



# Halloween: Novi's full of weekend activities

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45-minute shows at 12:30, 1:30 and 2:30 p.m.  
And don't bring little guests in their normal weekend wear because there will also be a best costume contest.

Admission is \$5 per child and includes a pizza and potato lunch. The event will be from noon to 4 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center located on 10 Mile Road, just east of Taft Road and West of Novi Road.

Local sponsors of the event include Cottage Inn Pizza, Novi Newcomers and Neighbors Club, Novi Police Officers Association and Provident Dentistry.

For more information, call (248) 347-0400.

## Novi Police Safety Summit

As part of the Novi Police Department's Halloween Safety campaign, officers will be holding a trick-or-treat safety seminar Sunday, Oct. 27 at the Novi Town Center 8 Theatre.

But don't let the term summit throw you off, thinking it is going to be a boring lecture.

This is the type of educational event all children will want to attend.

Along with handing out Oct. 31 safety information and answering all attendees' ques-

tions, representatives from the department will be handing out Sharpie coupons provided by the Southland Corporation and identification kits.

The identification kits are department provided child identification devices for parents to keep permanent information needed to establish a permanent record of their loved ones in case of an emergency.

Children attending the event, will also have other opportunities for fun including meeting and greeting some of our department's finest.

In conjunction with the safety summit, the movie theater will hold two complimentary showings of "Hey Arnold! The Movie."

Families are invited to view the Goodrich Quality Theaters, Inc. Free Fall Show at 10 and 11 a.m.

Members of the Novi Police Department will be holding their corresponding event from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

The Novi Town Center 8 Theatre is located at 26085 Town Center Drive, just east of Novi Road and north of Grand River Avenue in the rear of the Town Center shopping plaza.

For more information about the Novi Police Department safety summit, call (248) 348-7109 and for more information about the free movie, call (248) 465-SHOW.



Courtesy photo

Young Actors Jaelyn Gutmann and Ben Landry rehearse for the upcoming Novi Theaters' production of "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow."

## Monster Bash 2002!

This Saturday at 11 a.m. all area children are invited to attend a monster of a book reading at Borders Books & Music.

The Oct. 26 complimentary event promises to celebrate the release of the animated film "Monsters, Inc." and Halloween with a very spooky story time.

The first 50 children at the reading will also receive a "Monsters, Inc." activity booklet, bookmark, door hanger, sticker

and temporary tattoo.

Borders Books & Music is located at 43075 Crescent Boulevard, in the Novi Town Center shopping plaza.

For more information, call (248) 347-0810.

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## Police Report

### Liar

A Northville resident tried to pull a fast one on a Novi police officer, trying to get out of a drinking and driving arrest. A Novi police officer was dispatched to the Fountain Walk development on Oct. 18 at about 1:30 a.m. in reference to a stolen vehicle in a ditch. When the officer arrived, he was met by a 21-year-old man holding a flashlight while searching the ground for his keys. The man told the responding officer, someone had stolen his car while he was in Buffalo Wild Wings and he had just found it in the ditch. The man denied he was driving the car. According to the report, the officer noted the man's eyes were bloodshot, his speech was slurred, there was a strong odor of intoxicants coming from his body and he was muddy and wet. After a sergeant from the department arrived on the scene, informing the man it was a crime to file a false police report and told him the parking lot may have surveillance cameras, the Northville resident admitted he was driving the car. He told police the vehicle's "steaks slipped" and that is how he ended up in the ditch between Fountain Park Drive and Interstate 96. Police believe the vehicle was driven south on Davidson, jumped the curb, drove about 25 yards, crashed through the fence, went into the ditch and made a 180-degree angle turn. The man blew a .14, without fully breathing into the machine and was arrested.

### Bridge theft

The leader of the Novi Civic Center card club called police on Oct. 19 to report a bridge theft. The female complainant told police some time between Oct. 10 and 17, unknown suspect(s) went into the unlocked closet in the center's activity room and went into her case of supplies. The woman told police a deck of cards was scattered about and a bridge rack was missing. She explained the bridge rack is used by a hand-hopped player who only has use of one hand. The bridge club leader searched the building, but came up empty handed.

### Liar, liar

Two days after the Fountain Walk incident, a female Novi resident told the Pinocchio defense too, after being stopped by Novi police for suspected drinking and



Kaitlyn Koerner, 2, enjoys a nice perch on her dad, Scott, before the start of last week's Homecoming parade in Novi.



The Novi High School senior class float goes by during Saturday morning's Homecoming parade. The float's theme was "Remember the Magic".

## Homecoming



Novi High School crowned Becky Dominick and Darren Duffy as their King and Queen during halftime of last Saturday's Homecoming game.

## Novi High School - 2002



Novi High School juniors sing their school's fight song during last Friday's pep assembly that was part of a week of Homecoming festivities.

## Main Street: Woes continue

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was named operating receiver for the building at the end of July after the Wells Fargo Bank initiated foreclosure proceedings against Evergreen III.

"The appointment of a receiver is the best thing to happen in that project in the last four, five years," said Kim Capello, a Novi attorney representing the nine businesses who are

at odds with Evergreen III over maintenance fees.

While Singh Properties purchased and completed the 238-unit townhouse component of the project, only five of the dozen planned commercial buildings in Main Street have been completed.

Capello said completing the rest of the project is "very important." He noted that while the Fountainwalk project on 12 Mile Road began after Main Street and leasing has not been exactly fast paced, it is a lot farther along than Main Street.

According to the Friedman Real Estate Group's Greater Detroit Mid-

Year Market Overview, "Novi retailers are facing a problem of too much growth, too fast." Friedman analysts point to the closure this year of Kinart and Service Merchandise in the West Oaks Shopping Center on Novi Road as well as the 88,000-square-foot Fox Market in the Main Street development.

Vic's, which was located in a building owned by Luna Entertainment, was supposed to be an anchor store helping draw traffic to the project, but its owners cited lack of traffic as their reason for leaving the development.

Stevenson said promises of huge amounts of foot traffic were the lure

for restaurants and retailers signing leases with Evergreen III. Still, he noted, "Nobody has moved out (of the 200 buildings). We do have a lot of traffic. But we want a lot more."

Sirlin, a partner in Seyburn, Kahn, Gin, Bess, & Sirlin, "maintain, manage, operate, and preserve the property."

Stevenson said he believes Main Street can be a successful project. "The biggest thing," he said, is "going to be changing the perception."

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## New club brings a bit of New York to Novi

**Manhattan Club takes over former Billy's on the River site**

By Victoria Sadlocha  
STAFF WRITER

Members of the city council gave their approval earlier this week, allowing for a new entertainment establishment to occupy a long-standing vacant Novi site.

The Oct. 21 unanimous vote came in the form of a new entertainment permit and transfer of a Resort Class C license with dance permit to A.K.K. Inc.

Karl H. Earle, contract representative and president of the

Manhattan Club, said he plans on opening an upscale, New York theme club in the former Billy's on the River site located at 40300 Grand River Avenue.

Club owners plan on doing extensive remodeling to the 4,500 square-foot building built in 1978, completed in a 1993 fire.

Early said the club will be geared to area residents ages 35 and older by providing a mature atmosphere with music appealing to the establishment's target audience.

According to liquor license documents filed by Earle, the club will provide "dining and entertainment in the form of a new entertainment permit and transfer of a Resort Class C license with dance permit to A.K.K. Inc."

Early stated, "all other dining establishments are of a corporate

nature and geared towards younger clientele. We are geared toward mature patrons."

Early owned and operated the Finish Line Bar and Grill in Livonia for eight years.

His business partner, Draga Sijonovic, owned and operated Slogans and Kickers in Livonia for 20 years.

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## Planning commission rejects medical office plans

By Phil Foley  
STAFF WRITER

How important is 175 square feet?

For Bennett Donaldson, it was a make-or-break item for his planned medical office near the corner of Haggerty and 14 Mile Road.

Unfortunately for Donaldson, the Novi City Planning Commission saw it the same way and voted 7-2, with John Avulobas and David Ruyle dissenting, to reject plans for the proposed 9,067 square foot building.

"I'd like to support it, but I can't," said commission chairman Antonio Nagy, declaring the 1.79-acre site "overbuilt."

Rod Arroyo, the commission's traffic consultant, objected to plans to put three parallel parking spaces on the site. He said it's "unorthodox and should not be allowed."

The assistant city manager said through attendance at city meetings and in the public opinion survey conducted this spring, the message was heard: road improvements are a need.

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## 12 Mile, Novi Road intersection reopens

By Victoria Sadlocha  
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Communities were out in full force last week taking advantage of the newly enhanced 12 Mile and Novi roads intersection, which reopened for travelers Oct. 17.

Detoured drivers, business owners and city officials were pleased the project was not only done, but done on schedule, and were enjoying the new five-lanes-in-all-directions crossroads.

"The improved intersection of 12 and Novi Road is a major improvement for Novi," said Clay Pearson, Novi assistant city manager. "Completion was a great team effort of the Road Commission, the Oakland County, Six-S as the contractor and city staff who made a concerted effort to communicate with residents, motorists and businesses about this project throughout the week."

Pearson said the city hosted weekly project meetings with area businesses, providing

updates of the widening project throughout the entire process.

The city also sent mailings and made telephone calls to homes within a one-mile radius around the intersection and relayed heavily on the use of Cable TV Channel 13 and other media to spread updates throughout the intersection closure.

The \$18 million intersection widening portion of the Road Commission for Oakland County project closed the roadways to commuters Sept. 16 with a three- to four-week completion date.

Stated Gerald Holmberg, Road Commission for Oakland County highway engineer and deputy managing director, "It was everybody's goal to get this done as quickly as possible so that we would not inconvenience motorists and area businesses anymore than absolutely necessary."

Holmberg also added Six-S

Construction and the commission's project inspector worked seven days a week, ensuring the project would be completed on schedule.

Road commission officials said the section of 12 Mile Road east of Novi Road to Meadowbrook Road remains under construction and will be completed in spring 2003.

"The commission is widening that section to a four-lane boulevard."

More than \$18 million of the entire widening project was funded by Esomtain Walk, developer PLC Commercial, with additional funding coming from Taubman companies and the Road Commission for Oakland County.

"The spring 2003 work to complete the 12 Mile Road widening from the intersection east to near Meadowbrook Road completes the 12 Mile widening for the near future and pro-

vides safety and traffic growth improvements for a major east-west thoroughfare," Pearson said.

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**Alberta M. Cosentino**

Alberta Cosentino of Novi died Oct. 15, 2002 in Farmington Hills. She was 90.

Ms. Cosentino was born April 17, 1912 in New York City to Wilfrid C. Burst and Emily (Miller) Burst. In 1938, she married Nicholas Cosentino, who preceded her in death in 1994.

Ms. Cosentino was a homemaker who worked with her husband at a fish market. A Lutheran, Ms. Cosentino was affiliated with the Passaic County Senior Center and came to the Novi area in 1997 from Wayne, N.J. Surviving members of her family were members at First Presbyterian Church of Northville.

Ms. Cosentino is survived by her children, Judith (Stuart) Rafos of Lincoln, Mich., Nicholas (Kathy) Cosentino, Jr. of Novi and Ronald Cosentino of Novi, her siblings, Mercedes Harned of Florida, her grandchildren, Tracy (Eric) Haugen, Kimberly (Brian) Nicholas, Stuart Rafos, Landee Rafos, and three great-grandchildren.

Interment will be in East Hamsover, N.J. Funeral arrangements were made by Casterline Funeral Home of Northville.

**William H. White**

William White of Novi died September 27, 2002 at his home. He was 66. Mr. White was born in Detroit on May 16, 1934, the son

of Donald F. and Bessie Ruth (Jones) White. He was the owner of the ACA Group for 21 years and a member of the Alpha Kappa Psi Business Fraternity and the Northville Chamber of Commerce.

Survivors include his wife, Doris, two sons, William (Angela) White of Arapahoe, Colo., and Tobin White of Novi; one daughter, Kristin (John) Halmaghi of West Bloomfield; one sister, Janet Paulkweit of Pompano Beach, Fla., and six grandchildren.

Services were held Sept. 30 at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Northville with Rev. Thomas Lubock officiating. Interment will be at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia. Memorials may be made to the church or Angela Hospice.

Arrangements were made by Northrop-Sassanin Funeral Home, Northville.

**Mary L. Dahlberg**

Mary Dahlberg (nee Hechberg) of South Lyon, died October 19, 2002. She was 87.

Survivors include one son, Dennis (Linda) Skvarce of Milford; three grandchildren, Nancy (David) Ward of Commerce, Dennis H. (Dawn) Skvarce of South Lyon, and Jeffrey (Melissa) Skvarce of Clarkston; and one great-grandchild.

Her husband, Raymond Frank Skvarce, preceded her in death. Arrangements were made by Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford.

**Thefts from autos probed**

By Victoria Sadlocha  
STAFF WRITER

A recent rash of suspected thefts from neighborhood-parked automobiles is being closely investigated by members of the Novi Police Department with the full intention of finding those responsible for the crimes.

To sweeten the pot, Crime Stoppers is throwing in a cash reward for information leading to the arrest and prosecution of the suspects involved.

The automobile thefts occurred in the Meadowbrook Glens

Subdivision, in the 10 Mile and Meadowbrook roads area.

The larcenies to the unlocked vehicles happened between 9 p.m. Oct. 15 and 7 a.m. Oct. 16 on a number of streets in the Novi neighborhood, police said.

"During the night, unknown suspects entered a number of unlocked automobiles and stole various items left inside," said Detective Sgt. David Molloy of the City of Novi Police Department.

Some of the items taken included a television, credit cards, cash, compact discs, cellular phones, a

laptop computer, a palm pilot, briefcases, sunglasses, personal checks and a woman's jacket, police said.

The automobiles were parked on Park Ridge and Hampton Hill roads, North Loganberry Ridge and Kings Pointe, Apple Crest and Pine Crest drives.

Police are also looking into three larcenies to unlocked vehicles happening the night of Oct. 11 in the Dumbarton Pines Subdivision, in the area of Nine Mile and Tall roads.

"In one instance, the time of theft was between 3:30 and 7:30

a.m.," Molloy said.

The thefts occurred on Huntington and Lightway drives and compact discs, cash, cologne, a videocassette recorder and a case of perfume were taken.

If anyone has information about these crimes, they are asked to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-SPEAK UP (1-800-773-2587).

Victoria Sadlocha is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105 or at vsadl@novihome.com.net.

**Novi City Council Briefs**

**Ordinance amendments**

Ordinance amendments to two of the city's ordinances governing domestic assault and battery passed second reading during the Oct. 21 Novi City Council meeting. The first amendment, affecting Sec. 22-46, provides for a specific offense for domestic violence assault and battery. The second amendment, affecting Sec. 22-50, allows police officers to arrest an individual in a dating relationship for domestic assault and battery. Both amendments are required to bring Novi into compliance with the new state statutes.

**Salary adjustments**

Salary increases for the Novi city manager and clerk will be discussed by council members before a November city council meeting after members agreed on Oct. 21 that the issue should be addressed soon. The suggestion to move salary negotiations along was brought to the table by Novi City Councilman Louis Cordas. The councilman said he wanted to bring attention to the fact that both received positive performance reviews about two months ago. Cordas suggested a discussion be set for the next council meeting out of respect for the

**Winter maintenance**

Members of the Novi City Council gave their unanimous approval during the Oct. 21 meeting to award a contract to Will Gould Landscaping for the outdoor winter maintenance of Novi's Meadowbrook Commons. The low-bidding Clarkston landscape company will remove snow on the drives and sidewalks and salt all appropriate areas of the senior-citizen complex. Final cost of the contract will depend on

**Public hearings**

Two public hearings were set during the Novi City Council meeting held Oct. 21. The hearings will be held on Monday, Nov. 12 and residents affected by Special Assessment Districts 162 and 163 are invited to voice their opinions. SAD 162 is for a sanitary sewer for Sierra Drive in the Pioneer Meadows Subdivision. SAD 163 is for a water main in the same area. The November date serves as the second public hearing on both issues.

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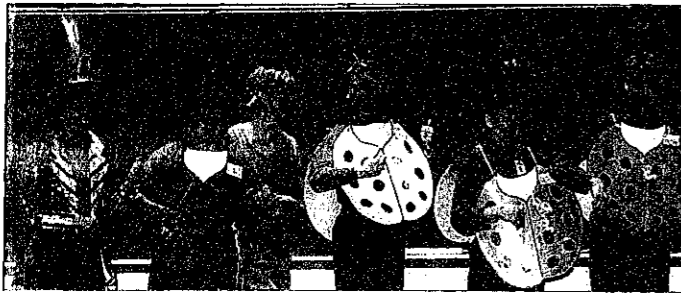
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Novi Woods teachers, costumed as lady bugs, present a skit to their kids in 'bug busting skills' as part of their respect and responsibility curriculum this past Monday morning.

### Bug Busters cope with bullies

By Ramez Khuri STAFF WRITER
To kick off Red Ribbon Week, the teachers of Novi Woods Elementary School put on a skit for the students called "Bug Busters" on Oct. 21. Five teachers in the "fat" all played the roles of "bullies" who bullied a sixth grader, who also played the role of a student. The student being picked on went through the five steps of Bug Busters to solve her problem.
The purpose of the Bug Buster Program is to equip children with a series of steps they can use to solve problems when other students are "bugging" them. It helps children learn to be assertive and encourages self-management. It also helps to define the adult's role as one of assisting children rather than trying to solve the problem for them.
Children are taught that if someone is "bugging" them they should use the five steps of the Bug Busters:
1. KNOW
2. MOVE AWAY
3. TALK FRIENDLY
4. TALK FIRMLY
5. GET ADULT HELP
One theme for Red Ribbon Week is helping kids make responsible choices. Chairman of North Central Accreditation Behavior Committee, Mays Heid said, "All week we will be talking about being responsible for your behavior and also doing things for good health, exercising and eating healthy foods and all that together."

