transferred from Toledo University football where he red-shirted as a freshman, to Grand Valley State

University. Grand Valley is currently ranked Number one nationally in Division II football, and will be playing at Wayne State this Saturday, September 21, at noon.

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# Novi JV Results

NOVI FRESHMAN GIRLS BASKETBALL  
Overall Record: 4-0

The Novi freshman girls basketball team remained undefeated after a 36-25 non-league victory over Walled Lake Western last Thursday. The Wildcats jumped out to 11-4 lead thanks to six points by Brittany Safford in the first quarter. Western fought back in the second, and trailed by only four at halftime, 15-11.

Katie Walker and Katelyn Tuck sparked the Wildcats' great, defensive third quarter, as the Warriors only scored four points. Western came within four points with three minutes left in the game when Novi's Audrey Smith put it away with a jumper, two free throws, and an offensive put-back. Smith led the Wildcats in scoring with 10 points. Safford added eight points and 10 rebounds. Tuck had five points and nine rebounds.

Two days earlier, Novi beat

Walled Lake Central by five points, 23-18. Brittany Safford had nine points and nine rebounds (eight offensive) to lead the Wildcats to victory. Novi trailed at halftime, 10-7, but put together a 13-2 run in the third quarter to take control of the game. Lisa Harden contributed six points and eight rebounds. Point guard Kara Yachak had a tremendous rebounding game with eight boards.

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# Boy harriers continue winning ways

By Ryan Edwards  
SPECIAL WRITER

The Novi boys cross country team remained undefeated as they ran away from Lakeland on Sept. 10.

The key to their victory was great one-through-five pack running, with only 1:30 separating their top five finishers. The group also managed to all stay ahead of Lakeland's third finisher. This allowed Novi to dominate the top 10, placing seven runners including five of the top seven times.

"Our Cats enjoyed quite a picnic as they enjoyed the Eagles as their main course," said Coach Bob Smith via e-mail.

If that indeed was the case, then Brian Gilchrist was the hungriest of the bunch, collecting first place honors with a time of 17:15.

By no means though did the rest of Novi's runners go hungry, with captain Scott Bergeson (19:56), captain Eric Joseph (19:47), Mike Fitcher (19:15), Justin Nunn (18:56), Tim Kava (18:45), Spencer Orles (18:32), Anol Huprikar (18:10), Mark Moore (17:44) and Gilchrist all finishing the race in less than 20 minutes.

Eric Tingwall also set a career personal record at Kensington's course by running a time of 20:35, and Novi had 22 runners finish the race, leading the Wildcats to a victory and a final score of 23-35.

The Wildcats continued their winning ways September 14th, as the boys' ventured out to the Walled Lake Western Invitational and a confrontation with the "Hill".

The freshman and sophomore division competed the "hill" as they captured their first place overall with a score of 39. Their closest competition was 44 points behind them in runner-up South Lyon. Even more impressive, 265 points separated them from sixth place finisher Southfield Lathrup. Mark Moore helped lead the team to victory, crossing the finish line first overall at a time of 17:09.

Smith seemed to be pretty excited, stating that "It is nice to

win the ninth-10th grade division, a strong message has just been sent that the Novi cross country program is alive and well, and will be for years to come."

Unfortunately, the junior-senior division didn't fare as well as their younger teammates. They finished in a very respectable position of third place, behind runner-up Walled Lake Western and winner Brother Rice.

To their defense though, they weren't running at full strength. Brian Gilchrist, who took first against Lakeland, didn't run due to the team's training schedule.

"We run so many meets each season, we need to make some difficult choices," Smith said.

"This was one of them."

Novi also had six other runners who were unable to run due to injuries.

Tim Kava did his best to pick up the slack, finishing fifth overall with a time of 17:52. Mike Picher (18:37), Nick Prekotes (19:33), and Mark Andrews (19:39) all finished in a very respectable position of third place, behind runner-up Walled Lake Western and winner Brother Rice.

