



Police striving for safe and fun trick-or-treating

By Victoria Sadlocha  
STAFF WRITER

Members of the Novi Police Department urge all little ghosts and goblins that Halloween is a time for fun, but safety is still number one.

The Novi Police Department also reminds all residents, when hitting the streets on Thursday, Oct. 31, the city's recommended candy collecting hours are from 6 to 8 p.m.

While trekking from door-to-door, department heads remind all parents there really is no trick to making Halloween a treat for the entire family.

The major dangers are not from witches or spirits, but rather from falls and pedestrian and car related crashes, said Sgt. Terry Whitfield, City of Novi Police Department.

Whitfield said according to data compiled by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the National Safety Council, many Halloween-related injuries may be prevented if parents closely supervise school-aged children during trick-or-treat activities.

"Halloween poses special risks to young pedestrians. For example, most of the time children spend outdoors is typically during daylight hours," Whitfield said. "However, Halloween activities often occur after dark. Also, children engaged in trick-or-treat activities frequently cross streets at mid-block rather than at corners or crosswalks, putting them at risk for pedestrian injury."

Whitfield said many parents overestimate children's street-crossing skills.

"Children are likely to choose the shortest rather than the safest route across streets, often darting out between parked cars," he said.

In an effort to make sure the community enjoys a safe haunting holiday, the Novi Police Department has compiled this list of safety tips for all treat gatherers:

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Main St. bandshell talks delayed

■ Solicitation of funds from businesses to begin next year

By Victoria Sadlocha  
STAFF WRITER

Plans to examine possible city involvement with bringing an

entertainment stage to Novi's downtown by raising funds from area businesses may be put off until the new year.

"Since the council meeting when member Capello raised the issue, I have talked further with him," said Novi City Manager Richard Helwig. "He agrees that it is not a top priority and can wait for further discussion in the new year."

Helwig did say the suggestion by Novi City Councilman Kim

Capello to have the city take over the initiative of trying to find \$150,000 needed to put up a stage at the corner of Main and Market streets may surface again during council's Nov. 16 goal-setting special meeting.

The recommendation to form a committee, including city administration, was put before council members and officials during Novi's Oct. 7 meeting.

Capello said at one time the Music and Motor Fest was going

to put a stage at the downtown intersection, but the organization has been out of money for several years and is just now getting back on its feet.

The councilman said he contacted Music and Motor Fest leaders to see if they minded if the city take over the concept and they said they didn't mind.

Capello believes if Novi is going to use Main Street as its

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Suspected thieves nabbed

■ Police grab 4 in connection with larcenies

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Four individuals wanted for allegedly stealing items from automobiles parked in city subdivisions were caught and arrested last week by the Novi Police Department.

Four males, three adults and one juvenile, were taken into custody on Oct. 23 after entering several unlocked vehicles around 1 a.m. in the area of 10 Mile between Meadowbrook and Novi roads, police said.

The three adults are facing charges of breaking and entering of a motor vehicle, which is a 93-day misdemeanor, and conspiracy to commit the crime of breaking and entering of a motor vehicle, which carries a one-year maximum penalty.

Three of the suspects arrested are Farmington Hills residents and the fourth suspect is a Lathrup Village resident.

One of the adult suspects stole property from a resident's garage and is charged with home invasion, a crime carrying a 15-year maximum penalty, police said.

Officials said they anticipate more charges will be coming.

Charges have been submitted but not filed against the juvenile.

Novi Police Department Detective Michael Warren said the suspects, ranging in age from 16 to 18, were noticed by the South Oakland Narcotics Consortium as the interdepartmental unit used to stop crimes in progress sat "black" in the Meadowbrook Glens Subdivision waiting for the wanted unknown suspects to strike.

Warren said the four suspects entered the subdivision, turned off their automobile's lights and began going up to vehicles in the subdivision.

"After they went into several vehicles, they left and headed west on 10 Mile west of Novi Road," Warren said.

Police said after the individuals entered a second Novi subdivision

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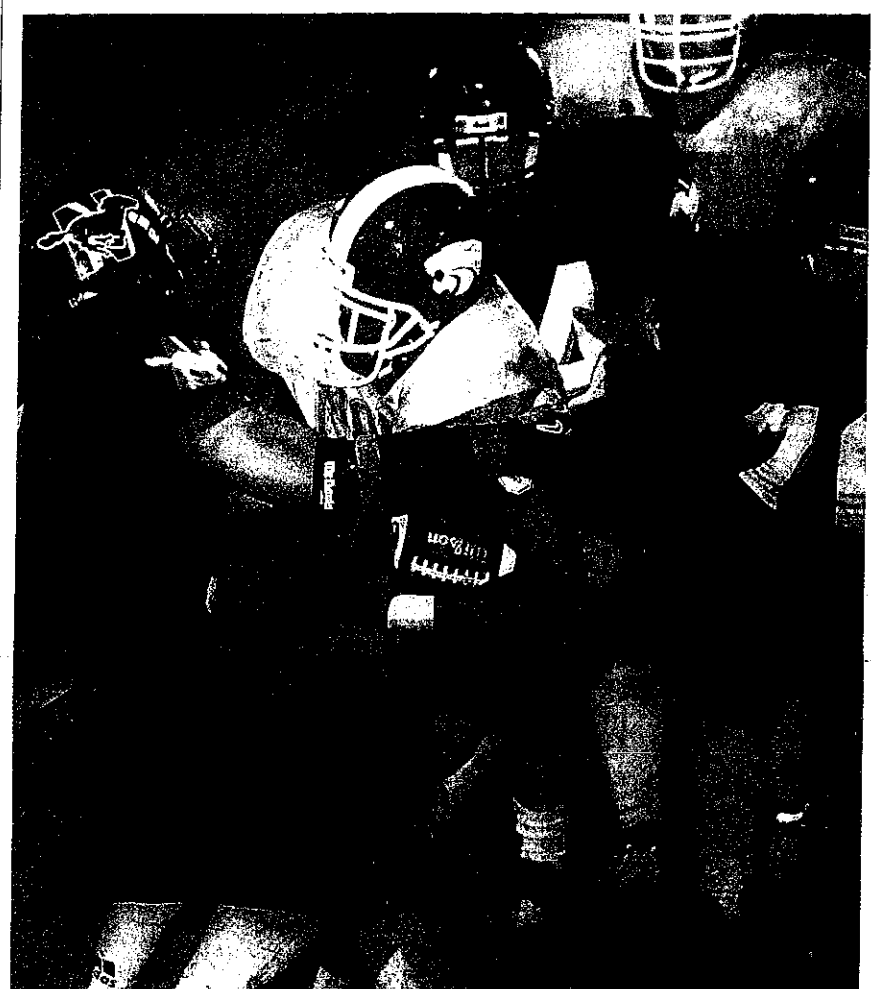


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Novi grabs the jug again

Northville senior linebacker Matt Cornelli gets his hands on a rather slippery Novi runningback in the annual Baseline Jug contest. The Wildcats topped the Mustangs 46-26.

Sandstone land clearing on track

By Victoria Sadlocha  
STAFF WRITER

City officials report the first two rounds of remediation to the city's North Novi Park are complete and the land clearing project appears on track.

"Things are moving forward in a timely manner and we are on

schedule," said Dave Maurice, City of Novi GIS and Environmental Services manager.

The first round of land clearing occurred on about 36 acres of the park, located at 12 Mile and Dixon roads, of which 21 acres needed remediating by digging and hauling the soil from the site because of contamination, officials said.

"After the first round about five acres of the 21 acres were considered clean and the 15 acres needed further excavation," Maurice said.

The city reports the second round of excavation and sampling is now complete and Novi's environmental consultants are looking at the data to establish

what areas need further excavation.

"A third round of excavation will need to be done in specific areas which is what is being determined currently," Maurice said.

As of Oct. 1, the city has spent about \$961,320 on the entire

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Merit Scholarship fate rests in hands of voters

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If passed, statewide Proposal 4 would end the Merit Scholarship program that over the past three years has helped 669 local high school graduates from Novi attend college, according to figures from the Michigan Department of Treasury.

Proposal 4, a 1,300-word amendment to the Michigan Constitution that is up for a vote on the Nov. 5 ballot, would redirect more than \$300 million in Tobacco Settlement revenue to various health care institutions and hospitals.

A record 51,733 members of the high school class of 2002 qualified for the \$2,500 scholarship by passing the state's assessment test. State Treasurer Doug

Roberts warned last week that up to 78,000 students, including the graduating class of 2003, will be denied scholarships next year if voters approve Proposal 4.

In Novi, 196 Merit Scholarships were awarded to local youth in 2000, 215 in 2001 and 258 in 2002.

"I think that most of the people who are concerned and the critics of Proposal 4 passing would say it's not a healthy thing to take that authority away from the legislature and have it used for whatever the state of Michigan feels most important," said Emmett Lippe, Novi Schools superintendent. "If Proposal 4 passes, as I understand it, it's a private organization that gets control of that money and it gets out of the lawmakers' hands, so that's a down side."

Lippe said that, of course, educators have always supported the Merit Scholarships, but as a poli-

cy matter in the state of Michigan, that may be why some people are against it.

"The fact is, there is no choice," said Lippe. "It's dictated by a private organization that will determine how the tobacco money is spent, and there is some concern that it may not be spent the way that everyone thinks it ought to be spent."

Lippe said it should up to the state of Michigan to decide how the money should be spent, and Proposal 4 takes that option away.

"I think the state of Michigan should have the latitude to spend the way they want to spend as opposed to special interest groups, so I would be a supporter of keeping it like it is," said Lippe. "It ought to be a legislative matter rather than a constitutional matter."

State Sen. John (Joe) Schwarz is leading the drive against the proposal.

MEAP SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED 2000-2002				
	2000	2001	2002	Total
HURON VALLEY	298	321	299	918
NORTHVILLE	190	223	233	646
NOVI	196	215	258	669
SOUTH LYON	121	165	183	469
WALLED LAKE	293	357	398	1048

SOURCE: Mich. Dept. of Treasury

"Voters should realize that if Proposal 4 passes, the Merit Scholarship program is dead and will not be revived," Schwarz said. "As a result, high school

graduates throughout Michigan will not receive a scholarship that in many cases will make a differ-

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## Police capture four suspected thieves

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and began to approach more vehicles, members of the SONIC unit and a couple of uniformed Novi patrol officers made the arrest.

"All of them admitted to being involved," Warren said.

The detective said after further questioning by himself and his partner, detective Victor Luria, they were able to be the suspects for "prior larcenies" happening in the Meadowbrook - Glen Subdivision between 9 p.m. Oct. 15 and 7 a.m. Oct. 16 in a number of streets.

"We went to the suspect's house in Farmington Hills and retrieved four or five items from the previous week," Warren said.

He said many of items stolen during the Oct. 15-16 spree - including a television, credit cards, cash, compact discs, cellular phones, a laptop computer, a palm pilot, briefcases, sunglasses, a cash register and a woman's jacket - were thrown away when the suspects determined they had no need for the items, so many of the stolen goods will not be returned to the owners.

Police said any property recovered has already been dispersed.

Warren said the interview revealed the four males may also

have been involved in similar crimes in West Bloomfield and Farmington Hills which the males are now being investigated for committing.

"The message that we want to get out is lock your cars," Warren said. "People need to lock their cars."

The detective said in all instances the suspects entered and stole contents from unlocked vehicles.

"When they came to a car that was locked, they walked away," Warren said.

Police said many robbers do not bother with locked vehicles because it may be too noisy and takes a longer amount of time to complete the crime.

Members of the Novi Police Department also caution residents to keep their garage doors closed, a fairly simple deterrent in thwarting neighborhood larcenies.

Criminologists had posted a cash register for information leading to the arrest and prosecution of the suspects involved in the Novi crimes.

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## Council questions hiring more officers

Members decide to wait until next month

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D. Landry

The decision to add additional officers to Novi's police department was postponed until next month after questions on how to pay the potential employees surfaced.

The request to hire three additional officers was tabled during the Novi City Council's Oct. 21 meeting after concerns were raised including where the money would come from, waiting until all members were present and holding out for next year's grant application approval process.

A current-year grant application submitted by the city earmarked for hiring the additional officers was turned down, eliminating the partial officer funding.

City of Novi Police Chief Douglas Shaeffer said a specific reason why Novi did not receive the COPS Universal Hiring grant was not given; how-

ever, he was told there were insufficient funds for all the applications the organization received.

Shaeffer said the grant would have paid \$75,000 over a three-year period per officer toward the total expected expenditure for the three officers.

The city had set aside \$137,000 in its contingency fund as Novi's match for the grant as part of current fiscal year budget, officials said.

The dilemma facing council members now is they have set aside a portion of the funds needed, but not enough to cover the entire expenditure.

Four options were proposed to members of council including:

- Wait until Jan. 1, 2003 to hire the officers, resulting in a 2002-2003 fiscal year expenditure of \$37,354 per officer or \$112,062 for three officers
- Wait until April 1, 2003 to hire the officers, resulting in a 2002-2003 fiscal year expenditure of \$21,120 per officer or \$63,360 for three officers

• Hold off and include the officers in Novi's 2003-2004 budget

- Review the request in March 2003 after expiration of the grant period has been revisited by the

Department of Justice

Shaeffer also suggested deferring some of the department's planned current fiscal year purchases such as a new vehicle and computer.

The police chief believes the deferral may push close to \$20,000 into the 2003-2004 fiscal year.

"In the interest of public safety, we should hire the three officers starting Jan. 1, 2003," said David Landry, Novi city councilman.

During the October meeting, Landry said since the city had already set aside \$137,000 for the match, he felt going with the first option seemed reasonable.

Voicing concern for the expenditure was Novi City Councilwoman Laura Lorenz.

Lorenz said she felt it would be more prudent to wait until the next funding cycle and to see if the grant application is approved when up for consideration again in March 2003.

The councilwoman also stated since the funds were set aside for matching and not hiring, she feels the request must receive five favorable votes and the council should postpone the decision seeing as City of Novi Mayor

Richard Clark was not in attendance during the Oct. 21 meeting. The issue is expected to appear on council's agenda in November.

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Novi Police Department Sgt. Terry Whitfield and officer Mark Body pin junior police badges on the shirts of 3-year-old Mary Whitfield and 6-year-old Kira Haas during their Halloween Safety Program held earlier this week at the Novi Town Center 8 Theater.

## Novi PD thinks safety first

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**Children should:**

- "Go only to well-lit houses and remain on porches rather than entering houses"
- "Travel in small groups and be accompanied by an adult"
- "Know their phone numbers and carry coins for emergency telephone calls"
- "Have their names and addresses attached to their costumes"
- "Bring treats home before eating them for parental inspection"
- "Use costume knives and swords that are flexible, not rigid or sharp"

**When walking in neighborhoods, children should:**

- "Use flashlights, stay on sidewalks and avoid crossing streets"
- "Cross streets at the corner, use crosswalks and do not cross between parked cars"
- "Stop at all corners and stay together in a group before crossing"
- "Wear clothing that is bright, reflective and flame retardant"
- "Consider using face paint instead of masks to avoid obstructing a child's vision"

• "Avoid wearing hats that will slide over children's eyes"

• "Avoid wearing long, baggy clothes or oversized shoes to prevent tripping"

• "Be reminded to look left, right and left again before crossing the street"

**Parents and adults should:**

- "Supervise the outing for children younger than 12"
- "Establish a return time for older children"
- "Prepare homes on Halloween night by clearing porches, lawns and sidewalks"
- "Avoid giving choking hazards like gum, peanuts, hard candies and small toys to young children"
- "Inspect all candy for safety before children eat their treats"
- "Have children exit cars on the curbside, not the traffic side"
- "The Sgt. encourages all parents to go door to door with their children."

Whitfield and Novi Police Department officer Mark Body relayed these Halloween tips and others last weekend at a safety-awareness program held at the Novi Town Center 8 Theater.

The Oct. 27 event welcomed many children from 9:30 to 11 a.m. and was held in conjunction with the theater's Free Fall Show program presentation of "Hey Arnold! The Movie."

While teaching children the best way to trick-or-treat, Whitfield and Body also passed out child identification kits, Slurpee coupons, coloring books and junior police badges.

Whitfield said the department's main priority for holding the event was to educate families that pedestrian accidents is the number one cause of injuries on Halloween night, primarily drivers' striking young children with their vehicles.

The Sgt. encourages all parents to go door to door with their children.

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## Bandshell talks delayed

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downtown area, it needs a stage for city activities.

It is Capello's idea other residents would join the committee, mentioning possible participation by members of the Novi Chamber of Commerce.

Novi City Councilman David Landry believes a bandshell on Main Street is a good idea and worthy of the effort.

Landry said he would support the suggestion.

"I believe their (city administration) plan is full," said Novi Mayor Pro-Tem Michelle Bononi.

Bononi also voiced concern with the viability of the downtown project in general and is not sure applying city resources to a project in "flux" is wise.

Helwig said the idea of a city seeking public dollars is an issue



K. Capello

he is always concerned with.

"I just needs to be done in the right manner," he said.

The city manager said when the issue was brought up again in the future, he would bring back a public purpose designation, clearly clarifying what the goals of the fundraising effort are and how individuals and organizations may participate.

"I've seen too many debacles," Helwig said.

Novi City Councilman Louis Cordas concurred with Helwig's concerns.

"I see a lot of danger for a city to go out and do fund raising," Cordas said.

The viability of the \$200-million downtown project came into question again recently as lawyers by investors and foreclosures by creditors against developer James Chen surfaced.

Meanwhile, a lawsuit involving the Main Street businesses and Chen continues one year after it was filed first by Chen and followed by counter-suits by the downtown business owners.

The Main Street area was further affected by the closing of the West Main Street Market and Fatoosh Mediterranean Cuisine.

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## Voters control scholarship fate

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ence as to whether they will be able to attend college or not."

Over the years, the Merit Scholarship program has provided 139,000 college scholarships for Michigan young men and women, many of whom would not attend college without that financial help.

"If Proposal 4 is adopted, kids and families in coming years who were hoping for financial help in going to college will be left out in the cold," said Schwarz.

In his editorial endorsements, the Novi News has opposed passage of Proposal 4.