### First graders to "Trick-or-Treat" at Charter House

By Ramez Khuri STAFF WRITER
As part of Orchard Hills Elementary School's partnership with the Charter House of Novi Senior Center, Becky Hurst's first grade class will be doing some "trick-or-treating" on October 31, visiting all the residents of the charter house for some Halloween fun.
The kids will visit the senior center in their Halloween costumes and "trick-or-treat" with the residents providing the treats from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
"We have been going to the charter house for many years," Hurst said. "We go once or twice a year to sing for them because we think it is enjoyable for seniors. On the holidays we make greeting cards, so when we eat they get a little greeting."
The students who participate are put through a lot of preparation before going so they know what to expect. "This is our third year going there," Hurst said. "We got a call from charter house asking us if we can come trick-or-treating in costumes."
Residents of the charter house will sit outside their rooms passing out candy, like they're on their front porch. The kids walk up and down the halls trick-or-treating and the staff gets into the spirit as well. It all works out well because the kids will already have their costumes on for the Halloween parade at the school as well.
"During the holidays we go back and sing, and in the spring we try to return and do other programs for them also," Hurst said.

### WL Foundation raises over \$70K

The Walled Lake Schools' Foundation for Excellence raised more than \$70,000 at its fourth Walk for Excellence walk-a-thon and second 5K run at Walled Lake Western High School, Oct. 12.
Nearly 40 runners started the 5K run at about 9:30 a.m. Shortly thereafter, more than 400 walkers began their trek around the course.
Eric Stuber was the men's first place runner with a time of 16:02 and Monica Czerniowski was the women's first place winner with a time of 19:28.
Sharon Banks, director of the Foundation, said, "The things that we support are those programs that are not funded by taxpayer dollars. We're able to evaluate, assess, and award grants to teachers, educators, and PTAs that are looking to do some very creative things that otherwise would not be possible."
Clifford H. Smart, Middle School students, staff and parents were creative in their fundraising for the Foundation and conducted a Penny War. They collected and rolled \$3,000 in pennies, with the balance of their \$4,000 donation being checks and other donations of money. Central High School students gave \$17,500 raised in their annual Volleyball Marathon to the Foundation.
Greg Kroutzer, chairperson of the Foundation, thanked the entire school community for its tireless efforts to support the event.

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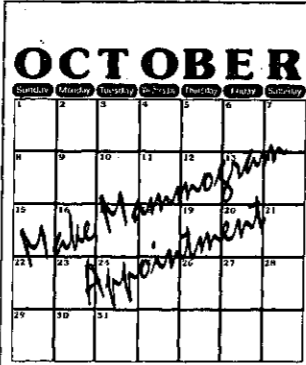
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3. Have a baseline mammogram by age 40. (A mammogram is a low dose x-ray that can find cancer too small to be found by hand.)

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**Age 50 and over:**

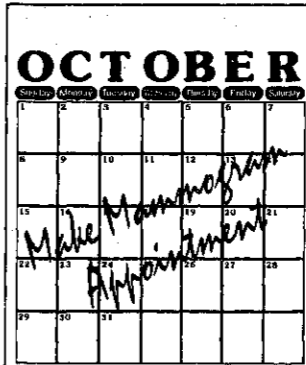
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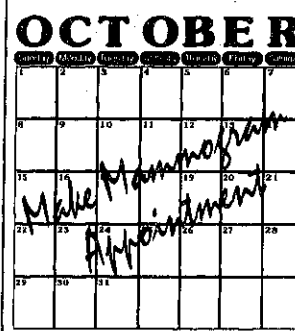
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## The eyes have it at Village Oaks

By Ramez Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

Ever feel like someone is watching you? You would if you were at Village Oaks Elementary School on Oct. 17. That was the day that Optometrist, Dr. Tim Kirk and his colleague Dr. Amy Adams Crissman came visiting to demonstrate the dissection of a sheep's eye.

Kirk, whose private practice is located at the intersection of Novi Roads and Nine Mile, said Crissman will be doing the lion share of school visits from now on.

"She has expressed an interest in making that a part of the community she wants to get involved in," Kirk said. "This will be a transition for her to take over that aspect and it will be real nice for me to have help with that. She will be a nice addition to the community and practice as well."

"We have been involved with the partnerships in education program since 1994 in Novi," Kirk said. "We visit all the second grades each year in most of the buildings, depending on most of the teachers' schedules.

Between Northville and Novi, we have probably talked in at least 5,000 second graders in the last eight years. It's something I really enjoy."

Kirk first talked to the second graders about how an eye works, showing slides of all the parts that make up an eye, such as the cornea, iris, pupil, lens, retina and the optic nerve, just to name some. He then showed some optical illusions and explained how they work as well.

"There were some students who understandably didn't want to participate, but on the whole, the presentation was a success. Students Rohan Jaswal, Lucas Widner, Ally Krick, Matthew Hawkins and Jon Thompson all enjoyed it and learned a lot."

"In learning about how, when you look at the sun, your pupil gets smaller and when you're in darkness your pupils get bigger," Krick said. "Some of the eyes are really gross and some of them are really cool and interesting."

The rest of the students were unanimous in saying that the eyes were, "really cool."

After a question-and-answer session with the students, Kirk

dissected a sheep's eye for all to see. The students then broke up into groups of five and six and each group received its own sheep eye to dissect. Students observed as volunteer parents used scalpels to dissect the eyes.

"We did about a half hour presentation to the kids on eye anatomy, more importantly covering eye safety and talking about eye care from their eye exam," Kirk said. "We just hope to educate them and just to tie it in with their second grade science unit on the eye. We first did the dissection for the children, then parent helpers who were in helped dissect them in smaller groups. I hope that the students take away the importance of eye safety and also just taking care of their eyes health wise is very important. Also that they are not afraid of an eye exam."

With that, hopefully, they get some excitement about science and obviously get intrigued with the dissection as well.

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Village Oaks student Rohan Jaswal watches Dr. Tim Kirk dissect a sheep's eye during last Thursday morning's class activities on vision.

## Channel 10 drives madness away

Families in Action, the parent/family sector of the Call to Action Coalition, with the assistance of North Farmington's TV-10, have produced a program called Middle School Madness. This one-hour show is designed especially for parents of middle-schoolers to better prepare them for those tumultuous pre-teen years. It offers tips and awareness information that can help parents cope.

The program airs throughout October on Channel 10 at the following times: Fri., October 25 at 12 noon and 4 p.m.; Sat., October 26 at 12 noon and 7 p.m.; Sun., October 27 at 6 p.m.; Mon., October 28 at 8 p.m.; Tues., October 29 at 5:30 p.m.; and Wed., October 30 at 5 p.m.

The numbers speak for themselves. Voter turnout for Presidential elections is between 35-40 percent while local elections average less than 25 percent.

That means the majority of people have relinquished their right to decide who will govern their quality of life. But why?

The voting process itself is simple. So, maybe it's the homework. It takes time to study the candidates to make an informed choice. And time, for most people today, is at a premium. It's just easier to succumb to "I don't vote because I don't know the candidates".

There is a better way to become better informed: watch local Access TV and select from a number of election-related programs - programs that will help you know the candidates and the issues.

Candidates Forum, which spotlights many of the candidates running in this fall's election, is being broadcast daily on INFO TV-12: Mon. at 7 p.m.; Tue. 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.; Wed. 8 a.m.; Thurs. 11 p.m.; Fri. 10 a.m.; Sat. 1 p.m.; and Sun. at 3 p.m. Or you can watch it on Novi's TV-3 every Mon. and Wed. at 2 p.m.; Tue. and Thurs. 10 p.m. and Friday's at

6:20 p.m. until Election Day. This program gives you the opportunity to see and hear from the candidates first-hand including those from the lesser-known third parties.

If you still need help in terms of the voting process itself, watch How to Vote and How to Judge a Candidate.

These programs may not be the ideal way to size up a candidate, but it's a good start. Listen carefully to what they say or don't say. As Americans we must take an active role in deciding who will run our lives and our country, now more than ever. Remember, you get what you vote for - or don't vote for!

The next Cable Access Committee meeting is Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 7:00 pm at SWOCC. The next SWOCC meeting is Wednesday, Jan. 29 at 4:30 pm at Farmington City Hall. The Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission serves Novi, Farmington and Farmington Hills.

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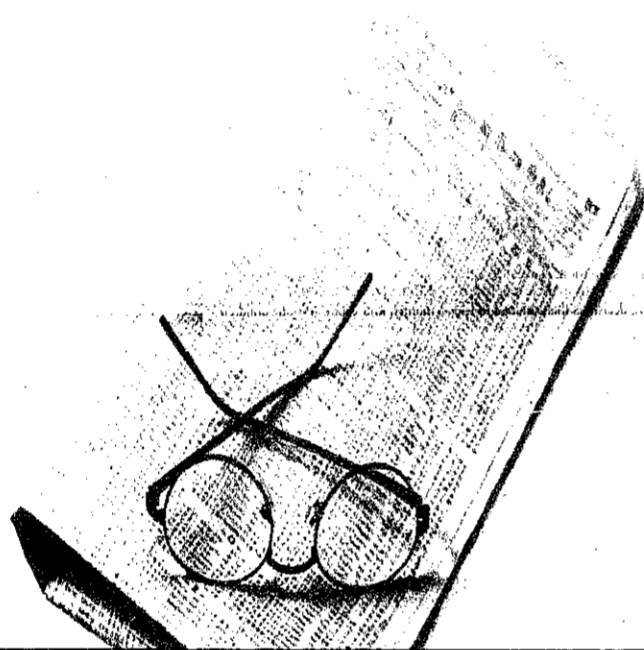
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## Pope-Starnes, Bondy make their cases for 52-1 District Court seat

The following are excerpted responses to questions asked of 52-1 Judge candidates Robert Bondy and Sara Pope-Starnes.

**Please describe your current job and recent professional experience.**

**Bondy:** I am currently involved in the private practice of law, handling a variety of cases, criminal, real estate, general civil litigation and landlord/tenant work. My practice is what I would call a small town practice primarily focused on helping individuals solve legal problems in their lives.

I have been a practicing attorney since May of 1985. Since that time, I have handled, from start to finish, over 4,500 files at my office. This is in excess of 264 new files every year. In the early part of my career many of these files were handled through court appointments or by way of my being a public defender. I gained much of my experience in the criminal law area in my first five years in the practice of law doing public defender work for Oakland County.

For several years during the mid-1980's I was in the top five for the number of criminal cases I handled, from start to finish, out of Oakland County and I handled a lot of public defender work for the 52-1 District Court.

I have performed numerous jury and bench trials in other district courts, including the following: 14A, 21st, 34th, 43rd, 46th, 47th, 48th, 52-2, 52-3, 52-4 district courts.

I have tried countless bench trials... I have also done trials before the administrative boards for the Builders Licensing Board for individual defendants, which are trials held before an administrative law judge. I have done countless drivers license restoration trials before the Secretary of State. I have been involved in protracted litigation in the United States Bankruptcy Court and in the United States Federal Court and served as a facilitator and arbitrator.

I have also been involved in many protracted civil litigation cases. There is a big difference between civil and criminal cases. In a criminal case, your discovery, i.e., taking of testimony, etc., is done in the courtroom. There is a lot of experience, which I have gained from being involved in this type of activity. I have been in many complex civil litigation cases over the years.



Sara Pope-Starnes

**Starnes:** I have served the citizens of Oakland County as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for more than 13 years. I have tried misdemeanor bench and jury trials in the District Courts and felonies and civil cases in the Oakland County Circuit Court. From May of 1989 until December of 1990, I was assigned as an Assistant Prosecutor to the Pontiac, Walled Lake/Novi, Waterford and Farmington District courts.

During my assignment to the 50th, 51st and subsequently the 47th District Courts, I was the individual primarily responsible for the state law criminal docket. This included conducting all preliminary examinations, formal hearings, motions and misdemeanor trials.

From December of 1990 until March of 1992 I was assigned to the 6th Circuit Court of Oakland County. I was responsible for the criminal dockets of the Honorable Robert C. Anderson, the Honorable David F. Breck and the Honorable Alice Gilbert. During my assignment with each judge I was the individual primarily responsible for the arraignments, pre-trials, motions, felony trials, sentencing and violation of probation hearings.

Since March of 1992 I have been assigned to the Warrants Division of the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office. Since that time I have handled more than 100 civil cases, including drug, umbrella, and gambling forfeitures, as well as Consumer Protection Actions and Compatibility of Office actions in the Oakland County Circuit Court. I have been responsible for these civil cases from the complaint through trial stages.

As an Assistant Prosecutor in the Warrants Division, I am called upon on a daily basis to make tough decisions, decisions that can lead to life incarceration without the possibility of parole. My duties with the

Warrants Division also include the drafting of criminal complaints, search warrants, investigative subpoenas and appearing at arraignments on serious felonies such as homicides, criminal sexual assault and major fraud cases on behalf of the Prosecutor.

**How many days per week does your current job require you to work at 52-1? And in what specific capacity?**

**Starnes:** In my current assignment with the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office, I do not work at the 52-1 District Court. When called upon by the Prosecutor to appear at arraignments on serious crimes or on complaints for Investigative Subpoenas, I appear in the District of Circuit Court that has jurisdiction over that matter.

**Bondy:** I generally appear at the 52-1 District Court one or two days per week on court hearings. This may involve arraignments, pre-trials or trials of cases. Some weeks I appear more and some weeks I appear less.

**During your career, how many cases have you tried within 52-1?**

**Bondy:** Since my office has always been within the jurisdiction of the 52-1 District Court, most of the work I did was at that court and I have tried more cases there than at any other court. I believe my previous response to the newspaper of having done at least 25 jury trials and over 100 bench trials is probably on the conservative side.

**Starnes:** I have not conducted any trials in the 52-1 District Court. When I was assigned there in 1989, I was the backup prosecutor and I conducted pre-trials, preliminary examinations and ticket cases.

**What are your primary strengths as a 52-1 candidate?**

**Starnes:** My experience as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney makes me uniquely qualified to serve as a Judge of the 52-1 District Court. As an Assistant Prosecutor, I have worked for more than 13 years to protect the victims of crime. I have seen first hand the devastating effects that crime has on our community, and especially our children and our senior citizens. As an Assistant Prosecutor, I've been

responsible for managing criminal dockets in District and Circuit courts. I'm the working mother of two busy children, so I am organized and hardworking. I can get the job done to move cases in an efficient manner, while ensuring the fair administration of justice.

I have the experience making the tough decisions. As an Assistant Prosecutor in the Warrant's Division, I make the tough decisions every day as to whether individuals should be charged with crimes—sometimes crimes that could lead to a life of incarceration without the possibility of parole. It is my ethical responsibility as an Assistant Prosecutor to protect the rights of the victims, prosecute the guilty and preserve the freedom of the innocent.

My strength also comes from my life experiences. Following the death of my husband, Tim Pope, in 1995, I found myself a young widow and the single mother of a 16 month old and a three year old. Through that tragedy I saw first-hand the generosity and compassion of my community and I worked hard in the planning and construction of the Tim Pope Memorial Playstructure to try to give something back to my community. From those experiences, I have a greater



Robert Bondy

understanding of the struggles and realities of life that people encounter and a greater compassion for my fellow man.

**Bondy:** I am the only candidate in this race with true experience doing both actual criminal and civil cases in and out of the courtroom. I have been involved in protracted civil litigation and I have done an extensive amount of criminal work. I am also the only candidate to be involved in the private practice of law handling a wide range of cases, and helping individuals solve their problems.

As all attorneys know, it is imper-

ative that a judge have experience in all areas of the law as well as the practical experience of having dealt with clients.

I have been involved in local government as a Planning Commission Member, Brownfield Redevelopment Board Member and other activities on behalf of local government. I have been rated outstanding by the Oakland County Bar Association which is reflective of what my peers think of my legal abilities.

I have helped people solve their problems for 17-and-a-half years. This is what judges do, solve problems. I have also been involved with the court in numerous programs and I have an intimate working knowledge of how the 52-1 District Court works, having been involved with small claims mediation, Town Hall Meeting program, Day of Court in School program and Sobriety Court.

**How many cases have you tried within the past three years?**

**Starnes:** I have not conducted any trials in the last three years. I have been assigned to the Warrants

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## 11th Congressional District

Voters in the new 11th Congressional District have a choice between two qualified, intelligent and well-informed candidates with deep roots in the community.

The new district stretches from Belleville in Wayne County to White Lake Township in Oakland County.

Republican candidate state Sen. Thaddeus McCotter, 37, of Livonia and Democrat Kevin Kelley, 44, supervisor of Redford Township, are both graduates of Catholic Central High School, both are from politically active families and both are former Wayne County commissioners.

But they differ significantly in their view of government. The erudite McCotter proudly calls himself a conservative. He makes a strong case for civil liberties and voices deep concerns about balancing liberty and security. He is a strong advocate of the right to bear arms. He supports making last year's tax cuts permanent because, he says, people are better off keeping their own money. But he acknowledges that many government programs are necessary and popular and he sup-

ports a larger military. Kelley is an outgoing, action-oriented public official. He aligns himself with centrist Democrats and says he will be a "deficit hawk" as a congressman. As a public official he has had to make the tough decisions that recent economic conditions demand.