Novi runners and their fans were hoping for a first-place finish Sept. 17 after the Novi News went to print, as they met with those pesky Bulldogs' from Brighton. A Wildcat win, however, will not come easy. It'll be a difficult match-up against a very

similar and very good Brighton team.

"The key will be for us to put several runners in between their third and fourth runners," Smith said. "If we can get four guys there, we should sneak out a win."

Smith admits that the meet will not be an easy victory for either team, predicting that the margin of victory or defeat will be three points or less — regardless of who wins. So it looks to be one of the more exciting meets of the season.

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# Novi Colts Football

The 2002 Northville-Novi Colts football season started on Saturday against the Walled Lake Braves. It was a beautiful warm sunny day, the freshmen team was anxious to get the season underway. This not only would be a test for the team but also the coaches, considering 70-percent of the team are first-year players.

Fired up from the start, the defense stopped the Braves on the first series of downs. To the surprise of all in attendance and the other team, the Colts offense started the season with a 70 yard pass play from Brett Gardner to Alex Wilson for the first touchdown of the year, giving the Colts a 6-0 lead. This adrenaline rush boosted the confidence of the entire team, and the Colts defense on the next series was swarming with great tackles from Dawson Liabs, Garrett Wiska, and the entire front line.

The offensive line did a good job of protecting their quarterback and opening holes for the running backs. Trevor Marashi, Jonathan Alandt, Mike Baglan, Connor Polifrone, and Sterling Knobler were strong carrying the ball all afternoon.

Late in the second quarter the Braves were deep in the Colts' zone threatening to score. The Colts defense put on a fine goal line stance and stopped them short, eliminating their scoring chance. On the following offense series Brett Gardner and Alex Wilson hooked up for another crowd pleasing 17 yard touchdown pass sending the game into the half with the Colts leading 12-0.

The half time was filled with an exceptional display of talented young ladies as the freshmen Colts cheerleading squad took the field. Fans may have thought this group



Wildcat soccer co-captain and goalie Sean McClincey heads for the goal during an August home game against Howell.

# Wildcat kickers conquer Lakeland

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

Well, you can't win 'em all. The Novi Wildcats boys' soccer team is well aware that an undefeated season in their sport is something that isn't even on their radar. Instead, they knew they would take a lump or two along the way during their hunt for a conference title.

The Cats took one such lump as they fell 2-0 to the Brighton Bulldogs September 11, before taking their frustrations out on the South Lyon Lions 3-0 just two days later.

The Novi kickers were the first and only team to put points on the board. "Matt Kurkic scored on a nice cross by Matt Urlick, 10 minutes into the game to give us the early 1-0 lead," Novi helmsman Brian O'Leary said. "The score remained that way until 15 minutes into the second half when Adam Southworth scored on a 25-yard shot into the upper corner of the net."

The assist on the second goal was credited to Neil Kocan, who has been playing some of his best soccer of his career. With 12 minutes remaining in the contest, the Wildcats sealed the Kensington Valley Conference victory as Yussuke Yoda won a 50-50 ball 20 yards from the Lion goal and fired in his first goal of the season.

In goal, A. J. Glubzinski made five saves for his second shutout of the season.

O'Leary noted that some of

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09/26/02	Basketball	Lakeland HS	Away	7:00
09/19/02	Soccer	Millford HS	Away	7:00
09/21/02	Soccer	Northville HS	Home	11:30 a.m.
09/24/02	Soccer	Pinkney HS	Away	6:30
09/26/02	Soccer	Howell HS	Away	7:00
09/24/02	Cross Country	South Lyon HS	Home	4:30
09/21/02	Tennis	Saline Invitational	Away	8:00 a.m.
09/23/02	Tennis	South Lyon HS	Home	4:00
09/25/02	Tennis	Howell HS	Away	4:00
09/26/02	Tennis	Huron HS	Away	3:15
09/28/02	Equestrian	Fowlerville	Away	8:00 a.m.
09/29/02	Equestrian	Fowlerville	Away	8:00 a.m.
09/21/02	Swimming	West Bloomfield	Away	1:00
09/26/02	Swimming	Brighton HS	Home	6:00
09/19/02	Golf	Hartland HS	Home	3:30
09/24/02	Golf	Millford HS	Away	3:30
09/26/02	Golf	Pinkney HS	Home	3:30
09/27/02	Golf	Hartland Invite	Away	8:00 a.m.

