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## DeRoche wins by landslide

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There was a landslide in Novi Tuesday night, as current Novi City Councilman Craig DeRoche won the 38th District State Representative race.



C. DeRoche

DeRoche, representing the Republican party, beat his opponent on Nov. 5 nearly 2-1. Democrat Linda E. Premo received 9,102 votes while DeRoche received 17,529. More than 26,000 Oakland County voters turned out at the poles, casting their ballots in the race.

"I am absolutely overwhelmed with the amount of support I have received with this election and the margin with which the voters chose me to be their state representative," DeRoche said after learning of his victory. "I don't think I'm going to sleep tonight. I think I'm going to start working immediately on planning to make the transition to state rep."

The newly elected state official promises his constituents he will give them more support on the state level.

"I want to bring a high level of constituent service and get involved with the new communities I will represent as much as I am in involved in Novi now," he said.

DeRoche, 32, aspires to serve on the state's transportation committee in order to make sure the state follows through on projects already approved for the 38th district, including improvements to Beck Road and Grand River Avenue.

The city council member will take the place of current State Rep. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi) who was banned from seeking another term due to term limit restrictions.

State representatives are limited to serving three two-year terms.

Cassis, who also served as a prior member of the Novi city council, was first elected to the house in 1996.

"I'm very excited" about Craig's victory," Cassis said.

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## Cassis crushes Carlson

By Phillip Allmen  
STAFF WRITER

Republican Nancy Cassis cruised her way to victory Tuesday to become state Senator of the newly-aligned District 15.

"I'm feeling wonderful," she said late Tuesday. "It's great to have the support of this new district. We've taken the 15th by storm."

With 99 percent of the precincts reporting, Cassis soared to a 22,000-vote advantage to capture the Senate seat over Democratic challenger Sean Carlson of Commerce Township. Cassis earned 61

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**Nancy Cassis**  
State Senate District 15 winner

percent (56,416) of the vote to Carlson's 37 percent (34,447). U.S. Taxpayers Party candidate Sean Sullivan garnered 2 percent (2,286) of the vote.

Cassis, a former councilman in Novi, carried every commu-

nity, except West Bloomfield, she said.

"We defeated him soundly in his home town of Commerce," she said. "I got a lot of support in my home base in Novi, as well as South Lyon, Milford,

Holly — throughout the district."

And Cassis fared well despite a strong Democratic ticket for the state races which gave that party a new Governor.

"It's more than we anticipated," Cassis said. "It was a very strong victory, especially given the top of the ticket."

Cassis faced an arduous task to become Senator. She faced a heated campaign against fellow legislator Mike Kowall (R-White Lake) in the primary election. After she won the close election, Kowall filed for

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## Finally, it's done

■ M-5 segment opens, MDOT officials celebrate

By Victoria Sadlocha  
STAFF WRITER

Well, it may not have been the Detroit Tiger's opening day, but it was a notable opening day nonetheless as Oakland County's remaining segment of M-5 opened late last week.

The Nov. 1 completion marked the day the Haggerty Road connector opened between 14 Mile Road at the Novi and Walled Lake border and Pontiac Trail in West Bloomfield Township.

"Today's opening is a celebration on many fronts," said State Transportation Director Gregory J. Rosine. "The construction of M-5 is a prime example of what can be accomplished when state and local governments work as partners. Working together greatly enhances the quality of transportation for all motorists in the area and everyone benefits."

Officials from the Michigan Department of Transportation said M-5 is a limited-access boulevard from the Interstate 96, Interstate 696 and Interstate 275 interchange in Farmington Hills to Pontiac Trail in West Bloomfield Township.

The connector was designed with access points only at major intersections to move traffic quickly and efficiently in the fastest-growing area of Oakland County.

Rob Morosi from MDOT's office of communications, said the opening will greatly benefit Novi residents.

"I think it is going to benefit Novi residents and all residents in the area because I think it will ease the congestion of traffic on local roads," Morosi said.

Novi city officials concurred the connector is a benefit to the Novi area.

Officials said they are pleased the MDOT project connecting 14 Mile Road to Pontiac Trail in Commerce Township is open.

"The new roadway gives Novi residents and those traveling through our community another great resource in reaching their destination," said Sheryl Walsh, City of Novi community relations manager.

Maple Road businesses between Haggerty and Welch roads also received a benefit from the project as the roadway was widened during the connector completion.

MDOT improved and widened many local roads intersecting with M-5 as part of the \$82 million project.

Other roads intersecting M-5 either widened or improved as part of the process included 12, 13 and 14 Mile roads, Maple Road and Pontiac Trail.

The first two sections of M-5, from the interchange to 14 Mile

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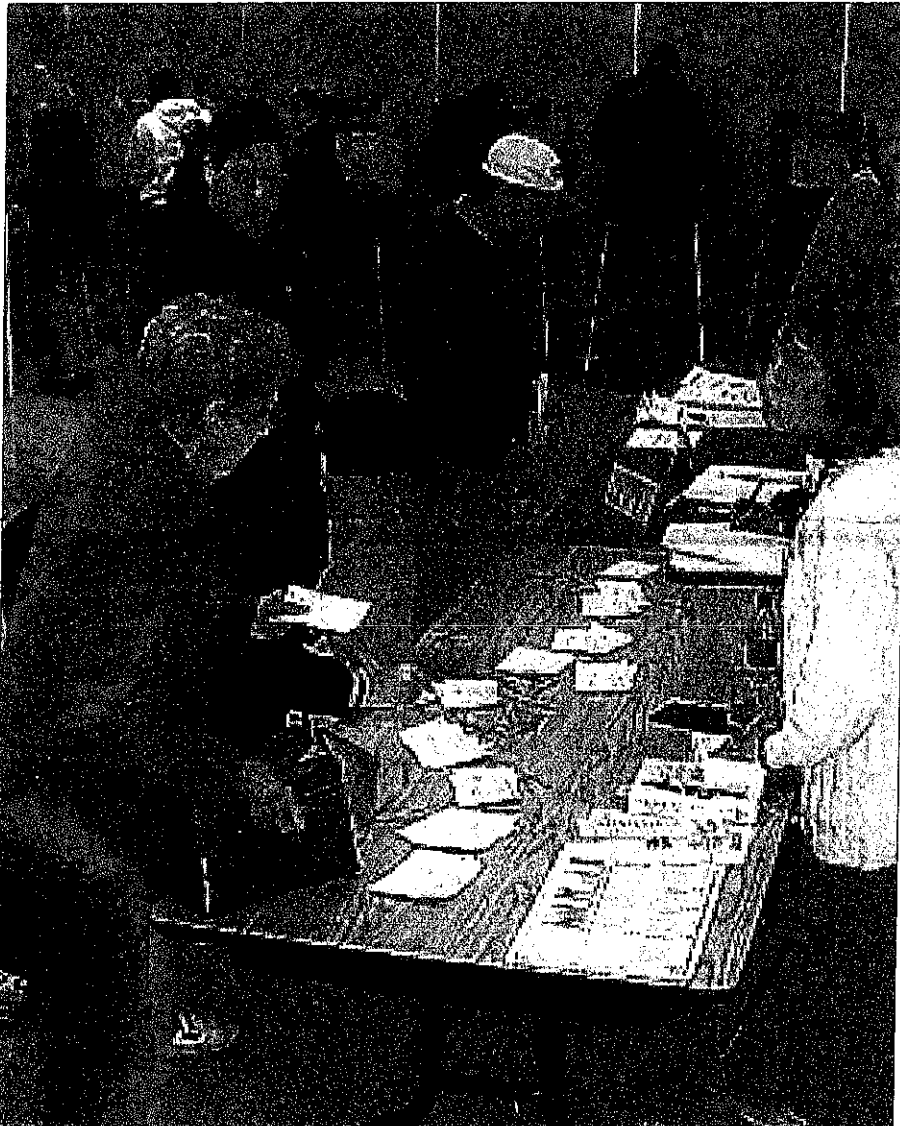