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## Police Report

**Irked employees?**

A Novi police officer was dispatched to Red Robin on Oct. 26 regarding a malicious destruction of property complaint. Upon arrival, the officer was met by the restaurant manager who stated her vehicle had been "keyed." The manager of the Town Center Shopping plaza called police to report a missing racebook car. She told police on Oct. 24 at about 6:30 p.m., a trap she received from a small animal trapping company to catch raccoons living under her trailer was gone. The woman told police she has had this problem about three times in the past and often found the traps in the swampy area behind her home. This time, the Novi resident told police she searched, but found nothing. Police advised the woman to secure her next trap with a chain and lock.

pumped the gas and left. The man said he thinks he saw her swipe her credit card at the pump. He believes she didn't realize the transaction did not register. Police phoned the driver of the vehicle and she came in and paid for the gas the next day.

**Crafty coons**

A Novi homeowner living in the 3000 block of Rousseau called police to report a missing racebook car. She told police on Oct. 24 at about 6:30 p.m., a trap she received from a small animal trapping company to catch raccoons living under her trailer was gone. The woman told police she has had this problem about three times in the past and often found the traps in the swampy area behind her home. This time, the Novi resident told police she searched, but found nothing. Police advised the woman to secure her next trap with a chain and lock.

**Shopping trip gone bad**

While shopping at Home Depot on Grand River Avenue, a Walled Lake man received more than he bargained for after finding his car was vandalized while he was in the home improvement store. The 48-year-old male told police he went inside the store on Oct. 25 at 5 p.m. When he returned to his vehicle one hour later, an unknown subject's (S) broke out his driver's side front window. Police said nothing was taken from inside the vehicle. There are no suspects or witnesses at this time.

Novi Police received a call from the Davis Amoco gas station on 12 Mile Road stating a woman driving a sport utility vehicle drove off without paying for more than 17 gallons of gas. A male witness told police, the woman arrived at the station on Oct. 25 at about 2:20 p.m..

**Absent minded**

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City of Novi GIS and Environmental Services Manager Dave Maurice walks through cleared portions of North Novi Park.

## Sandstone land clearing on track

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endeavor.

Maurice said the dollar amount includes removing debris piles from various locations on the site and removing shingles from an asbestos abated barn located on the sold property.

Maurice said a possibility exists for a round four excavation.

The suggestion troubles Novi City Councilman Kim Capello, who is concerned the city may run out of allocated funds before the project is complete.

Maurice estimated round two excavation costs at about \$20 a cubic yard resulting in \$400,000. In addition, sampling may run \$10,000 to \$15,000, resulting in a final round two cost of \$410,000 to \$415,000.

The city is just starting to receive invoices for work done since Oct. 1, the day of the last

COST EXPENDITURES TO DATE		
(as of Oct. 1, 2002)		
■ Hydro-Logic Associates, Inc. cost (environmental services)	\$41,608	\$80,000
■ J&K & Assoc., Inc. (engineering and project management)	152,650	162,000
■ Waterland Trucking (clearing, grubbing and excavation)	764,819	1.11 million
■ Miscellaneous (removal of asbestos shingling)	2,240	

source: City of Novi

financial update.

After round two invoices are received, a financial update will reveal the city's financial position regarding the remaining project

costs. The site work is mandated by a lawsuit settlement agreement between Sandstone Associates Limited Partnership and the City

of Novi which required the city to sell 75 net acres of the park in lieu of paying close to \$70 million including accruing interest and fees.

According to the lawsuit, the city shall fully remediate the contamination on the property of hazardous materials, including arsenic, in quantities exceeding state and federal standards regulating residential land use. Per the agreement, the City of Novi has, one year from the date the consent judgment was entered into Oakland County Circuit Court, giving the city until July 24, 2003 for project completion.

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## Novi chamber bylaw proposal contested

By Phil Foley  
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A proposed change in the way the Novi Chamber of Commerce amends its bylaws could make the chamber's November 19 meeting a little more lively than usual.

A committee appointed by current board chairman Jane Thomas wants to make it easier to change the chamber's bylaws.

Currently the entire membership has to be notified 10 days prior to a meeting where a bylaw change is considered. The proposed change can then be approved or rejected by a simple majority of the members attending that meeting.

Under the proposed change, a bylaw amendment could be sent to either the membership or the board 10 days prior to a meeting and then approved by either 50 members in good standing or two-thirds of the board members attending the meeting.

"It shouldn't be that easy to change the bylaws. It should be like the constitution," said Gina Blazo, who will be taking a seat on the chamber's board in January.

Doug Shaeffer, chairman of the chamber's bylaw committee, said it's simply a question of updating the chamber's bylaws for the first time in a decade. "We're not trying to do anything atypical," said Shaeffer. "This is found in business every day."

Shaeffer said the proposed change was unanimously approved by the chamber board.

Lou Martin, who will take over as the chamber's board chairman, disagreed, saying he argued against the proposed change, which he called "disheartening."

Thomas said after looking at the way other nearby chambers amend their bylaws, Novi's "doesn't make sense."

"I don't see the need to change major rules," said Christy Seaburg who is a member of the Northville Chamber of

"It shouldn't be that easy to change the bylaws. It should be like the constitution."

Gina Blazo  
Board member-elect

Commerce board directors as well as a general member of the Novi chamber.

Niki Pearce, who will be joining Novi's board of directors in January, said she is urging chamber members to vote against the change. "There's a more appropriate way to change the bylaws," she said.

Shaeffer countered the method the bylaws committee is asking for is used by the majority of the surrounding chambers.

Jim Barrett, president of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, said, "there's really no set fast rule" for amending local bylaws. "It's really a local decision," he said, adding that it's not uncommon for corporations to give a fair amount of board to their boards.

Novi chamber member David McComyn said he's "uncomfortable taking the decision making out of members' hands."

He added that with a new board taking over in January any overhaul of the chamber's bylaws should be left until then.

Chamber members will make their decision at the Wyndham Garden Hotel, 42100 Crescent Blvd., at 11:30 a.m. Nov. 19.

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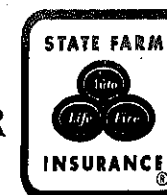
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**Arthritis Self-Help Class**  
 DATE: Nov. 6  
 TIME: 12:30-2:30 p.m.  
 LOCATION: Novi Senior Center, 25075 Meadowbrook, Novi  
 DETAILS: \$20 per person; \$5 companion rate; register by Oct. 16  
 PHONE: (248) 347-0421

**Novi Town Center Free Fall Movie - "Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron"**  
 DATE: Saturday, Nov. 2 and Sunday, Nov. 3  
 TIME: 10 a.m. and 11 a.m., each day  
 LOCATION: Novi Town Center, 26085 Town Center Drive, just west of Novi Rd. and north of Grand River Ave.  
 DETAILS: Complimentary movie for families, fall series-different movies each weekend through Nov. 24. Come and enjoy an afternoon of "going to the movies."  
 PHONE: 248-465-SHOW

**Aplastic Anemia Foundation of Michigan Boot Scootin Benefit**  
 DATE: Saturday, Nov. 2  
 LOCATION: Wixom Community Center, 49015 Pontiac Trail, Wixom  
 DETAILS: Celebrating our 10 year anniversary, tickets purchased before Oct. 26, \$10.00 each, after Oct. 26, \$12.00 each, all proceeds will be used toward helping patients and families deal with the devastation of aplastic anemia and other bone marrow failure diseases.  
 PHONE: (248) 669-1585

**Competitive Cheer Try-Outs**  
 DATE: Sunday, Nov. 3  
 TIME: 10 a.m.  
 LOCATION: All Star Gymnastics (22515 Heslip, off 9 Mile, east of Novi Road)  
 DETAILS: All Star Gymnastics is holding try-outs for the MECA cheer squad. Both girls and boys in sixth thru 11th grade are welcome.

PHONE: Call (248) 380-5330 to sign up or for more information.

**Michigan Photographic Historical Society Trade Show**  
 DATE: Sunday, Nov. 3  
 TIME: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
 LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Rd., west of Novi Rd.  
 DETAILS: This is a collector's show where you will find everything from antique cameras to antique photographs. Also a good selection of used cameras and darkroom equipment as well as hard to find photographic literature. Admission is \$3.00 and parking is free.

**Walled Lake Commerce Elementary Auction**  
 DATE: Friday, Nov. 8  
 TIME: 6-9 p.m.  
 LOCATION: Northern High School, 6000 Bogie Lake Rd.  
 DETAILS: Silent auction and evening of prizes ranging from tickets to Detroit-area athletic events to a myriad of other donated prizes. Proceeds will be used to expand the comprehensive laptop program in the schools.

**Induction Seminar by Welduction Corporation**  
 DATE: Friday, Nov. 8  
 LOCATION: Wyndham Garden Hotel, Novi  
 DETAILS: The seminar will include technical sessions and videos covering various induction applications and heat treating systems. Attendees can also tour Welduction's manufacturing and commercial processing facility.  
 PHONE: To register or for more information, call Welduction Corp. (800) 798-3042 or (248) 735-2800.

**Novi Theatres' Auditions for "Hansel & Gretel"**  
 DATE: Tues., Nov. 12 and

Wed., Nov. 13  
 TIME: 4 p.m.  
 LOCATION: Novi Civic Center  
 DETAILS: Audition packets will be available at Parks, Recreation and Forestry starting Nov. 4th. Performances will be Jan. 31, Feb. 1 and 2, 2003.  
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 DATE: Nov. 12  
 TIME: 7:30 p.m.  
 LOCATION: 5th Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi  
 DETAILS: Meet 10-15 new people for 5 minutes each. It's fast-paced, fun & exciting! Pre-registration is required.  
 PHONE: Call (517) 552-0673 or www.quickdateinfo.com

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 DATE: Thurs., Nov. 14  
 TIME: 7 p.m.  
 LOCATION: Oakland Physical Therapy, Providence Park Medical Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi.  
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**Oakland County Health Division Expectant Parent Classes**  
 DATE: ongoing series  
 LOCATION: Oakland County Health Division, 1010 East West Maple, Walled Lake  
 TIME: 7 p.m.-9 p.m.  
 DETAILS: Classes will be taught by Public Health Nurses. Topics will include childbirth preparation, labor and delivery, care of the newborn baby, breastfeeding, bottle-feeding, information about keeping children safe, and caring for them when they are ill. Cost is \$25.00.  
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**Oakland County Health Division Breastfeeding Support Sessions**  
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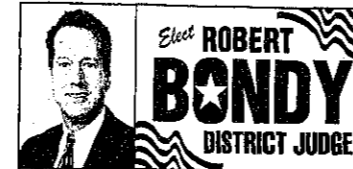
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**Novi Toastmasters**  
 DATE: First and third Tuesdays of the month  
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 TIME: 7:30 p.m.  
 DETAILS: Toastmasters will help you improve your communication skills, voice your opinion,

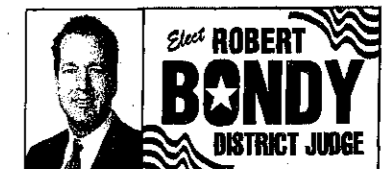
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**"Novi Needlers" Quilting Group**  
 DATE: Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month  
 LOCATION: Novi Senior Center, 25075 Meadowbrook, Novi  
 TIME: 10 a.m.-12 p.m.  
 DETAILS: Fabric donations welcome.  
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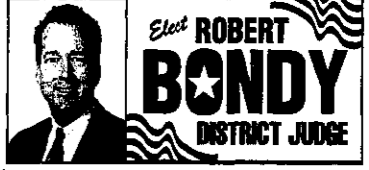
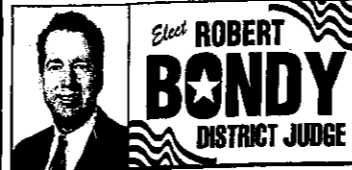
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Novi Woods Principal Pam Ouliquit checks out the construction progress of her school last Friday afternoon.

## Makeover will give returning Woods students a brand new school next fall

By Ramez Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

One of the main goals that Novi Schools Superintendent Emmett Lippe laid at the beginning of the school year was the successful transition of Novi Woods Elementary School to the Instructional Technology Center and back to Novi Woods upon completion of the construction project.

So far so good. Construction at the school is moving along smoothly and students and faculty staff have tentatively transferred to the ITC Building for this current school year. The cost of financing the project is coming from a \$75 million bond issue which was passed in June 2001.

According to Lippe, the additions are eight new classrooms, including four kindergarten classrooms, and a new media center.

"The media center now is located right in the middle of the building, but it will move out to the new addition," he said. "Some of the building will be split between the old and the new. In this building we are going to have two teach-

ing centers. Some will open into two classrooms and some into four. In other words, we will have two distinct houses."

Novi Woods Elementary Principal Pam Ouliquit is excited about the improvements.

"The media center will have brand new technology and that will be a great benefit to the students," she said. "Some of the classroom spaces are for kindergarten, so space will be beneficial as far as learning centers and breaking kids into groups. The transition has been great and we received lots of community input. When we came up with the idea to move, we had a lot of parents support, which has stayed strong. They have been supportive and our staff has been great too. Everybody knew what we had to do and it has worked really well."

The building will have two-member teams, which will each grade kindergarten through fourth grade and the current gymnasium will be renovated into a new Cafeteria.

The building has been basically gutted out and will be put back together," Lippe said. "The former cafeteria will be a multi-purpose room and the former gymna-

stium will now become the cafeteria. The addition will be the gymnasium with storage and a stage and we will also have a music room, the music room and the gymnasium will be the additions on the south side of the building and the classrooms will be the additions on the north side."

The foundations have all been laid for the new additions and the walls are now going up. Steel is also set to be delivered soon to put the roof up. The school district is very optimistic that a lot of work will be done before hard winter hits.

"The transition has taken place and construction is well under way," Lippe said. "We are going to open it back up in the fall of 2003 to accommodate these classrooms, the media center and the new gymnasium and music classrooms. The students and parents of Novi Woods will be essentially coming back to a new school when it opens up."

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## School Briefs

By Ramez Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

### Parent Pick-Up

If a Novi Woods Elementary child is being picked up at the end of the school day, 3:21 p.m., he or she should be picked up in a timely manner. If a child isn't picked up by 3:45 p.m., he or she will be placed in Children's Activities in a Responsible Environment until the parent(s) or guardian arrives. A fee will be charged for this program and the office closes at 4 p.m.

### Helmet Sale

Novi Woods is participating in the CNS Helmet Program this year. Through it is not a fundraiser, it is a service for Novi Woods students and their families. The helmets have a high safety certification. Please look for the helmet flyer and return it to school as soon as possible with a check made out to Novi Woods PTO. The deadline is Friday, Nov. 1.

### Music

First graders at Novi Woods have been working on high and low sounds and have begun some favorite Halloween songs and games, such as "Stand Behind the Witch's Hat," a musical obstacle course, "I'm a Little Goblin" and "Means and Means and Skeleton Bones." Friday classes have also been experimenting with rhythm band instruments, using songs like "New York, New York" and "Summerwind" by Frank Sinatra.

Second graders have learned

"On October 31" and some hand movements with a partner and are experimenting with a partner as well. They are also experimenting with instrument ostinatos in "Are You Creeping." They have learned the movements for "Round and Round the Pumpkin Patch."

Third and fourth grade students will be starting to play recorders very soon. Look for "Jump Rope For Heart" information that will be distributed soon and continue through Friday, Nov. 15.

### Safety at Home

Children should know their full name, home phone number and how to use the telephone. Contact information should be posted where children will see it (Office phone number, cell phone, pager, etc.)

Children should have a trusted adult to call if they're scared or have an emergency.

- Choose baby-sitters with care. Obtain references from family, friends and neighbors. Once a caregiver has been chosen, drop in unexpectedly to see how the children are doing. Ask children how the experience with the caregiver was and listen carefully to their responses.

### Safety in the Neighborhood

- Make a list with children of their neighborhood boundaries, choosing significant landmarks.
- Interact regularly with neighbors. Tell children whose homes they are allowed to visit.
- Don't drop children off alone at malls, movie theaters, or parks.

- Teach children that adults should not approach children for help or directions. Grow-ups as well. They are also experimenting with instrument ostinatos in "Are You Creeping." They should stay alert because this may be a "trick."

- Never leave children unattended in an automobile. Children should never accept a ride or approach a car when they don't know and trust the driver.

- Children should always take a friend when walking or riding their bikes.
- Children should never go anywhere with anyone without getting parents permission first.

### Safety at School

- Be careful when putting a child's name on clothing, backpacks, lunch boxes or bicycle license plates. If a child's name is visible, it may put them on a "first name" basis with an abductor.
- Walk the route to and from school with children, pointing out landmarks and avoiding shortcuts or isolated areas.
- If children ride the bus, visit the bus stop with them and make sure they know which bus to take. Children should stay with a group while waiting at the bus stop.

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## On Campus

Novi resident Sarah D. Jarvis is a new member of the Gerald R. Ford Institute for Public Service. She is a sophomore at Albion College and is a member of the Gerald R. Ford Institute for Public Policy and Service. She is the daughter of Miles Jarvis and Gail Jarvis of Novi and a graduate of Novi High School.

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Novi residents Chih-Kang Ko and Jeffrey Schwartz were named to the Honors List for summer 2002 semester at Michigan State University.

Novi residents Leann Abbott, Michael Alberty, Kenneth Cameron, Melissa Frankish,

Stephanie Gordon, Emily Parker, Amanda Phelps and Alba Williams were among the graduates of Michigan State University during summer 2002 commencement exercises.

Walled Lake resident Julia Karasik was among the graduates of Michigan State University during summer 2002 commencement exercises.

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## Third graders experience school in the 1870s

Orchard Hills Elementary students learn valuable history lessons at Wash Oak School

By Ramez Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

The third grade classes at Orchard Hills Elementary School in Novi got a first-hand experience of a school day in the 1870s as part of their social studies unit on pioneers. As part of the curriculum across the district for third grade, each of the four classes spent a day at a one-room schoolhouse called Wash Oak School in Northville's Mill Race Historical Village. Wash Oak was built in 1874 and was operational until 1918.

Before the actual school day began, the classes were given a detailed tour of all the buildings located in Mill Race by a guide from the Northville Historical Society. After the tour, the children were dressed in Pioneer

clothes, spent the rest of their day at Wash Oak just as their counterparts would have over 130 years ago. "As they studied pioneers, we talked about what life was like back then," said Orchard Hills Third Grade Teacher Cathy Brandau. "We also talked about how they traveled from east to west by covered wagons on Oregon Trail, what food was like and we made butter and quilt pillows. We were just comparing them to now."