Note: \* indicates Kensington Valley Conference event. All times are p.m. unless noted.

**WALLED LAKE WESTERN / CENTRAL**

<b>Walled Lake Western</b>				
09/19/02	7:00	Churchill	Home	
09/24/02	7:00	Franklin	Away	
09/26/02	7:00	Salem	Away	
<b>Football</b>				
09/20/02	7:30	Canton	Home	
<b>Soccer</b>				
09/21/02	11:00	South Lyon	Home	
09/23/02	5:30	Canton	Home	
09/25/02	5:30	Franklin	Away	
<b>Walled Lake Central</b>				
<b>Football</b>				
09/20/02	7:30	Northville	Home	
<b>Soccer</b>				
09/23/02	5:30	Churchill	Home	
09/25/02	5:30	Stevenson	Away	
<b>Basketball</b>				
09/24/02	7:00	John Glenn	Away	
09/26/02	7:00	Canton	Home	

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**Atiyeh, Esbrook selected to Olympic soccer Regional Development Team**

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

It isn't every day someone gets to say that they are involved at the national level in the sport they love — Chelsea Atiyeh and Emily Esbrook of Novi get to.

Both Atiyeh and Esbrook have been selected to participate with the United States Youth Soccer Association Region 11 Girls Olympic Development Pool Team. Esbrook, who is in eighth grade, and Atiyeh, who is a sophomore at Novi High, were both selected to the team at a regional camp held in DeKalb, Illinois at Northern Illinois University. At this camp,

the top 18 players from each of the 14 Midwestern states competed for selection to the Pool Team and only 30 were selected in each age group.

"It's definitely an honor to be selected to be a part of this," Atiyeh said. "I really think that for everyone who made the team, this is a huge accomplishment."

Atiyeh is a member of the Varsity Soccer Club team coached by Leslie-Ann O'Shea as well as a member of the Novi High School girls' soccer team coached by Brian O'Leary — a team she was chosen to as a freshman. She is the daughter of J. R. and Dianne Atiyeh.

Esbrook is a member of the U-14 Michigan Hawks Soccer Club and is the daughter of James and Rachael Esbrook.

"I know being involved with this will make me that much better in soccer," Atiyeh said. "I am already seeing a change in myself, as well as the other players. I think it has helped give me confidence and I know it will help me pursue my dream (of playing soccer)."

According to Bonnie Skover, the Regional Administrator for the Olympic Development Program, "being selected to the regional pool is a major accomplishment. Emily and Chelsea will be observed now and in the future for possible selection to a United States National Team. Some of these players have gone on to win Olympic Gold Medals in 1996 and are represented in the Women's World Cup Team."

For Atiyeh and Esbrook, it is a stepping stone for a bright future in the sport.

"It really helps develop you and give you exposure to college coaches and national team coaches," Atiyeh said. "I'm enjoying playing with players with so much talent. I am hoping to do really far, and so are most of them. I will probably see them all playing on the national teams one day."

**Sports Shorts**

**Here Come the Colts**

The annual Northville-Novici Homecoming parade and football games will take place on September 29.

**Motor City Madness Tryouts**

The Motor City Madness 2003 Girl's Fastpitch Softball tryouts will be held at Power Park Fields one and two behind the Novi Civic Center on 10 Mile Road. Times are for 10 and under, September 22 at 9-11 a.m., 12 and under, September 22 at 11 a.m.-1 p.m., and 15 and under, September 22 at 3-5 p.m.