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Novi elections worker Margit Erickson (right) welcomes voters to the 14th Precinct polling place at the Novi Community Center. Elections workers reported by lunch time they had already seen more people come through the doors than they had all day during the primary election.

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## Investigation into suspected drug use at NHS continues

■ Case referred to prosecutor

By Victoria Sadlocha  
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The investigation surrounding the injection of an animal tranquilizer by a Novi High School student last

month continues, said members of the Novi Police Department.

"The case has been referred to the Oakland County Prosecutors Office and we are awaiting their decision on formal charges," said Detective Sgt. David Molloy of the Novi Police Department. "We are having the prosecutors office review the case for charges against many of the people involved, including the person or persons responsible for sup-

plying the drug as well as those who assisted in the delivery of the drug to the young man."

Novi Police officials also said the department is arranging to have the substance tested by the Food and Drug Administration.

Molloy said preliminary investigations have identified the substance as Acipromazine, a drug commonly identified as a horse tranquilizer.

Police believe the male student injected the substance during school hours on Oct. 15 for recreational drug use. Novi Chief of Police Douglas Shaeffer said it was a school employee who noticed the student was acting very lethargic and notified proper authorities.

Shaeffer commended the school administration for being in tune with its students' behaviors and for such quick action.

The male was transported Huron Valley Hospital for observation and later released.

Police said details from the case will be available upon completion of the investigation.

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## Wondering where's Novi Mayor Clark? He's out on leave

By Victoria Sadlocha  
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After missing both October regular city council meetings, residents are left wondering - where is the mayor?

Novi City Mayor Richard J. Clark did not return messages left by the Novi News to answer the question.

Calls to his office did confirm

he is out on a leave with an undetermined return date.

"Sure I worry about him," said Louis Csordas, Novi city councilman.

Csordas explained "the mayor has been ill and his doctor told him to get rest for a month."

The councilman said he did not know the cause of his illness.



R. Clark

"When I saw him at the Halloween festival at City Hall, he said he planned to come back for the Nov. 12 regular city council meeting," said Csordas.

Clark missed three meetings in the past three months with two of the excused

absences happening on Oct. 7 and 23.

In the interim, city of Mayor Pro-Tem Michelle Bonoani has been leading the city's meetings.

This is not the first time Novi's mayor has been out of view.

Clark was absent from the public eye in the Spring of 2001, missing meetings and Pontiac's mayoral exchange day as a result of some tests he had done.

During a May, 2001 interview, Clark did not elaborate on the kinds of tests nor did he discuss the results.

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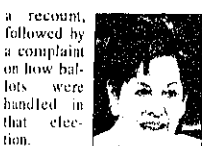


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# Cassis crushes Carlson in 15th

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N. Cassis

a recount, followed by a complaint on how ballots were handled in that election. And once the primary ended, Carlson's campaign machine geared up and took the offensive.

"You take every race on its own merit," said Cassis. "You work as if you're the underdog. We started out in March. We had a difficult primary and the recount. We walked, walked, walked. We had a tremendous cadre of volunteers throughout the district. Teamwork always makes the difference."

Cassis — a term-limited state representative, said experience and a willingness to focus on the concerns of the residents propelled her to victory. Cassis' campaign target

ed stimulating the state's economy and job security. She also focused on ensuring quality education for all children and improving the roads in western Oakland County.

"Apparently, our message really resonated," she said. "This is what they were telling us really mattered."

South Lyon resident Ralph Fera voted for Nancy Cassis, partly because he's met her, and he like her stance on issues. "She appeals to me. I like the ideas she has."

State Senate District 15 is comprised of the cities of South Lyon, Novi, Walled Lake, Northville and Westland, the villages of Milford, Wolverine Lake and Holly; and the townships of Novi, Lyon, Milford, Commerce, Highland, White Lake, Rose and Holly.

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# DeRoche victory means vacancy on city council

By Victoria Sadiolha STAFF WRITER

With Novi City Councilman Craig DeRoche's election victory, comes one very empty seat on the council which will need filling come early next year.

In January, DeRoche will gain the State Rep. title currently held by Nancy Cassis (R-Nowi) and head to Lansing while filing his official resignation with the Novi City Council.

As DeRoche bids farewell, recommendations for his replacement will surface.

Novi City Clerk Maryanne Cornelius said the council has 30 days to fill the vacancy once notice of resignation is received.

Cornelius continued the newly appointed member's term expires on the date of the next regular city election.

Novi City Councilman Louis Conliss said as far as the actual appointment, members are presented with two options.

"A member of the council puts forth a recommendation and then all council members vote with a majority-votes victory.

"If, within 30 days, the council does not make its own appointment, then there has to be an election."

"My concern is with the process," Conliss said.

The councilman said he feels anyone new on the council should be vetted in by the taxpayers.

"I'm not going to support an appointment simply because I don't support the process," he said. "I've seen the process and all things considered, I would rather see the citizens vote and have someone they

collected from gasoline tax to be funneled back into Michigan roads, Mironi said.

Mironi said the act is essentially a formula used by the federal government to determine what will be returned.

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put the time and work in and work with the other members of council.

"I believe that this council works very well together," Landry said. "I would want someone who would want to continue with that."

Landry said the current council has been through some tough times, mainly the Sandstone settlement discussions, but always respected each others' opinions and even though they may have disagreed with each other from time to time, no one was ever disagreeable.

"I would hope the council would select somebody that shares a similar philosophical base on issues facing Novi," DeRoche said. "I have mixed feelings about leaving the city council because I have been so involved in the last five years."

And although the 32-year-old city councilman's face will not be seen during Novi's meetings, DeRoche said his presence in Novi will remain strong.

"I will continue everyday in Lansing, I love Novi, this is where my roots are and where I choose to raise my daughter," he said. "This is now just a different way to serve my constituents."