Brandau discussed with the kids what a typical day would have been like. Whenever she called on a student, they would ask, "May I speak?" She would answer, "Yes, you may." She also told the students about some of the forms of discipline that were used, such as a sharp hit to the back of the legs with a branch or wearing a dunce cap.

"The conclusion of entire unit was to go to Wash Oak School," Brandau said. "We had a tour guide who showed us the homes from an everyday person's home, to a rich person's house, to a church. At the school house we compared ink wells and leather pens to pencils and we learned about history. When we broke up

into groups, parents taught different lessons like spelling, history and the presidents up to that time. There was also math being taught on slates. The kids got the feeling of what it was like to be a Pioneer. This is just one of our objectives in the district."

The students moved through several different small groups led by volunteer parents to get a more detailed experience in what was taught in the 1870s. Some of these groups included arithmetic, reading, penmanship, history, spelling, quilting and games.

"We kind of prepared the kids beforehand so they knew what to expect," Brandau said. "At recess they played with slates, they played red rover and they were really into it. It's like they were really in awe and when we got there, they were ready to roll. They were surprised at how different everything was back then. We gave them suggestions on what to wear, like suspenders for the boys and they came up with all the costumes."

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Third graders Nicole Bray (left) and Mary Beard listen intently as they participate in a school day at Wash Oak School, a one-room school house in Northville's Mill Race Historical Village

## Obituaries

### SCOTT R. PITCHER

Scott R. Pitcher of Novi died Oct. 25, 2002.

Mr. Pitcher is survived by his wife, Marie; children Michael, Liz, and Jimmy; his parents Robert and Dorothy; and brother Craig (Sandy). He was preceded in death by his mother Elaine.

A funeral mass was held on Wed., Oct. 30 at St. James Catholic Church in Novi. Memorial contributions may be made to The Pitcher Child Education Fund. Funeral arrangements were made by O'Brien-Sullivan Funeral Home in Novi.

### JOHN W. RUSSELL

John W. Russell of Calver City, Calif. died on Oct. 21, 2002.

He is survived by his brother James (Jacqueline); nephews Bruce and David; and niece Marie.

A funeral mass was held on Wed., Oct. 30 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Novi. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Kidney Fund, 6110 Executive Blvd., Suite 1010, Rockville, MD 20852-9813. Funeral arrangements were made by O'Brien-Sullivan Funeral Home in Novi.

### DARLENE R. SOFIA

Darlene Sofia of Novi, died October 22, 2002. She was 48.

Survivors include her husband, Onesto; six children, Antonietta, Michael, Richard, Angela, Frank and Kayla; her mother, Ruth Dority; five grandchildren, Megan, Julia, Elizabeth, Abigail and Jacob; six sisters and three brothers.

A funeral service was held Oct. 26 at O'Brien-Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River, Novi. The family requests contributions be made to the charity of your choice. Arrangements were made by O'Brien-Sullivan Funeral Home.

## Prominent Realtor Pitcher dies

By Ramez Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

Scott P. Pitcher, 47, of Novi, was killed when his vehicle was in a three-vehicle crash in Farmington Hills about 9:45 p.m. Friday.

Pitcher, one of 3,800 Realtors in the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors, was a Realtor for Remax of Novi. According to a neighbor who wished to remain anonymous, Pitcher was "a very nice man. He was involved with some of the sports with his kids and with his neighborhood association. He was a good father and husband."

Pitcher leaves behind his wife, Maria, and three children.

Michael, Larry and Jimmy.

"I didn't know him personally, but I know he was a very caring man and a successful business man," said Father James Cronk of St. James Catholic Church in Novi. "He had a very sensitive touch to other people's needs. He was church-going man as well. He seemed to have a nice sense of family because he couldn't give the kid enough. He was also well thought of. People in the parish spoke very highly of him. He had three kids, so it's just a sad situation."

Sam Bak, a Realtor and developer at Remax, said, "He was a

great guy and everybody liked him. I worked with him in the field and he was one of our top agents. He did a lot of business in South Lyon and on the west side.

He was very helpful to anyone who needed anything. He was great to work with and we are all sad to lose him."

Memorial donations may be made to The Pitcher Child Education Fund.



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Biz Briefs

Novi resident Prakash Tamhany recently joined...



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Optometrist Dr. Amy Crissman has joined the staff of Town and Country Eyecare.



A. Crissman

Novi resident Prakash Tamhany recently joined...

Kevin Kott, president of dSPACE's North American headquarters...

Shopping event benefits kids Tickets are now on sale for the Fourth Annual Holiday Shopping Extravaganza...



Historic Novi building becomes oriental rug shop

By Phil Foley STAFF WRITER Designer Rugs and Furniture is a case of life coming full circle.

Left, Ferry Mirashany is the day-to-day face of Bruce Pakery's new store at the corner of Grand River and Novi Road...

Novi announces more roadway improvements

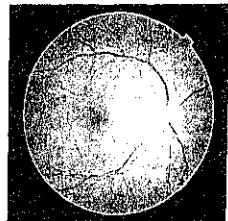
Intersection of 10 Mile, Beck will receive a dedicated right-turn lane



On the road Antiques appraiser Virginia Fournier, right, takes a look at the child's sleigh of Thelma Christanson...

Novi optometrist offers digital eyecare

By Phil Foley STAFF WRITER Novi's Town & Country Eyecare is going digital.



Novi's Town & Country Eyecare is now able to take high-resolution digital photographs of the inside of patients' eyes.

Novi-based CSM Worldwide is producing that in-vehicle navigation systems sales will double in the next five years...

Kathy Center has joined the staff of Town and Country Eyecare.

CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF OFFICIAL COMPUTER TEST GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2002

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# Orchard Hills Elementary students strive to do their very "B.E.S.T."

**Kids hope to "get caught" being good**

By Ramez Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

Orchard Hills Elementary School is in the middle of a new program to help students focus on positive citizenship behaviors, including "Be an active listener," "Expect success in all you do," "Show respect to others and 'T'ell the truth."

The program involves every aspect of the student's day at school. The main strategy includes "Getting Caught," which is when children are "caught" demonstrating their B.E.S.T. behaviors by the teachers or staff. Whoever is caught will get a blue ticket which is put in a fishbowl in the gymnasium. Principal Paul LePine will then draw out three tickets each week and those students are invited to be on the Orchard Hills Friday morning television program. They will

be "hooked" with a fish pin and given an opportunity to share with their fellow students what they are doing right at Orchard Hills.

"Our goal is to improve the citizenship of students by encouraging them to demonstrate their personal best," said Melissa Mars, a third grade teacher. "It really seems to be taking off throughout the school. The kids are interested to know what this is all about. It is a positive behavior plan and we are trying to reinforce doing the right thing. Children want the attention too, and if they get caught doing the right thing, it is positive attention, not negative."

Another aspect of the program is the "Personal B.E.S.T. Lunch Bunch." Each week a student is selected by his or her teacher to develop a personal goal to work toward, whether behavior or academic related. The teacher works with and reinforces the student's progress throughout the week. On Friday, the student receives a certificate of achievement and also eats lunch with LePine who will congratulate the student and talk more about his or her achievements.

"At the beginning of each week, each teacher will choose a child to be the principal's assistant," Mars said. "That is coming along as well, even though it's one of those things that is harder to document. It's a really great thing. We have a broadcast in the media center and we have TVs in every room. Fourth graders are the reporters."

As a group, classes are also being assessed how well they demonstrate their personal "B.E.S.T." Every day the noon aides will rate each class on a 5-to-1 scale on behaviors at lunch and recess. Monthly calendars are used to keep track of these daily assessments and each teacher will set goals with the class on how many points they will achieve. When goals are met, rewards such as compliments, candy treats, longer reading times, longer recess, or a popcorn party are being used to reinforce positive behaviors.

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Third grader Matt McClure has 'been caught' demonstrating positive behaviour.

Melissa Mars  
Third grade teacher

"Our goal is to improve the citizenship of students by encouraging them to demonstrate their personal best."

# Penny War raises over \$4,000

Clifford Smart Middle School recently raised a few pennies for the Foundation for Excellence, Walled Lake Schools. Through an idea by Smart's student government, known as a "Penny War", each classroom was supplied with a container for students to donate pennies. At the end of one week, the class with the most pennies would be declared the winner. Another twist was that students could go outside of their class and put silver coins (quarters, nickels, dimes) into other classes' containers. Ultimately, the amount of silver totaled in each container would be deducted from the penny amount.

Trying to keep the ratio in their favor might have been tricky, but it all added up to a big victory for the Foundation. Students raised over \$4,000, which will help fund programs in the district.

It took the student government about four days to roll up every coin.

Congratulations to Sharon Rozaff's class, who collected \$204.20 in pennies and \$114.70 in silver, giving them a competition balance of \$89.50 and an overall total of \$318.90.

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# Local Color brings home gold from cooking competition

By Phil Foley  
STAFF WRITER

There will be another color on display at Local Color in the near future — gold.

A team of student chefs from the micro-brewery's tasting room won an American Culinary Federation-approved cooking competition at a Gordon Food Service trade show in Fort Wayne, Ind., Oct. 12-13.

Every Sunday morning for the last four months Local Color's executive chef, Matt Bronski, has been guiding a team of five young chefs through the finer points of classical cooking.

"The trend now," said Bronski, "is toward more casual dining. We buy a lot of pre-made products these days, but you still need training in classical, upscale cooking as a foundation for being a chef."

The Local Color team competed at the Fort Wayne Memorial Coliseum & Expo Center in two events — the Traditional Mystery Basket Category and the Student Gold Food Category. They won a gold medal for their cold food ethics.

In the cold food category, the students prepared a classical charcuterie display of cold meats and hot buttered design. Characteristic is a French method of creating sausages and pâtés.

Bronski said his students transformed a simple pheasant into a platter to serve eight people. He said the Local Color team along with nine others from the ACS-Central Region, which includes Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin, were criticized on workmanship, creativity, cooking method and serviceability.

Bronski, who has been to Europe four times for what is known as the Food Olympics, said "I'm not being able to pitch in was very stressful."

The Local Color team was led by Tim Norred, the brew pub's social and a recent Schoolcraft College graduate, joining Norred were Shane Duquet, a Novi High

School student studying cooking at the Oakland Technical Center Southwest Campus in Wilson, and Eric Nov, a 2004 Novi High School graduate, who, while trying to settle on a career in cooking or computers, is the night assistant sous chef at Local Color.

Duquet, said that after months of extra work to prepare for the competition, the gold medal was "sweet relief."

Nov said the medal came with "a real sense of accomplishment. It feels like all our hard work paid off."

"It felt really, really good to stand by our plate and have people come by and compliment our plate," added Norred.

While their cold food plate was something the team got to work on for months, their hot plate was another thing entirely. Bronski explained that in the Traditional Mystery Basket Category, contestants are given a box of food items to select from and everything one selects has to be used completely.

"In my heart I know going in, if we placed, I'd be shocked," said Bronski.

He wasn't. Still he said he was pleased that his team finished. He said many of the teams competing in mystery basket didn't finish their menus in the allotted time.

Bronski added the mystery basket competition was open to all chefs, unlike the cold plate, which was for students. He noted gold medal winner in this category was the U.S. Army team from Fort Bragg, N.C., which has dominated the military division of the Food Olympics for the past dozen years.

Bronski said he'd like to take his team to at least three competitions a year and is looking forward to the next ACF contest in Pittsburgh Nov. 18. However, with the holidays looming, he's not sure if they'll be able to go.

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Local Color's executive chef Matt Bronski (left) demonstrates a cooking technique for his prize-winning team of young chefs including Eric Nov, Tim Norred and Shane Duquet. The trio recently brought back a gold medal from a cooking competition in Fort Wayne, Ind.

# Former Vice President stumps for Democrats in Novi

By Phil Foley  
STAFF WRITER

A slightly more southern sounding than usual Al Gore and a hoarse Jennifer Granholm rolled into Novi late Monday to an enthusiastic reception from Iron Workers Local 25.

"I used to be the next president of the United States," Gore told the crowd of more than 500 at the union hall on Trans X Drive. The pair came to town near the end of a day that started at noon in Lansing.

"Gore in Four," hollered an ironworker in the back of the room.

Gore and Granholm arrived late from a campaign rally in Taylor and left late for an end-of-the-day rally with government workers in Southfield.

Stumping for Granholm and the state's Democratic ticket, Gore urged union members not to listen to political polls but

insisted to turn out at the polls Nov. 5 and "Shake 'em up the way you did when you elected Debbie Stabenow."

With many political polls pointing to the economy and worker's fears of losing jobs rather than the possibility of war in the Middle East as the key to the mid-term election, Gore asked the crowd, "Are you better off than you were two years ago?"

The crowd shot back a thundering, "No!"

The former vice president told ironworkers that nationwide personal debt is at an all-time high and that mortgage defaults have reached a 60-year peak, while Michigan has the third highest unemployment rate in the mid-west.

Not surprisingly, he blamed it all on the GOP.

Urging the ironworkers to vote next week, Gore declared, "If anyone knows the importance of

one vote, it's me."

Asked if he'd gotten over the controversial Florida election two years ago, Gore managed a smile and said, "Not by a long shot." Noting that Florida's primary was a mess again this year, Gore took a poke at Florida Governor Jeb Bush's vow to make that state's elections the envy of the world saying, "they got a ways to go."

Granholm hit the same campaign hot buttons she's been pushing for the past few weeks.

"I am not going to raise your taxes. I am not going to take away your guns. But they will take away your right to organize," she declared, accusing state Republicans of trying to divide the state and distort the record.

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Former Vice President Al Gore (center) showed his support for gubernatorial candidate Jennifer Granholm (right) at a rally at the Local Iron Workers 25 hall Monday.

# Third-party candidate seeks state Senate District 15 post

By Philip Allmen  
STAFF WRITER

For Sean Sullivan, it's a matter of redefining government.

The U.S. Taxpayers Party candidate is hoping to beat the odds and his better-known opponents to become the next state Senator for District 15.

Sullivan, 34, of Rose Township has lived in the northern Oakland County community since 1991.

Sullivan faces Republican Nancy Casis and Democrat Sean Carlson for the Senate seat comprised by the cities of Novi, Northville, South Lyon, Wixom and Walled Lake; villages of Milford, Holly and Wolverine Lake; and the townships of Lyon, Commerce, Milford, Highland, White Lake, Novi, Rose and Holly.

Sullivan donates time to work with VIABIL as the organization's president for the past five years.

"We've seen the two-party system compete for control of government," Sullivan said. "Government is supposed to be of the people, by the people and for the people. It's supposed to be regulated by the Constitution. It's regulated from what the founding fathers wanted."

Sullivan is self-employed. A writer and speaker, his focus is speaking primarily with high school and college students throughout the Midwest — with a comedic twist. The focus of his speeches is on priorities and perspectives. He helps explain the need for individuals to look at life as what it is rather than what they want it to be, although he does it in a humorous way.

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# Read It Again Books celebrates seven years

By Phil Foley  
STAFF WRITER

Read It Again Books will mark its seventh anniversary with a book signing from 2-3:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9, featuring Southeast Michigan authors.

Store owner Mary Mansour added she will be offering store discounts and giving away prizes Nov. 7-9. She added she will donate 25 percent of weekend

sales to Active Friends of the Homeless program at Novi's Holy Family Catholic Church.

Signing books will be Tom Grace and Colleen Monroe. Mansour added signed copies of University of Michigan broad-caster Jim Brandstatter's new book will also be available.

Grace, a Dexter architect, will be signing the paperback edition of his second book, "Quantum Web," an industrial espionage

thriller set in the Ann Arbor area. Mansour said while Grace self-published his first book, he was quickly picked up by a major publisher and has a deal to write a third novel.

Monroe, who lives in Brighton with her husband, illustrator Michael, has penned her second children's holiday book for Chelsea's Sleeping Bear Press, "The Christmas Hamburgs."

According to Mansour, Glenn's illustrations for the book are "brilliant" and Colleen's verse text is "charming."

Read It Again Books is located at 39733 Grand River in the Pleasant Run Shopping Center, west of Grand River. For more information about the store, call (248) 474-6066.

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While the bulk of the store's 1,364 square feet is devoted to used books, Mansour maintains a selection of new books and collectibles.

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# Shopping can help children

Tickets are now on sale for the Fourth Annual Holiday Shopping Extravaganza at Novi's 12 Oaks Mall Sunday, Nov. 10 from 7-10 p.m.

Peggy Hayes, the mall's marketing director, said she expects 2,000 people to attend the event, which will raise money for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan at (248) 473-1400, ext. 31.

All proceeds from the tax-deductible tickets will benefit the Boys and Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan and the Farmington Family YMCA.

Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$35 at the door and will include a gift bag containing complimentary provisions, medications, cosmetics and discounts. Advance tickets can be ordered by calling the Boys and Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan at (248) 473-1400, ext. 31.

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Sanitar's performance as a shy salesman goes in sudden bursts of anger, becomes tender and moving as he stumbles into love. Sanitar can act beautifully.  
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"I really wanted to do something where I felt I was giving something back," she said. "That's one of the reasons I became a prosecutor."

But not without first acquiring a fair amount of personal mettle, she said.

"I had to toughen up to be a prosecutor," Starnes said. "Suddenly, it was my job to make decisions that affected people's lives."

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best in customer care and providing diners with an all-around friendly, clean, comfortable and enjoyable dining experience. And it works.

Orlando said he and Viola regularly receive compliments from diners.

"When they finish they come to the line and compliment the chef saying, 'thank you, dinner was very good; we'll be back,'" Orlando said. "If one customer comes in and tries it and has a good experience, they will come back and bring their friends."

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age discount off their meal, and high school students receive a discount. Gift certificates are available and catering is now offered for all occasions — from birthday to graduation parties, right down to business lunches and dinners.

The catering menu is more diverse than that available in the restaurant offering everything from stir-fry to Mexican, Italian, wrap sandwiches to box lunches for kids to adults. The box lunches have been a big hit with kids and work well for sports teams and birthday parties and tailgating during football season.

And if you want to know Orlando's cooking secrets, sign up for one of his classes held periodically at The Kitchen Which located just around the corner from Sizzling Sticks. The classes have been very well received and the next class, Succulent Seafood Dinner, is scheduled from 7-9 p.m. Nov. 5.

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#### A little homework can lead to less headache when it comes to buying a used car

If you're in the market for a used car, you've probably heard at least one story from a well-meaning family member or friend about the dangers of buying a used vehicle.