For more information, call Coach Wagner at (248) 982-3955.

**Wildcat Faceoff Moves to Monday**

"Wildcat Faceoff," the highly successful radio show devoted to Novi athletics begins its 3rd season on Sep. 9th, and will move to a new time, "Wildcat Faceoff" will be held on 89.5FM on Monday nights from 7:00-8:00. Coaches corner, where are they now, athlete of the week, and national guests from ESPN as well as other areas of the sporting world will be featured. Bernie Pratto and Scott Olson will host the show.

**Fall Youth Basketball**

The Northville Parks and recreation Department is accepting

player registrations for the Fall Youth Basketball. Registration will continue through Sept. 20 or until leagues fill (a \$10.00 late fee will be assessed after Sept. 20). The league for girls is based on grades fourth through sixth.

The two boys leagues are based on grades fourth and fifth and sixth and seventh. All players must complete a personal data form, which is used by the Recreation Department in forming teams.

Emphasis is on improving basic skills and developing team play. Practice will be held one or two times per week, beginning October 14. Games are played primarily on Saturdays from October 26 through December 14.

For more information call Dave DeMatteis at (248) 349-0203 ext. 1405.

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**Northern: Golf loses to 'Stangs**

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scoring with Ryan Hunt collecting a 42 on the day.

The Walled Lake Northern Knights followed the lead of Kevin Naylor as he shot a 39 in the closing effort. Mike Leninski shot a 40, Jonathan Smith hit a 42 and Dan French shot a 48.

Also playing but not gathering points for the Mustangs were Dave Oljace and Jim Gates. Gates recorded a 43 on the day and Oljace picked up a 44. For the Knights, Mike Rogerson shot a 50 and Joe

Underwood collected a 49.

The Mustangs (3-1 overall; 3-0 WLAA) will resume action when they visit Canton tomorrow at 3 p.m. before hosting Franklin September 23 at 3 p.m. The will visit Churchill September 25 at 2:45 p.m. and host Stevenson September 27 at 3 p.m.

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**Cassise, Vikings earn victory over WLAA rival Churchill**

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touchdowns of the contest as he hauled the ball from five yards out with Kelly adding the extra point before Scott Long, a senior co-captain, scored on a run of his own. The senior back jumped 15 yards for the score, with Kelly adding the PAT for a 34-7 halftime lead.

The second half started much like the first. Long pulled out a 22 yard scamper for another score, and Kelly added the kick for a 41-7 advantage.

Churchill put together their second scoring drive of the night. Pounding the ball into

the red zone, the Chargers capped the successful push with a two yard run into the endzone with their kicker adding the extra point to pull the out-of-reach score to 41-14.

The fourth quarter found the Vikings icing the game with a run from Ryan Navarre. The junior tucked the ball in and danced through the defense before crossing the goal line from 18 yards away with Kelly notching his final extra point of the



Brandon Cassise

night.

The Chargers, all too well knowing their fate with time expiring, added the final score of the game as a seven-yard pass found its target in the endzone with the extra point sailing through the uprights for the 48-21 loss.

The Vikings followed the lead of Cassise, who is showing promise in his young quarterback career, as he found his mark 7-of-11 times for 167 yards and a touchdown.

Long carried the ball seven times for 95 yards and two touchdowns while Kutney added the pignskin seven times for 69 and two scores.

The Central gridlers (2-1 overall; 2-0 WLAA) will host Northville (1-2, 0-2) tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. in a Western Lakes Activities Association contest.

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**WLW loses to Spartans**

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into the second quarter, but the two-point conversion attempt failed.

The Spartans took the lead for good by tucking on two more scores before the half.

Senior Matt McCowan, who rushed for a team-high 160 yards in 27 carries, scored on a 1-yard run with 9:41 left.

The Spartans then recovered a fumble at the Western 30 and cashed in when Lajza booted a 30-yard field goal to make it 17-12 at intermission.