But he fully understands the importance of government. As Redford Township supervisor he has been a leader in redevelopment. He's worked to improve sidewalks, pave streets and provide low-interest loans for home repairs in the aging inner circle suburb.

Kelley supports a federal prescription drug program for the elderly, more government spending on education and federal support for infrastructure programs. At the same time, Kelley wants about a government that spends money it doesn't have and a return to the record deficits of the 1980s. He supports slowing down implementation of the Bush tax cuts in light of the weakest economy and an impending military action.

Both Kelley and McCotter support the president on Iraq. But while Kelley voices concerns about a "first strike" policy and



Kevin Kelley

unilateral action, McCotter says the United States has a right to act unilaterally to "save American lives and interests."

The debate has been interesting, but we believe that Kelley has a better understanding of the role of government and the needs of the 11th District. Kelley also has shown his ability to work with all factions and get the job done. We believe his combination of support for necessary government programs, fiscal responsibility and his experience dealing with the needs of his community make him the better choice.

The Novi News recommends Democrat KEVIN KELLEY for U.S. Congress.

## Attorney General

In the race for attorney general, state Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Hills, brings a distinguished record of public service and a keen understanding of the role and influence of the attorney general's office. These qualities merit Gary Peters our endorsement for attorney general on Nov. 5.

The Michigan attorney general's primary role is the state's lawyer. The attorney general serves as legal counsel for the state's various departments and agencies and provides legal representation for legislators, the governor and judges. The attorney general also provides legal opinions on Michigan law and local officials. The attorney general also is the chief law enforcement officer of the state with supervision of all prosecuting attorneys.

It is this last duty on which Republican Mike Cox of Livonia has based his campaign. The assistant Wayne County prosecutor understands the attorney general's position as a super prosecutor and argues that his experience in Wayne County as chief of the homicide unit makes him the better choice. As a prosecutor and head of his division he has received praise from his Democratic boss Mike Duggan. He wants to beef up the attorney general's role in aiding county prosecutors. He is also passionate about pursuing parents who don't pay child sup-

port. He has some interesting ideas for reorganizing and streamlining the attorney general's office. We respect his accomplishments and ideas but, we believe, Cox, 40, has far too narrowly defined the attorney general's role.

During his eight years in the Senate, Peters, 43, has been a widely respected legislator. He has taken leadership positions on issues involving criminal justice, the environment and consumer affairs. He has served on the judiciary, finance, education and natural resources committees.

Peters argues persuasively that he has a better understanding of the legislation he will be asked to interpret in his primary obligation as attorney general. He argues that he has a broader understanding of state government.

But Peters also recognizes the role of attorney general as a great "bully pulpit." Under longtime Attorney General Frank Kelley and gubernatorial candidate Jennifer Granholm, consumer protection has been the most public function of the attorney general's office. Cox is more interested in pursuing "street crime" and argues that most of the consumer protection actions are for show.

Peters understands that this is an area where the attorney general's public actions serve as both enforcement and deterrent to dishonest businesses. The Democrat has broader experience, a passion for consumer protection and a better understanding of the role of attorney general.

The Novi News recommends GARY PETERS for attorney general on Tuesday, Nov. 5.

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## Secretary of State

The race for Secretary of State pits a Democrat who wears a deep passion for the election process on his sleeve against a Republican with a long resume of administrative experience.

In the end, Terry Lynn Land's tenure as Kent County clerk and former clerk experience in the Kent County Circuit Court is overshadowed by Melvin Butch Hollowell's vision for how the Secretary of State must better serve Michigan residents and his deep and varied background in election law.

For these reasons Melvin Butch Hollowell, a Democrat from Detroit, receives our endorsement for Secretary of State. Hollowell, a graduate of Albion College and the University of Virginia School of Law, is a nationally recognized election specialist and shareholder with the law firm of Butzel Long.

He gained national attention and invaluable experience in running elections when he served as counsel to then Vice President Al Gore during the Florida recount in

the 2000 presidential election. Hollowell also serves as general counsel of the Democratic National Committee's Voting Rights Institute in Michigan.

Hollowell no doubt has an impressive resume, but it is his passion for the election process and vision for the office he is seeking that sets him apart from his opponent.

Hollowell lists increasing customer service at the more than 170 branch offices, eliminating punch card ballots and adopting a comprehensive election education program as top priorities.

In addition, he says the office must do more to deal with the problem of auto repair fraud, saying the office has not met its responsibility of regulating car repair facilities.



Melvin Butch Hollowell

Hollowell has detailed plans on how to meet each goal. He said he would push for the federal government to cover the estimated \$30 million cost of replacing punch-card voting booths with optical scanners, would reorganize branch offices to include a

greater and have dedicated lines for different services and boost staff training to increase branch efficiency and would push to ensure that all state high school students learn how to register and cast a ballot as part of civics class.

Hollowell understands the importance the department has on the lives of Michigan residents, pointing out that more people have regular contact with the Secretary of State than any other state department.

The Novi News recommends Melvin Butch Hollowell for Secretary of State on Nov. 5.

## U.S. Senator

After Sept. 11, when Americans were still reeling from the attack on the World Trade Center, the country received a second shock. President Bush announced that terrorists had been using our financial systems, our securities firms and banking structure, against us.

Using "correspondent banks," offshore and shell banks, terrorists had been raising money here, laundering it and using it to fund operations against us.

If citizens were amazed — and they should have been — at how quickly the feds were able to cut off the flow of funds to al-Qaida, it was largely the work of U.S. Sen. Carl Levin. At the time, the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, which Levin chairs, had just completed its second major study of how criminals, including terrorists, launder money.

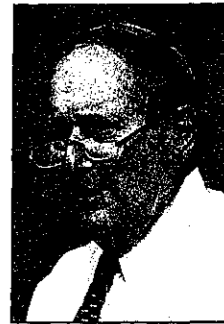
So Levin was the principal architect of the legislation that became a cornerstone in Bush's anti-terrorism package. It was one of the first and most effective strikes at Osama bin Laden's elusive network.

November to select their officials for the next few years, they simply cannot afford to lose U.S. Sen. CARL LEVIN.

Washington is a strange place. Of course, voters want to select candidates who espouse the right views and will represent them there. Once inside "the beltway," lawmakers quickly learn that having a particular viewpoint doesn't count for much unless they can work their way into a position where their opinions can have some impact.

Levin has been doing that — quite effectively — since 1978. He now wields influence on many of the nation's most critical issues. Today he also chairs the Armed Services Committee, where he has a very direct say in the conduct of the war against terrorism. He is on the Intelligence Committee, and was among those who led the review of intelligence failures leading up to Sept. 11.

Simply put, he has become one of the most distinguished senators in the country.



Carl Levin

He serves on the Small Business Committee, recognizing that better than 98 percent of all firms fall into that category. He's on the Great Lakes Task Force, protecting waterways. He's on the Smart Growth Task Force, addressing sprawl.

It would be impossible to list here all the accomplishments of this Harvard Law School graduate and former member of the Detroit City Council. But in four terms in the Senate, he's carried the Michigan view to Capitol Hill and brought home funding for an array of federal projects here in the state.

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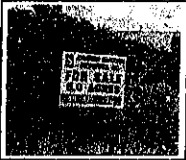
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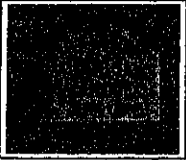


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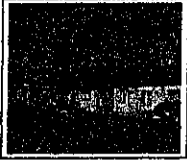
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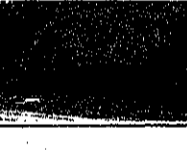
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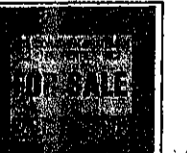
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# State Champion Wildcats!

## Tyler and gang calm and collected in one-point victory

By Ramez Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

The Novi Wildcats Golf Team won its first state tournament title in school history on Saturday, October 19 with a score of 320. The team had a score of 296 on Friday and took a 12 shot lead into Saturday at The Emerald golf course in St. Johns.

"Friday's score of 296 was the best score I have ever seen in those conditions by a high school team," Wildcats Coach Brad Huss said. "It was raining, cold and the wind was 10 to 15 miles per hour."

According to Huss, all four of the Novi scores on Friday were in the top 15 individually. Jack Tyler shot a 72 on Friday and a 76 on Saturday. Eric Ayles shot 76 and 83; Brandon Cigna shot 72 and 80; James Faysal shot 76 and 88 and Mark Eberline shot 83 and 80.

"On Saturday I was hoping for good weather, but instead it was worse," Huss said. "The wind was 30 to 35 miles per hour and the greens were extremely fast."

The top four teams in the tournament were paired together on Saturday, so Novi, Ann Arbor Pioneer, Warren DeLaSalle and Portage Northern went head to head. Novi shot a 320, which is 80 per man. Ann Arbor Pioneer finished at a 321 and could just watch as Novi became the first county school to win a state golf tournament since Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood in 1999.

"The course was playing very difficult and there were several tough pin placements and three of the tees were moved back," Huss said. "Ann Arbor Pioneer shot 309 and that was impressive for the conditions, but our 320 was still the fifth best team score for the day. All of the kids played well at the end when it really got close and my kids outplayed Pioneer's players on the last five holes."

On the 18th hole, Tyler hit a shot into the wind and over water that stopped four feet

### DIVISION I RESULTS

#### Top 10 Individuals

(First Day-Second Day-Total)

1. Matt Harmon, East Kentwood - 68-78-146
2. Jack Tyler, Novi - 72-77-149
3. Randy Huthison, Traverse City Central - 75-75-150
4. Brandon Cigna, Novi - 72-80-152
4. Tommy Yamaoka, Zeeland - 73-79-152
4. Justin Hull, Royal Oak Kimball - 74-78-152
4. Rick Fox, Warren DeLaSalle - 75-77-152
4. Justin Van Vleck, Ann Arbor Pioneer - 73-79-152
9. Jake Johnson, Ann Arbor Pioneer - 78-75-153
9. Jeff Carlson, Holland West Ottawa - 75-78-153

#### Final Team Standings

(First Day-Second Day-Total)

1. Novi - 296 - 320 - 616
2. Ann Arbor Pioneer - 308 - 309 - 617
3. Traverse City Central - 317 - 315 - 632
4. Warren DeLaSalle - 311 - 322 - 633
4. Grosse Pointe South - 315 - 318 - 633
4. Muskegon Mona Shores - 317 - 316 - 633
7. Detroit Catholic Central - 314 - 322 - 636
8. Portage Northern - 313 - 327 - 640
9. East Kentwood - 318 - 324 - 642
9. Grand Rapids Hills - 322 - 320 - 642
11. Holland West Ottawa - 320 - 330 - 650
12. Okemos - 317 - 335 - 652

from the pin. Had Novi been even one shot higher, the Wildcats would have lost the tie-breaker. Tyler finished second as an individual and Cigna was fourth. East Kentwood's Mark Harmon won his second straight state title with a 146. Tied for fourth with Cigna was Justin Hull of Royal Oak Kimball.

Heading into the Regional Tournament the week before, Novi was ranked third in the state — now their number one.



Photo by John Heider

Novi High golfer Brett Jaussi lines up a putt at the Links of Novi. The Wildcats led going into the final round on Saturday and managed to pull out the amazing state-championship victory — and who says these guys came out of no where?

"I cannot explain what a thrill it was to watch these kids win the state championship," Huss said. "It takes a

combination of skill, patience, luck and guts that this team possessed. I am incredibly proud of this team. All of the

kids are not only talented, but also very nice. I feel fortunate to be a part of this team."

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## What a season!

### Best-ever for the Wildcats as Frask, Vadula and Switzer make semi-finals

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

Quite the impressive feat, even for these Wildcats.

The Novi Wildcats girls' tennis team completed its best ever season as it competed in the Michigan High School Athletic Association state finals for the first time in four years and finished in eighth place with 11 points behind powerhouses like Port Huron Northern (first, 23 points), Grosse Pointe South (22) and Traverse City Central (20).

"It was a great experience for all of the girls," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "We have a lot returning next year, so this was invaluable to them. For the senior, this is just a great way to end their careers."

Especially for seniors Gabi Frask and Megha Vadula, who play third doubles for the Wildcats. They entered the tournament in the number one seed and fought their way to the state semi-finals where they fell to second-place Northville 6-2, 6-2.

Senior Judy Lai and partner Amanda Cassidy fought their way into the second round where they fell to three seed Traverse City Central 6-2, 6-3.

The biggest surprise of the state tournament could have easily been in the third singles flight. Wildcat Anna Switzer

upset fourth seed Ashley North from Ann Arbor Pioneer before beating fifth seed Stephanie Royer from Grosse Pointe 6-2, 7-6 (5). Switzer finally met her match against eventual champion Jill Setter in the semi-finals 6-0, 6-1.

"Anna played the best tennis of her career," Hanson said. "She didn't hold anything back and really showed the kind of tennis she is capable of playing."

First singles found Ashley Glover taking on the best tennis players in the state and bowing out to a tough Rochester player, Melissa Ng, in the first round, 6-2, 6-2.

Second singles found Lauren Carosio falling in the second round under the onslaught brought by fifth seed Hanrah Levine of Ann Arbor Pioneer, 6-0, 6-2, while fourth singles resulted in Laura Vaughn edging past Zainab Mackie of Dearborn Fordson in the second round 6-1, 7-6 (2) before falling to third seeded Jessica Dillon of Ann Arbor Pioneer 6-1, 6-1.

One doubles found the duo of Colene Brockman and Emily Holt taking a 6-3, 6-2 loss in the second round against Traverse City Central's Ashley Wilson and Alexi Kelly, 6-3, 6-2.

Lauren Thomas and Diana Ticu managed to fight their way to the quarterfinals round after

beating Holland's Amanda Johnson and Meighan McAuliffe, 6-4, 6-2. They eventually fell to champions Nadia Bitar and Kara Zsanowski of Pioneer 6-4, 6-0.

"We have nine of our 12 starters returning next year," Hanson said. "Though we are going to miss our seniors, I think we have a nice base to start with come next season."

Hanson noted that this was the single best season under his guidance for the Novi girls' tennis program.

"We beat Ann Arbor Huron and Farmington Mercy in dual meets and made it to the states," Hanson said. "Our third doubles team and third singles player made it to the semi-finals, which is the best that any Novi player has done in the finals."

And for Hanson, it was all a pleasure to be a part of.

"I had a great time this season and I think the girls did too," he said. "There's no reason to be a player or a coach at the high school level if you aren't going to have fun doing it."

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Photo by John Heider

Novi Wildcat Ashley Glover fore-hands a return to her South Lyon opponent Allana Bridson during a match at Novi High in late September.

# Wildcats secure homecoming victory

Seems like everyone touched the ball in KVC win

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

Novi had an idea that to win their homecoming game they would have to be playing the best ball they were capable of playing — lucky for them, they were up to the challenge.

The Novi Wildcats sparked the Pinckney Pirates 39-0 to claim homecoming victory and to take one more step towards a playoff berth.

"We had some great performances from our offensive line and our defense," Novi coach Tab Kellepourey said. "We knew Pinckney was a dangerous team. For the last two years they've beat us when we thought we had the advantage, so we definitely weren't going into this game overconfident."

The confidence rose for the Wildcats as their score drifted.

The game opened up with what appeared to be a Pinckney advantage. After the Pirates received the opening kickoff, they proceeded to pound out 66 yards on a single play from scrimmage — but it was a short field victory that soon found them kicking the ball away.

The first score came just minutes later after Chase Chandler took the ball around the left end



Now that's gotta sting! Novi's Trenton Sisson, above, and Rob Carter team up to send a Pinckney Pirate flying during last Saturday's home game.

on an option and broke through the line to scamper 67 yards to set up his own eight-yard run for a score just a few plays later. Two

minutes later, Chandler found the endzone again, taking a 13-0 lead for Novi as he crossed the line untouched from two yards away.

"Chase had a real nice game," Kellepourey said. "He's a good athlete with tremendous ability. We know that we can give him the ball if we need something done with it."

But Chandler wasn't the only player who could do things with the ball. Senior defensive back Kerry Kretzberg picked up a fumble from Pinckney quarterback Christ Prater and sprinted 25 yards for the score to put the Wildcats up 19-0 at the end of the first quarter.

Junior Mike Hart, the running quarterback on the team, then looked up with Chandler on a quick 30-yard scoring strike with

9:17 remaining in the first half, giving Novi a 26 point advantage.

"We came out and executed our plays pretty well throughout the game," Chandler told the Livingston County Daily Press and Argus. "We were all sharp and everything worked out for us. It was just a great effort."

"Everybody was pumped for this game. Everyone was pumped for homecoming."

Evan Rodriguez found the endzone as well as Hart connected with him on a 27-yard scoring strike with eight seconds remaining in the second quarter to put the 'Cats up 33-0 heading into the locker room.

The final score of the day came in the third quarter with 54 seconds left on the clock as sophomore Jarrell Woods cut around the left

end, dodged two tackles and broke another, before powering along the sideline for a 49-yard jaunt.

"We watched him do that a lot as a freshman," Kellepourey said with a smile. "We are hoping to see him do it a lot more in the next couple of seasons."

The 'Cats, who travel to Northville for their annual rival match-up tomorrow at 7:30 p.m., were led by Chandler on the ground as he took the ball 72 yards on eight carries. Jarrell Woods hauled the ball four times for 59 yards while brother J.W. Woods took it seven times for 36. Bruiser Josh Buck managed 22 yards on five hauls. Dan Pasquerelli also carried the ball, notching nine yards on four attempts.