Take, for example, the story of a friend of a friend of a friend who knew someone in Kansas (or is it Indiana?) who bought a used car, and while driving it home, heard a clunk and a thump, only to look in the rear view mirror to see the transmission lying on the road. Is creative license at work here? Perhaps, but nonetheless, it's a smart idea to equip yourself with information before you hit the used car lots.

There's an abundance of information, most of which is accessible online, on all kinds of makes and models of cars. But, before you grab your cyber surfboard, you should determine what your priorities are by asking yourself some important questions. Like: Do I want a car packed with safety equipment because I'll be driving my little ones around? Do I need a vehicle that will last me several years? Do I want an inexpensive vehicle just to get me to and from work? Do I want the whole package — safety, reliability — and am I willing to pay a little extra for it?

Once you've determined what you're looking for in your automobile — be it safety, reliability, good price, or a combination of all three — peruse the ads of your local newspaper to get an idea of the options you want. Perhaps you're looking for a car with front and side airbags, a good crash test rating, anti-lock brakes and good fuel efficiency — all at a reasonable price. Write those features down and note which cars have them. Try not to limit your list to just the cars you've identified in the ads; jot down all of the models and makes of cars that appeal to you, and be sure to include your dream cars like BMW and Audi.

Next, collect your notes and your wish list and get online. Carpoint, Edmunds and Kelly Blue Book.com are among the sites that offer timely information on everything from reliability reviews and average cost of repairs to consumer ratings, crash test results and pricing.

Using your list, select a make and model. Carpoint.com allows you to pursue reliable information on specific features such as air conditioning systems, and provides you with exterior and interior dimensions and comfort and convenience features. The site also includes consumer ratings, which are particularly telling since people who own or have owned the vehicle have taken time to go to the Web site and log their comments. You can also compare safety features, not only for different vehicles, but also for different model years of the same vehicle.

If reliability is a high priority, click on a particular year to view problems mechanics have encountered with your model, and look at the estimate of the cost of every repair.

By now, you've probably whittled down your shopping list to a handful of choices. If safety tops your list of priorities, and two of your choices have all the safety features you're looking for, consider checking out the cars' crash test results at the Web sites of the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the Insurance Institute of Highway Safety (IIHS). Not all models are tested, but between the two sites, you can get an idea of how your choices performed relative to similar vehicles.

Now that you've identified one or two cars that meet your standards, it's time to equip yourself with pricing information. To get a general picture of what dealers and private individuals are charging for the car you want, visit as many pricing sources as possible, including your local newspaper, AutoTrader, Kelly Blue Book, and Carpoint.com. You'll generally find the highest prices in the Kelly Blue Book. By knowing your cars' price ranges, you'll have better leverage when it comes time to negotiate with the seller.

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"You get out of your community what you put into it," Bondy said. "I feel that if you are going to be part of the community, then you have to give something back to it. It makes your life more satisfying. Anyone can go to work and make money. The real question is, how are you making your community better? When you get up every day, you should try to make a difference."

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In addition to good healthy food at reasonable prices, Orlando and Viola pride themselves on the restaurant's cleanliness and their service to the customer. They make every effort to employ people who are dedicated to providing the

most in customer care and providing diners with an all-around friendly, clean, comfortable and enjoyable dining experience. And it works.

Orlando said he and Viola regularly receive compliments from diners.

"When they finish they come to the line and compliment the chef saying, 'thank you, dinner was very good; we'll be back,'" Orlando said. "If one customer comes in and tries it and has a good experience, they will come back and bring their friends."

And they do come back. And

age discount off their meal, and high school students receive a discount. Gift certificates are available and catering is now offered for all occasions — from birthday to graduation parties, right down to business lunches and dinners.

The catering menu is more diverse than that available in the restaurant offering everything from stir-fry to Mexican, Italian, wrap sandwiches to box lunches for kids to adults. The box lunches have been a big hit with kids and work well for sports teams and birthday parties and tailgating during football seasons.

And if you want to know Orlando's cooking secrets, sign up for one of his classes held periodically at The Kitchen Which located just around the corner from Sizzling Sticks. The classes have been very well received and the next class, Succulent Seafood Dishes, is scheduled from 7-9 p.m. Nov. 5.

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### Your money matters

#### A little homework can lead to less headache when it comes to buying a used car

If you're in the market for a used car, you've probably heard at least one story from a well-meaning family member or friend about the dangers of buying a used vehicle.

Take, for example, the story of a friend of a friend of a friend who bought a used car, and while driving it home, heard a clunk and a thump, only to look in the rear view mirror to see the transmission lying on the road. Is creative license at work here? Perhaps, but nonetheless, it's a smart idea to equip yourself with information before you hit the used car lots.

There's an abundance of information, most of which is accessible online, on all kinds of makes and models of cars. But, before you grab your cyber surfboard, you should determine what your priorities are by asking yourself some important questions, like: Do I want a car packed with safety equipment because I'll be driving my little ones around? Do I need a vehicle that will last me several years? Do I want an inexpensive vehicle just to get me to and from work? Do I want the whole package — safety, reliability — and am I willing to pay a little extra for it?

Once you've determined what you're looking for in your automobile — be it safety, reliability, good price, or a combination of all three — peruse the ads of your local newspa-

per to get an idea of the options you want. Perhaps you're looking for a car with front and side airbags, a good crash test rating, anti-lock brakes and good fuel efficiency — all at a reasonable price. Write those features down and note which cars have them. Try not to limit your list to just the cars you've identified in the ads; jot down a list of the models and makes of cars that appeal to you, and be sure to include your dream cars like BMW and Audi.

Next, collect your notes and your wish list and note which cars have them. Try not to limit your list to just the cars you've identified in the ads; jot down a list of the models and makes of cars that appeal to you, and be sure to include your dream cars like BMW and Audi.

Using your list, select a make and model. Carfax.com allows you to peruse reliable information on specific features such as the steering and suspension and heating and air conditioning systems, and provides you with exterior and interior dimensions and comfort and convenience features. The site also includes consumer ratings, which are particularly telling since people who own or have owned the vehicle have taken time to go to the Web site and log their comments. You can also compare safety features, not only for different vehicles, but also for different model

years of the same vehicle.

If reliability is a high priority, click on a particular year to view problems mechanics have encountered with your model, and look at the estimate of the cost of every repair.

By now, you've probably whittled down your shopping list to a handful of choices. If safety tops your list of priorities, and two of your choices have all the safety features you're looking for, consider checking out the cars' crash test results at the Web sites of the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the Insurance Institute of Highway Safety (IIHS). Not all models are tested, but between the two sites, you can get an idea of how your choices perform relative to similar vehicles.

Now that you've identified one or two cars that meet your standards, it's time to equip yourself with pricing information. To get a general picture of what dealers and private individuals are charging for the car you want, visit as many pricing sources as possible, including your local newspaper, AutoTrader, Kelly Blue Book, and Carpoint.com. You'll generally find the highest prices in the Kelly Blue Book. By knowing your car's price ranges, you'll have better leverage when it comes time to negotiate with the seller.

Okay, now that you've determined your priorities and identified the car that best fits

yours and your family's needs, you're ready to visit the used car lots. There's one thing to keep in mind, however: If you happen to stumble across your dream car with its polished white walls and spiffy paint job, it may not be all that it appears to be. The car may have, at one time, been totaled in a wreck, or had its odometer tampered with. To protect yourself, get the car's vehicle identification number (VIN) — a 17-character number that identifies the vehicle's year, make, model, body style, engine size and place of manufacture. Employing the services of Carfax.com you can determine if the vehicle's VIN is linked to flood damage, odometer fraud or other problems. (Some states, however, don't participate in VIN number searches due to privacy issues.) Get the vehicle checked out by a trusted mechanic and be sure to voice your concerns about the car's possible associations with flood or wreck damage. It's not a bad idea either to familiarize yourself with your state's lemon laws.

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### Biz in brief

#### Accepting clients

Social worker Suzanne Jones is accepting new clients at her private practice office in Northville. A 10-year veteran in both inpatient and outpatient clinical settings focusing on adult, adolescent and family dynamics, Jones has experience in the practice of chemical dependency, treatment and dually diagnosed clients. She is a former volunteer probation officer with 35th District Court and is on staff at St. Joseph Mercy Health Behavioral Services in Ann Arbor. Jones' office is located at 428 N. Center Street in Northville and can be reached at (248) 767-9402.

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# Novi Councilman DeRoche makes bid for District 38 seat

By Anna Troppens  
STAFF WRITER



C. DeRoche

Republican Craig M. DeRoche, a candidate for 38th District state representative, wants to correct an imbalance affecting the area he seeks to represent.

DeRoche, who lives in Novi, is running against Democrat Linda E. Premo of Novi for the seat. Premo did not respond to repeated requests for an interview.

The 38th District (including South Lyon and Lyon Township) is rapidly growing, and the state government needs to give areas like it more support, DeRoche said. Area residents pay many more dollars in taxes than they receive back from Michigan in benefits.

The district needs more state funding for infrastructure improvements such as roads, he said.

In addition, DeRoche wants to see the state do all that it can to balance its budget by cutting spending, not raising taxes — which he calls "the easy way out."

The easy way out of raising taxes would be detrimental to the economy, he said. State government should budget as a business or a family does, cutting back on spending when it hits economic hard times.

"You cut back and live within your means," he said.

Regarding education, DeRoche said the state's per pupil funding for the area should remain at \$6,700 and

be raised as needed. State officials should not reduce education funding, since the educational system is the No. 1 priority.

"We can't take a year off in doing a good job of educating our kids," he said.

A long-term solution to school funding is needed so Michigan does not return to the "out of control" property taxes it levied before Proposal A passed in 1994.

He believes voters should

choose him because he is an experienced political leader and would be an effective voice for District 38 in Lansing. DeRoche has won two elections for Novi City Council, in 1997 and 1999.

He is the council's delegate to the Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) and belongs to the National League of Cities' Community Economic Development Committee. As a member of this committee, he meets with other city council members and mayors in Washington, D.C., or other locations around the U.S., to discuss issues that affect the nation, DeRoche said.

And he serves on the advisory board for the Michigan Political Leadership Fellowship at Michigan State University. DeRoche began the program in 1992 to learn about Michigan policies and politics, graduating from it a year later. In 1995, he became a member of the program's board of leaders from around the state.

In addition, he said he is in tune with local issues, since he has lived nearly all of his life within District 38. DeRoche grew up in Wixom and graduated from Walled Lake Western High School. He has lived in Novi since the mid-1990s.

If elected, he would like to change the way the state handles tax abatements. DeRoche said state officials should not force local governments to grant abatements. Granting a tax abatement should be a municipality's decision.

DeRoche became interested in politics through assisting with former state senator Richard Allen's campaign for the U.S. Congress. Now DeRoche is busy campaigning for himself, meeting as many people as possible and spreading his message.

"We've been working around the clock," he said. "I'm looking forward to Nov. 5."

In addition, he works in Safety National Casualty's Novi office, handling marketing for Michigan, Ohio and Indiana. DeRoche has a bachelor's degree in finance from Central Michigan University.

As a private citizen, he is a member of the Novi Chamber of Commerce and a former elder in the Milford Presbyterian Church. He is married to Stacey, and they have a daughter, Carley, 1.

For more information, see [craigderoche.com](http://craigderoche.com) on the internet.

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## Sullivan seeks District 15 seat

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address sex issues, he added. "It's a sad state of affairs that they give out condoms in school, but in a nation where they say 'one nation under God', kids can't pray."

Sullivan said he has devised a way to eliminate Michigan's welfare program in five years. The plan calls for working with humanitarian organizations to help low-income people to find employment and get out of the welfare system, instead of relying on the government for their livelihood. The plan, according to Sullivan, would save the state \$50 million a year.

Sullivan is a proponent of term limits at the state level. He also argues that elected officials need to stress special interest groups cannot run politics. And he said tax dollars should never be used to help fund election campaigns.

"You shouldn't be able to make that (an elected post) your career," Sullivan said. "The more time someone is in office, the more they feel entitled to the job, instead of serving the district. Once they start to feel that way, then they should leave, because that's not why they were elected."

Sullivan said his main goal is to help educate people as to what makes the current government system work when it is run the way the Constitution intended.

"The pressure that is put on the average citizen just to survive needs to be alleviated," he said. "And whatever way I can help implement changes to lower taxes or anything else along those lines, I will make every effort to give people a chance to thrive, instead of just trying to survive."

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# The Baseline Jug is ours!

## Novi has to topple Milford



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

The Novi Wildcats celebrate with the Baseline Jug after earning a final regular season game victory over cross-town rivals, the Northville Mustangs.

## Can Buck and gang stop the Mavericks yet again?

By Sam Eggleston  
 SPORTS WRITER

The Northville Mustangs and the Novi Wildcats knew going into this game that it was going to be their biggest contest of the year.

For the Mustangs, they had the chance to prove to their doubters that they had what it takes to beat a quality program. For the Wildcats, it meant being playoff bound.

The 'Cats managed to walk away the victors in this contest, winning 46-26 as they put points on the board just about every way possible.

"They've been running their program since they were in middle school or something," Northville senior Tim Higgins said. "He is a very good team, and we went out there and gave them everything we had."

And that they did. At one point in the contest, the Wildcats led 39-6 and looked as though they were about to score again. With the arm of junior Mark Sorensen leading the way, the Mustangs found the endzone with Higgins on the receiving end.

"He is a very talented player," Novi coach Tab Kellepourey said. "A couple points, our pass defense broke down and they were able to score. It's something we will have to work on, but nothing that isn't correctable."

And it wasn't that the Novi Wildcats were just falling short in the second half — they found themselves on the wrong end of a scoring streak with a variety of players getting in the game.

"It's great for the kids," Kellepourey said about getting everyone into the game. "They really enjoy playing in a game, especially a game like this. When every kid gets on the field to play against their arch-rival, it makes it a lot easier for everyone in practice the following week."

And though the Mustangs fell in the contest, there were still some bright spots. Higgins set the All-Time Receiving Touchdown Record at Northville High School with his stellar senior season that earned him All-Conference honors at wide



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Josh Buck listens as the coaches go over a game plan against Northville.

receiver.

"It was nice," Higgins said. "You'd love to get it on a win, but it was nice to get the individual recognition."

Kellepourey thought it was a great accomplishment for Higgins.

"It's great when a kid gets to break a record, even when it's

against you," he said. "It's great for self-esteem, and Higgins is a very talented receiver. It wasn't a surprise to hear he set their high school record."

But Higgins, like many talented players, couldn't take the credit all for himself.

"Really, it's a team award," he said. "I couldn't have scored that many touchdowns if it hadn't been for the quarterbacks throwing the ball to me and the line giving them the protection they needed."

The Mustangs will find themselves prepping for next season, while the Wildcats continue on into the post season. Fans could say one of two things: Either Novi didn't have the luck of the draw, or this is their game. Novi managed to get paired with Milford for the opening round of the playoffs — a team that lost only one game this season and that loss was to the Wildcats.

"We're going to go out there and we're going to play some football," Kellepourey said. "We don't plan on changing anything that we've been doing this season, because we've been successful with it. I don't imagine they are going to change much either."

The Wildcats know that it is going to come down to their defense.

"We've been able to score when we need to," Kellepourey said. "In the final minutes or whenever we had to, we've gotten the ball in the endzone. We just need to get stops, and that is up to our defense."

The Wildcats are expecting a big crowd at the game. "We know they'll have a lot of fans there, and we think our student body is going to pack their stands," Kellepourey said. "They have some fine players over there, and they're going to be tough to beat. We're just happy to be still playing."

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The Novi Wildcats football team is well aware that they are walking right into a hornet's nest Friday, and it isn't going to be pretty.



Sam Eggleston

The Milford Mavericks only have one loss this season, and it came three weeks ago against these Wildcats.

The Novi gridders know that they are going to have to play the best game of their careers in order to take down this squad again — and you know what? I think they can.

Coach Tab Kellepourey took a team that didn't seem to have a set path this season and turned them into a lethal scoring squad that not only shocked the Mavericks, but also took home the Baseline Jug for the second year in a row.

With weapons like Chase Chandler, Josh Buck, Doug Ray, Evan Rodriguez, Mike Hart and the like, the Wildcats will be looking to step into this game to knock the Mavericks straight to their lazy boys for the remainder of the post season.

And with Milford bringing Jim Presley and their talented option quarterback to the field, Novi is going to have to rely heavily on their defense. Defense? Oh yeah, I remember them — they were the ones that managed to stop a surging Milford defense to earn the win in these two squads' first match-up. They'll be there again. Aggressive as ever, I promise.

The Wildcats know that they aren't going to be the favorite in the contest, and no doubt they are willing to accept that fact. They've played the role of underdog more than a couple of times this season, and they always come to play.

Though I won't personally be able to attend the game, I am promising every Novi fan that is looking for a great football game to hit the highway and find themselves in Milford Friday night at 7:30 p.m.

This game is one of those must-see type of games. It's kind of like the Lions and Packers in the way that neither team is going to give up, even if there's just a couple of seconds left on the board and they're trailing by a score.

The Mavericks are coming to the game with plenty of weapons on both sides of the ball as well. These guys don't lose only one game in a season without having plenty to work with. This game is going to be decided on the old cliché of whoever makes the least mistakes is going to come away with the victory.

The 'Cats will of course have to be looking to plug Presley in the backfield, containing his powerful running, while Darrin Guffey and the defensive back corps are going to be waiting to eat passes before they can get to their intended receivers.

I am figuring that the Novi Wildcats are going to come through in this game and start looking at either visiting Lake Orion playing Walled Lake Central. Their eyes and their determination are both no doubt solely focused on the Mavericks, and won't be anywhere else until the final second has ticked off that game clock.

Good luck to the Wildcats, and I'm picking them to win all the way through this game, repeating their regular-season performance, just in the first four quarters instead of extra overtimes.

Expect this game to be one very simple word — GREAT!

Novi 25, Milford 23

## Wildcats headed for the state meet

By Steve Bell  
 and Sam Eggleston  
 HOMETOWN NEWSPAPERS

The Division 1 boys' cross country regional at Springfield Oaks County Park once again looked like KVC Meet-North as the three teams to qualify for Saturday's state final — Milford, Novi and Lakeland — merely repeated the finish from the KVC championship five days prior.

Milford put five runners in the first 15 spots, the cutoff point for individual state qualifiers, to win its second-consecutive regional crown with a score of 45 points. Novi was second with 71 and Lakeland third with 123 points.