Western took the first possession of the second half down to the Stevenson 20, but came up empty when Dinardi picked off a pass and returned it to midfield.

The Spartans went up by 12 with 3:17 to play in the third period when McCowan scored on a 10-yard run. Lajza's third straight extra point made it 24-12.

Stevenson outgained Western in total yardage, 366-345.

Western converted on 17 of 29 passes for 226 yards, but had only 119 yards in 26 attempts on the ground. The Warriors had 16 first downs to Stevenson's 12.

**Wildcat soccer blasts KVC rival Eagles**

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their players were simply sparkling on the field against the South Lyon squad.

"Matt Crawford played his best game of the season," he said.

The Wildcats will continue their KVC quest when they visit the Millford Redskins today at 7 p.m. before visiting cross-town rival Northville Saturday at 11 a.m.

**Brighton 2, Novi 0**

It wasn't exactly the way the Wildcats had imagined their first game against Brighton in 2002 would turn out, but that's the way the dice rolled.

Novi and the Bulldogs were all tied up with less than four minutes remaining in the contest when the Brighton offense managed to speak the ball into the back of the net for a 1-0 advantage at the 3:40 mark.

Three minutes and 39 seconds later, the clock struck again with the clock reading a remarkable 0:01.

"It was an evenly played game," O'Leary said. "They had more gas left at the end of the game than we did. This surprises me because we are a deep team that plays about 17 players."

O'Leary said that the last-minute loss to the Bulldogs proves that his team still has

endurance training to work on.

"I now know it is something we need to work on and can be fixed through conditioning," he said.

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Thursday, September 19, 2002

## Chargers feel North Wind

Vikings notch second WLAA win

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

Can you say touchdown? How about touchdown, touchdown, touchdown?

Well, the Walled Lake Central Vikings learned how to day touchdown seven times when they hosted Livonia Churchill.

The Vikings followed the mighty North Wind as it blew through the defense of the Churchill Chargers and helped the Central gridders to a 48-21 victory September 13.

The Vikes started the charge as junior Brandon Cassise backed up in the pocket and fired a 10-yard strike to Brian Dovichi for the score with Chris Kelly tacking on the point-after attempt for a 7-0 advantage.

They were far from finished at that point.

Joe Kutney was next to get his name called over the loudspeakers, scoring the second

touchdown in the first quarter as he scampered past the Churchill defense while carrying the ball three yards for the score and the 13-0 lead.

The second quarter found Paul Campbell pounding through the would-be tackles and scoring from one yard out with Kelly nailing the PAT for a 20-0 lead.

Churchill, being a team from the Western Lakes Activities Association, would not let their squad go into the locker room at half without a score. Mark O'Hara found a receiver for a 68 yard scoring play that left the broken defense shaking their heads as the Chargers pulled the score to 20-7 with time expiring in the half.

The Walled Lake Central gridders didn't appreciate the score, and tacked on two more before the horn marked half-time. Kutney scored his second