In the air, the Wildcats followed Hart, who went 7-for-11 for 83

yards with Chandler pulling in two for 43. Rodriguez, catching one for 27 and Darren Gullyf snagging a single pass for 25. Kretzberg also caught a pass for two yards as did Joey Fratto.

The victory assured the Wildcats a second-place tie in the Kensington Valley Conference standings with their 4-2 record. The Novi gridgers were even with the South Lyon Lions and the Harland Eagles for second place while the Milford Mavericks took home the championship with their only loss coming against Novi.

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# CC boys take second in KVC finals

## Milford runners take top slot

By Stephen Bell  
SPORTS WRITER

When Brighton's Kevin Gienapp got winded by the lake, who was left for Dan DeRusha to race? Tom Greenless, for one. The Milford junior beat the Milford alumnus' Kensington course school record on Monday, winning the KVC championship for himself and the team in the process. DeRusha finished in 16 minutes 1 second, 17 seconds ahead of Gienapp and five seconds faster than Greenless did in 1999.

"Dan is looking in top form," Milford coach Brian Salyers said. "When you put the name Greenless behind you, you're doing something right." DeRusha was one of six all-league runners for Milford, which finished the meet with 42 points, 10 ahead of Novi. That performance, combined with its 7-0 dual meet record, gave Milford its second-straight KVC championship. Lakeland, with top five finishers Adam Craig

and Chris Welch, was third with 84 points. Just as in their dual meet, Novi gave Milford something to think about.

"We were less impressive than we were at Oakland County," Salyers said. "I don't think we were mentally prepared. But that's not to take anything away from Novi. Their performance just solidifies what I'd thought, that they're the best team we've seen on Michigan soil. They're battle-tested and ready to go for a couple more."

The Wildcats had five All-KVC runners, with Mark Moore fourth and Brian Gilchrist sixth. Both were beaten by Lakeland runners, however, as Craig finished comfortably ahead of Moore, finishing in 16:32, and DeRusha won Gilchrist on the straightaway to finish in 16:36.

After DeRusha, scoring for Milford were Chad Murray in eighth place (16:50), Mike Anderson in ninth (16:53), Pat Miller in 11th (17:00) and Dana Piccock in 13th (17:03). Seth Thibodeau made second-team

all-conference, 15th in 17:06, and Kyle Harris came in 23rd (17:31). For Lakeland, Craig and Welch got some help as sophomores Steve Leonard (19th, 17:23) and Mitch Weiner (22nd, 17:23) both finished in the top half of the field. Jason Sussowski was 35th (18:00), Brad Craig 39th (18:13) and Dan Welch 53rd (18:52).

In the final league standings Lakeland tied with Brighton for third place. The Eagles were 4-3 in dual meets, the Bulldogs were 5-2.

"I was happy with our finish," Lakeland coach Randy Wilkins said. "Our goal was to get past Brighton, and we did that. Now we've gotta do it once more."

The entire KVC, and special guests, will run in the Holly regional on Saturday.

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# Girls have tough time

By Stephen Bell  
SPORTS WRITER

Brighton's girls' cross country team had too much posse, claiming seven of the first 10 spots at Monday's KVC meet, an exclamation point to its undefeated dual meet season. Brighton scored 24 points, 19 ahead of Milford. Harland was third with 100 points.

Milford made it interesting, as Lisa Canty and Kristin Granthel led after the race's first mile. Brighton's Susie Rivard later took the lead before Canty leaped her at the end, winning by two-tenths of a second with a time of 19 minutes 31.5 seconds.

"Susie's always been on the edge of getting there," Brighton coach Gary Meehan said. "She made her move a little early, but I'm real pleased. She raced an all-star right down to the end."

Granthel was third in 19:46 and

could just momentarily stave off the sea of orange, as Rachel Bunnam (19:52) was the first of the Brighton runners which took six of the next seven spots.

Milford had three others run at an all-league pace. Tiffany Kaul came in 11th (17:18), Mallory Farum 12th (17:18) and Megan Jambek 16th (18:41). The two other varsity runners were Katie Kramer (20th, 21:24) and Shannon DeRusha (27th, 21:44).

"This was the first time we've had over fifth runner at that level," Milford coach Brian Salyers said. "Megan went out and lunged on for 16th. This was as much as we could ask for. It exceeded my expectations."

With its second-place finish and 6-1 dual meet record Milford finishes second in the KVC, found Nina Schmitt making the All-Conference cut with her 15th-place finish in 20:39.

Jocrin, who made second-team all-conference with a 14th-place time of 18:26. Kate Maxwell was 30th (22:05), Allison Burkholder 36th (22:23), Krista Crots 44th (23:46), Mehan Matson 47th (24:23) and Anne Oltsevig 48th (24:37) and Mandi Ken 52nd (25:56) for the Eagles.

With her victory, Canty became the third Milford runner to be the KVC's individual champion. Kramer did it twice, in 1999 and 2000, and Shawn Kemp was first in 1997.

Novi, which was fourth in the meet and third in the KVC, found Nina Schmitt making the All-Conference cut with her 15th-place finish in 20:39.

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Novi's QB Chase Chandler, left, is congratulated on a rushing touchdown by teammate Evan Rodriguez during last Saturday's big win over Pinckney.



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# Soccer falls to top dog

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

The Novi Wildcats soccer team saw their season come to a tumbling end as they took on and lost to the number one team in Michigan — Livonia Stevenson.

The 'Cats, who lost the contest 2-0, were pretty much equal with the Spartans throughout much of the game.

"We had six great scoring chances, and they had six," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said. "But like all great teams, they converted on theirs and we didn't."

The Wildcats went into the game planning on using their strengths to keep the game close — including the long free kicks of stellar player Brad Simpson as well as B.J. Humphrey's long throw-ins.

Stevenson scored their first goal of the night on a throw in of their own.

"They threw a low line drive to the middle of the goal," O'Leary said. "My goalie, Sean McClinchey, and the Stevenson player got to the ball at the same time and it somehow slipped into our goal."

The Wildcats, though trailing 1-0 at the half, were happy with



Photo by John Heider

Novi's Matt Urlick shoots and scores the first of his three goals against Milford last week.

their performance. "Stevenson only had two good chances to score (in the half) where we had four, all coming from either Brad's free kicks or B.J.'s throw ins," O'Leary said. "Our game plan worked beautifully."

In the second half, the 'Cats planned to do the same and it almost came through for them. With eight minutes remaining, they had a free kick that made it past the Stevenson goalie off the

head of Humphrey but a Spartan player cleared the ball off the goal line. Stevenson finalized the game when they scored with a minute left to go up 2-0.

"Brent Colas and Mike Allie did a great job on defense marking Stevenson's two all-state forwards," O'Leary said.

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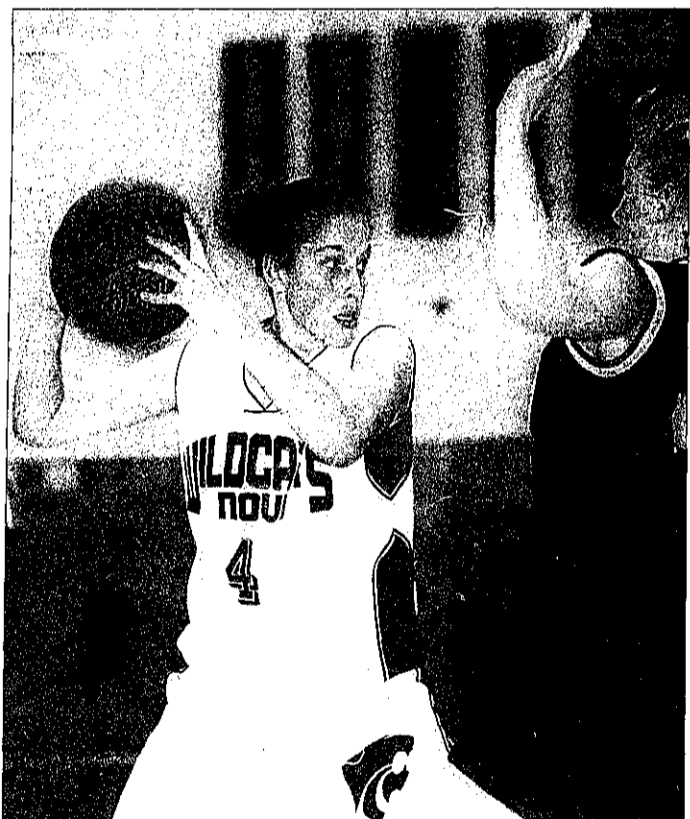


Photo by John Heider

Novi's Jessica Haggerty goes up against Pinckney's Courtney White during last Tuesday night's home game.

# 'Cats experience ups, downs

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

The Novi Wildcats girls' basketball team must have felt as though it were on a rollercoaster last week as they felt the highs and lows of victory and loss.

The 'Cats, led by Dennis Cichowski, managed to earn a 56-53 Kensington Valley Conference victory over Howell October 18 after losing to Kensington Valley Conference rival Pinckney 49-47 just two days prior.

The Wildcats followed the lead of senior post player Laura Longo

in their victory over the Howell Highlanders as she poured in 11 points to lead the Novi cagers to their seventh victory of the season, pulling the squad's record to 7-6 overall and 4-4 in the Kensington Valley Conference.

Against Pinckney, the Wildcats weren't able to hold on for the win as the Pirates, who were leading 30-22 at the half, let the Novi girls back into the game. Novi scored 25 points in the second half compared to Pinckney's 19, but the Pirates were still able to sneak away with the victory.

The 'Cats will return to action when they take on Brighton on the Bulldogs home court tonight at 7 p.m. in a Kensington Valley Conference match-up before hosting South Lyon at home October 29 at 7 p.m.

The Wildcats cagers will also visit Harland November 5 at 7 p.m. Both South Lyon and Harland are conference games.

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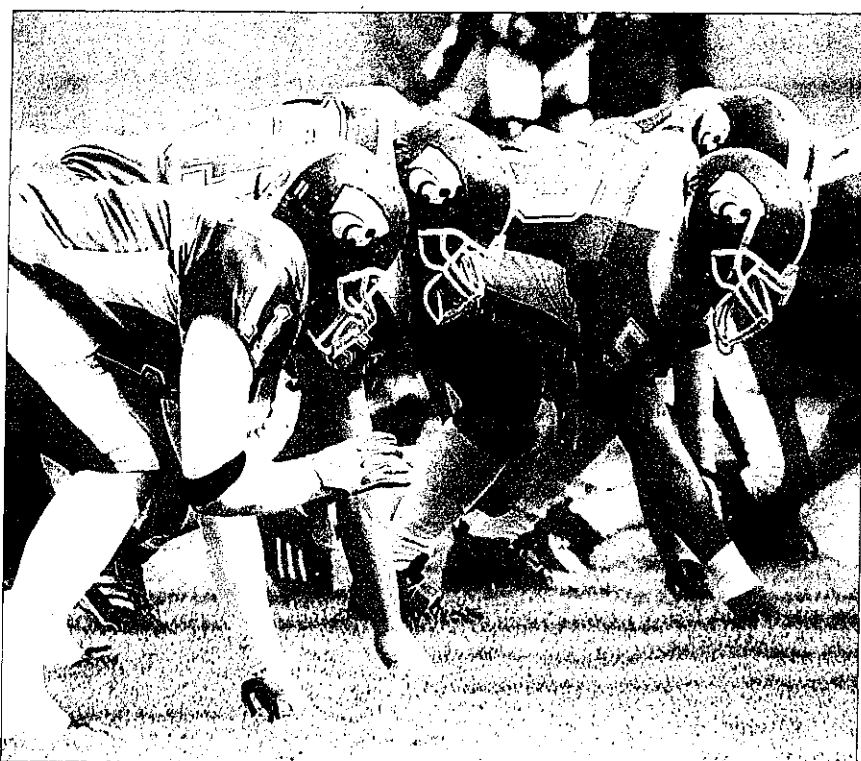
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# Baseline Road will be feeling the energy tomorrow night!

Novi can taste the playoffs, but the Northville Mustangs want to make the Wildcats watch them from home this year



The Novi Wildcats will have to depend on their tenacious defense to keep the Northville Mustangs out of the endzone tomorrow in their annual match-up. This year, it could be all or nothing for the Wildcats.

## Wildcats know they can't look past 'Stangs

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

For the Novi Wildcats and their coaching staff, there is more to football than just winning and losing — you have to do both with class and sportsmanship.

The 'Cats have good teachers in this aspect, with the likes of head coach Tab Kelleppoury strutting the sidelines.

Kelleppoury has been a constant factor for this Wildcat program for three years, very rarely raising his voice and always seeming to have a soothing word in rough times. He has taught his kids well, and knows that football is made up of many factors.

"We have a lot of talented young men on this team," he said of his football program. "We are well aware that Northville is going to want to beat us, but we want to win too. We have a lot of respect for that team, and a lot of respect for what they are capable of doing."

The Wildcats will be bringing a lot of weapons to the game, knowing full well that they are going to have to use a lot of them if they hope to earn a victory over their cross-town rivals.

"We had a chance to see Northville play



Tab Kelleppoury

and see what they are capable of doing," Kelleppoury said. "Their defense can be very tough at times, and they aren't afraid to gamble if they have to. We are expecting the toughest game on our schedule at this point."

But Kelleppoury also noted that he has plenty of confidence in his own squad of football players — a squad that will be looking to earn their second-straight victory over Northville.

"I am confident in this team," Kelleppoury said. "I am confident that we are going to have a lot of class when we play Northville. These kids know what it takes to win, and I think they are going to go out there and try to do it."

Kelleppoury has seen the ups and downs of the Baseline rivalry with a victory coming last year and a loss coming in the late

moments the year before that. But, that was the past and this is the present.

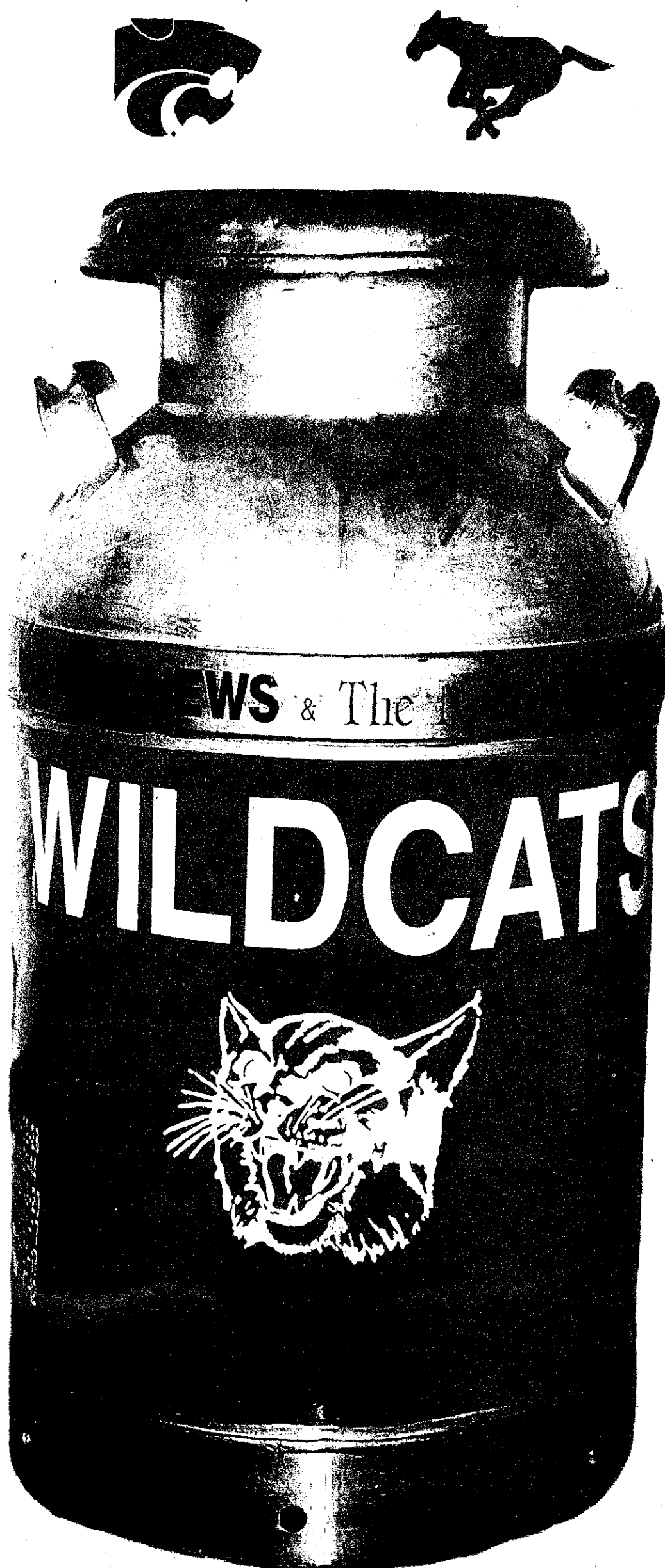
"This is the playoffs for us," Kelleppoury said. "Northville is going to be tough to beat, no matter what their record is at this point. I know we are going to have to play some good football and limit our mistakes if we want to win."

And with their weapons, it may just be possible. Quarterbacks Chase Chandler and Mike Hart have had plenty of experience under center this season, and Josh Buck being a fairly new addition to the backfield has helped give the Wildcats a powerful full-back presence.

In the spread formation, receivers Evan Rodriguez and Darren Guffey will be looking to pull down the ball while the O-line is hoping to have a good day against a tough Northville defensive front.

"It's a tough game every time these two teams play," Kelleppoury said. "I wouldn't expect this year to be any different."