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# DeRoche victorious by landslide

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"It's a Novi first." The first she is referring to is the state representative and senator (hoping she wins) will both be from the same community.

Cassis also looked back six years ago, remembering when DeRoche ran against her for the state representative position.

"I told him he really needed some public service experience, so he ran for city council," Cassis said. And look at him now.

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# McCotter defeats Kelley in 11th Congressional

By **Tran Longmoore**  
STAFF WRITER



**T. McCotter**

Republican State Sen. Thaddeus McCotter is headed to Washington. In defeating Democratic opponent Kevin Kelley, the Superior of Redford Township, McCotter was nearly 60 percent of the vote to become the representative of Michigan's 11th Congressional District. "We're certainly glad to see the final result turn out so positively," said McCotter, of the big win in what was supposed to be one of the toughest congressional races in the country. "But 50 percent plus one would have been good enough for us."

McCotter now looks forward to representing all of the people in the 11th District. "It's an awesome responsibility, but I'm prepared to do it," he said.

Heading to Washington as a freshman, McCotter doesn't expect to lead leadership role on powerful congressional committees. He said he'll spend the next few months talking to other lawmakers and those in leadership roles to see what he might be able to accomplish as a rookie.

"I'm taking it one step at a time," said the Livonia resident, who serves in the Michigan State Senate and has been elected to the Wayne County Commission and the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees. McCotter said that he plans to go right to work on promises made during the campaign, including the strengthening of social security and a prescription drug program in Medicare. But, above all, he said, he'll work to make President Bush's tax cuts permanent. "That's the one issue that cut right across the board," said McCotter. "People don't want to pay anymore of their money to the federal government."

McCotter halting the tax reduction plan would slow down the economy and send the deficit "shooting through the roof."

"People need to be investing, saving and spending their money. That's what will get this economy moving," said McCotter.

McCotter does take issue with President Bush's tariffs on imported steel. He pledged to work to repeal the tariffs. "The tariffs endanger the tier one and tier two automotive suppliers," said McCotter. "We have to protect those jobs as well."

Kevin Kelley did not return calls Tuesday night. The McCotter campaign had received \$1.14 million in donations during the campaign. The Kelley campaign reported receipts totaling \$424,000.

Green Party Candidate Bill Boyd finished with about 2 percent of the vote. Dan Malone, of the United States Taxpayers Party, picked up the remainder of the votes.

The open 11th Congressional District was created and drawn by the Republican-dominated Michigan State Legislature after the 2000 census. McCotter played a key role in drawing the district he would eventually win.

District 11 is composed of communities in western Oakland and western Wayne counties.

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# Proposal 2 may be only one of four to earn voter approval

By **Mike Malott**  
DAILY PRESS & ARGUS

Statewide proposals 1 and 4 — elimination of straight ticket voting and diverting tobacco funding — appeared headed toward certain defeat in early returns. Only Proposal 2, to borrow \$1 billion for water quality improvements, appeared to be passing as of midnight Tuesday, with 29 percent of precincts counted.

Proposal 3, giving state employees the right to bargain collectively, was too close to call. At press time, Proposal 1, straight tickets, was failing with 316,099 yes votes, 40 percent, and 474,222 no votes, 60 percent.

Proposal 2, clean water bonds, was passing with 462,959 yes votes, 59 percent, and 319,934 no, 41 percent.

Proposal 3, collective bargaining, was close at 378,877 yes votes, 49 percent, and 401,580 no votes, 51 percent.

Proposal 4, tobacco funding, was going down in smoke with 299,643 yes votes, 36 percent, and 512,972, no votes, 64 percent.

Proposal 1 would eliminate "straight party" vote option on partisan general election ballots

and made other reforms, such as providing penalties for stealing campaign signs.

The issue got to the ballot when the Republican-controlled Legislature last year passed a bill banning straight-ticket voting. Democrats then collected enough signatures to force a referendum on the issue, placing the measure on the ballot.

Proposal 2, the only one sure to pass, would authorize the state to borrow up to \$1 billion to improve the quality of the waters of the state by financing sewage treatment works projects, storm water projects and water pollution projects.

The sewer-bond issue was placed on the ballot by the Legislature. Backers argued that water pollution caused by aging and deteriorating sewage systems is one of the worst environmental problems facing Michigan.

Lawmakers estimated last year that 54 billion gallons of improperly treated sewage had gone into Michigan waters in the previous year-and-a-half, causing beach closings all over Michigan because bacterial counts were too high to safely allow swimming.

Proposal 3 would grant state classified employees the right to

unionize to bargain with their employer, the state.

The measure was placed on the ballot by the Michigan Employee Rights Initiative — calling itself MERIT — which submitted about 400,000 petition signatures.

Republican Gov. John Engler has said the measure, if approved, could cost the state \$500 million over three years, "raising the threat of possible layoffs and a drop in customer service."

Proposal 4 would allocate 90 percent (approximately \$297 million) of tobacco settlement revenue\* received by state from cigarette manufacturers to hospitals, nursing homes, hospices and the Healthy Michigan Foundation as well as to fund programs to reduce tobacco use.

More than two-thirds of the money now is used to plug holes in the annual state budget and to pay for college scholarships.

Proponents of the ballot proposal say state lawmakers haven't used the tobacco settlement for its intended purposes.

— The Associated Press contributed to this story.

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# Bondy beats Pope-Starnes for 52-1 District Court seat

By Phil Foley  
HOMETOWN NEWSPAPERS

It was a long, nerve-racking night for Robert Bondy, but with only three precincts left to count it looks like the Milford attorney will be the next 52-1 District Court Judge.

"It feels excellent," declared Bondy, moments after his supporters erupted in cheers at Detroit television stations first declared him the winner and then moments later a phone call from Novi poll watchers reported that absentee ballots there had put him over the top.

"It looks like we're 500 up," said Larry Fox, who had been keeping precinct totals at Hector and Jimmie's all night long.

Bondy attributed his win to "experience, commitment and involvement with this court."

He also came down to the wire with an "outstanding" rating from the Oakland County Bar Association, and the public endorsement of transferring 52-1 Judge Michael Hatcher and the court's presiding judge Dennis Powers, who spent the evening at

Bondy's election night headquarters.

"This is big-time great for the community," declared Milford Village Council member Ron Frowkes.

"It was very, very close," said Sara Pope-Starnes. "I began this campaign with integrity. And I ended this campaign with integrity."

While conceding defeat, Pope-Starnes said the margin was more like 348 votes.

Pope-Starnes, an Oakland County assistant prosecutor with the warrants division in Pontiac said, "I'm going spend some time with family and look for what's next."

However, she vowed, "I'm going to continue to work for the people."

She attributed her loss primarily to finances. "I spent \$200,000 on my whole campaign. He spent \$120,000 in the general election." Pope-Starnes contended that while her war chest came from "everyday people and my own pocket," that Bondy's came from criminal

and development attorneys.

Bondy was more gracious, saying, "It was a very close race and Sara worked very hard. You have to give her a lot of credit for that."