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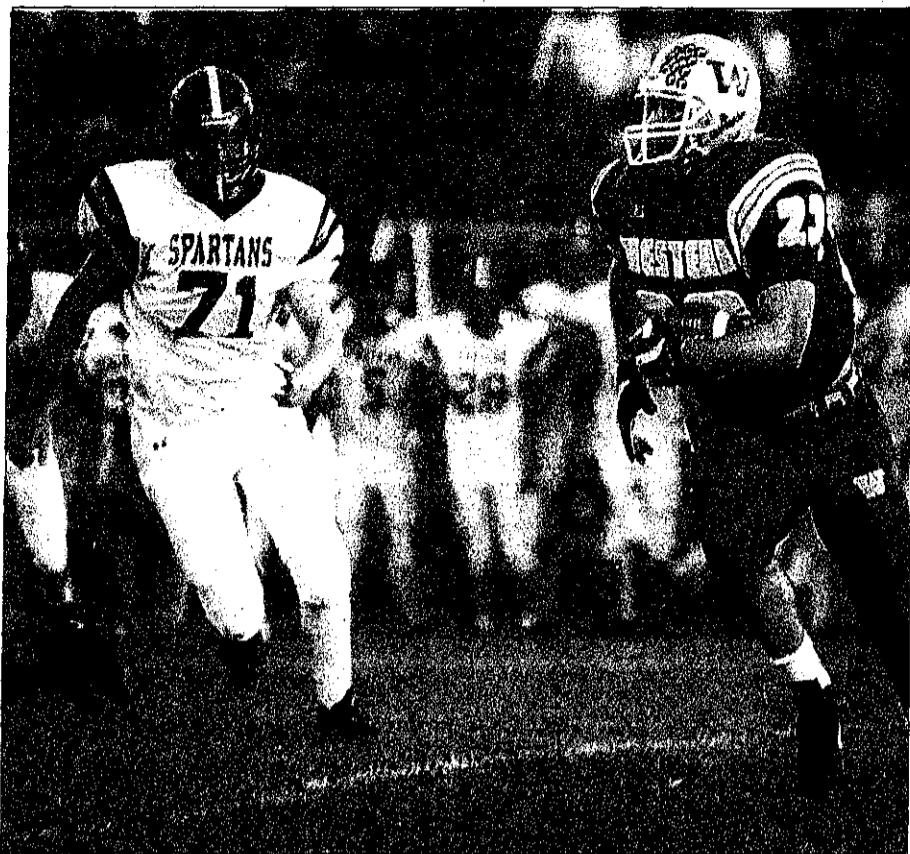


Photo by John Helder

Western's Steve VanNortwick rushes against Livonia Stevenson last Friday night.

## Northern Golf falls to Northville 'Stangs

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

The Northville Mustangs boys' golf team pulled out yet another win in a year that was once thought of as a "rebuilding year."

The 'Stangs, led by Coach Tom Shaw, compiled 155 strokes to top the newcomer Walled Lake Northern's 169 September 9 on a day that found the weather in the 90s and the sun shining in the sky.

The Mustangs followed the lead of the ever-impressive Lance Dehne, who has been steadily improving this season, as he recorded a 36 on the day. Close behind him was Ryan Gideon's 38

**Northern's Kevin Naylor shot a promising 39 in the losing effort against a very tough Northville Mustangs golf team.**

and Brandon VanHoyde's 39. The Mustangs rounded out the

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## Spartans top WLW Warriors

The Walled Lake Western Warriors couldn't hold on as they fell short of earning their second Western Lakes Activities Association victory.

The Warriors fell 21-19 to a powerful Livonia Stevenson squad September 13.

The win improves the Spartans' overall record to 3-0 overall and 2-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Western falls to 1-2 and 1-1. Second-half interceptions by Spartans Dan Dinardi, Jim

Spiker and John Rehberg helped seal the victory for Stevenson.

Trailing 24-12 entering the final period, Western pulled to within five points on Jon Michaud's 70-yard touchdown pass to John Sowders with 10:42 remaining.

After Stevenson got a couple of first downs, Western regained possession and began to march, only to be denied by Spiker's interception with 4:03 to play, which was returned to

the Warriors' 2. (A clipping penalty brought the ball all the way back to the Spartans' 40.)

After Stevenson stalled on offense, Western regained possession again late in the game. The Warriors moved to the Stevenson 35 when Michaud completed pivotal fourth-and-10 pass to Steve Menoian for 30 yards.

But Rehberg, the senior defensive end, snared a tipped pass at the line of scrimmage to end the threat as Stevenson ran

out the clock for the victory.

In the first quarter, Western took a 6-0 lead on Pete Mooney's 30-yard TD toss to Sowders, but the extra point attempt went wide.

Stevenson took a 7-6 lead with 2:26 to play in the first period on a 17-yard Bill Williams TD run followed by Jeff Lajza's extra point.

Sowders answered with a 3-yard scoring run just 31 seconds

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