Milford junior Dan DeRusha was first overall with a time of 15 minutes 55 seconds.

"That's an outstanding time," Milford coach Brian Salyers said. "Dan was running a different race strategically. He was trying to simulate the state meet, positioning himself behind for



Photo Courtesy of ROBERT SMITH

The Novi Wildcats are off to the races in the Holly Regional.

the first mile, gaining in the second mile and then finishing strong."

The Novi Wildcats boys cross

country team will be making their fifth straight trip to the Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn to com-

pete in the MHSAA lower peninsula cross country finals.

The Wildcats, who are coached by Robert Smith, man-

aged to make it out of the Regional against some of the best talent in the state of Michigan to travel to MIS to run against their old friends, Milford and Lakeland.

Mark Moore was first for Novi and 4th overall with a time of 16:26. Brian Gilchrist was 5th overall and 2nd for Novi just two seconds behind Moore. Eric Joseph was third (16:43) and Tim Kava was 4th (16:51). In the JV race, Scott Bergeson was 6th overall and first for Novi with a time of 18:18.

The 'Cats will have to run the best races of the season if they are looking to make some noise in the finals meet — which no doubt they are.

A quick group of runners, the Wildcats have improved steadily all season long and will no doubt be looking to improve even more for the biggest race of the year.

Their competition is stiff though. Both Milford and Lakeland bring plenty of talent to the board.





### Next Level Athletes

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

Chris Idoff, Sophomore, Michigan State — Chris Idoff, a Novi High School graduate, and his teammates were the top Big Ten performer at the Ass. State Soccer National meet in Terre Haute, IN, October 19. He finished fifth overall in the White race, which included 344 runners, completing the 8000-meter course in 24:05. The Spartans took seventh overall in 36 teams and second among five Big Ten teams in the race. Overall, Idoff had the fastest time among runners from the eight conference teams that took part in the White and Blue races.

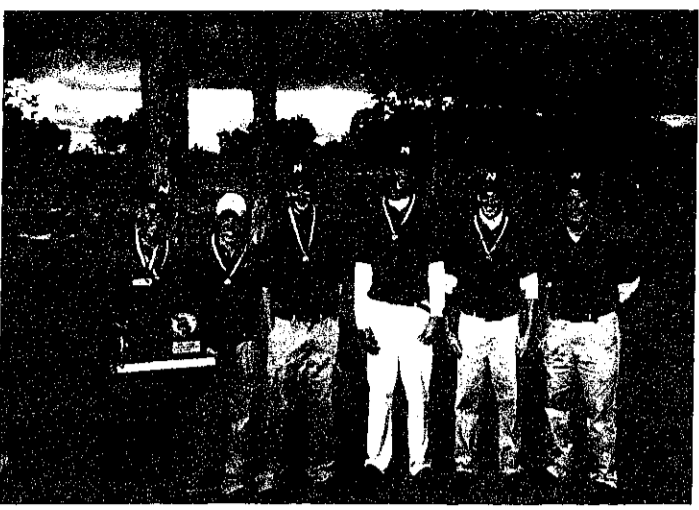
Next Level Athletes includes future athletes from the underclassmen of the Novi Northville Area Times. The Next Level Athletes are individuals who have taken the next step beyond high school athletics to the next level — including college, semi-professional, major league and professional athletes. Any athlete would like to submit a four-paragraph article on their career, or to be featured in the magazine, contact Lori at 517-548-7398 or email ldraheim@ht.homecomm.net.

### Hail to the state golf victors!

The Novi Wildcats golf team sure had a lot to be proud of as they pose with their Division I Michigan High School Athletic Association Lower Peninsula Golf Championship trophy at The Emerald golf course in St. Johns.

The 'Cats, who were coached by Brad Huss, won the tournament by one stroke over Ann Arbor Pioneer after turning in a stellar performance in the first round that shocked many.

The Wildcats were the team to beat in St. Johns this year — and they have the trophy to prove it.



### Novi-Northville Colts Football

By Rocco Pollifrone  
SPECIAL WRITER

Homecoming week for the Colts what a week, what activities, what a game — hope you were there. Yes ladies and gentlemen, the homecoming festivities are alive and well even at the freshman level of Colts football. Friday as I pulled into the drive I could see the wonderful decorations on my home the cheerleaders had left. The cheerleaders were busy this day, visiting each and every football player's home and decorating it. I only imagine how each football player felt as they looked upon their own home, heart-filled

with warm thoughts might have been a few of the feelings. The homecoming activities started early at the Northville Downs parking lot. With a lot of vehicles and hundreds of people the excitement level was high as each family feverishly decorated their vehicles for the parade. Some of the vehicles were done up so well. I'm sure some of the people were artists in a different life. They looked marvelous as the parade headed up Center Street to its final destination, the football stadium.

The Multi Lakes Gator's came to town on this homecoming day, and on their opening drive they moved the ball down field with good blocking and tackling. On a run to the outside, Victor Bodie had a touchdown-saving tackle for the Colts. With the ball on the Colts' 18-yard line and fourth down, Connor Pollifrone got into the backfield causing a fumble, and the Colts took over. Late in the first quarter with the ball on the Colts' 47-yard line, Brett Gardner handed off to Jonathan Alandi who broke a few tackles before running 53 yards for the Colts' first touchdown. The extra point pass from Gardner to Alex Wilson was good, giving the Colts a 7-0 lead.

In the second quarter the Colts' defense started to dominate the line of scrimmage. The Colts sacked the Gator quarterback five times before the half. Then, the crowd jumped out of their seats, yelling with enthusiasm as they saw Jonathan Alandi break a 62-yard touchdown run followed by the extra point, giving the Colts a 14-6 lead.

The Gators were a testy bunch though, and wouldn't give up. Late in the fourth quarter with the Gators driving, Colts Frankie Mastriangelo and Jonathan Robinson broke up a pass play that could have been the tying touchdown. This was a close game, but the Colts held on to win 14-7 to claim a 4-1 record.

# Novi dominates All-Area Tennis

## HomeTown East names best-of-the-best in coverage area

By Sam Eggleston  
and Steve Bell  
HOMETOWN NEWSPAPERS

In a season that found the Novi Wildcats and the Northville Mustangs both winning their conference titles as well as taking a trip to the Michigan High School Athletic Association State Tennis Finals in Midland, it wasn't in doubt that they would dominate a very impressive HomeTown East All-Area Tennis Team.

There is little question to the fact that if this team were compiled at a single high school that there would be plenty of victories flowing into their winless column — perhaps even a state title in some cases — as this is the best-of-the-best in our coverage area.

One Singles Allison Long, Senior Northville. Allison Long has shown all season that she is a player to contend with, and did so again as she took a first round win in the toughest of competitive arenas — the state finals.

Two Singles Ashley Antonishek, Sophomore Lakeland.

As the Lakeland program continues to improve under coach Gerhard Schubert, Antonishek will serve as a beacon of what can be accomplished whether regardless of whether a school is considered a tennis power or not. Only a sophomore, she went 21-2 on the season and won the KVC Championship at second singles.

Three Singles Lauren Carosio, Junior Novi.

Lauren Carosio proved all season long that she was a player to contend with in the Kensington Valley Conference as well as beyond. The big surprise came with her performance against teams like Farmington Mercy and Ann Arbor Huron when she refused to yield and always fought straight to the end of the match.

A tough competitor with a mean swing, Carosio made sure that no one was in doubt of her abilities by the time she competed in the MHSAA state finals in Midland. She was a core contributor for the Wildcats this season and will be so again come the fall of 2003.

Four Singles Anna Switzer, Junior Novi.

Anna Switzer, one of the ever-promising underclassmen, the Wildcats had this season, proved to be an impressive singles player for Novi this season. Quick on her feet and fast to dissect an opponent's game, Switzer won more than a few matches with her solid play and dedication to the sport.

A quick learner, Switzer always seems to get the best of players who grow overconfident with an early set victory over her. She has the ability to find the weakness of the foe she faces and tear into them on her way to victory. Expect to see her improve even more come the 2003 schedule as she is sure to work on her game over the off-season.

One Doubles Colene Brockman, Junior Emily Holt, Sophomore Novi. A very tough duo that helped secure the Kensington Valley Conference title for Novi this season, the one doubles team of Brockman and Holt showed that their ability was enough to make them more than contenders in each and every match they participated in.

Eight is never an easy thing to compete in, but Brockman and Holt showed that their desire to win was unequalled as they pulled out victory after victory on their way to the state finals. A scrappy pair, Holt and Brockman helped their team to their first state berth in four years as they took their aggressive play and impressive talent to their regional to help Novi collect over 18 points to secure their trip to Midland for the finals.

Two Doubles Stephanie Patterson, Senior Kelly Harrison, Senior Northville.

Though normally playing in the first doubles position, seniors Stephanie Patterson and Kelly Harrison were just too good of a deal to pass up for the HomeTown East All-Area team.

Their decisive play and dedication to being the best they can be helped them climb their way through a tough Western Lakes Activities Association this year without taking a single conference loss.

This duo not only survived the regular season, they won their conference and made a bang in their regional before Nicole Gray and Nikki Ruiz of L'Anse Creuse North 6-0, 6-3 in the second round of the state finals. The Mustangs are no doubt going to miss this duo come next season.

Four Doubles Gabi Frask, Senior Megha Vadala, Senior Novi.

Though traditionally a third-doubles flight duo, Frask and Vadala were far too good to get knocked out of the All-Area team. With strong victories throughout the season and a number one rating in the state finals tournament, this Wildcat duo showed that hard work and being a tight team can lead to impressive victories.

A member of the best girl's varsity tennis team to date, Vadala and Frask were able to be a part of Novi history as they beat Farmington Mercy and Ann Arbor Huron for the first time ever in dual meets. They can also say, for now, that they were part of the best finishing tennis team for the girls in school history as the Wildcats notched the best point total in the state finals ever.

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### Novi Underclass Scores

NOV FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

Novi's freshman girls basketball team became 10-10 winners in the first quarter to battle even to a 40-40 tie. The team scored over 40 points in the first quarter to an early 16-5 lead over the Wildcats, but could only score 20 points in the final three quarters. The Wildcat girls, on the other hand, came back in the second quarter to outscore the Bulldogs 14-6. Novi's Ashley Goshack led the charge with seven of her 13 points in the second quarter. In a day of battles, Novi forced Lakeland to commit 30 turnovers on their way to a 33-27 win. Point guard Kelle Walker had all of her six points in the first quarter, as Novi jumped to a 10-6 lead and never trailed after Lisa Harden chipped in with six points, and Katelyn Task led the Wildcats with seven rebounds. Britany Gerlich also contributed decisively with three basket shots.

NOV JV BASKETBALL

The Novi junior varsity girls basketball team lost two Kensington Valley Conference games last week. The Wildcats lost 24-28 to Brighton and 48-33 to Lakeland.

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Novi's Rachele Folino, left, and Melissa Stephen team up to defend Pinkney's Erica Roach during last Tuesday's home game. The Wildcats lost this match against their KVC foe.

### 'Cats drop two in conference

By Frank Dimich  
and Sam Eggleston  
HOMETOWN NEWSPAPERS

The Novi Wildcats turned their game around in the second half, but weren't able to put up enough points to take down the top-dogs of the Kensington Valley Conference.

With the KVC win, the Bulldogs (13-1) retained their two-game lead over Pinkney in the KVC at 10-0. Brighton, up 27-10 at halftime, withstood a comeback attempt by Novi (7-9, 4-6 KVC) in the third quarter. The Wildcats outscored the Bulldogs 21-11 in the period.

The most dangerous point in the game for Brighton was an 8-2 run toward the end of the third that brought the Wildcats to within five, 36-31. Novi forward Kelly Hebert scored all six of her points in that 2:54 time frame.

But Brighton guard Britany Fulk answered during the Novi run with two lay-ups, including a drive through the Novi press as time expired in the third that brought the Bulldogs lead back to seven, 38-31.

"Again, we had to work from behind in the second half," Novi coach Dennis Cichonksi said. "We did a nice job of closing the gap, but as the third quarter ended, they got a couple of quick baskets off of fast-break opportunities and that was it."

A lack of intensity was the biggest downfall for the Bulldogs. "Our intensity, I think, dropped in the third," Brighton forward Megan Razavi told the Livingston County Daily Press and Argus. "It was the defense that gave us our lead. In the third, our defense wasn't the same."

Razavi helped the Bulldogs cling to their lead with two baskets early in the fourth quarter. The first, on an inside move, gave the Bulldogs a 40-31 lead with 7:38 left in the game.

After Novi's Allison Geulich hit a 3-pointer to cut the Brighton lead to six, 42-36, with 5:35 left, Razavi answered right back with a jumper of her own on the next possession to give the Bulldogs a 44-36 advantage with 5:03 left. Novi got no closer than six for the rest of the game.

"We started executing and we were playing a little more poised," Piepho said of Brighton's play midway through the fourth quarter.

Geulich led Novi with 11 points, including three 3-pointers. Rachele Folino, Kelly Hebert and Laura Longo each added six points in the tough loss.

Razavi led all scorers with 16 points and had seven rebounds. Fulk scored 10, with eight of those coming in the second half.

"Our goal in the first quarter was to slow the game down," Cichonksi said. "We deliberately made more passes than we wanted to, trying to get a good look at the basket before shooting. It seemed to work at first."

One of the biggest differences for Novi was turnovers. The Wildcats committed 14 in the second quarter compared to five in the third. By contrast, Brighton had four in the second and seven in the third.

### PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Jack Tyler, Senior Northville.

Always a solid contributor, Oljace pretty much turned in every low score for the Northville Mustangs this season. Caught in a rebuilding year for his last season, Oljace showed the younger members of a promising Mustangs golf program exactly what it takes to be a winner in the Western Lakes Activities Association and beyond.

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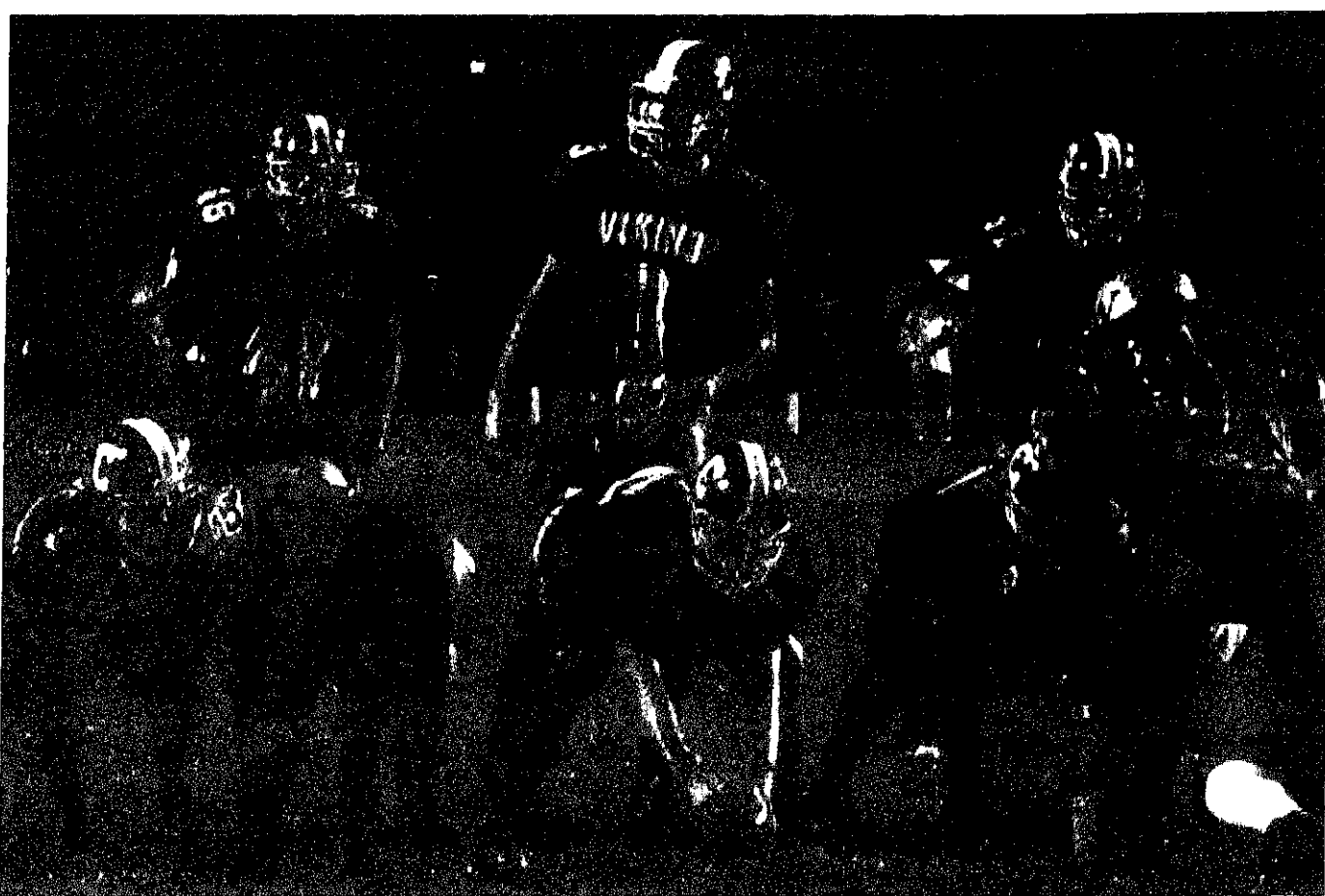


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The Walled Lake Central Vikings came to play as they took it to the Walled Lake Western Warriors and pulled out a victory to ensure their berth into the playoffs. The Vikings, coached by Chuck Appap, will take on Lake Orion tomorrow at 7 p.m. at Lake Orion High School.

## Central says no to Western Vikings head to Lake Orion for playoffs, Warriors stay home

By Ramez Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

When Walled Lake Central and Walled Lake Western meet on the football field it's usually a heated battle. Add the fact that the city title and a trip to the playoffs were on the line, and the battle became even hotter.

The game, which was won by the Vikings 19-14 on October 25, also marked the last time that Western and Central met before Walled Lake Northern High School starts varsity football competition next season. Central improved to 6-3 on the season and Western fell to 5-4.

Even conditions of freezing rain didn't keep fans away from this game as they packed the bleachers under umbrellas. They witnessed two games in one, as the Warriors dominated through the third quarter. The Vikings, however, took advantage of their home field crowd and won the game in the end.