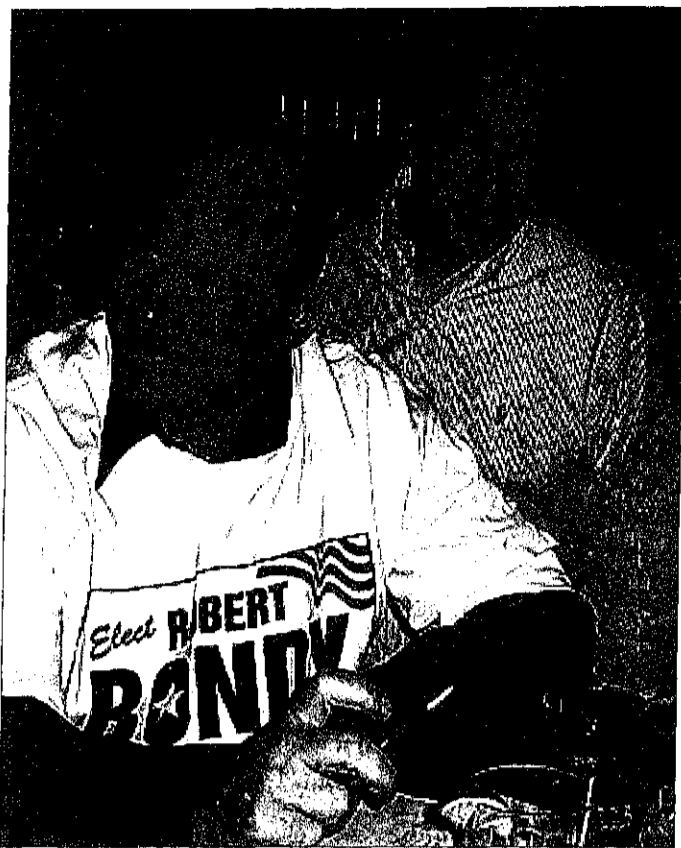
Noting that she had met "hundreds of wonderful people" during the campaign and that she had no regrets in deciding to run, adding "If I had to do it all over again, I would."

Bondy now has to look forward to winding down his private law practice as well as those portions of his other business activities that requiring before he begins his four-year term as a district court judge.

But first, he said, "I'm going to go home, go to bed and then I'm going to get up and start taking down signs."

The 52-1 covers the areas of Highland, Novi, South Lyon, Wyom and Walled Lake. Bondy will join judges Brian MacKenzie and Dennis Powers.

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Robert Bondy

52-1 District Court winner Robert Bondy watches as Larry Fox tabulates returns in the 52-1 District Court race.

Photo by Phil Foley

"It feels excellent... I'm going to go home; go to bed; and then I'm going to get up and start taking down signs."

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# Toll Brothers seeks approval for Island Lake changes

By Phil Foley  
STAFF WRITER

Toll Brothers Inc. went two-for-three on proposed changes to its massive Island Lake project at the last Novi Planning Commission meeting, but company executives are hoping for a hat trick when they go before city council Nov. 12.

Commission members had no problem expanding the project from 90 to 908 acres while leaving the total residential units at 876. They had no trouble approving a series of roadway, sidewalk and landscaping changes.

However, when it came to the company's request to change a section of the development at the corner of 10 Mile and Wixom roads, the planning commission drew the line with only commission members John Avdoules and Lowell Sprague voting to approve the change.

Kevin Sullivan, land development manager for the project, said Toll Brothers Inc. wants to convert 44 single-family home sites into a group of single-family attached cluster homes. He told commission members the request was being driven by a "strong market demand" for the company's Arbor's condominiums, which have sold out on the project's north end.

He pointed out that by switching from detached to cluster homes, the amount of woodlands preserved in that corner of the development would actually be increased by 40 percent.

He added Toll Brothers executives also believe it would be more difficult to sell detached homes next to what will eventually be an "industrial-size church."

to build on a 10-acre site south of Island Lake along 10 Mile, but planning commission members noted that approval has expired. Currently the only thing on the site is a wooden cross overlooking the lake.

Conrad Stout, who owns a 10-acre parcel at the corner of 10 Mile and Napier roads, west of the proposed church site, told commission members he plans to build single family homes on his property.

Commission member Given Markan said she couldn't support the change because it would "take the rural atmosphere and turn it into multi-family."

The original RUD (residential unit development) for the project, approved in 1997, restricted multi-family housing to the project's interior and the north side, which abuts a manufactured home development.

Commission Chairman Antonio Nagy chastised planning staff for not providing commission members with a complete copy of the original RUD agreement.

Planning Director David Evanco countered that city staff and consultants had explained the proposed changes in detail and that reproducing the entire RUD would use up 10 percent of the department's printing budget for the year.

Ron Boshaw, the senior project manager for Island Lake, said he believes his company's plans to screen the cluster homes from view along 10 Mile and Wixom roads will be enough to sway city council members.

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Left, the custom designed homes of Island Lake will probably sell for around \$2 million. Above, the foyer of an Island Lake home known as The Malvern as seen from its second floor balcony.

# Student suspended in Molotov cocktail incident

By Allen Wingblad  
STAFF WRITER

A 15-year old Walled Lake Northern High School student could spend the next several years locked up in a juvenile detention center after allegedly tossing a Molotov cocktail in her school's stairwell Oct. 22.

Essell Zarkowski, of Coconino Township, was suspended from school and faces a hearing in the Family Division of Oakland County Circuit Court for the charge of possession of a Molotov cocktail, causing damage, according to the Oakland County Deputy Prosecutor James Haluska. The charge is a felony for adults 17 and over, and carries up to a 20-year sentence. Those convicted as a minor can be detained in a juvenile facility until age 21.

The incident was discovered by a teaching assistant who noticed smoke in the stairwell around 9:40 a.m. School officials were notified and a portion of the school was evacuated. No one was injured, but a section of a concrete wall and floor was damaged.

A police investigation, which included interviews with students, led to the charge for Zarkowski. Two other students were also been suspended for knowing about the incident before it was carried out and were to appear before the Walled Lake Consolidated Schools Board of Education. "They are not criminally culpable, but it appears they were aware of what she was going to do," Haluska said.

Zarkowski allegedly carried the bottle containing gasoline around school in her backpack, Haluska said. "We are taking this very seriously. For a student to be sitting in class with gasoline in a backpack, that put other students, teachers and other personnel in danger... this is an extremely serious offense."

Janelle McGuire, Walled Lake Northern High School principal, was unavailable for comment.

## Obituaries

### Nancy Anna Russo

Nancy Russo died Oct. 29, 2002 at North Pine Center, W. Bloomfield. She was 35.

Survivors include her parents, Frank and Anna Russo; one brother, Frank (Carolynn) Russo; and two nephews, Frank and Vinny. A funeral service was held Oct. 31 at Our Lady of Sorrows, Farmington, Mich. Interment will be at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield, Mich. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Michigan, 400 Mack Ave., Detroit, Mich., 48201.