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Mustang QB Mark Sorensen gets set to approach his offensive linemen and snap the ball in a game against Westland John Glen. The Mustangs will have to rely on their high-powered offense and wide variety of plays if they hope to get in the endzone against Novi.

## This is going to be Northville's bowl game

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

The Northville Mustangs don't have a clue what their regular season record was — nor do they care to look it up.

Instead, they have decided to start their season fresh, with one last game that is their version of a bowl game or the state championship — it's their game against Novi.

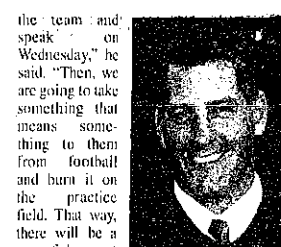
"I told the kids that the records are out the window," Northville coach Clint Alexander said. "We're 0-0 right now and we're looking to be 1-0."

Alexander said that even though his squad is going to be pumped for the contest, the Novi gridders are not going to be any sort of pushovers.

"They have a lot to play for with the playoffs and all," he said. "That's not even mentioning the rivalry. We're expecting them to come strong, but we're going to be coming strong too."

With it being the final game of the season for Northville and the last game for the seniors, Alexander has something special planned.

"Each senior is going to stand in front of



Clint Alexander

the team and speak on Wednesday," he said. "Then, we are going to take something that means something to them from football and burn it on the practice field. That way, there will be a part of them out there forever."

And this year, the Northville Mustangs are going to be taking on the Wildcats with a full bill of health.

"By God, we are healthy," Alexander said. "I think that's the benefit of Steve Mandreger. He's helped make us strong enough to not be all beat up at this point in the year. We're pretty much 99-point-nine percent healthy."

There are going to be a few things the Mustangs are looking for off the Novi offensive attack — their backfield.

"They have a real strong fullback that's also a middle linebacker (Josh) Buck," Alexander said. "Obviously, (Chase) Chandler is a great athlete."

But they will have to play Novi's desire as well.

"I think our biggest thing is to fight through their desire to get to the playoffs," Alexander noted.

And does he think his Mustangs have the moxy to do it?

"I don't think we've played our best game yet," he said. "I think we've played everyone, with the exception of Canton, and were right there. If we put together our best game of the season, we can beat this team."

And that means four quarters of solid football for the Northville squad.

"I don't know that we've done that yet except against Walled Lake Central," Alexander said. "If we put together a four-quarter game, then I think we're as good as anybody."

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## Hart could end up being key

The Novi Wildcats are on the playoff bubble heading into the final game of the regular scheduled season and they don't have a pretty sight looming on the horizon for tomorrow night's game — the Northville Mustangs.

The 'Cats, coached by Tab Kelleppoury, will be looking to snatch the victory from their cross-town rivals and they heat up an old match-up that has been recurring for a long, long time. Novi will have plenty of weapons to

be bringing to the contest, including a duo of quarterbacks that have the ability to make or break a contest.

Senior Chase Chandler and Junior Mike Hart are both capable athletes with the awareness and smarts to turn a game around in a matter of plays. Chandler brings to the field quick feet and the ability to dance through tacklers as though he were at a sock hop. Hart, on the other hand, is the arm of the operation. A tough quarterback that isn't afraid to settle into the pocket and find his receivers, Hart has taken his fair share of knocks on the field and in this sports section yet climbs to the challenge each and every game. It's obvious by his manner and ability to take criticism and turn it into a fuel to feed the fire that the Wildcats will be in good hands when he is under center this game and into next season.

Also playing key roles for the Wildcats will be Josh Buck and Doug Ray. Buck is the type of player that likes to hear his pads making a lot of noise. Be it running the ball as a full-back, lead blocking or making a tackle, I am pretty sure Buck visualizes his shoulder going through his opponent. Ray isn't much different. A tough runner and a mean defender, he is capable of chomping up a runner and spitting him out. His speed and upper body strength make him a danger as he comes around



Sam Eggleston

the end while looking for a quarterback lunch to snack on.

The key to this game though, in my opinion, is the Wildcat defense. This is a defense that stopped Milford, and Jim Presley, in their tracks. Don't expect them to be pushovers, but their eyes are going to have to be focused on the Northville passing game.

With Darren Guffey and Kerry Kreutzberg hunting for interceptions in the defensive backfield, the Novi gridders should find themselves with plenty of opportunity at a spiraling football.

One thing that will have to be a strong factor in this game is the special teams units. Northville has the ability to turn a decent return into a great one with the likes of Tim Higgins and Tim Downing returning the football on kick-offs. The Novi specialists are going to have to stay in their lanes and keep an eye out for any special plays developed by Northville coach Clint Alexander and his cunning staff.

I am in no way about to make a prediction about this game or who I think could come away with the victory. I just hope both teams continue their excellent sportsmanship and play to the best of their abilities. Remember, the point of the game is to have fun, so make sure you do!

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## Stopping Chandler is a must

One thing that is hard for a team is to step up against their final opponent when they know that their season is going to end after that game.

The Northville Mustangs will be stepping onto their home turf for the final time this season and the final time forever for their seniors as they take on their cross-town rival Novi.

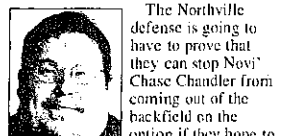
The Mustangs, who are already out of the playoffs with too many losses, may have the chance to pull the Wildcats (who have three losses) into their depths of playoff despair if they can muster the desire to get the victory.

Wait, what am I saying. Of course they're going to have the desire to beat them — it's Novi for crying out loud!

First-year Northville coach Clint Alexander is going to see first-hand the type of energy that is spawned at this game as his Mustangs look to pound their way to victory.

Leading the way for the Mustangs this game is going to be their offensive line. Yeah, I tore on them early this season and they have proven to be much more of a unit than I had originally thought they were. With the Novi defense looking to get a taste of the Northville quarterbacks Mark Sorensen and Darryl Delaney, the line is going to have to bind together even more than ever before.

Not just pass protecting, the o-line is going to be responsible for punching holes for runningbacks like Matt Cornelius and Matt Watza while opening up the passing game as the QBs try to connect with senior Tim Higgins and junior Tim Downing.



Sam Eggleston

The Northville defense is going to have to prove that they can stop Novi's Chase Chandler from coming out of the backfield on the option if they hope to force the Wildcats to change their attack plans. With the tandem of Chandler and Josh Buck in the backfield, you never know if it is going up the gut with the force of a locomotive or if it is going around the end with the slickness and speed of a well-oiled snake.

I have no doubt that Alexander, who I saw at the Pinkney/Novi game last Saturday, will have more than a few plans drawn up in order for his defense to shut Chandler and his backfield right down and possibly right out of the game.

I expect that this is going to be one of the toughest games on the Northville schedule this year. With Novi on the bubble for the playoffs and Northville already understanding that they will be staying home this year, the Mustangs are going to be looking to give the Novi gridders a loss that will echo well into the post-season.

Last season, Novi came away with the victory, and with both teams always fired up for this contest I am not even going to step in the wrong direction by picking a victor. Instead, I am going to wish the Mustangs the best of luck, and remind everyone — players, fans, coaches and students — that sportsman-

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The Novi Cheerleaders held two cheer clinics for girls ranging from 5 to 12 years in age before inviting them to cheer at the October 4 football game against the Hartland Eagles.

Right: Kyle Douglas, age 5, of Orchard Hills Elementary School cheers while Clair Neville, age 6, of Deerfield Elementary, get the crowd into the game at the left.



**Novi-Northville Colts Football**

By Rocco Pollifrone  
SPECIAL WRITER

The home opener for the Novi-Northville Colts on Saturday finally felt like football season. The sky was overcast, an was crisp and the crowd was dressed warm, some with blankets.

As the teams took the field I wonder what changes might be seen after last week's challenges. This will not only be a test for the players, but also the coaches.

In the first quarter the Colts running game was very effective. You could see the determination in the offensive line, Dakota Hinkle, Sean Gouffon, Matthew Soplin, Michael McClintock, Garrett Waska,

**Novi Underclass Scores**

**NOVI JV GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
Overall: 8-5; KVC: 5-2

rematches against Lakeland and Brighton. Novi was victorious in their initial matches with these teams, including a thrilling double overtime match against Brighton.

**NOVI FRESHMAN GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
Overall: 8-5; KVC: 4-4

Novi's freshman girls basketball team exploded for 35 points in the first half on the way to an easy 57-

the Steelers back field and drop their backs for losses. Later in the quarter the defense sets up the second Colts scoring drive by causing a fumble on the Steelers 22 yard line. The Colts recover the fumble and score when Jonathon Alandt runs 22 yards for a touch down giving the Colts a 13-0 lead. The second half was a defensive battle. The Colts defense held the Steelers to minimum gains, while the Colts offense seemed the only scoring in the second half came on a great defensive play by Dawson Laabs and Jonathon Robinson. With the Steelers back against the goal line Dawson and Jonathon blitz the Quarter Back dropping him in the end zone for a 2-point site-

giving the Colts a 15-0 lead. The game ended Colts 15 Steelers 0 giving the Colts a 3-1 record. Watching the game you could tell the coaches prepared hard for this one. The defense was using a variety of stunts to confuse the Steelers offense. The Colts defense caused two fumbles, sacked the Quarter back 3 times, was in their back-field all day and held the Steelers on 4th down a number of times. What a pleasure it was sitting in the stands, having the home field advantage and watching the coaches and kids play hard and earn the victory.

Editor's Note: Look for JV Colts results in next weeks paper!

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<b>Football</b>	10/25/02	7:30	Western	Home
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**Next Level Athletes**

Next Level Athletes is a portion of the sports section where we are able to applaud the former athletes of our area high schools and those who resided here as they take on the challenges that await them in college and beyond.

It is here we are able to applaud them for their efforts, their determination and their abilities as they push to become the best athlete they can be. And where was Northern defenders like defensive back Mike Plourde during all this action? Watching Langston's number retreat into the distance as he ran away from them for the football fan, Langston's name is one that echoes about this area and every time it is mentioned, it's done so with respect. Langston showed why that was as he took the ball 12 times in the fourth quarter for the Lakers and racked up 149 yards, including a 79-yard scamper that put the game at 51-7 (final score was 51-14) against the Northern Michigan University Wildcats in a GLIAC contest.

Brandon Langston, Freshman, Grand Valley State University. Brandon Langston — who is that? Well, for a football fan, Langston's

**WALLED LAKE SPORTS**

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**Warriors still in the playoff hunt**

**WLC ready and waiting for city game**

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

You can't get more evenly matched than these two teams were — or at least not for 44 minutes, 30 seconds. Take away a 3-30 stretch of the second half and this game was dead even. But during that span of time Walled Lake Western scored three touchdowns, which was enough to bury Salem 42-20 in a Western Lakes Activities Association football game Friday at Western.

The loss left Salem at 2-6 overall, 2-5 in the WLA, Western is 5-3 overall, 5-2 in the conference. When Salem quarterback Chris Drabicki scrambled 4 yards for a touchdown with 6:22 left in the second quarter, the Rocks had a 13-9 lead. But with 3:22 to play in the half, Western's Steve Van Nortwick rumbled 39 yards for a TD and the Warriors were back on top, 16-13.

After that, it really began to unravel for Salem. Western tried, and successfully recovered, an on-side kick. The Warriors got the ball to the Salem 23 yard, with :45 remaining, John Sowders tossed a 23-yard touchdown pass on the halfback option to Steve Manonik, making it 23-13. The nightmare still wasn't over for the Rocks. They fumbled before the half ended, Western recovered, and with 1:30 seconds to go Jon Michael tossed a 6-yard scoring pass to Brian Kowaleski, making the Warriors' lead 29-13.

The game had started well for Salem. Drabicki tossed an 11-yard scoring pass to Brian Bradley with 8:12 left in the first quarter and, with Alex Enright's placement, the Rocks led 7-0. Western got on the board 4:14 later on a 6-yard Michael-to-Sowders scoring pass. The extra-point try failed, making it 7-6. The Warriors went ahead 9-7 on a Todd Monfette 22-yard field goal early in the second quarter. After that came Drabicki's TD run — and Western's scoring flurry.

The Warriors added two TDs in the fourth quarter, a 1-yard run by Michael and a 34-yard run by Van Nortwick. Salem answered with a 60-yard dash by Jason Lewis with 6:02 left to play, but 42-20 was as close as the Rocks would get. Western outgained Salem, 369 to 234. Michael and the Warriors' passing game was the biggest difference in the game. Michael was 15-of-19 for 165 yards with one TD. Lewis led a Salem ground game that gained 179 yards, rushing for 65 yards on seven attempts, while Mike Kerol had 61 yards on 16 tries. Bradley had two catches for 26 yards.



Western's James Steele hits a Plymouth ballcarrier during last Friday's game at Walled Lake. The Warriors will travel to Walled Lake Central tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. to play in their annual city championship. With both teams at three losses on the season, it's going to be a fight to the finish.

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**FINAL STANDINGS**

Western Division	3-0-1
Northville	3-0-1
Livonia Churchill	2-0-2
Canton	2-1-1
Walled Lake Western	0-3-1
Livonia Franklin	0-3-1
Lakes Division	
*Salem	4-0
Livonia Stevenson	3-1
Walled Lake Central	2-2
John Glenn	0-3-1
Wayne Memorial	0-3-1
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## Water works

By Beth Francis  
SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

When Pierina Desrosiers underwent a left knee replacement in February, she never imagined she would find herself working out in water.

Desrosiers, 74, tried traditional physical therapy after her surgery, but found it was painful and didn't help her as much as she'd hoped. Then she heard about Water Works, an aquatic physical therapy and rehabilitation facility in Naples, Fla.

On a recent day, Desrosiers walked on an underwater treadmill as Water Works manager Sylvia Aizpurviete encouraged her. She started out walking for only three minutes and has worked her way up to 10 minutes.

Aizpurviete explained that Desrosiers is successful in the water because it reduces pressure in her new joint, reducing impact and making it less painful when she walks. The water resistance as her legs move through the water also helps tone her muscles and make them stronger.

*"You can do things in water that you can't do on land, and it makes you feel so much better."*

Sarah Sprude, 19

In addition to the underwater treadmill, Desrosiers stepped up and down on an underwater step while Aizpurviete held her hand. The stepping exercise helps build strength in her legs and helps her learn to maintain balance when she walks. Following that, she wore floats on her ankles and lifted her legs up and down in the water. The floats simulate what weights would do on land, Aizpurviete explained.

"This is one of the best things that's happened to me since my surgery," Desrosiers said. "My leg feels much stronger since I started coming here three times a week."

Sandra Sprude, 19, began working out in water after surgery on her right heel bone following an April car accident.

"You can do things in water that you can't do on land, and it makes you feel so much better," Sprude said. "I've just gotten to the point that I can walk without my crutches."

Sprude has progressed to the point that she's also able to work out on land. A special treadmill in Water Works' dry area has a softer walking area than a traditional treadmill. It's bouncy, sort of like a trampoline, reducing the impact when someone walks or runs on it.

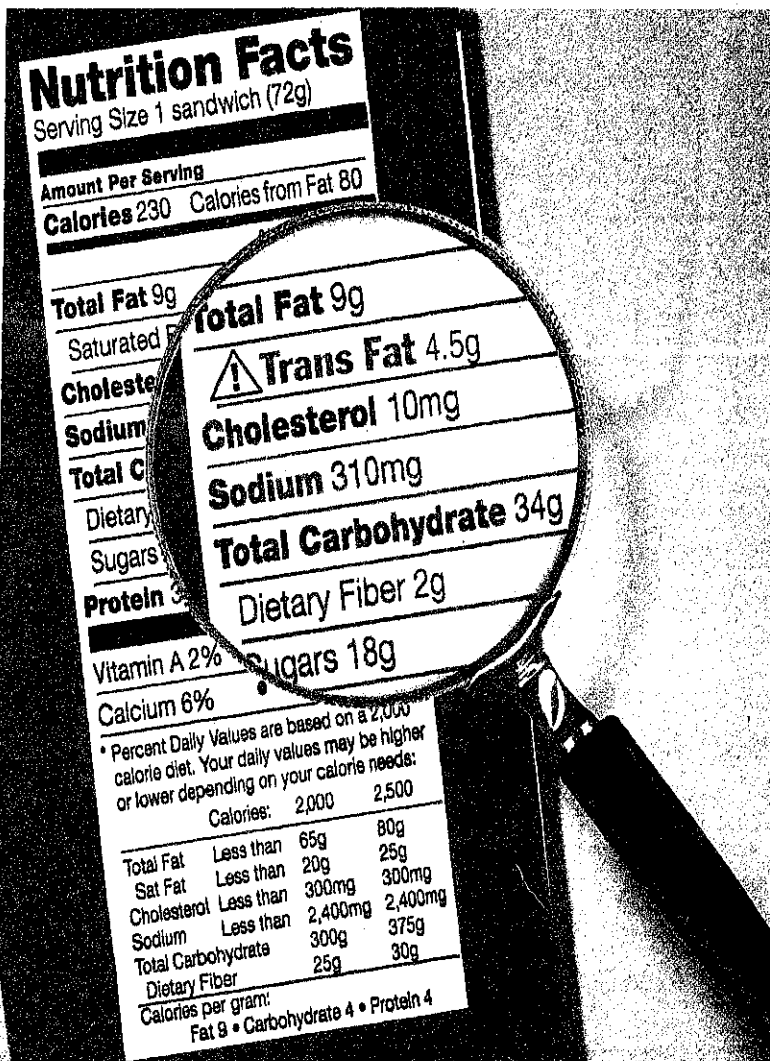
While many patients start out in water, the goal is to get them to dry land because it's on land where they must function in their everyday lives, said Jenny Boreham, director of physical therapy at Water Works. "We customize each patient's program to fit their needs," Boreham said. "The goal is to get to dry land because a body has to learn how to work against gravity in a safe, efficient way, and there's no gravity in water."