Central got touchdowns from running back Scott Long and quarterback Brandon Cassie and two field goals from kicker Chris Kelly. Western got touchdowns from quarterback Jon Michaud and runningback Steve VanNortwick, but no play was bigger than when Vikings linebacker Mike Crowe stopped Michaud for no gain on a fourth and three situation from Central's 10 yard line with less than three minutes remaining in the game.

"We know that the team who won tonight would be in the playoffs, and I don't care where we're at or what we're in, we're in for the five week run," Vikings Coach Chuck Appap said. "The Vikings are very special to me. It was fun three years ago when I came to this school and it had never been in the playoffs and we made it to the second round, but we're not satisfied. I won't be satisfied until we win a state championship

and these kids know that. We have a ton load of juniors and sophomores and our seniors have been tremendous."

Long's run of 37 yards cut Central's deficit to 14-10 at the 7:11 mark of the third quarter.

"I'm ecstatic right now," he said. "It was an awesome comeback, unbelievable. It was win and lose out, so it was the most important game of the season and it was even better since it was our cross town rivals. We're in the playoffs, and we won the city championship and nothing's better than that. At halftime we went into the locker room and coach (Mike) Roffi kind of gave us one of those speeches to pick us all up and I guess it worked."

An upset VanNortwick said, "They (Central) deserved the win. They came out ready to play. Both teams played it and I don't think they wanted any harder than us, but they made a few less mistakes, but it's a

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learning experience for the other classmen. Central made a big stop at the end and that's what you have to do to win."

Western Coach Mike Zdebski said, "It's tough because we were up 14-3, we had the momentum and they made a few plays and took advantage," he said. "The next thing you know, they got their last score and got up on us. Our kids put a lot of effort into

that last drive and just came up a little short. It's always a learning experience for the kids. They have learned success and they have also had to deal with failure and you can always teach a few more lessons a little bit easier with success, but so is part of life. They will move on and they will be successful young men because of the experience they had at Western. In the second half they found a way

to control the ball offensively and move the ball and the things that we did in the first half to stop them, we didn't execute the way we prepared for in the second half. We are very proud of our kids."

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### W.L.A.A. ALL-CONFERENCE SELECTIONS

**Conference Co-Champions:**  
Western John Glenn and Canton

The Standings are as follows, based on games 2-8

Westland John Glen	6-1
Canton	6-1
Livonia Stevenson	5-2
Walled Lake Western	5-2
Walled Lake Central	5-2
Salem	2-5
Livonia Churchill	2-5
Wayne Memorial	1-6
Northville	1-6
Livonia Franklin	1-6

**Defense:**

Down Lineman	David Hull	Salem	SR
Down Lineman	Don Farkas	Canton	SR
Down Lineman	Jordan McRandi	John Glenn	SR
End/OLB	Hady Rahman	Stevenson	SR
End/OLB	Darnell Smith	John Glenn	SR
Linebacker	Jon Reid	John Glenn	SR
Linebacker	Mike Crowe	W.L. Central	SR
Linebacker	Matt Bennett	Canton	SR
Defense Back	Brandon Wilcox	Canton	SR
Defense Back	Scott Long	W.L. Central	SR
Defense Back	D. Granberry	John Glenn	JR
Specialist	Henry Love	Ways	SR

**ALL CONFERENCE 2002:**

**Offense:**

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Interior Lineman	Anthony Phelps	Stevenson	SR
Interior Lineman	Matt Billingsley	John Glenn	SR
Interior Lineman	Zach Caswell	Canton	SR
Interior Lineman	Garrett Brink	Salem	SR
Tight End	John Sowders	W.L.W.	SR
Wide Receiver	Jerrett Smith	John Glenn	SO
Wide receiver	Tim Higgins	Northville	SR
Wide Receiver	Bryan Dovich	W.L. Central	SR
Quarterback	Brian Ceciewicz	John Glenn	SR
Running Back	Tony Davis	John Glenn	SR
Running Back	Matt McCowan	Stevenson	SR
Running Back	Steve VanNortwick	W.L.W.	SR

**ALL DIVISION 2002:**

**Offense:**

Center	Chris Gonzalez	W.L.W.	SR
Interior Lineman	Frank Lielke	W.L. Central	JR
Wide Receiver	Brandon Cassie	W.L. Central	JR
Running Back	Joe Kutney	W.L. Central	SR
Defense:			
Down Lineman	Jared White	W.L. Central	JR
Down Lineman	Bryan Phillips	W.L.W.	SR
End/OLB	Brian McKeown	W.L. Central	JR
End/OLB	Calvin Barrow	W.L.W.	SR
Linebacker	Matt Cornelius	Northville	SR
Defense Back	Will Saunders	W.L. Central	JR
Defense Back	Greg Hay	W.L.W.	JR
Specialist	Chris Kelly	W.L. Central	SR

## Wendy's announces Heisman nominees

Although the school year has just begun to settle in, the best of the Class of 2003 is emerging with the release of this year's Wendy's High School Heisman nominees.

Seniors Michael Bloom and Ellen Loomans of Walled Lake Western are now in competition with teens from all over the country to receive the top honor for excellence in three areas: academics, athletic ability and community involvement. Only two students per high school across the country can be nominated.

The award was created in 1994 in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals and the Heisman Memorial Trust.

"Being nominated for this leadership award above all of their peers is a great feat," said Archie Griffin, the only two-time winner of the Heisman Trophy and program spokesperson. "These students have shown superior ability to set goals and achieve them. They are well-rounded; they have worked hard and demonstrated maturity and integrity. It is a great honor."

Since last April, principals, teachers, guidance counselors and athletic directors from every high school throughout the United States have been invited to nominate two seniors — one male and one female — for the award. Each nominee receives a certificate of recognition and moves on to the next phase of the competition.

### Screen Beat

By Brian Renner  
THE MOVIE INSIDER

#### Coming this week

Coming to theaters this week-end is the espionage comedy "I Spy" which follows one of the United States' top spies, Alex Scott (Owen Wilson), as he is called into action. The most sophisticated prototype stealth fighter, Switchblade, has been stolen from the U.S. government. Scott is not expecting to get teamed up with a cocky civilian, World Class Boxing Champion Kelly Robinson (Eddie Murphy) on a dangerous top-secret espionage mission. Their assignment: using equal parts skill and humor, catch the evil arms dealer Arnold Gundas (Malcolm McDowell), and foil his treacherous plans for the plane. "I Spy" is a Sony Pictures release and rated PG-13 for action violence, some sexual content and language.

Sequel to the popular 1994 seasonal comedy "The Santa Clause 2: The Mrs. Clause" is the sleigh-filled search for the perfect Mrs. Claus. Scott Calvin (Tim Allen) has been Santa Claus for the past eight years and his loyal North Pole elves consider him the best Santa ever. But Santa's world is turned upside down when he's hit with bad news: not only has his son, Charlie (Eric Lloyd), landed on this year's naughty list, but if Scott doesn't marry by Christmas Eve, he'll stop being Santa forever. Tim Allen is quick to clarify why they took their time for the release of a sequel: "We didn't want to do a sequel until we thought we could match what we had done in the original. It wasn't good enough to do a sequel just to do a sequel - it had to be an interesting movie in its own right."

"The Santa Clause 2: The Mrs. Clause" is a Walt Disney release and rated G for nothing objectionable.

Exclusively playing at the Henry Ford Museum, JMAX: Episode II - Attack of the Clones, is the most recent installment in the "Star Wars" saga, which is the second live

action film in motion picture history to be digitally re-mastered into the IMAX format. For the first time, fans of "Star Wars" will be able to see all their favorite characters, places, vehicles and droids in a setting that is up to eight stories high and six stories wide. "Star Wars: Episode II - Attack of the Clones" is a Twentieth Century Fox/IMAX release and rated PG for sustained sequences of self-inflicted violence.

#### Last week

Entering theaters last week-end was the extremely odd comedy "Punch Drunk Love" which chronicles the bizarre romance that blossoms between a small, failing business owner Barry (Adam Sandler) and a mysterious woman (Emily Watson) whom he meets through one of his seven sisters. Kyle Smith, Midwest journalist for The Movie Insider, caught an advance screening of "Punch Drunk Love," and his review was positive with three and half out of four stars. As he states, "The movie's brilliance is in its fearless originality; no film has ever featured quite the same pacing, acting, and general tone of 'Punch-Drunk Love.' 'Punch Drunk Love' is a Sony Pictures release and rated R for strong language including a scene of sexual dialogue.

Mystery thriller "The Truth About Charlie" finds Regina Lambert (Thandie Newton) who, while vacationing in Martinique, meets the charming Joshua Peers (Mark Wahlberg) as she contemplates ending her whirlwind marriage to the enigmatic Charlie (Stephen Dillane). Upon her return to Paris, she finds that both her apartment and her bank account

have been emptied, and her husband has been mysteriously murdered. Hard-edged Commandant Dominique (Christine Boisson) thinks Reggie herself is the most likely suspect. The attentions of a straight-laced embassy official (Tim Robbins) make Reggie's situation even more complicated. All she can do is carry on with the knowledge that in life, as in love, nothing is ever as simple as it seems. "The Truth About Charlie" is a Universal Pictures release and rated PG-13 for some violence and sexual content/language.

"Jackass: The Movie" follows Johnny Knoxville and his crew as they take the concept of MTV's controversial show "Jackass" to the big screen. Expect a bunch of daredevils as they engage in stunts and play pranks that are too crude and dangerous for television! "Jackass: The Movie" is a Paramount Pictures release and rated R for dangerous, sometimes extremely crude stunts, language and nudity.

#### Next week

In theaters next week, "8 Mile" (R) and "Far from Heaven" (PG-13).

#### Video / DVD

On video and dvd shelves this week are over-the-top horror-comedy "Eight Legged Freaks" (PG-13); international thriller "The Sum of All Fears" (R); and play-based comedy "The Triumph of Love" (PG-13).

Hitting the shelves last week were widely appealing sci-fi drama "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial" (PG); Heilraiser sequel "Heilraiser: Hellraiser" (R); comedy "Mr. Deeds" (PG-13); and Mexican romantic drama "Y Tu Mamá Tambi" (NR).

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## This time, you're hitting the beach

The Allies are pounding the Nazi war machine, can you aide the victory?

By Sam Eggleston  
STAFF WRITER

To start, the Playstation 2's "Medal of Honor: Frontline" is well named. The game places you in some of the most dangerous situations of WWII's European theater straight out of the opening credits. It takes you from the beaches of D-Day, to subterfuge on a German submarine, to the front lines of major battles.

And guess what? You're the star and you'll do more than enough to earn America's highest honor before the game is finished.

You begin the game as a lowly lieutenant heading for the beaches of Normandy. Young privates all clutching their weapons and looking a bit green surround you. Explosions fill the air and the sound of the surf almost drowns out the barking sergeants and muttered prayers of the men hunkered down. Then, as in the film "Saving Private Ryan," the boat reaches shore, the door slams down, and the fury of hell is unleashed. "Frontline" captures it well. From this tense beginning (a trial by fire based on the events that forged real soldiers in real life quickly immerses you in this game), you follow missions requiring stealth, skill, and being able to work as a team with your computer-controlled compatriots.

Comparisons to the infamous PC D-Day mission are inevitable and undoubtedly important to owners of both a PC and a PS2. The experience is comparable, but "Frontline" handles it just a bit better. The atmosphere, chaos, and fear ripple through the level in much the same way in both games, but the console version has a more satisfying finish and is a little less puzzle-like than its PC cousin. It's also paced better, in part because "Frontline" puts D-Day at the beginning of the game, unlike "Allied Assault,"

### MEDAL OF HONOR

**Released by:**  
Electronic Arts (EA) Games

**Genre:**  
First-person shooter, World War II

**MPAA rating:**  
M for Mature due to realistic death and destruction

**Gaming System:**  
Playstation II

**Reviewer's Rating:**  
9 out of 10

which put it in the middle. In "Frontline" you begin as an infantry grunt facing Normandy's cruel cliffs and Germany's fearsome machine-gun nests. Then you move onward toward superheroic special ops missions. In "Allied Assault" you begin as a special ops soldier and then inexplicably find yourself on the front line at the beaches. Then it's back to being a special ops guy stealing documents and infiltrating enemy bases.

"Frontline" looks terrific and sounds even better. The game's missions cover tight spaces such as bunkers and the aforementioned submarine's confining quarters, but it handles dense forests, bombed-out French towns, and the invasion beaches equally well. All WWII hardware and weaponry looks authentic down to the rivets on the tanks. Each bullet that strikes nearby emits a puff of dust. The German troops look angry when they attack you and your own comrades look young and hopeful or scared before a pitched fight.

The enemy soldiers speak German. Most of them are bored guards, but there are some nice touches. For example, you can hear interrogations in English as

you walk through a base's hallways. Bombers rumble overhead while Messerschmidts make a buzzing sound. Panzer tanks make that squeaking noise and the sound of a heavy machine gun is enough to ruffle the feathers of even the most staid WWII infantryman. The game is nothing if not convincing.

"Medal of Honor: Frontline" isn't perfect, though. For one thing there are the always-problematic control issues. A console system with its gamepad just can't replicate the tight controls offered by a mouse and keyboard. Some games, such as "Halo," do a great job, but MOH's controls are a bit sluggish and unresponsive when you need them to be more accurate. The Nazi hordes in this game are all crackerjack shots, and it helps if you're one too. There's a little bit of stickiness to the corners, objects, and ladders in the game, making negotiating tight corners problematic.

But the worst feature is the somewhat slow intelligence of your fellow soldiers. They don't fight as well as the bad guys and often will run into your fire path. Sometimes they'll box you into a corner, trapping you unless you get frustrated and shoot them. Shooting your partners generally isn't a good way to win a Medal of Honor, now is it?

Those minor problems aside, the game is atmospheric and well-crafted enough to please any serious FPS fan or history buff. It's WWII on your television screen, as immersive as the "History Channel" but far more interactive.

For those looking for a fun and exciting game to pound-out on the PS2, then this is a game that is sure to please!

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In Medal of Honor: Frontline for the Playstation 2, you take the role of Lt. James Patterson as you find yourself infiltrating Nazi camps as well as storming the beaches.



### Food For Thought

Who would start their day with a breakfast of steak, chops, six eggs, a pound of bacon, tall stack of hot cakes, fried potatoes, grits pooled with melted butter and corn bread with jam, then have a mid-morning snack of several dozen oysters?

Then, a few hours later, have lunch consisting of a couple of boiled lobsters, more oysters (sometimes garnished with clams), rare roast beef, a plentiful salad, one whole fruit pie, candy and several gallons of orange juice.

This would be followed at about 7:30 with a copious meal with more oysters, a dozen or so crabs, a couple more lobsters, a thick slab of red meat smothered in veal cutlets and numerous vegetables bathed in rich sauces, with dessert of dozens of bonbons and more orange juice.

To end the day, a midnight snack of green turtle soup, two whole ducks, sole, more vegetables and of course the obligatory sweets of pastry and candy would be consumed. You've guessed right if your answer is Diamond Jim Brady.

Born in 1856, James Buchanan Brady spent the early years of his life living in a tough Irish New York neighborhood over a local pub that his father ran. The young boy learned to love the camaraderie, free lunch (big in those days to encourage the patronage to keep imbibing) and laughter that the public house offered. As much as he loved the good-fellowship that the tavern afforded he disdained the abuse of hard liquor and tobacco and vowed never to use either, an oath he kept to his dying day.

At 11, he lied about his age and got a job at the St. James hotel on Broadway hoping to become a bellhop and put the saloon life behind him. Much to his dismay, he was made a bar-keep. Instead of partaking in the free alcohol, which was part of his privilege as a bar boy, James instead chose to nibble at the lunch bar. The hotel kitchen

worked double time to keep up with his daily feasts.

Jim worked hard, and through contacts made at the St. James he became a traveling salesman with an art for making friends. He is said to have been the world's first "super-salesman" acquiring a fortune selling railroad cars and supplies during the 1890's. One of his job's perks was a huge budget for entertaining prospective buyers. And entertain he did, spending thousands of dollars on elaborate meals and fine wine at the best restaurants.

Another of James' pastimes was the acquisition of fine jewelry. Thus the "Diamond" prefacing his name and the trademark that became his calling card was born. He purchased his first diamond, a one-carat stone, from a pawnbroker for \$90 and planted it on his pinkie finger. In those days a stone of that size was rare and a casual flash ensured his service at restaurants and impressed fellow salesmen. A three-carat solitaire was embedded onto his walking stick and he carried a handful of the stones in his pocket using them as a prop while in a buyer's office, rolling them in his hand as dice. If one of the high-powered tycoons doubted the authenticity of the rocks he'd boldly engrave his name on their window.

As Brady's fortune amassed, he purchased more and more jewels which he designed into sets with a particular theme, one for each day of the month. By the end of his life his collection equaled that of a sultan.

Although he never married, Jim was not ever at a loss for female companionship. A parade of beautiful women followed him on his nightly jaunts to the theater and famous eateries. The



Chef Mary Brady

only true love of his life was actress Lillian Russell who he adored for her honesty and mutual fondness of food. She broke his heart by refusing a million dollars to become his wife, stating, "Their most valuable relationship may be ruined by nuptials".

Several years before he died, Jim was in and out of John Hopkins Hospital with ailments ranging from ulcers to kidney complications, conditions resulting from his gargantuan feasts. Around this time Jim began the Brady Beneficial Society, a dummy organization formed merely for the purpose of disposing of his huge fortune. Over 1200 people from all walks of life were recipients of his generosity. At the time of his death in 1917, an autopsy revealed that his stomach was six times the size of a normal person.

In the early '50s when Tom's father opened the first Brady's in Detroit, Diamond Jim was still a well known, well admired icon standing for all the dreams of the average man: A self-made millionaire, "the greatest gourmet of his time", friend to all and benefactor of the destitute. Although not officially registered with the state until the '70s, Jim Brady's became known as Diamond Jim's almost immediately after opening for business.

The name has remained the same for all these years with the hopes of reliving the nostalgia of the "good old days". A place to relax and enjoy good friends, the finest of beverages and most delicious of foods. Several years after re-locating Diamond Jim Brady's to Novi, we added the word Bistro with the same desire to carry on a tradition of dining, fellowship and leisure.