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

### William H. White

William White of Novi died September 27, 2002 at his home. He was 68. Mr. White was born in Detroit on May 16, 1934, the son of Donald F. and Bessie Ruth (Jones) White. He was the owner of the ACA Group for 20 years and a member of the Alpha Kappa Psi Business Fraternity and was Northville Chamber of Commerce. Survivors include his wife,

Debie, two sons, William (Angela) White of Arvada, Colo., and Tobin White of Novi; one daughter, Kristin (John) Halmaghi of West Bloomfield; one sister, Janet Paulowit of Pompano Beach, Fla. and six grandchildren. Services were held Sept. 30 at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Northville with Rev. Thomas Lubeck officiating. Interment will be at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia. Memorials may be made to the church or Angela Hospice. Arrangements were made by Northrop-Sassarman Funeral Home, Northville.

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- Demonstrate appropriate stretches to help maintain improved neck and back alignment, and improve the resting length of tight muscles that can cause headache occurrence.

There is no charge for this class, however, space is limited and we do require a RSVP if you plan to attend.



# New ice arena managers score big

By Victoria Sadlocha  
STAFF WRITER

Two new additions to Novi's ice arena are already scoring big goals with their joint commitment to take the city-owned facility to the next level and their passion for the sport.

Todd Steinmetz and Julie Erskine recently joined the Suburban Management team, serving as assistant managers for the Novi Ice Arena.

Steinmetz, 28, began implementing his ideas for an improved arena mid-August.

The combination of a bachelor's degree in business administration from Ferris State University and a professional hockey career makes Steinmetz seem like he was born to run an arena.

"I've always been in hockey," Steinmetz said. "I played in the juniors, college and professionally."

Along with being a four-year letter winner on the Ferris State University hockey team, the new assistant manager went on to a professional hockey career in the Central United and East Coast hockey leagues.

In the nearly three months Steinmetz has spent in his new role, he has begun teaching private skating lessons, runs clinics and the Summer hockey school and started a 12-week hockey training program for adults.

The next 12-week session will begin in December. Steinmetz also aspires to start an off-ice training program.



New Novi Ice Arena assistant managers Todd Steinmetz and Julie Erskine are escorted across the ice by the arena's skating director, Tammy Liptak.

Erskine, 31, grew up with three brothers who played hockey, placing her forever on the ice.

Along with her family ice arena background, the new assistant manager graduated from Brock University in St. Catharines, Ontario before earning a master's degree in athletic administration from Ohio University where she also served as the graduate assistant director of intramural and club sports.

Before officially starting at the arena Sept. 30, Erskine worked as an ice arena coordinator at the University of Illinois for two years and as operations manager at the Summit at the Capital Center near Lansing.

Erskine has her eye on expanding the facility's offerings with hopes to add a hockey league for women.

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offering year-round conditioning for athletes.

"I've grown up in a rink," Steinmetz said. "I just love

being around the rink."

"I grew up in a rink as well," said Erskine.

The assistant manager is also interested in increasing awareness for the arena.

"I would like more people to know that we're here," Erskine said. "A lot of people don't know we are back here."

Since her start, Erskine has been going to schools and day-cares in the area letting children know about the arena's offerings including its open-skate and learn-to-skate programs, birthday party packages and continuous special events.

Both new assistant managers also share general management duties.

"It's not work," Erskine said. "It's so much fun to come in."

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# When choosing mutual funds, look for a "good fit"

It's easy to invest in a mutual fund. In fact, with more than 8,000 funds available, you've got an abundance of choices. But as a mutual fund owner, your investment philosophy should not be "the more, the merrier." Instead, look for the right funds that meet your individual needs.

How can you make sure you're choosing those funds that are appropriate for you? For starters, look for funds that match your own goals and risk tolerance. If you want your money to grow so that you can meet long-term objectives, such as college for your kids or a comfortable retirement, then you may be interested in growth-oriented funds, which typically

perform better in the long run and large companies. You'll need to be aware, however, that the prices of stock funds will move up and down every day. As a stock-fund investor, you have to accept this risk to your principal in exchange for potentially high returns.

On the other hand, if you need cash flow, you might want to consider income funds, which may be made up of bonds and dividend-paying stocks. If you own income funds, your principal may not fluctuate as much as it will in growth funds. But income funds, particularly those made up mostly of bonds, run another risk—the risk of losing purchasing power to inflation.

As you can see, different types of funds carry different benefits and different risks. That's why you may want to build a diversified portfolio of growth, growth-and-income and income funds.

What else can you do to research suitable mutual funds? For one thing, make sure you truly understand a fund's history and its management. When was the fund started? Who manages the fund? How long have they been in their position? What's

their investment style? Once you know the answer to these questions about a specific fund, you'll be more comfortable with owning that fund, and you'll be less likely to be surprised at any moves that the funds' managers make.

How about a mutual fund's performance? Shouldn't that be a key factor in choosing a particular fund? You'd certainly think so if you saw any of the countless advertisements that tout a given fund's return. But underneath the large print showing a fund's performance, you'll read this message: "Past performance does not guarantee future results." This isn't just a legally required tag line—it's the truth.

And yet, a mutual fund's past performance could be important to you, because it shows that the fund management has the discipline and a success rate that long-term investors need. Just keep in mind that things can change: A successful portfolio manager could depart the fund, or the economic climate could worsen for the fund's holdings, or the fund could alter its investment philosophy.

Ultimately, in choosing mutual funds, you should consider a number of points before investing. Pick funds that meet your goals and investment personality, look for managers whose investment style appeals to you, seek out funds that invest in vehicles with which you're comfortable, and, most importantly, discuss your decisions with an objective investment professional.

By following these basic guidelines, you might not land this year's "hottest" funds—but you'll boost your chances for long-term success.

Sean P. Hetheron is an Edward Jones investment representative in Walled Lake. He can be reached at (248) 926-0097.

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## Library Lines

### Novi Public Library

#### Hours

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#### Tot time

Children ages 18-24 months are invited to join us for a half hour of stories, songs, and games on Saturday, November 9, at 11 a.m. Registration is not required, but space is limited, so toddlers and caregivers only, please.

#### Story Time notes

Fall 2 Story Times begin November 18. Please call the library during the Internet of November 11 for information on the day and time of your child's session.

#### Board meeting

The Novi Library Board of Directors meets Monday, November 11, at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room. Community members are welcome to attend.

#### Home Construction 101

Are you thinking of building a new home or remodeling your existing home? Are you unclear about the roles of the architect and the general contractor? Novi resident and architect Lee Mamola of Mamola Associates, Inc. will discuss the process and costs of new construction and home remodeling on Tuesday, November 12, at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room. Please call the library at (248) 349-0720 to register for this free program, which is sponsored by the library.