But it's the water component that makes Water Works' program unique.

Patients who rely on a wheelchair on land are lowered into the water with a chair lift, and, with the help of physical therapists, are able to walk in the water, giving them a feeling of empowerment.

Paraplegics are able to build upper body strength with a device called the "Superswim." It looks something like a fishing pole anchored on the side of the pool. A line extends from the pole and has a harness around the waist, allowing people to swim in place. There's also an underwater bicycle.

The majority of people who come to Water Works have a doctor's prescription to help them rehabilitate after injury, joint replacement, stroke or some other medical condition. As such, their therapy is covered by insurance.



Jonathan Bond/Scripps Howard News Service

## Avoiding medical mistakes

By Mike Schwartz  
THE RIVERSIDE, CALIF., PRESS-ENTERPRISE

Medical mistakes are blamed for as many as 98,000 U.S. hospital deaths a year, according to a 1999 Institute of Medicine report.

Although critics complain the Institute of Medicine report overestimated the number of deaths, the study has focused increased attention on medical errors and how to prevent them.

In addition to hospital staff members' efforts to step up vigilance against medication errors, patients and their relatives can play a major role.

Here are guidelines for staying safe if you are admitted to an emergency room or any inpatient unit. Remember that every patient has legal rights, including being kept well-informed about every facet of care.

- Make sure doctors and nurses know your allergies, medical history and medications you're taking to prevent possible overdose or adverse reaction. This includes vitamins, herbal supplements and over-the-counter drugs. Carry this information in your wallet or on an I.D. bracelet/necklace.

- Ask about each medication. Your legal rights include knowing dosages and side effects of each medication prescribed.

- Request written information about each medication, including its brand and generic names. If you don't recognize the drug, verify that it is for you. Ask about oral medications before swallowing and read the contents of bags of IV fluids. If you're not well enough, ask your advocate to do this.

- Ask how long it should take an IV liquid to "run out." Tell the nurse if it seems to be dripping too fast or too slow.

- Question any pill, shot or intravenous treatment that doesn't feel or look right. No doctor or nurse should react negatively or with disinterest if you or your advocate asks for details or suggests that you are about to receive the wrong medication.

- Make sure you wear your hospital I.D. bracelet. Double-check that your name is correct. Your name and hospital serial number goes on every record and document associated with your case. Don't let anyone give you any drug or any test without checking your armband to ensure you're properly identified.

- Don't hesitate to tell a health care professional that he or she has you confused with another patient.

- Know when you are supposed to get medications. If you miss a dose, be sure to tell the nurse right away.

- Ask to see your medical chart during your stay. It can help you understand your prognosis, how you're doing and what drugs you're taking. If hospital workers refuse to show you or a family member the chart, remind them that the law is on your side. If information about you is on a computer, a staff person still should be available to explain the technical details.

SOURCES: Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations; California Pharmacists Association; The Institute for Safe Medication Practices; Vicki Hoffman, Desert Regional Medical Center; Laurie Rogers-Eberst, St. Bernardino Medical Center; Norene Bowers, Riverside Community Hospital.)

# HIDDENDANGERS

Clues on ingredient labels reveal hard-to-find trans fats

By Kim Severson  
San Francisco Chronicle

**W**hen government researchers said no amount of trans fat was safe to eat, consumers hurried to their pantry shelves.

But once they got there, they were stumped.

That's because food manufacturers don't have to list the amount of trans fat on the nutrition panel — even though it can be found in more than 40 percent of the food on supermarket shelves.

Trans fat is a processed fat formed by partially hydrogenating edible oil. Crisco is a perfect example. But a growing body of research has definitively connected it to heart attacks and strokes, because it wreaks havoc on blood cholesterol.

Although the Food and Drug Administration plans to require food manufacturers to include trans fat amounts on nutrition labels, the process could take a year or more. Until then, there is no easy way to determine exactly how much trans fat is in a given product. However, there are a few tricks to arrive at fairly close estimates. Our at-a-glance guide will explain some of them:

### What is it?

Trans fat (trans-fatty acids) is formed when oil is hydrogenated, a manufacturing process in which hydrogen atoms are mixed with non-saturated liquid oil from plants like corn or soy beans. The result is fat that stays relatively solid at room temperature.

Think of trans fat essentially as shortening or margarine. It's why your pie crust is so flaky and why Ritz crackers stay crisp. It prolongs shelf life, which is why commercial bakeries love it.

Some naturally occurring trans fats can be found in small amounts in beef and high-fat dairy products because trans fat is produced in the gastrointestinal lining of cattle.

### Why is it bad for you?

Trans fat causes heart disease and can lead to heart attacks and strokes, according to an influential report this summer by the National Academies of Sciences. The report summarized several studies that showed trans fat raises levels of the waxy cholesterol that

clogs blood vessels and strips the good kind of cholesterol.

Other studies have connected trans fat to a broader range of health problems, like insulin resistance, which can lead to diabetes, and possibly cancer.

### How much is safe?

The National Academies of Sciences report said no level of trans fat is safe. But the researchers recognized that it would be impossible to remove trans fat from the American diet, because it's in more than 40,000 products on supermarket shelves. Their answer, short of an all-out ban, is to recommend that people eat as little as possible.

### What to look for on the label

First, look to see if partially hydrogenated oil is in the ingredient list. How much depends on how high on the list those words appear. Products that list cold/expeller pressed oils, poly- or monounsaturated oils, olive oil, coconut oil, palm oil and other liquid oils likely won't have trans fat.

Note the amount of total fat listed and compare it to the breakdown of specific fats on the label. If there is a difference between the total number of fat grams and saturated fat grams, the unaccounted-for grams may come from trans fat.

The tricky thing is that not all fats will be broken out on nutrition labels. Heart-clogging saturated fat is the only fat required by law to be listed. Food packages that make specific health claims — like "low cholesterol" or "reduced fat" — must list poly- or monounsaturated fats along with saturated fats.

In some products, particularly cookies and crackers, a ballpark trans fat amount can be determined by using the saturated fat amount as a guide. The label on Chips Ahoy cookies, for example, lists 2 grams of saturated fat and 4 grams of total fat per serving. The additional 2 grams may be trans fat.

In another example, Bisquick lists 6 grams of total fat, but only 1 1/2 of it marked as saturated. Because partially hydrogenated oil is so high on the ingredient list, the best assumption is that most of the remaining 4 1/2 fat grams are trans fat.

### Foods that can have lots of hidden trans fat

**Fast food:** Most fast-food and family-style chain restaurants cook fries, chicken and other deep-fried foods in partially hydrogenated oil, which often comes in a solid block that's melted in the fryer. They also slather margarine — which is trans fat — on griddles for pancakes and grilled sandwiches.

**Baked goods:** This is the heaviest trans fat territory. Most mass-produced convenience and commercial bakery goods like cookies and cakes have plenty of trans fat. Cakes and shortening-based frostings from supermarket bakeries are particularly trans-heavy. So are doughnuts, which can contain shortening in the dough and also be cooked in trans fat. Generally, the higher quality the baked good, the less trans fat, because more butter is used.

**Chips and crackers:** To keep them crisp, manufacturers pump crackers full of shortening. Even crackers labeled "reduced fat" can still have trans fat. Watch for anything fried, like potato chips and corn chips, as well as "buttery" crackers.

**Spreads, sauces and mixes:** Margarine can be pure trans fat. As a general rule, the softer the margarine, the less artery-clogging fat it contains. There are some trans-fat-free spreads on the market and increasingly are labeled as such. Watch out for high trans-fat levels in non-dairy creamers and flavored coffees, as well as in ready-made dips.

**Unexpected places:** Breakfast cereals, breakfast bars, some energy bars, tortillas, microwave popcorn, fish sticks or other breaded frozen foods all can contain trans fat. So can some puddings and peanut butters, where it is used to give a creamier consistency.

**Frozen foods:** Foods like pot pies, frozen pizzas and other entrees, even if labeled as lower in fat, are often made with trans fat. Very high levels can be found in packaged instant noodle dishes like Ramen and soup cups.

## Book uncovers secrets to youthful-looking skin

By Leigh Grogan  
SACRAMENTO BEE

Dr. Nicholas Perricone is a man on a mission. His goal? To help people uncover more youthful-looking skin.

The first thought might be to question how long Perricone is willing to stand in line behind the other doctors and cosmetics companies hoping to find a solution to the vagaries of aging.

"I'm disgusted with all the sources of information people are getting about skin care," says Perricone, a Meriden, Conn., dermatologist. "There's so much misinformation from doctors and the government about diet, what's good, what's bad. I've been studying the aging process for 15 years, and I want to help people start to take a common-sense approach to aging."

Perricone, author of "The Wrinkle Cure," has a new book titled "The Perricone Prescription: A 28-Day Program for Total Body and Face Rejuvenation" (\$27.50; HarperResource). The book's four-week program focuses on the correlation between how we live — diet, exercise, stress, etc. — and how our decisions impact aging.

Perricone's 28-day regimen takes commitment — from overhauling the diet to reducing the stress. It's not radical, because Perricone believes fad diets and weird food extremes exacerbate fine lines and wrinkles.

Perricone's line of skin-care products with the lifestyle changes advocated in his book, which is a great tool for figuring out exactly what to do to take care of not only your skin, but mind and body as well.

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# Plus

## A losing game of tug-of-war with the IRS Petitions rarely result in lowering overdue taxes

By Loretta Kalb  
SACRAMENTO BEE

Every year, thousands of people learn the hard way about the Internal Revenue Service's program that allows the agency in some cases to accept less than the full taxes owed.

Only a modest percentage of the 130,000 who petition the IRS annually to lower their overdue tax bills ever succeed, according to IRS data.

Most taxpayers who submit "offers in compromise" (OIC) make too much money, have too many assets or can't demonstrate the sort of job loss or illness that eliminates prospects for financial recovery.

Many who begin the process give up because they can't cope with the detailed financial inquiries the IRS carries out to help determine a compromise tax bill.

In fact, the process consumes so much time — more than a year in about a fifth of the cases — that the IRS devotes some 20 percent of its field office collections staff to the OIC caseload. And it's considering charging a fee of \$150 for each offer.

But that's nothing compared to the thousands in legal fees delinquent taxpayers pay in an effort to find a way to qualify for the OIC program.

And many don't know the basics about what it takes to qualify.

"The program is designed for people who have made mistakes in the past and who can't possibly dig themselves out in their lifetimes," explained Hill Steiner, IRS spokesman in Sacramento, Calif.

"There are a lot of folks who proclaim to have an insight into the IRS that no one else has," he said. "They say they can help you pay pennies on the dollar."

"But let's say you owe \$500,000 and you have \$50,000 in assets or the ability to pay that amount. There is no one, including the people you pay to provide this service, who can keep you from paying the back taxes that you owe."

Individuals who want to offer less than they owe to the IRS can pick up Form 656, which spells out the basic conditions in which the agency may accept less than full tax payment.

—When there is doubt that the assessed tax is correct.

—When there is doubt that the taxpayer could ever pay the full amount owed.

—When an exceptional circumstance exists. That means a taxpayer would have to demonstrate that collection would create an economic hardship or would be unfair and inequitable.

The national pace of OIC failures is daunting. In a recent one-month period, for example, some 12,000 people applied to the IRS to reduce their tax bill. This was about 15 percent of the more than 80,000 applications the department had on hand.

During that month, the IRS processed 14,340 of those applications.

About 2,400 applications that month could not be processed because applicants were ineligible, said Steiner. They were either in bankruptcy proceedings or behind in filing their tax returns.

Some 1,430 were rejected because the offers were too low. Those could be resubmitted with higher offers.

Nearly 1,500 taxpayers withdrew their applications, and the IRS returned more than 5,820 for non-compliance or failure to submit financial information.

Finally, about 3,100 taxpayers had their offers accepted.

"We will help anyone who comes in or calls," said Donna Seibel, manager for the IRS OIC Group in Sacramento. "We will assist them in the preparation of paperwork and answer any questions."

Many of the compromises were reached without the aid of attorneys, but Seibel added that she understands why some taxpayers might want legal help.

"A lot of people find it daunting to deal with us and with taxes in general and prefer to have someone help them who is more knowledgeable and understands the terminology," she added.

Still, experts say it often doesn't take months of analysis to determine whether a taxpayer is a candidate for the OIC program.

Yet there are plenty of taxpayers who can be helped by the OIC program.

"People say, 'Sure, the IRS will help you but won't allow you to work all the angles,'" said Steiner.

But he added, "I would say there is no one who has a greater desire to have you deal with your tax liability than the IRS."



## Psychologist's book targets women's money fears

Reliance on men for help can lead to debts later

By Cathleen Ferraro  
SACRAMENTO BEE

At 34, Allison Acken appeared thoroughly competent, earning a Ph.D. in psychology, managing a divorce and raising two daughters alone. Even a full head of gray hair then gave her a certain look of wisdom for her age.

But Acken had a secret: Despite handling a lot of things well, she was ignorant about money.

"I was accruing debt like mad to get through graduate school with no concept of what it would mean for my future," said Acken, now 55 and a practicing clinical psychologist in Los Angeles.

By 1981 she had accumulated \$50,000 in student loans and credit card debt. Acken admitted she was six years out of graduate school and almost 40 years old before realizing she was only paying off the interest and never making a dent in the bigger principal obligation. All told, it took Acken 20 years to whittle away her debts.

Now she has written a book — "It's Only Money: A Primer For Women" — about women building their "money-readiness" skills.

"It's not about creating an investment strategy, sticking to a budget, selecting stocks or negotiating for a bigger salary, Acken's aim is more fundamental."

"I'm not trying to be a money manager through my book; I'm a psychologist. But I am trying to get women ready for managing money," she explained. "This is for a woman who wants to start dealing with money but doesn't know where to start."

So Acken begins with what she calls "frichtig facts" about American women and money:

- Women earn considerably less than their male counterparts for comparable work.
- Women live longer, but have less stashed away for retirement than men have.
- Women's lower wages and fewer opportunities for pensions.
- Women make up a majority of workers in lower-paid occupations.
- Many women with young children work outside the home because of economic necessity.

Acken also asserts that some women, even those who are well off or very successful in their professions, still hide behind their fears of managing money and abdicate to business managers, husbands, fathers, accountants or tax lawyers.

She says some of her clients are unaware, for example, of what fees their banks charge for a checking account or which of their credit cards bears the highest interest rate.

Acken stresses that she is not blaming women, but encouraging them to start simply by talking to the closest friends about money facts, fears and fantasies.

Her book pushes women to ask other women how much they have in the bank, but they began to save money, reduce debt, buy property, invest, earn more or save for a vacation.

The point, according to Acken, is not to get hung up on particular dollar amounts, but to figure out how best to deal with what you have, whatever that is.

That all sounds fine to Cynthia Meyers, a certified financial planner in Sacramento, but she said scores of women already are financially savvy, well beyond the how-to-do-it checklist stage.

"(Acken and I) may be talking about two different groups of women, but since I've been in my practice since 1983, women have been getting stronger and stronger in this area, and I think it has a lot to do with women having a profession," she said. "The world has changed."

Meyers also said that many of her female clients run entire household budgets and invest money, and are quicker to admit they need financial help and tend to be better investors, exercising greater patience than men.

That said, she also noted that among her married clients the number of wives and husbands who take the lead on investment decisions is about even.

"It's not so much about gender, it seems, but about a personality or profession. One spouse is usually more engaged in the process and interested in financial decisions than the other," Meyers said.

Long before a woman marries, leaves home and marries or remains single, parents and grandparents need to get involved. They need to see the economic reality of their daughters' and granddaughters' lives and behave accordingly, Acken said, such as considering giving more help to their female offspring to compensate for the gender pay gap.

"Families often think in terms of splitting inheritances 50-50 among children, giving the same amount of graduation money or down payments on a house for a son or daughter, but it is that really fair when there's still a 30 percent (wage) discrepancy that seems to be pretty intractable?" Acken said.

Ultimately, a woman who has sharpened her "money-readiness" skills, Acken said, would strive to save enough for future needs, plan to buy property and look for ways to help offset the gender pay gap.

"If we're not aware of what we have to do to compensate for earning less, then it will catch up with us," she said. "I know this stuff from the inside out because I was one of those women."

## A matter of business FASHION SENSE

Dressing up is your best bet for your new job

By Janell Hazelwood  
SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

Graduation day has come and gone, and then reality hits and the job hunt begins, with students asking one often perplexing question: "What should I wear?"

As students jump into the job market, the idea of what's appropriate computer development companies may allow more casual dress styles," she says.

"Even with casual Fridays, it is still best to wear a suit for that first day or interview."

Students will have to jump out of the dress-down routine they're used to. "Casual attire is not going to cut it in the business environment," says Sherry Maysomae, founder and president of Employment Enterprises in Austin, Texas. "With the downturn of the economy and the dotcoms, T-shirts and shorts are definitely not appropriate."

As an image consultant, Maysomae advises her clients on all aspects of professional presentation, including attire. Proper dress, she says, "shows that you have respect for the company and the interview process."

As a show of that respect, new job-seekers may need to make a first move toward the suit department at their local mall.

"You can't go wrong with a suit," says Emily Baker, as assistant director of the University of Tennessee Career Center. Baker advises students on the importance of dressing their best.

"It's always better to be overdressed than underdressed," she says.

Variations to the suit rule have emerged. Some offices have become less strict when it comes to proper dress, implementing casual Fridays and other less standard dress days.