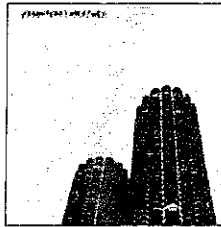
Mary Brady is a certified executive chef and co-owner of Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro in the Novi Town Center. If you have culinary questions or comments for chef Mary Brady, you can contact her via e-mail at [djbistro@aol.com](mailto:djbistro@aol.com).

## Wilco's newest release an exceptional record

Out is the country twang; in is a mix that borrows from the best music of the '60s, '70s, '80s and '90s

By Tran Longmoore  
STAFF WRITER

### YANKEE HOTEL FOXTROT



Band:  
Wilco

Record:  
Yankee Hotel Foxtrot

Studio:  
Nonesuch Records/Warner

While musical artists like Bruce Springsteen and Bon Jovi trip over themselves to produce the "definitive" post-9-11 music, perhaps the best such record was created long before the day of infamy.

A dispute with a record label long-delayed the release of Yankee Hotel Foxtrot, Wilco's latest record, which was released late last year. Still, it sounds like it's coming from some future plain of honesty we've yet to reach.

Wilco achieved fame as the chieftain of the alt-country scene. But gone, along with former guitarist Jay Bennett, is the country twang. In its place, is a mix that borrows from 60's country and folk, 70's style blues rock, 80's euro-pop, 90's art-rock, and melodic, and at times jarring experimental music that still has not time to call its own. Musically, the band has become undefinable.

But frontman Jeff Tweedy's introverted lyrics and aching vocals tie this opus together.

The album's first track, "I'm Trying to Break You're Heart," Tweedy struggles to understand disposable, thorny relationships.

The record's third track, "Radio Cure," is an even bleaker look at Tweedy's understanding of love. Tweedy bemoans, picking apples for kings and queens of things I've never seen, before breaking into a chorus that stays with you for ever: Oh distance has no way of making love understandable.

War on War is perhaps the most confusing track on the record. Its poppy guitar strum

little bit later. It's one of those mile markers that sticks with a listener on a record that pushes and pulls emotions all over the map.

On Poor Places, Tweedy most resembles John Lennon for today's. But he's too battered, beaten, and bloody to imagine. He still wants love, but they cried all over overseas. It makes no difference to me. It's hot in the poor places tonight. I'm not going outside.

After the roller coaster of the first 10 songs, few will have the stamina to get through the dirge-like final cut, Reservations.

Yankee Hotel Foxtrot is a rare example of a band that challenge the listener without forgetting to lay some solid chops and create beautiful melodies. It's beautiful. It's ugly. It's meaningful. It's care-free. It's about finding one's own truth in one's own lies. And vice-versa.

As for 9-11, there are no songs about terrorists and poverty. It's about proximity, lost innocence, fear, insecurity, disconnect, war... the list goes on. But through it all it's about love. And we're damned if that's not enough through whatever mess we're in. And in the end, he sings, finally, I've got reservations 'bout so many things but not about you.

Let it in, and it won't leave you. It's an exceptional record.

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# Fuel for fitness

Old adages about eating right and drinking plenty of fluids to play sports are proving to be even more important now - and for new reasons.

By John Fauber  
MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL

**S**ports nutrition used to be about maintaining endurance. But soccer kids and marathon runners alike are finding that mental focus, immune system integrity and recovery from workouts all can be influenced by what you eat and drink before, during and after exercise. And some products could harm you.

What athletes should be eating and drinking, and whether dietary supplements are a waste of money or can provide a competitive edge were among issues discussed recently by sports nutrition experts from around the world at the Science and Practice of Sports Nutrition conference in Chicago, sponsored by the Gatorade Sport Science Institute.

One of the most confusing topics in sports nutrition has been the debate over which food source is more important: carbohydrates or protein.

Most experts say carbohydrates are the preferred fuel source for nearly all athletes.

Popular books such as *Enter The Zone* by Barry Sears (HarperCollins), which advocate high-protein diets, have created some of the carb vs. protein controversy. And some research suggests that higher levels of protein may be beneficial to people who are physically active.

"Research has shown that athletes need more protein than the RDA (recommended daily allowance), but they may already be getting it from their diet," said Claudia Wilson, a sports nutritionist from the University of Utah.

The Zone diet and others like it say 40 percent of a person's daily caloric intake should come from carbohydrates, 30 percent from fat and 30 percent from protein.

But many sport nutritionists say those diets don't have enough carbohydrates for the energy demands of most athletes. They recommend 60 percent carbohydrates, 25 percent fat and 15 percent protein.

Too many athletes, especially those involved in endurance activities, often try to get by on an overabundance of carbohydrates and don't get enough protein.

A sedentary person normally needs to consume .8 grams of protein for every 2.2 pounds of body weight. Athletes, depending on their sport and activity level, may need to eat 1.2 grams to 2 grams for every 2.2 pounds of body weight.

Soccer players, runners and other endurance athletes probably need 1.2 grams to 1.7 grams, while football players and body builders, who generally weigh more, need closer to 2 grams.

"We always need to carefully look at what we mean by the word 'athlete,'" said Kristine Clark, director of sports medicine at Penn State University. "There are a lot of guys out there who mow the lawn and think they need more protein and a big 42-ounce container of Gatorade."

That may seem like a lot of protein, and for an inactive person it would be. But for athletes who may burn 4,000 calories a day, the increased protein is just part of a higher caloric intake that is needed to provide energy and allow the body to rebuild.

Using the 1.2-gram to 2-gram guideline, a 175-pound athlete should eat 95 to 159 grams of protein a day. (There are about 30 grams of protein in a 4-ounce serving of chicken, turkey or lean red meat.)

Clark and other sports nutritionists say protein supplements are unnecessary, with the possible exception of athletes who are strict vegetarians.

Protein is needed to build muscle and, to a lesser extent, as a fuel source. But just eating protein won't add muscle. Increasing strength requires some type of strength training.

Most Americans already are getting more than enough protein, but it's not a bad idea for athletes to check intake.

## Water vs. Sports Drinks

A general rule of thumb has been that for activities lasting less than one hour, water probably will do the trick.

But several speakers at the conference said carbohydrate and electrolyte replacement drinks have added benefits over water, especially for longer activities. Some of the research leading to that conclusion was funded by sports drink companies such as Gatorade, but many of the studies were published in peer-reviewed journals.

"Clearly, properly formulated carbohydrate drinks can delay fatigue," said J. Mark Davis, director of the exercise biochemistry lab at the University of South Carolina.

In general, athletes need to consume about 200

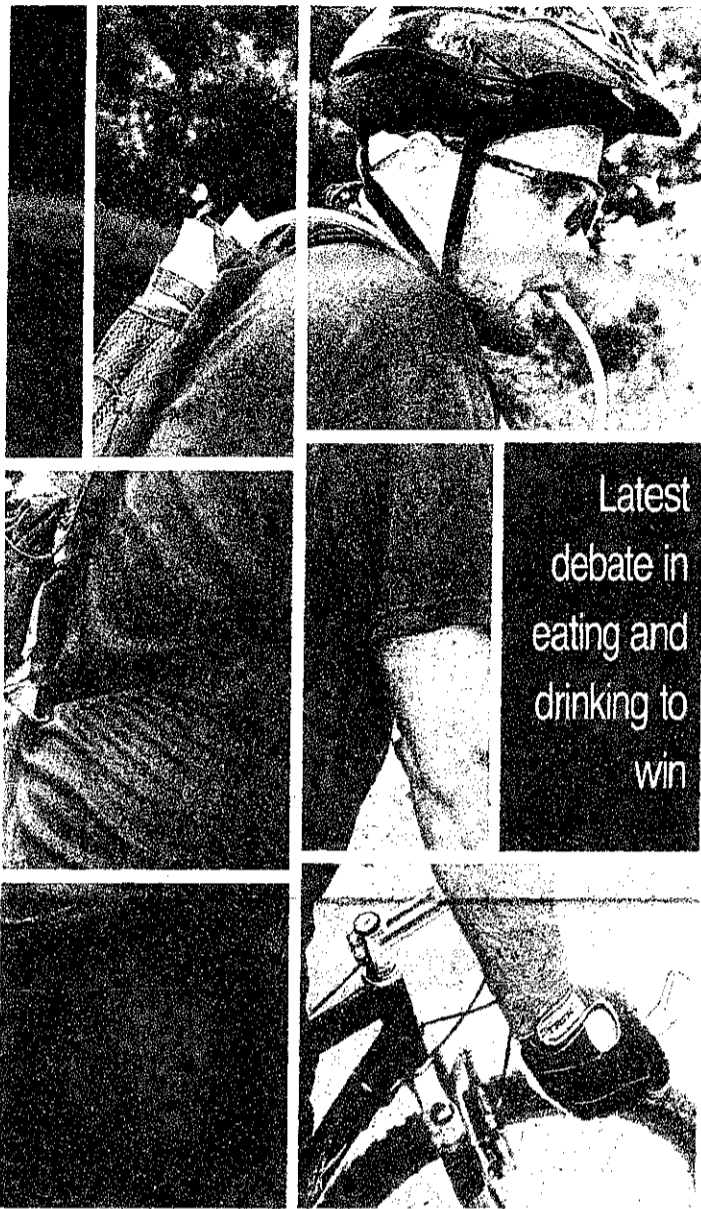


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Sports drinks replace the carbohydrates and electrolytes lost during strenuous exercise.

grams of carbohydrate four hours before exercise.

During exercise, they should consume 30 to 60 grams an hour. Because eating solid foods can be difficult while exercising, athletes can drink 600 to 1,200 milliliters of sports drinks an hour. One thousand milliliters is a little more than a quart.

Compared with water, carbohydrate-only sports drinks have been shown to significantly reduce fatigue in a running test designed to simulate the running required in a soccer game, Davis said.

Sports drinks also enhanced motor skills and mental performance, he said.

Proper carbohydrate consumption before, during and after exercise also can be beneficial to the immune system, said David Nieman, a professor of health and exercise science at Appalachian State University.

Although exercise generally strengthens the immune system, intense bouts such as competitions can weaken it. But carbohydrate sports drinks can substantially reduce immune system stress and reduce muscle inflammation, he said.

"There is no other drug, no nutrient, no chemical that can do this," he said. "Sugar does it."

Staying hydrated before, during and after exercise, whether drinking water or a sports drink, is extremely important.

Athletes need to drink as much as one liter of fluid an hour during exercise, but many only drink half that much, said Craig Horswell, who works in the physiology lab at Gatorade. "Over several days you can develop chronic dehydration."

In the past, some athletes weighed themselves to measure how much fluid they lost during exercise. If they lost 3 pounds, they would drink 3 pounds of fluids, about 48 ounces.

But Horswell said new research shows drinking 150 percent of the lost weight within three hours is the best way to get back to complete hydration. For 3 pounds, that would be 72 ounces.

Another trend in sports nutrition is taking antioxidants to recover more quickly from intense workouts. Antioxidants are substances in food that help neutralize unstable oxygen molecules known as free radicals. Intense exercise can produce a lot of free radicals, which can damage muscle tissue.

"The faster we use oxygen, the more free radicals we produce," said Ron Maughan, a professor of biomedical sciences at the University of Aberdeen in Scotland.

Taking antioxidants to reduce free radical dam-

age during exercise still is more of a theory than an accepted practice, he said. "(But) it's worth a try."

Maughan said the best sources are fresh fruits and vegetables. "Unfortunately, that's a message that athletes don't want to hear," he said. "It's boring."

Maughan said that if athletes want to take antioxidants in pill form, they might consider 100 mg to 500 mg daily of vitamin C and 100 to 400 international units daily of vitamin E.

## A Little Extra Boost

Many athletes have turned to dietary supplements to build muscle mass.

One of the hottest new products is a combination of creatine and ephedrine, said Mark Myhal, an exercise physiologist.

Creatine is a supplement that may help add muscle when taken in conjunction with a weight-training program, although some studies show it has little value.

Ephedrine, which some people use for weight loss, is very similar to amphetamines, Myhal said. "Ephedrine is very hot."

It also can be dangerous. Ephedrine is a drug designed to mimic certain hormones, such as adrenaline, according to the *The Ergonomics Edge*, by Melvin Williams (Human Kinetics).

It can produce side effects including headache, gastrointestinal distress, irregular heartbeats, seizures and psychoses, Williams writes. It also has been linked to at least 17 deaths.

If that is not enough to discourage you from using it, consider the fact that it's banned from most sports.

On the other hand, androstenedione, the supplement Mark McGwire help popularize during his home-run-record-setting season last year, has seen a dramatic dip in popularity, Myhal said.

Contributing to its decline was a study that showed it did not add muscle nor convert to testosterone. Instead, it turned into the female hormone estrogen, raising concerns that male users could develop enlarged breasts.

## HOUSE calls

### Wear backpack properly, avoid injury

Now that school is in full swing and homework is a daily must, students must caution against back strain.

Properly worn, a backpack is supported by the strongest muscles in the body: the back and abdominal muscles which work together to stabilize the trunk and hold our body in proper postural alignment.

"Improper backpack use can also present some real dangers, especially to young, still growing joints and muscles," Jan K. Richardson, president of the American Physical Therapy Association, adds. Here are some rules of thumb as follows:

**Wear both straps:** Slinging a backpack over one shoulder causes a person to lean to one side to compensate for the uneven weight, curving the spine. Over time, this can cause lower and upper back pain, strained shoulders and neck, and even functional scoliosis, or curvature of the spine. Teenage girls are especially susceptible to scoliosis.

**Make sure the backpack is not too heavy.** Extra weight may cause a rounding of the shoulders and an increased curve in the thoracic, or upper back, region. As a result, the student may experience back, shoulder and neck pain. "A good rule to follow is to carry no more than 15 to 20 percent of one's body weight," says Richardson.

**Pay attention to the type of backpack.** Look for backpacks with wide straps. "Narrow straps dig painfully into the shoulders," Richardson says, "and our nerves are very close to the surface in our clavicle, or collarbone, region." Even though the latest backpacks with one strap that runs across the body may be fashionable, they are wise to consider the weight of the backpack when empty, for example, a canvas backpack will be lighter weight than leather.

What else can students do to stay injury free? "Have kids use both straps, make frequent stops at their locker throughout the day to avoid carrying all their books at once, and leave non-essentials at home. Above all, urge your children to tell you if they are in pain or have discomfort before a problem becomes serious."

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## Aging by the numbers

76

Average life span of current newborns in the U.S.

47

Average life span of babies born in 1900

91

Age typical person want to live to

3,000

Number of U.S. residents aged 100 or older in 1960

70,000

Number of U.S. residents aged 100 or older now

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## A little red is good

People with elevated blood cholesterol levels may be able to have their red meat and eat it, too. A new study suggests that small portions of very lean red meat can be part of a cholesterol-lowering diet. Elevated blood cholesterol levels are closely linked to an increased risk of premature heart disease, the leading cause of death in the United States.

A team of researchers from Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions, the University of Minnesota and the Chicago Center for Clinical Research, selected 191 men and women with mildly elevated blood cholesterol levels. They were divided in groups that ate 6 ounces a day of lean red meat or 6 ounces of fish or poultry five to seven days a week for 36 weeks, in addition to consuming lots of fruits, vegetables and whole grains.

Researchers found that both groups under the special diet experienced identical declines in total blood cholesterol levels as well as levels of low-density lipoprotein, the most dangerous form of cholesterol. The study, supported by the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, was published in *Archives of Internal Medicine*.

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## HOME & GARDEN

### Vroom, vroom rugs

By Joyce Rosencrans  
SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE



Kids who love cars might go for these automotive area rugs, each hand-hooked and tufted with wool on cotton-canvas backing. A 2x4-foot rug is \$59 and a 4x6-foot car rug is \$159. They're item 52-2136802 in the Pottery Barn Kids catalog. Call (800) 434-7373 to receive a catalog, the one source for this merchandise for "pipsquaks to pre-teens."

### Metal motel chairs



Even before strip motels, every "motel-home" cabin included one or two brightly enameled metal yard chairs by the front door. This was well before the 1960s ushered in the folding lawn chairs with plastic mesh webbing and aluminum frames.

Now, some people who value the retro look want to own these cheery and comfortable metal chairs with a springy bounce. A whole parcel of chairs are pictured in Better Homes & Gardens' "Garden Style Projects" book (Meredith, 2000, \$24.95 hardcover) under the heading of Style Makers. The book says the metal chairs "were relegated to second-hand shops, garage sales and trash heaps for 30 years, but now these chairs have regained their popularity as American icons." Some mass merchandisers have been selling chair reproductions, but the ones I've seen are not as heavy as the originals. So it's on to the flea market and countless garage sales if you want the best.

### Food and Entertainment

#### Purchase the best garlic

When purchasing garlic, make sure it is unshriveled, completely free of moisture, and the cloves are firmly packed together. Higher quality garlic will have hints of purple coloring mixed in with the white.

#### Harvest the tastiest spinach

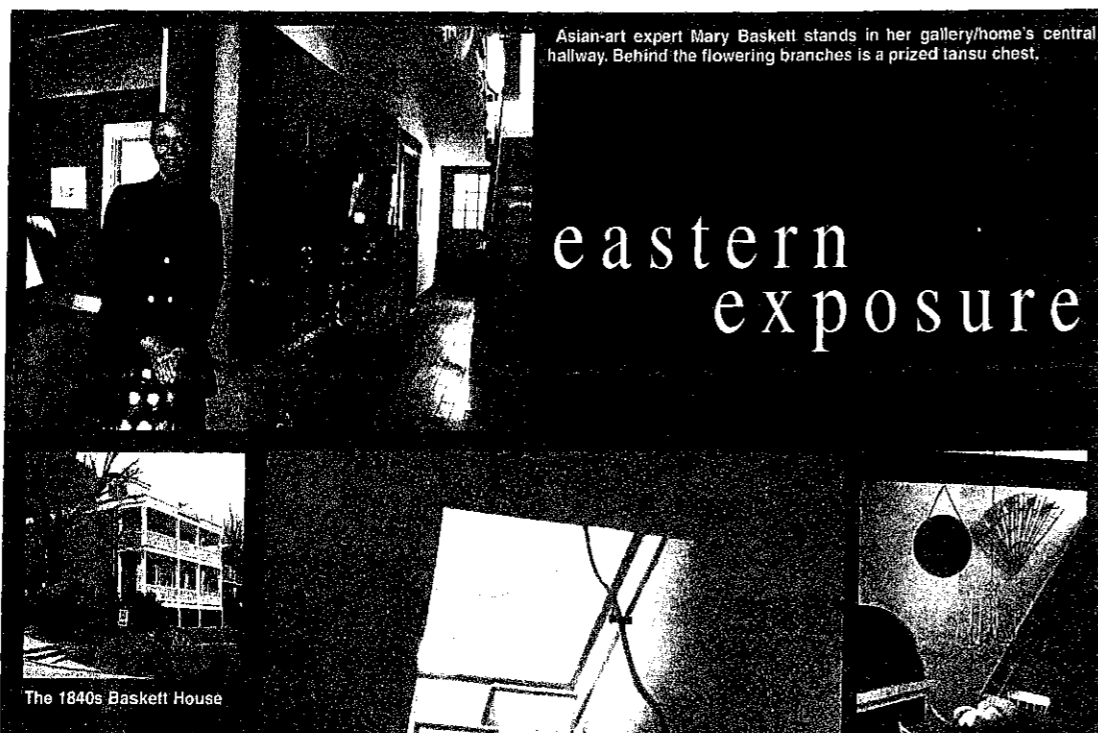
When growing your own spinach, get the best flavor by harvesting the crop when flowering or pointed leaves appear. After this occurs, spinach begins to lose its flavor.