#### Senior book discussion group

Senior booklovers are reading "The Yonks" by Tessa de Loo for their November meeting. The group meets in the library meeting room on Thursday, November 14, at noon.

#### Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder

ADHD is the most common mental health diagnosis in American children today; many adults also have ADHD. Dr. Howard Schulman of Providence Hospital will discuss ADHD and treatment options on Thursday, November 14, from 6:30-8 p.m. in the library meeting room. Please call the library at (248) 349-0720 to register for this free program, which is sponsored by the library and the Novi Community Credit Union.

#### Harry Potter celebration

Young wizards age five and up are invited to a Harry Potter cele-

bration Tuesday, Nov. 19, from 7-8:30 p.m. You may arrive any time for an evening of fun and special prizes. Dressing as your favorite Harry Potter character is optional; please leave owls and other magical creatures at home. Call the library by November 15 to pre-register; we have space for 200 wizards.

#### Fort Gratiot Lighthouse

Bob Hanford, the entertaining keeper of the Fort Gratiot lighthouse, shares stories and slides of the oldest surviving lighthouse in Michigan on Wednesday, November 20, at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room. Please call the library to register for this free program, which is sponsored by the Friends of Novi Public Library.

#### Ancestors on-line for seniors

A class for seniors who want to begin searching the Internet for information on their ancestors will be held Tuesday, Nov. 12, from 10 a.m. to noon. The program will include general background on genealogy research. We also will explore key genealogy Web sites and learn effective search techniques for locating genealogy information. Please register in advance for all Internet classes in person or by calling the library.

#### More Internet for seniors

E-mail is a great way to stay in touch with friends and family, wherever they are! Come and learn the basics of sending and receiving e-mail, and sign up for a free e-mail account on Thursday, November 21, from 1-3 p.m. This class includes interactive discussion and hands-on practice. Suggested prerequisite: "Mastering the Mouse for Seniors."

### Walled Lake City Library

#### Movie fun

Film instructor Lawrence Zeziak of Oakland Community College will present a program entitled "How to Have More Fun at the Movies" on Monday, Nov. 18, at 7 p.m. Admission is free. Please call (248) 624-3772 to register.

#### Family Story Hour

Every Thursday evening at 7 p.m. is Family Story Hour at the library. Children between the ages of 2 and 6 and their parents are invited to attend. No registration is required.

#### Web site

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

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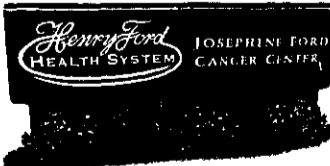
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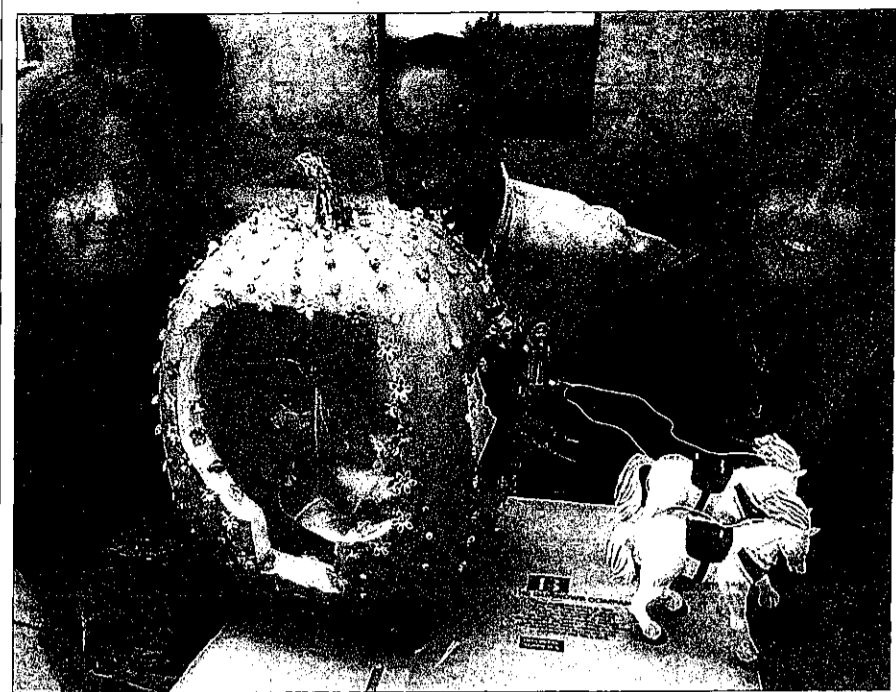
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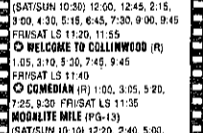
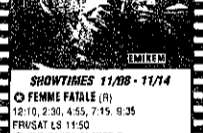
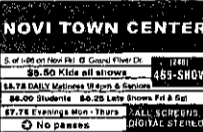
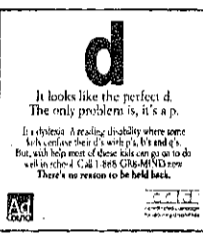
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**Pumpkin perfect**  
Proving Halloween is not just for little ghosts and goblins, the employees at The Burrows Company on Venture Drive in Novi displayed their holiday spirit with a collection of creative pumpkins. The endeavor was a first-year effort involving the entire staff. Prizes were given out for the most traditional pumpkin and the most creative. Everyone came up with their own decorating ideas and the pumpkins were displayed outside of the Nine Mile and Meadowbrook roads area office all day on Oct. 31. Burrows employees Tina Wofford, Lamont Tracee, and Colette Sanders pose by their award-winning Jack-o-lantern design which had a Cinderella theme.

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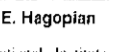
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**Business Briefs**

**Hall of Famer Hagopian**  
Local entrepreneur and second generation Armenian businessman Ed Hagopian was inducted into the Detroit International Institute's Heritage Hall of Fame Oct. 19. The International Institute throughout its 80-year history has been a leader in providing programs and services to help Detroit's multicultural community become better citizens. The Heritage Hall of Fame award was established 19 years ago to honor individuals who embody the American Dream through their accomplishments and their deep commitment to community and citizenship.



**E. Hagopian**

Hagopian, whose name has long been associated in this area with carpet cleaning and fine Oriental rugs, is chairman of the Hagopian Family of Companies, which encompasses Hagopian World of Rugs with stores in Novi, Oak Park and Birmingham, and The Original Hagopian Cleaning Services and Hagopian Fire & Flood Services.

He is involved in numerous charitable organizations and has companies as a Major Benefactor to the Detroit Institute of Arts. His sponsorship of cultural events as well as his contributions to the educational community include an annual design competition in collaboration with the College for Creative Studies to promote interest in the textile arts and in that same vein an annual state-of-the-art variety competition with the American Society of Interior Design (ASID). For the past 10 years he has hosted in his showrooms Detroit Chamber Winds, concert, bringing fine musicians and performers to an affordable venue.