Kenna Moore, recruiting manager at Rice University's Career Services Center, says proper attire depends on the industry. "Banking companies, for instance, prefer their students to wear suits because of the clientele they handle, (while) computer development companies may allow more casual dress styles," she says.

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## Scandals shouldn't change investment strategy

Prudent choices, balanced portfolio still among keys to solid investing

By Loretta Kalb  
SACRAMENTO BEE

By now, shouldn't we all know how to invest in a market beset by scandal? The strategy generally isn't taught on college campuses, except perhaps on how to file fraud complaints. But Purdue University financial professor Michael Cooper, who teaches investments at the Krannert School of Management, does offer some insight.

The important thing for the long-term investor to do in a stock market beset by corporate scandal, accounting doubts and CEO chicanery, he said, is "nothing."

Nada. Zilch.

"That's because the investor already should be following basic rules for prudent investing in any market. For those who want to stay in the market, such a strategy may be the best salvation when a company misleads."

Beyond that, Cooper suggests remembering a few important points: Develop an understanding of the risk-reward trade-offs for stocks, fixed-income investments (bonds, CDs, and money markets) and real estate.

Stocks tend to have a higher reward over time than other assets, along with greater risk, or volatility.

That can be offset, however, by focusing where possible on the long term, which tends to minimize the effects of volatility. Short-term investing, by contrast, ought to focus on low-risk selections.

To get a sense of your own risk tolerance, visit [www.morningstar.com](http://www.morningstar.com) and once registered, select the investing classroom. Many brokerages also have educational guides at the front counters to help evaluate risk tolerance.

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### MONEY

# Plus

## Software lets stolen laptops report location

By Richard Brooks  
SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

Jo Ann Higdon is a rarity among the victims of computer thieves: Detectives were able to recover one of her two stolen laptops.

The \$2,000 machines were equipped with tracking software, programs that periodically "phone home" to help authorities find a missing computer.

"Unless we find a pawn shop, without the tracking software, it's unlikely you'd be going to recover one," said Detective Rick Simms of the Riverside County (Calif.) Sheriff's Department.

Tracking software has been commercially available since the late 1990s, yet few computer owners, or police, know it exists, experts say. Worse, computer owners seldom learn about the software until it's too late.

Higdon was among them.

As chief business officer at College of the Desert in Palm Desert, Calif., she is responsible for all of the school's assets, including about 1,000 computers. An earlier theft of 18 computers cost the campus about \$30,000 and prompted her to research a solution.

"We began installing tracking devices at the end of (last) year," she said. "We take our responsibility to taxpayers and donors very seriously. We hoped it would deter future thefts."

But early this year, the two laptops disappeared. Both were equipped with a program called Computrace, which enabled detectives to find one of them.

The makers of Computrace readily explain the basics: Whenever a computer is connected to a phone line, it periodically calls the company's monitoring center and reports the phone number it is using and additional data — until it is reported stolen.

"Then we set the call-back time to every 15 minutes," said Courtney Chauvin, spokeswoman for AbsoluteSoftware of Vancouver, British Columbia. "And we go to work looking for it. We have successfully recovered 95 percent of those computers that have logged into the monitoring center."

AbsoluteSoftware's Web site advises clients to tell workers about the software, because industry analysts estimate 70 percent of computer crime is committed by employees. Spreading the word is seen as a deterrent to theft.

"We say a computer when you know it will be traced?" the Web site says.

Similar software is available from six or eight other firms, experts say. They have names like AkerPC, CyberAngel and ZTrace.

But no program is perfect, security specialists warn.

"They need to be connected to the Internet or a phone line," to call for help, said Jack Mattera, president of the International Association of Computer Investigative Specialists, an Iowa-based nonprofit group that trains law enforcement officers.

The biggest downside, he said, is the price: Tracking programs can cost \$50 a year, per machine.

"Everyone who uses a laptop for business purposes has data they don't want other people to get their hands on, company secrets or personal income-tax information," said Keith Daniels, with The Search Group, a Sacramento, Calif., firm that teaches forensic computer technicians.

Daniels is pessimistic about the likelihood of tracking programs coming into widespread use unless computer companies begin bundling it with the programs that are included in the sales price of new laptops.

"Bundle it for the first year," he said. "That's when it's going to be stolen, because (thieves) know that's when it's the most valuable."

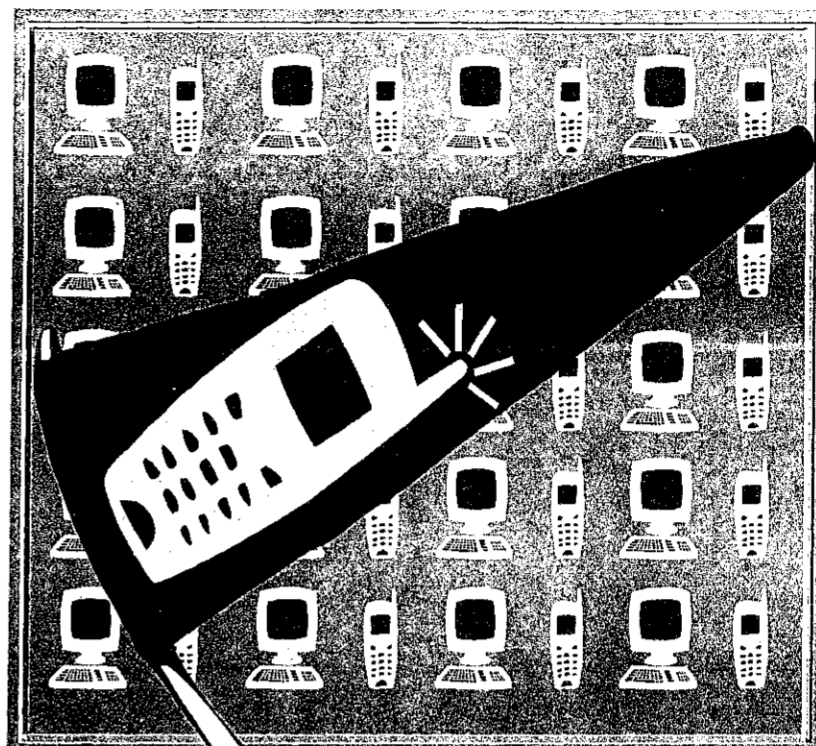


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## Taking Tech to College

Computers, handhelds and cell phones have become more than just optional accessories for university students

By Dave Gussov  
ST. PETERSBURG TIMES

Decisions about technology are high on the to-do list of many students, and colleges are working to accommodate their high-tech needs. From high-speed Internet connections to new wireless networks that offer a variety of services.

And in the excitement of heading off to school, administrators say, parents should have one more chat with their student: practicing safe tech.

Laptops have become the big machine on campus.

"If you go into a lecture hall, nobody's taking notes by hand," said Tom Edwards, an analyst with NPDTECHworld, because students are tapping away on their laptops or other portable devices.

Yet laptops may not be the perfect solution for everyone, no matter what the kids want, and they may not fit your budget. The average price of a laptop this year is \$1,642, according to NPDTECHworld, compared with \$1,034 for a desktop. And if you buy a low-end laptop, any savings are quickly devoured when you start adding peripherals.

Laptop processors, while still plenty speedy for most purposes, are a generation or two slower than current desktop processors. The mobility advantage turns into a disadvantage because of the threat of theft. And if the machine is dropped, repairs can be costly.

Before you start shopping, check the Web site of your student's university. Most schools list requirements and recommendations on their Web sites. Some areas of study, such as engineering, might require specific hardware and software.

Here are some things to look for in a computer: The processors in new computers will be plenty fast for most academic pursuits. If your student likes to play games, faster is better. For a PC running Windows XP, you'll want at least 256 megabytes of random access memory. If you're buying a Macintosh running OS X, you want at least 512 MB as well.

Because storage space is relatively cheap, look for hard drives that are at least 40 gigabytes. You'll likely need an Ethernet card to connect to the university's high-speed network for Internet access, and don't forget to buy a cable for that as well.

A printer is a must, and you can get good inkjets for around \$100. Be wary of some of the very low-price bargains that may not do the kind of printing the student needs. Remember a printer cable and maybe extra ink cartridges as well.

You can check PC World magazine's Web site ([www.pcworld.com](http://www.pcworld.com)) for its ratings of computers, printers and other peripherals.

One more thing: Get a surge protector.

Many students have cell phones, and universities are taking note.

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While students may have used a computer a lot at home, they may have left to Mom and Dad the security issues such as anti-virus software and firewalls. Even students who think they're technologically savvy can end up learning some painful lessons in college.

Hegging the campus's shared information pipeline is also an offense many students don't think about. Napster may be gone, but downloading music is still big on campus. So are online games.

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### TECHNOLOGY



**NCAA Gamebreaker 2003**  
Platform: PlayStation 2  
Publisher: 989 Sports  
Genre: Sports  
ESRB rating: E for Everyone

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

The bumper about NCAA Gamebreaker 2003 is that it's the best in the series yet. Why is that a bumper? Because the best it can do doesn't even compare to its competition: EA Sports' NCAA Football 2003 and Sega Sports' College Football 2K3.

Good. Gamebreaker does a number of things right. It's season and dynasty modes are fairly deep, it has good sound and commentary and it features scouting in the off-season. Another novel change is in the coaching mode — you can choose to be a team's offensive or defensive coordinator rather than just the head coach. Next idea, but would anyone really want to be anything other than the head coach? Who would want partial control of a video game football team?

Regardless, the real problem with Gamebreaker is in the gameplay. It's far too favorable to the offense. You can sling the ball to your tailback in the backfield for a guaranteed seven yards every play in every difficulty level no matter the defense. Players also look like they are skating around the field rather than running on it. True, the overall graphical quality has improved from previous years, but the gameplay hasn't improved much and continues to be Gamebreaker's main liability.

With so many other options in the college game, it makes no sense to waste your time with Gamebreaker 2003.

**Gun Metal**  
Platform: Microsoft Xbox  
Publisher: Majesco  
Genre: Action  
ESRB rating: T for Teen

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

A jet that turns into a giant robot, then back to jet again? If you dig me, where have you seen this before?

The bottom line is, if you like transformers and robots, you'll probably like Gun Metal, where you control a robot/jet through a number of missions in defense of a planet that is home to millions from the Big Bang, which has been ravaged by war. These missions start out easy enough, but don't get exciting until it's your turn to attack, which is much later in the game.

Any game where you control two vastly different machines like a 30-foot giant robot and a fighter jet is going to have some control issues. Gun Metal does a fairly decent job keeping everything together in this regard, but it's easy to lose your way around the buttons once the action gets hot, especially if you're the robot, who is sluggish compared to the speedy jet.

Otherwise, the presentation is solid and action smooth enough to recommend that mech combat fans give Gun Metal a look. Definitely rent before you buy.

**Pac Man Fever**  
Platform: PlayStation 2  
Publisher: Namco  
Genre: Party game  
ESRB rating: E for Everyone

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

If you think about Pac Man Fever: It's every bit as good as the 1980s Buckner & Garcia song of the same name. How's that for a cryptic review?

But seriously, if you consider that song a guilty pleasure, you might feel the same way about this game, which is about as corny as they come.

Or you might just completely hate it. There's about 30 mini-games in Pac Man Fever, most of which are either extraordinarily outlandish or downright unplayable. While there's some fun in seeing comic re-creations of Teken and Soul Calibur characters, who at various points in the game are either competing against or working with the Big Bad who just hasn't been the same since he spawned limbs and eyes), the really wacky stuff is fast.

The same can be said of the game overall.

— By Jonathan Boho  
SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

## Mini-bikes offer pocket-sized power boost

Tiny motorbikes gaining in popularity with many different types of riders

By Paul Levy  
MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL STAR TRIBUNE

They look like toys, something that should come with a remote control. But they're actually motorized minibikes — Blata Pocket Bikes that are 20 inches high by 3 feet long, and weigh 37 pounds. And they're cute!

Danny Johnson can hardly keep up with them. Johnson's Midwest Motorcycle Rentals & Tours in Minneapolis, has sold more than 100 minibikes this summer. The brightly colored bikes are priced from \$1,295 to \$3,395, with engine sizes varying from 3.4 to 15 horsepower. Some of the pricier models can go 100 mph.

Johnson's minibike customers range from grandparents to kids "and a lot of parents who say they are buying them for their kids." The minibikes are light enough to pick up and carry, but durable enough to hold a full-sized adult.

Asyle Ohnsaid, a 247-pound assembly mechanic from Mounds View, Minn., calls his minibike "a blast, a low-speed adrenaline rush."

"It's such a good time — you don't worry about how fast you're going," said Ohnsaid, 30, who says he rarely exceeds 35 mph while racing, but claims he once pushed his 11-horsepower minibike to 66 mph.

Safety gear — helmet, goggles, gloves, elbow and knee pads — is suggested. The bikes are not allowed on public roads and shouldn't be driven in areas with heavy traffic. And parents considering minibikes for kids should be aware that gauges can be set to limit maximum speeds.

The smaller, air-cooled-engine bikes are capable of no more than 35 mph anyway.

Johnson has exclusive North American dealership of the Blata minibikes, created by Pavel Blata in Czechoslovakia. The minibike craze has been a constant in Europe for 20 years.

For information on the minibikes, call Midwest Motorcycle at 612-338-5345 or go to [www.midwestmotorcycle.com](http://www.midwestmotorcycle.com).

# Plus

HomeTown

## HOME & GARDEN



Bob Dillon uses a spokeshave to smooth out the edge of a piece of birch wood that will eventually become the seat of a Windsor chair.

# Woods to Web

Woodworker creates his own Windsor castle in the woods

By CHUCK HAGA  
MINNEAPOLIS ST. PAUL STAR TRIBUNE

Robert Dillon grew up in suburban Massachusetts but spent summers at a family cabin in Maine, where time seemed to pass in rhythm with the coursing of his blood.

"I loved the woods," he said. "I knew I had to do something with my life that would allow me to live there."

He earned a degree in forestry at the University of Massachusetts. The U.S. Forest Service sent him to Michigan, then to Minnesota. A grandfather left him his woodworker's awls, chisels and carving tools. One day, looking through a friend's woodworking magazine, Dillon saw a Windsor chair with its sculpted seat and curving, disarmingly dainty legs and ribs.

Determination, heritage, serendipity — all help to explain why Dillon, 47, lives in a cabin deep in the Minnesota woods and builds Windsor chairs, rockers and settees, which he sells across the country via the Internet.

He had left the Forest Service and was working in a shop in Hackensack, Minn., making pool cue racks. "I had had enough of the noise and dust of a modern shop," he said. "I had my grandfather's tools, but I didn't know what to do with them, so I bought a book on Windsor chairs. Most of the people who make them now are out East. There are only a couple of us here in Minnesota."

He built himself a house on a winding dirt road shrouded by forest east of Hackensack, making a modest woodshop of the ground floor. He has lived there by himself since 1983, gradually building a business in handcrafted chairs that originated long ago and far away, but in a wooded land.

Spinning wheel nooses? The Windsor chair first appeared in the late 17th or early 18th century near Windsor, England, perhaps inspired by the spinning wheel, which the chair's splayed legs and spindle spokes suggest.

By the 1720s, they were common in southern England, according to historical notes on Dillon's Web site (<http://www.bobdillon-windsorchairs.com>). They were usually painted green and meant to be garden or lawn chairs.

"The old-time makers weren't real particular about diameters," Dillon said. "You'd see a fat leg and, next to it, a thin leg."

Later, American Windsor chairmakers, centered in Philadelphia, gained a reputation for their sturdy, inexpensive yet fashionable furniture. New England woodworkers experimented with a continuous arm, which made the chairs even more stylish and comfortable — and still cheap enough that people could buy them in sets of six or more.

Regular "stick-built" chairs, such as the ladder-back, typically were stiff and uncomfortable because the backs were extensions of the legs. Windsor chairs had more give because the backs and legs were separated.



Bob Dillon inspects a finished Windsor chair at the end of the building process that started with raw birch such as that stacked at right.



When he tires of chairs, Dillon builds sailboats, including this 12-footer.

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other fine, highly figured woods, but most makers used more common woods — birch and maple for sharp detail, oak and ash for strength and flexibility, pine and poplar for lightness and easy workability.

Dillon, a quiet man with oak-branch forearms and deep-set eyes, looks something like a young Robert Duvall, seriously intent in his role but not inclined to play for applause. It is simple, honest work, sometimes strenuous, usually satisfying, and he sets the pace.

He uses primarily red oak for backs and spindles, the pieces split directly from logs to get a straight grain and maximum strength. He uses riven, or split, birch for legs and other parts turned on a lathe and thick, hand-shaped white pine for his seats.

He cuts his own birch and splits it to get a straight grain, which allows him to make those parts exceptionally fine.

"This is how they were made in the 18th century," he said.

He steam-bends a chair's arms and bows, then turns leg stretchers and short spindles on the lathe. The pieces, of green birch, are set aside to dry. Larger oak pieces are shaved into shape and dried, and the seat is sculpted from a thick block of white pine with an adz, an ax-like tool, first, Dillon standing on the wood as he gouges away, and then a scarp, a shaving tool like a plane but pulled rather than pushed. As he cuts and shaves, the scent of pine rises as from needles carpeting the forest floor.

Pieces are wedged and fitted together, tapered tenons into sockets drilled with spoon bits. Some connections are glued. Others hold through friction or tension.

The chairs get a coat of milk paint with natural pigments, giving them a slightly erudite look with natural colors — barn red, Lexington green, sea green and black — then finished with linseed oil.