#### Mix food with the correct utensils

When mixing food, use the proper utensil for the job. Use a flat beater to combine heavy mixtures, like quick breads and biscuits; a wire whip for mixtures that need to incorporate air, like eggs, whipped cream and whipped butter; and a dough hook to mix and knead yeast dough, rolls, etc.

#### Use snapshots as invitations

Instead of using personalized invitations for a party, jot down the party details and the address on the back of 4-inch by 6-inch snapshots and mail it as a postcard.



Asian-art expert Mary Baskett stands in her gallery/home's central hallway. Behind the flowering branches is a prized tansu chest.

## eastern exposure

### Asian art at home

By Joyce Rosencrans  
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Art-gallery owner Mary Baskett brings Asian art home, literally. For more than two decades, she has stylishly mixed Far Eastern exhibits and artist "shows" within her own comfortable family residence.

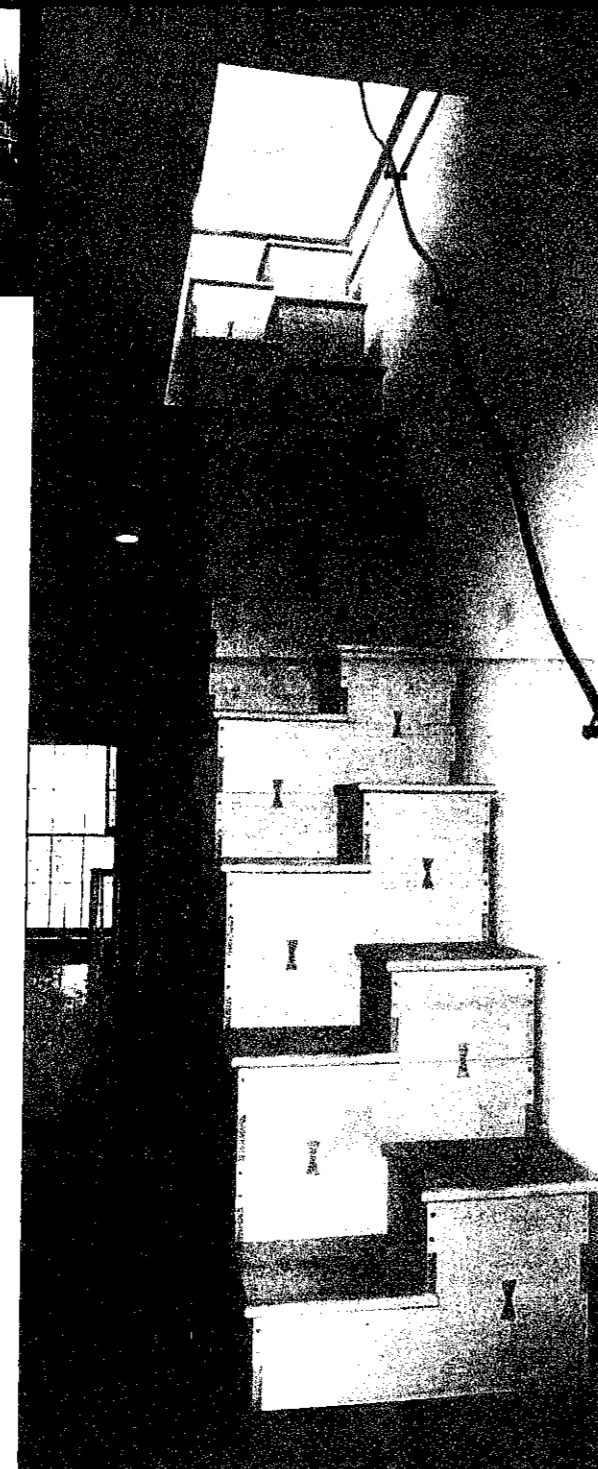
The 19th century farmhouse/gallery, that houses Mary Baskett Gallery, sets high on the brow of the Mount Adams section of Cincinnati. It affords an unobstructed river view from its front porch and from a third-story add-on: a room-size glass octagon reached by carefully climbing a unique twin wood-block stairway.

"We were only the fifth family to live here in 160 years," said Baskett. "John Loudon built the house, Loudon St. is right over there," she said, pointing northwest. "He died in the Civil War and Nicholas Longworth bought it for \$1,000 for some vineyard workers."

Baskett is a native of Binghamton, N.Y., and a graduate of Wellesley College, where she majored in art history. After traveling in the Far East and studying at the University of Hawaii's East-West Center, she landed in India, where she completed her master's thesis about jade. She also did graduate work at Harvard in Asian literature and history.

"China was my first love; then I became a Japanophile after moving to Cincinnati." Her fascination with all things Far Eastern eventually led to her own gallery. The majority of living space in the house effectively shows how Asian artworks can be blended with other styles of furniture and her European antiques.

The central hallway and living room to the right are accented by long, low Asian chests. A Japanese tansu chest dominates the hallway and a Korean money chest rests in the living room. The woods are dark and glossy, the hardware interesting; some of the drawers lift



A unique stairway leads to a the third-level octagon room. The music room, below, is filled with the dark, shiny surfaces of Asian-art panels and a polished grand piano.

#### Affordable Asian accents

A few Asian accents here and there blend comfortably in contemporary rooms with clean lines or with 18th century furniture.

- Look for:
- Painted screens of nature scenes or carved wood panels, three or four hinged, to hang flat on a wall from Asian-style brass hardware showing at the top
  - Folding screen to stand behind a sofa, across a corner or as a room divider
  - Tapestry pillows
  - Imari and other porcelain jardinières
  - Lacquered trays
  - Anything with the subdued red finish
  - Ginger jars, temple jars
  - Bronze-bird incense burners



adjacent to her front living room is a music room dominated by a grand piano and wall-hanging of dark, shiny panels slashed with impressionistic calligraphy. The room's seating is simple, sleek and sectional. Her



Turning the home's kitchen into a work of art are slightly irregular Mexican tiles, a fan-shaped fireplace and the original, narrow attic stairway.

mother's old Steuben crystal vase graces the piano; she'd added fresh stems of purple iris and yellow plumes. Such flower arrangements flatter Asian art because nature and the seasons are such dominant themes.

Further to the rear of the house, Baskett's kitchen looks Old World and international. Large, reddish Mexican tiles line the floor and look very old. A counter with stools wraps around the modern business end of the kitchen.

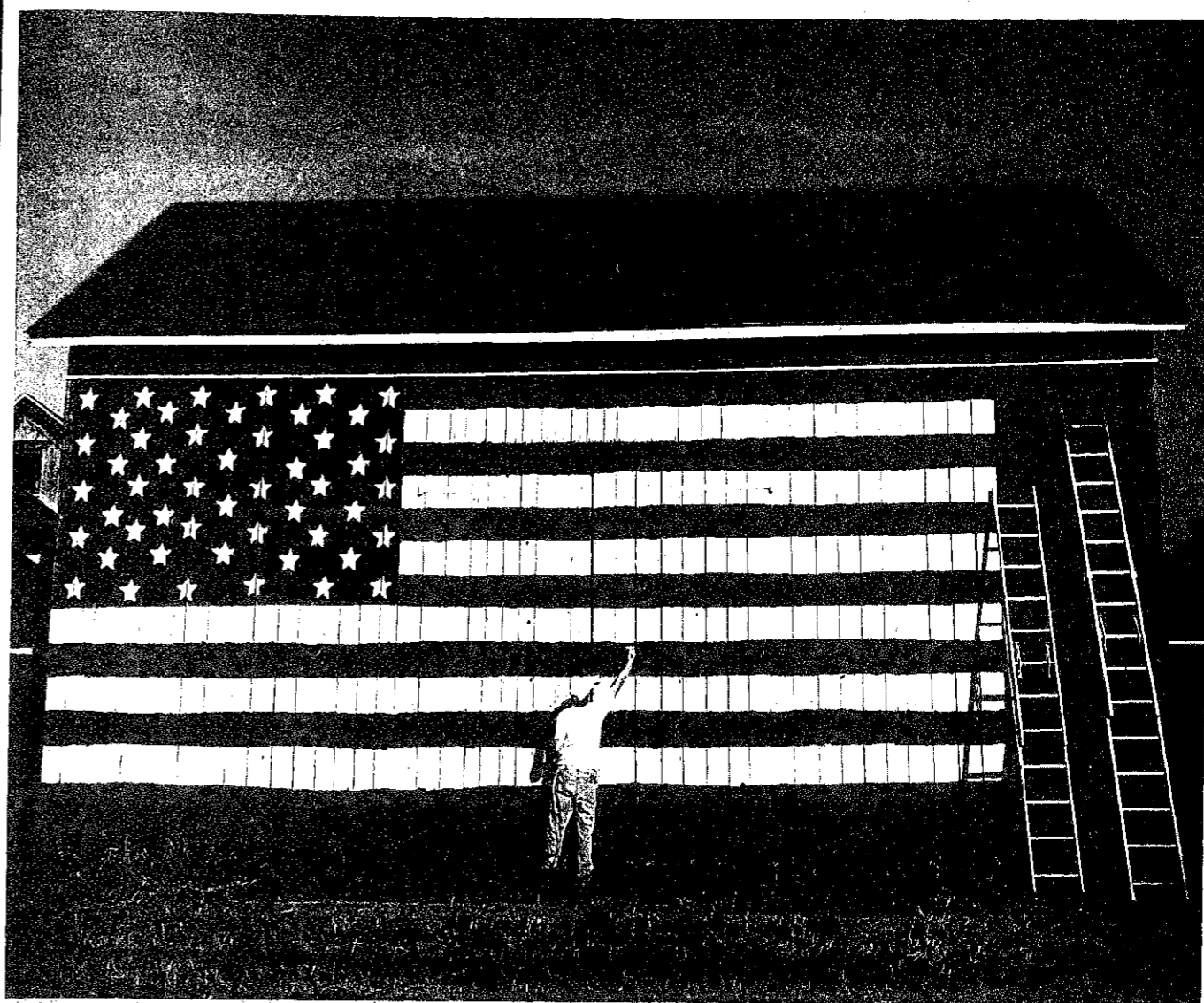
The kitchen's focal point is a quarter-circle fireplace next to the 1840s, impossibly narrow back stairway, which now leads to just open beams overhead and a wide window ledge. All these spaces display more artifacts, including an Indonesian gamelan (gong-like instrument).

Amazingly, it doesn't compete with the spare, candleholder chandelier by a Swedish blacksmith.

Baskett's unique summer fireplace screen, also a quarter-circle, was made by a southern friend of tri-color painted twigs, tipped with the "eyes" of peacock feathers. When the raised-hearth kitchen fireplace is in use, she hangs the twig fan nearby on the white-washed wall.

Bedrooms, baths and a library on the second floor are filled with Asian prints and chiseled camphor-wood rectangles. Buddha-themed prints surround an arched Spanish headboard in one bedroom. Asian pictographs on a banner wish for joys of health, wealth, long life - "10,000 of everything."

Opposite the library is the wooden stair with a spare Asian look. The wall-mounted handrail is a black metal pole that seems to undulate toward the eight-sided cupola above, with windows all around. This room at the top serves as a revolving art gallery and a reading room with a fabulous river view.



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## Make your own bread crumbs

To make your own bread crumbs, simply force dry bread through a food processor, or place stale/hard bread in a small closed bag and crush with a rolling pin.

Mario Batali, Molto Mario

## Classic Ratatouille

Saute eggplant, tomatoes, red peppers and zucchini with garlic and olive oil and then cook slowly for a classic summer ratatouille.

Sara Mouton, Cooking Live



## Tips on Thai Food

Other than fish sauce and lemon grass, essential to Thai cooking, it's easy to make substitutions of the hard-to-find ingredients, and still get great results.

Ming Tsai, East Meets West with Ming Tsai

## Take it up a notch

Kick food up a notch with dried wild mushrooms (or truffles if you can get them) to infuse food with a deep, woody flavor.

Emeril Lagasse, Emeril Live



## The ripe stuff



So how do you know, really know that you're picking the best fruit and vegetables at the market? Try these guidelines from *The Old Farmer's Almanac Family Favorites Cookbook*.

■ **String beans:** Bend one; if it's fresh, it will snap. Small, young beans will taste better than large, fat ones with the seeds visible through the skin.

■ **Watermelon:** Look for a symmetrical round, oval or oblong with a buttery yellow underbelly. It should feel heavy for its size, which tells you that it is juicy and fresh.

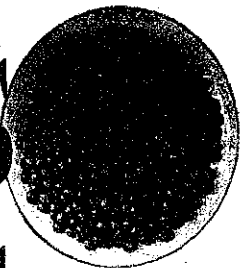
■ **Tomatoes:** Smell tomatoes before you buy. A lack of fragrance means they may be bland. Buy good firm ones and store them at room temperature, never in the refrigerator.

■ **Peaches:** A perfectly ripe peach will feel just like a horse's nose. (For you city slickers, the texture you're looking for is soft and velvety.) If you encounter harder specimens, store them in a paper bag at room temperature for two to three days.

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# Join the Peas Corps



By Al Sicherman  
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Once upon a time there was a very prosperous country. The people who lived there ate very well because they could afford good food — and much good food came from that very country.

Some of the people who lived there knew lots about food, and they always came home with the best bunches of broccoli and the most perfect peaches. But many people in that country, without fully realizing it, deprived themselves of some of the very best produce because they never bought it fresh.

One of the foods whose heights these grocery shoppers missed out on was the humble green pea.

That country is ours, dear friends. The only peas with which many of us are familiar are the ones in cans and freezer bags — the peas that turn up on our dinner tables occasionally with almost no effort (and are consumed with no particular pleasure), and that spill from those same cans and freezer bags onto the "veg. of the day" rotation at the kinds of restaurants where most customers opt for the fries instead.

Others of us, who have overcome Fresh Produce Anxiety and are able to deal with fruits and vegetables that don't come with directions (or at least know how to take it until they get home to a cookbook), know that peas can be far better than that. The flavor and vibrant color of fresh peas — particularly now, early in the season, can be a real eye-opener to folks whose lids might have been drooping over the canned succotash.

Those little round green guys, of course, aren't the only peas.

## Snow peas

Plenty of folks, especially fans of Asian food, know that, in addition to what the grocery industry might label "Original style" peas (which are often called "English peas" or "garden peas" or "shell peas"), there's a second kind — snow peas. Snow peas brought to American tables the notion of the edible pea.

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## Sugar snap peas

Probably less familiar than the snow pea — except to the more vegetable-centered among us — is a more recent arrival, the sugar snap pea, which also is edible pod and all.

The sugar snap pea, which turned up in the late 1970s, is a cross between the regular garden pea and the snow pea. It looks almost like the garden pea, although typically it is not as long; and although the pod is edible, it's full of peas, and the whole thing is sweeter than the snow pea.

For freshness, go local.

The word "local" is pretty important there. Like sweet corn, only more so, the quality of fresh peas deteriorates rapidly, starting as soon as they're picked.

Books that offer expertise on such things assert, no doubt correctly, that the best shell peas are straight from your own garden or maybe from a farmer's market — and picked very young, when the peas are small. These authorities go on to say that the produce section at a big supermarket probably runs a pretty distant third.

Frozen young peas, they suggest, although they aren't in the same league as really fresh ones, might well outdo limp, starchy, fresh peas that have lingered too long at the store — and that may have been overgrown and past their best even when they were just picked.

Could be, but I'd say that once locally grown peas become available at farmers' markets, co-ops and stores (replacing those brought in from California), even a novice pea-picker — if he or she has learned to sort out any unworthy pods — can be assured of a pleasant experience when the peas come to the table.

The common pea has been with us a very long time. Some sources suggest it was cultivated nearly 12,000 years ago in Asia; it was eaten by the ancient Greeks and Romans, and reportedly it was brought to the New World by Columbus, who is said to have planted peas on Santo Domingo (Hispaniola).

France's Louis XIV was so nuts about tiny peas that he ordered his gardeners to produce them year-round, which they managed to do by constructing greenhouses. We are told that peas became such a fad in Paris that women of the court — who dined very well every evening — would nonetheless have a nightcap of fresh buttered peas before retiring. Thomas Jefferson grew more than 30 varieties of peas at Monticello and called them his favorite vegetable.

I'm not saying that your first taste of fresh young peas will make you another Louis XIV or Thomas Jefferson; all I am saying is (yes; here it

comes)  
give

peas a chance.

War and peas — and shelling

But before you rush off to join the Peas Corps, I owe you this little bit of information: The stem of snow peas and sugar snap peas should be snapped off, and snow peas and some sugar snap peas have a string down one side that should be pulled off. That takes a bit of time.

Shell peas must be shelled — that is, the shell must be opened and the peas inside flicked out into a bowl. That takes longer.

You probably figured as much. What you might not have figured is that, at least for a first-time pea sheller, it's a long time. That mental Saturday Evening Post cover, roly-poly Mom and kids sitting around the table shelling peas, wouldn't exist if the whole job took only 20 seconds.

That said, Escoffier tells us to shell peas at the last minute (au dernier moment, if French makes it any better), so doing it the night before might not be the best solution.

If you have kids you can drag into it, that might be good. Heaven knows what you'll have to promise them; I'd rather leave to you the details of any pea-bargaining.

First-time visitors to fresh peas might want to start with sugar snap peas, for the combination of easy preparation and sweet flavor.



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