Hagopian is a vice chair of the Armenian Assembly of America and co-chair of the National Armenian American Political Action Committee (NAAAPAC) and actively involved in many other Armenian organizations. His entire family works in the dynamic and growing business and his children carry on his ideals of community involvement and philanthropy. Hagopian Companies currently employ 200+ people in the metro Detroit area.

Hagopian was inducted along with five other distinguished community leaders: Kenneth Agley, Patricia Hill Burnett, Michael J. George, Dr. Arthur Panzer and Raj B. Vatikani. Prominent past inductees include Alex Monaghan, Denise Hinch, Marshall Fredericks, Peter Karamanos, Jr. and Neeme Barva, just to name a few.

The evening included a cocktail reception, dinner and opening remarks by Tank Donat, Executive Chairman and past honoree, welcoming remarks by Frank Stella, current president of the Institute and past honoree, and ended with remarks from the honorees.

**Unemployment claim easier**

Filing for unemployment is getting a little easier. Instead of driving to Madison Heights or Canton, jobless workers can now file by mail for benefits.

Now instead of having to stand in line at an unemployment office, one can pick up an application at a Bureau of Workers and Unemployment office or at most Michigan Works offices. Applications can also be downloaded from the bureau's website at www.michigan.gov/bwc.

Completed applications can be mailed to one of three bureau addresses: P.O. Box 1671 Detroit

48211-0671; P.O. Box 169, Grand Rapids, 49501-0169; or P.O. Box 5050, Saginaw, 48605-5050.

Contacting the state's unemployment reporting system, MARVIN, has also become easier with the introduction of a toll-free number: 800-638-3983.

A bureau spokesman said the mail-in system of filing unemployment claims is only temporary and will be replaced by next spring with a statewide toll-free call-in system.

**Sofin Mortgage raffle**

Times being tough, making monthly mortgage payments is harder than ever? Sofin Mortgage is here to make life easier for homeowners with a raffle! Each month Sofin Mortgage will randomly select an individual from the Sofin raffle and pay their residential mortgage payment up to \$2,000.00. Homeowners do not have to be a client of Sofin Mortgage to participate.

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**Cancer joins RRRASOC**

Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County is pleased to welcome Kalya Censor to its staff as the new Recycling Coordinator for the Authority. RRRASOC serves residents of the cities of Farmington, Farmington Hills, Novi, South Lyon, Southfield, Walled Lake, Westland, and Farmington Hills.

Censor will be a member of the Michigan State University and has worked as an environmental health specialist for Westland County and, most recently, as the community recycling program specialist for the Washington County Division of Public Works. She currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Michigan Recycling Coalition.

"As a resident of one of RRRASOC's member communities, I'm excited to see what our community's future holds," Censor said.

As the Recycling Coordinator, Censor's main focus will be on providing waste reduction, recycling, and composting outreach and educational services to residents of RRRASOC's eight member communities.

Some services offered to residents, groups, and organizations located within RRRASOC's member communities include tours of the Recycle-America Metro Detroit Material Recovery Facility (MRF) and participating in a variety of waste reduction, reuse, and recycling topics.

For more information, or to schedule a tour or presentation, contact RRRASOC's Recycling

**Spa a dream come true for Albanian refugee**

By Phil Foley  
STAFF WRITER

Most of the store windows flanking Gjejo "John" Vushaj's shop in the heart of Fountain Walk are still empty, but he's still optimistic that it's a great place to do business.

Then again, it's easy to be optimistic when just a dozen years ago you were a near-penniless student in a small Albanian town overlooking the Adriatic Sea.

"Definitely it's a dream, a very fulfilling dream," said Vushaj sitting on a sofa in the waiting area of his newly-opened salon and day spa.

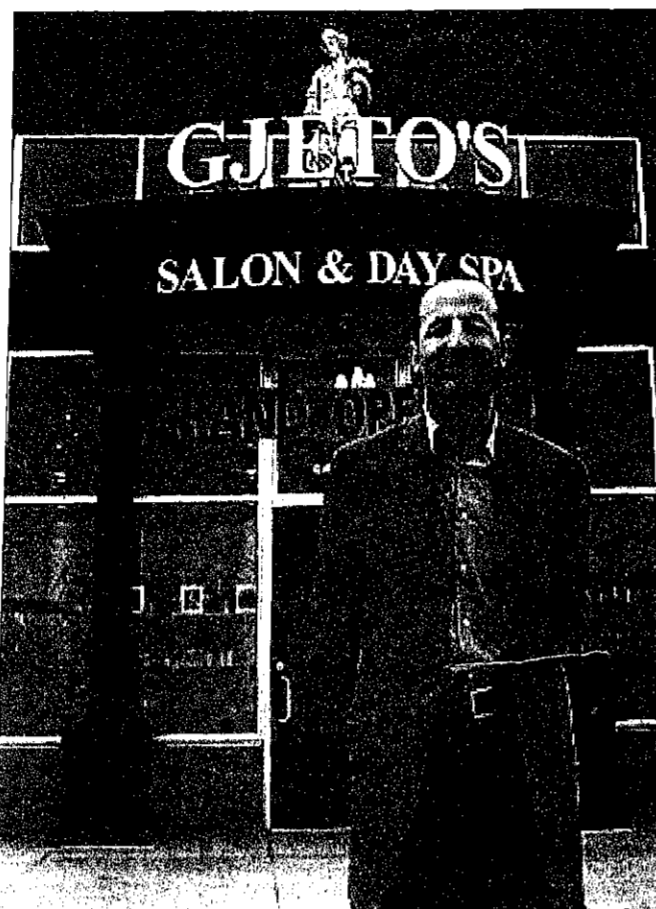
"It's a dream that's been the result of a lot of hard work," Vushaj said over the past decade he's put in 70 to 80 hours a week at various salons in the Novi area.

Along the way he learned, "You're got to treat customers well. You have to be aware of their wants and needs. You have to treat customers the way you'd like to be treated."

He also learned that as long as he didn't have his own salon, he'd never be able to make a living. It was a lesson he thought should be learned.

Still, when he left his home in Shkoder he had no idea where he would eventually land. When he arrived in his cousin's doorstep in Farmington, he had an antiseptic flat, but no money for college.

He started out working in restaurants and took classes at a cosmetology school. That led to a job at 12 Oaks Mall. Eventually he decided "Novi sounded like a great place to live."



Gjejo "John" Vushaj's vision four years ago has turned into a 1,500 square foot reality in Fountain Walk.

Four years ago when he began thinking about opening his own salon, Vushaj said he had "a great, clear idea of what I wanted to do." That idea is now a 1,500 square foot shop that offers a "European look with U.S. fixtures."

He said he would probably keep the shop relatively small so that his clients would get the attention they expect. Vushaj said his staff of 12 includes a massage therapist, a foot care specialist and a skin care treatment specialist.

Although leasing appears to have slowed somewhat at Fountain Walk, Vushaj said he's not concerned. Partly because he had a fairly solid client base before he opened and partly because he believes Fountain Walk's management will do what it takes to bring in the tenants and generate the traffic.