Internet comes to woods Prices range from \$270 for a rod-back Windsor chair to \$735 for a fan-back rocker and \$1,440 for a large, knuckle-arm settee. A child's sackback, 26 inches tall, is \$290. Prices are slightly higher for chairs with distressed paint.

Bob Dillon (no, he doesn't sing) used to sell his chairs at craft shows, but the travel was a grind. "And a lot of times, you walked away empty-handed," he said.

In 1999, he built the Web site. "It took a few months, but by the end of the year it was getting some real traffic," he said. "Now, I'm 10 to 14 months behind on my orders."

It takes him about three good days of focused work to produce a sackback Windsor chair, his most popular. Buyers often order sets of six, including two armchairs and four bow-backs, for their dining rooms. Some want just a single chair for a porch, deck or corner in a living room.

When he gets tired of looking at chairs, Dillon takes his grandfather's tools — some of which were used by a great-grandfather, also a woodworker — and tackles the 30-foot sailboat just beginning to take shape beneath a great, spreading blue tarp in his yard.

"I know the chairs now," he said. "I probably could build them blindfolded. This will be more of a challenge."

He built a 21-footer earlier and keeps it on Leech Lake. The bigger boat, 8 1/2 feet wide, he means to launch in Duluth and sail through the Great Lakes to the Atlantic Ocean.

"People find out I'm from New England and say, 'Oh, that's how you know all this,'" Dillon said, smiling. "Well, no, I didn't know any of this until I came out here."

## Dishes in Disguise

New uses created for old satellite antennas

By Laura Christman  
SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

In the late '70s and early '80s, rural residents whose homes were too remote for decent television reception and out of reach of cable TV service turned to the skies.

Large satellite dish antennas popped up like mushrooms across the countryside, bringing in signals for a multitude of television shows — for free. The good deal didn't last long. Worried about losing paying customers, HBO, Showtime and other cable programmers began to scramble their signals in the mid-1980s. The broadcast networks soon followed.

Scrambled signals and the emergence of inconspicuous small dishes provided by pay-TV services were mortal blows to big satellite dishes. While some are still in use, most sit in yards as defunct devices — monstrous mementos of a quickly changing world.

But hey, one man's technological relic is another man's landscape accent.

Dennis Wilhite of Cottonwood, Calif., felt satellite dishes deserved an afterlife. He rescued a few and put them to use in the landscape at his home.

At first, Wilhite's plan was to turn the dishes into gazebos. But then he came up with a simpler strategy — outdoor umbrellas. He flipped the dishes over so they looked like mushroom caps and bolted them onto steel posts. Then he anchored the black metal mushrooms into the ground. One of the umbrellas is near his driveway, another sits in a bed filled with wildflowers and vegetables, one is next to a small pond in his front yard and one is in the back yard, stuck smack-dab in the middle of a picnic table.

Wilhite, 67, liked the results but felt satellite dishes had potential beyond being umbrellas. He partially sunk one into the ground and put rocks around it and soil in it. It's now a raised-bed garden filled with asparagus and cucumber plants. The satellite dish's metal mesh deters moles, gophers and other burrowing creatures, he said.

"It's a gopher-free planter," Wilhite said.

Wilhite had no trouble finding satellite dishes for his projects. He'd spot them while driving country roads and stop to ask if they were available. Most people were eager to part with their dishes.

"People want to get rid of them," Wilhite said.



### Festive fall decorations

When preparing your home for fall company, whether it's just a visit or a holiday occasion, arrange some small calico corn, gourds, bittersweet and pumpkins, plus some edible items like apples and nuts in a decorative basket. This makes a great display for the entryway or even a guest bathroom.

### Instant 'blood'

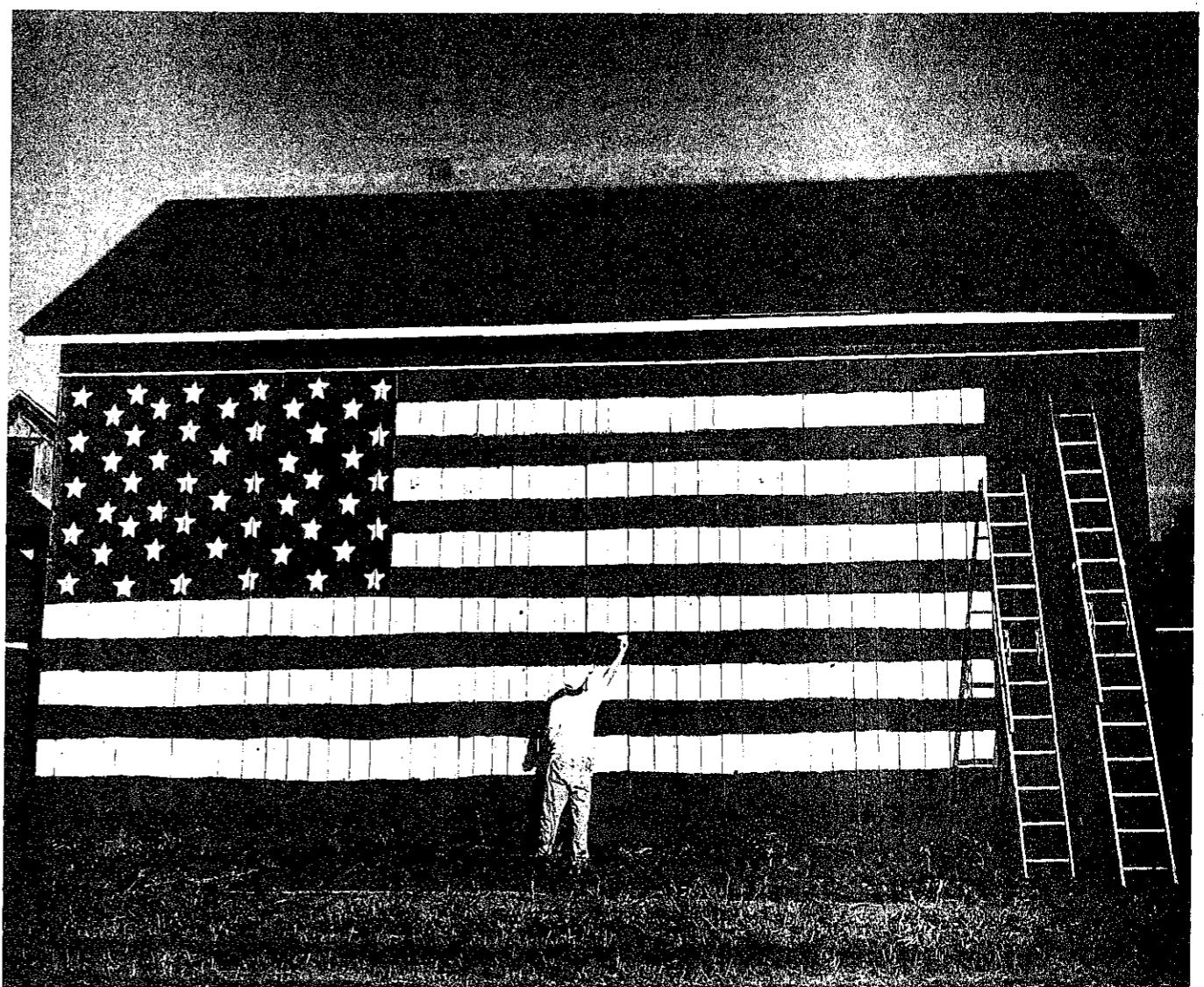
For this year's haunted house, create instant "blood" by mixing Karo syrup and red food coloring together to desired consistency.

### Gutter scooper

To make a gutter scooper for cleaning your gutters, cut the bottom off a half gallon plastic jug, using a knife or razor. When cleaning, grasp the handle and just scoop through the debris.

### Reseeding lawns

Fall is the best time to reseed cool-season lawns in many parts of the country. First aerate, then sow the seed. Maintain even moisture by watering regularly; two weeks after planting, apply a fertilizer.



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## State-of-the art wines quietly shed sprouts-in-a-bottle image

By Carol Ness  
SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE

More and more California wines, including many of the finest, are going organic. But you won't see it on most of their labels or in their ads. Call it their clean little secret.

High-end labels like Sinskey, Turley, Niebaum-Coppola and Araujo have embraced organic grape-growing with almost religious fervor. Altogether, 141 wine grape growers registered with the state as organic last year, up from 49 just four years earlier. Many more are growing their grapes organically but haven't bothered with certification, and others are moving in that direction.

### ORGANIC WORD GAME

Talking about "organic" and wine can be complicated. Here are some basic definitions, under new federal organic standards:

■ **Organic grapes:** Grapes grown without synthetic fertilizers, pesticides or weed-killers. Sulfur can be used in vineyards. Vineyard must be certified.

■ **Made with organic grapes:** Wines made from grapes grown in certified vineyards can say this on the label. Also called "organically grown wines" and, often in Europe, "organic wines."

■ **Organic wine:** Both the grapes and the winemaking must be certified organic. Only organic additives allowed. No sulfites can be added. Can say "organic wine" on the label.

■ **Sulfites:** Sulfur-based preservatives that occur naturally in grapes and are added by most winemakers to keep wine from going bad when bottled. Since these are allergens, a label saying "contains sulfites" must be on bottles of wine that contain 10 parts per million or more. When none are added during winemaking, the label can say so, but there may still be some natural ones in the wine.

■ **Sustainable farming:** Not fully organic, but using many organic techniques to preserve the environment.

■ **Biodynamic:** An intensified version of organic farming, commonly called "beyond organic" and used increasingly by grape growers.

"It's the 'O' word — the old idea that ... we are going to have to spend a lot more and it's not going to be as good," says Williams. "I think it's going to take a long while to wear down."

Mention organically grown wines to sophisticated wine drinkers — ones who enjoy, say, Turley's big Zinfandels without realizing their provenance — and you hear gasps and concerns about finding alfalfa sprouts in the glass.

Master sommelier Larry Stone of Rubicon in San Francisco, and one of the top professionals in the country, routinely includes organically grown wines from Europe and the United States on lists he creates for renowned restaurants. He puts it this way:

"It's the bane of organic and biodynamic wines in this country: In the past, (among) people practicing those techniques, the wines haven't been of high quality. Today that's not true. Some of the most incredible wines in the world are organic and even beyond that."

When you talk about "organic wine," terms can get confusing — especially because most people, vintners included, commonly lump them all together under that name. California and other states have set up categories, differentiating between wines made from organically grown grapes and those where the winemaking is also

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# organics taking root

Under the new federal definition because that means they can add no sulfites. Sulfur dioxide, added in winemaking, stabilizes wine and keeps it from breaking down in the bottle. Most winemakers say adding some sulfites is essential to good wines.

Under the rules, "organic wines" are made from organically grown grapes and are processed without the yeasts, sulfites and any of some 500 additives and agents allowed in winemaking. If egg whites are used to clarify the wine, the eggs must be organic.

If sulfites are added, the rules allow vintners to say only that their wines are "made from organically grown grapes," even if every other step is organic. Some complain that this leaves consumers with no way of distinguishing wines that are processed more naturally from those tweaked and manipulated through fermentation and aging.

Most of those going organic are small wineries, not

in California. "When people get the message that this is all about quality, then this is going to completely flip," says Frog's Leap's John Williams.

No one keeps track of sales of organically grown wines in the United States. But a survey by the Organic Trade Association suggests that sales of organic wines and beer are keeping up with the hot pace of organic foods in general, which has been shooting up 20 to 25 percent a year.

The small survey predicted that organic wine/beer sales would increase by 38 percent a year for the next three years.

## Swimming against time: keeping fish fresh

Getting perishable seafood from the ocean to the docks to your table a race against the clock.

By Susan Houston  
RALEIGH NEWS & OBSERVER

When seafood is really fresh, you know it. Whether you're selecting a swimming fish in a Japanese sashimi restaurant or a still wriggling crustacean at a Maine lobster pound, you know that seafood just doesn't get much better than what you will taste moments later.

But short of catching it or selecting it yourself, how can you know the fish on your plate is fresh? And safe (a dangerous antibiotic was found in shrimp imported from China earlier this year)? And really red snapper?

The stakes rise each year, as Americans' appetite for fish grows; seafood consumption was up again in 2000, with Americans eating an average of 15.6 pounds per person, according to statistics from the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Yet fish is not individually inspected by the Food Safety and Inspection

Service the way meat and poultry products are. Instead, its safety is based on an intensive record-keeping and industry quality control system, with oversight by the Food and Drug Administration.

The system, called Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP), tracks shipments of fish from the dock to the restaurant or a market.

"It's an insurance policy for us," says Paul D. Pointer, vice president of production at Fresh Catch Seafood in Durham, N.C. "It allows us to verify that a product was handled properly."

HACCP is also the closest thing to insurance for seafood consumers, who must rely on the integrity of people all the way down what Pointer calls "the chain of custody." That means the fishermen who harvest the seafood, the fish houses that process and pack it, the truckers who deliver it to the wholesale markets, the wholesalers who process and deliver it to restaurants and markets that in turn sell it to the consumer.

Because fish is so perishable, the clock starts ticking when it is pulled from the sea and continues until it arrives on your plate. Each minute means the fish is a little less fresh.

"The rule of thumb is that fresh fish has a quality shelf life of three days," says Barry Nash, a seafood technology specialist. "Depending on the fish and how it was handled, it can maybe last a day or two longer."

If your tastes are more global, then know the clock has been ticking longer before a Hawaiian opa or wild Pacific salmon shows up at your table.

Grading international seafood for quality and size happens in the country of origin, Pointer says.

The fish can arrive in the United States within 24 hours of being caught, having been iced, gel-packed fresh or flash frozen.

A U.S. seafood broker navigates the fish through customs and FDA sampling. From there, it enters the processing and wholesale stream, making its way to customers within 24 hours of arriving in the country, Pointer says.

After that, it's up to the consumer to ensure seafood safety. Cleanliness, low temperatures and proper cooking are crucial, according to the experts.

**Cleanliness:** Wash your hands frequently with soap and water before and after working with food. Never let raw seafood come in contact with any other food. Cut raw seafood on an acrylic cutting board and clean the board thoroughly after each use. Wash boards, counters and all utensils with detergent and hot water after each use.

**Cold:** Store fresh fish in the coldest part of the refrigerator in a covered container and use within two days. Keep it moist but not wet. You can also freeze fish. Divide the fish into family-size servings and wrap with plastic wrap, then freezer wrap or aluminum foil. Label each package with the contents and date. Thaw in the refrigerator when ready to use.

**Cooking:** It's best to cook fresh fish as soon as you can. A general rule is to cook fish until the flesh is opaque and flakes with a fork.



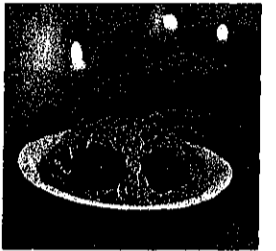
## Create Extreme Cuisine

How can everyday family fare become extreme? When the meal includes recipes from Food Network's "Extreme Cuisine: Food as Art."

Parents and kids can bond by preparing wacky alternatives to traditional fare, from turning plain old Spaghetti and Meatballs into Spaghetti with Eyeballs to creating a life-like aquarium using Jell-O gelatin and candy fish.

These recipes, from "The Secret Life of Food" by Clare Crespo, are guaranteed to make dinnertime exciting!

### SPAGHETTI WITH EYEBALLS



Photos by Eric Staudenmeyer

Vegetable oil  
Pinch each of salt and pepper  
1 pound ground beef  
1 jar (6 ounces) of pimento-stuffed olives  
1/2 cup bread crumbs  
1 pound spaghetti  
1 egg, lightly beaten  
1 jar (26 ounces) of spaghetti sauce  
1 clove garlic, minced  
Parmesan cheese (grated)

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Coat a baking sheet with the oil.

With your hands, mix the beef, bread crumbs, egg, garlic, salt, and pepper in a large bowl until well blended. Shape into 1-1/2-inch balls, and insert one olive (pimento side "looking" out) into each ball. Place on the baking sheet three inches apart and bake about 15-20 minutes.

Bring a large pot of salted water to boil. Add the spaghetti to the water and cook according to the directions on the box. Drain the spaghetti in a colander over the sink. Meanwhile, heat the spaghetti sauce in a pot over medium heat. Stir in the meatballs and let simmer for a few minutes.

Serve the sauce over the spaghetti, and place two meatballs, eyes up, on each plate. Sprinkle Parmesan cheese over spaghetti.

Serves 4-6.  
Remember to serve eyeballs in pairs to your guests!

### JELL-O AQUARIUM



1-1/2 gallon glass goldfish bowl  
2 boxes (6 ounces) Berry Blue Jell-O gelatin  
1 can (11 ounces) fruit cocktail  
2 gummy fish  
1 plastic aquarium plant (optional)

Make the Jell-O according to the directions on the box. Pour into goldfish bowl. Drain the fruit cocktail and slowly pour it into the goldfish bowl. It will sink to the bottom to act as the "gravel."

Place Jell-O gelatin in the refrigerator to thicken, for about an hour. Don't let it set completely.

Remove from the refrigerator and place the gummy (or plastic) fish in the Jell-O, using a chopstick, knife or the back of a spoon to push the fish toward the bottom of the goldfish bowl. Return the Jell-O gelatin to the refrigerator to set completely. When the Jell-O has set and is ready to serve, use a spoon to scoop it and the fish out.

This recipe can also be made in small individual goldfish bowls, so that guests can take them home as party favors. If you want to make the "water" in aquarium a lighter shade of blue, you can replace the second box of Berry Blue Jell-O gelatin with four 7-gram packets of unflavored gelatin.

Serves 6-8.