For more information about Gjejo's Salon and Day Spa, call (248) 349-9003.

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**Funeral home chain opts for livelier atmosphere**

Business tries to make funeral arrangements less threatening

By Phil Foley  
STAFF WRITER

There was a time, not that long ago, when Baby Boomers boldly exhorted each other not to treat anyone over 30. Now many of them are signing up for tummy tucks and hair transplants in an effort not to look over 30.

So, will offering funeral arrangements at a shopping center make it any easier for the Peter Pan generation to face the ultimate reality?

The owners of Livonia-based Harry J. Will Funeral Homes believe the answer is yes. The company recently opened what it is calling an arrangement center in Novi's West Market Square at Grand River and Beck Road. Tucked between Kroger and the Home Depot, Cutley instead, "This is not a funeral home."

Instead, said Coffey, who is listed as a family services director by the company, "We're a place where people can come in, browse around, make funeral arrangements, or just pop in and walk out again."

She said nearly everyone who has stopped in since the shop opened a few weeks ago has been

a curiously seeker. From the sidewalk, it's hard to tell if the business is a real estate office or a financial planner.

In a way, it's a little of both. As much as people don't like to face it, said Tami Burkey, Will's general manager, making arrangements for that last real estate purchase today can save a lot of expense and family strife later.

"It's surprising how many people don't know what their parents want," she noted.

Along with eliminating potential family conflict, said Burkey, pre-planning a funeral has an additional benefit of locking in costs. She added pre-planned funerals are also not considered liquid assets, should a family have to spend down to meet Medicaid eligibility requirements.

Coffey noted that in recent years Harry J. Will Funeral Homes has been making a growing number of funeral arrangements for Novi residents. And while funeral home selection tends to be a tradition-bound thing for older people, Burkey noted Baby Boomers seem to be more willing to shop around.

She added they also seem more willing to try new things. "These are people who got married on a beach or in a field instead of a church." As a result, she said, people can use the Harry J. Will Arrangement Center to plan funerals in any of the firm's three funeral homes, area churches or even their homes.

Although clients won't find a



Harry J. Will Arrangement Center's Family Services Director Joanne Coffey talks about the options that customers have in their Novi business in planning for funerals and memorials.

horse parked at the center, behind the two consultation rooms, they will find samples of most of the other items found at a funeral — tombstones, funerary urns, remembrance books and the like. There are even some "quarter-

tered" caskets on the wall, looking not that much different from the kitchen cabinet displays at a home improvement center.

Coffey said the idea is to make funeral arrangements as non-threatening as possible. She said

the center will be offering a number of outreach programs including sponsoring day trips for residents or area seniors communities.

Located at 47670 Grand River, Harry J. Will Arrangement Center is open weekdays from 10 a.m. to

3 p.m. For more information call the center at (248) 344-0234.

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**Police Report**

**Cruel Kicker**

A construction vehicle parked in the west lot of a model home in Novi's Bellagio development received a swift kick in the door late last week. The Novi Police Department received a call on Nov. 1 at 9:30 a.m. from a Cambridge Homes construction representative reporting damage to the vehicle.

The man said he parked the vehicle at 7 a.m. and first noticed the dent about one-and-a-half hours later. After inspecting the vehicle, the officer noticed a possible partial shoe print on the front driver's side

door. The officer believed the print appeared to be from a tennis shoe. Damage to the vehicle was estimated at \$500.

**Not again**

A Novi resident came into the Novi Police Department early this week to report her garage cars had been damaged - again. The resident living in the 21000 block of S. Heatheridge told police some time around 9:30 p.m. Nov. 2 and 8:50 a.m. Nov. 3, unknown suspect(s) ran over her garage cars, destroying them.

The 42-year-old female told police this wasn't the first time either. She said in August she observed a red truck run over her cars, completely destroying them.

The officer said the department would increase patrols of the area, but suggested in the meantime the resident should take her garbage out trash day morning.

**Too little, too late**

Novi police arrested a 31-year-old male after finding his vehicle pulled over on the side of Interstate 96. The officer noticed the vehicle around 2 a.m. on Oct. 31 with its hazard flashes activated. The officer approached the driver and asked him why he was stopped on the shoulder. The man admitted he had too much to drink and decided he shouldn't be driving so he pulled over and called for a ride. The driver had an expired plate, was unable

to produce any insurance and had a Georgia drivers license, but said he was from Michigan. The man said he had been drinking earlier in Redford. The man's father arrived at the scene to give his son a ride, but police decided to administer field sobriety tests. The man blew a 14 and was arrested by police. This was the driver's second offense. A check of his record showed he was convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated in Dearborn Heights in 1998.

**Cake and cash**

Novi's Double Tree Hotel called police after noticing two of its Coca-Cola machines had been broken into. The room manager of the hotel, located at 27000 Sheraton Drive, called police at about 3:30 p.m. on Oct. 30 and reported unknown suspect(s) broke into two of the hotel's coin vending machines sometime between 3:30 p.m. Oct. 30 and 3:30 p.m. Oct. 31. According to the report, the suspects cut the sockets of the machines and drilled the interior locks to gain access. One of the machines was missing all the cash, change and coins products. The other machine was missing cash and change. Another food vending machine next to the Coca-Cola machines had the lock drilled out, but no access was gained.

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## Paddock takes over as WLMS asst. principal

Walled Lake Schools is pleased to announce that Hatley Paddock, elective department chair and technology education teacher at Mason Middle School in Waterford, has been selected as assistant principal at Walled Lake Middle School.

Karen Jacobson, Walled Lake Middle School principal, said, "Hatley is proactive, student-centered, approachable, and sees the 'big picture.' I was impressed with the technology education program that he had a significant role in at Mason. The technology standards he developed, and his management and organizational skills, his enthusiasm, energy and leadership abilities will be assets to the WLMS school community."

Paddock earned his master's in educational leadership from Wayne State University and his bachelor's degree in technology education from Eastern Michigan University.

He has worked for the Waterford School District for the past six years. He will begin his new position with Walled Lake Schools the week of Nov. 4.

"I'm honored to work for Walled Lake Consolidated Schools," said Paddock. "It's a district that truly puts kids first."

## Novi High senior raises money for breast cancer

Fannon participates in three-day New York City walk

By Ramez Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

While most high school seniors are scrambling to pick a college and getting ready for final exams, there are a select few who go the extra mile to help out their fellow human beings as well. Katie Fannon, who is on the varsity tennis team, the marching band and the wind ensemble, in which she plays the French horn, recently found time out of her busy schedule to partake in a three-day, 60-mile walk in New York City to raise money for breast cancer.

Fannon first heard about a similar walk from Aunt Abby at Farmington Hills held earlier this spring on a radio advertisement, but she wasn't old enough to participate at the age of 16. Fortunately, last year, the New York Area Breast Cancer Walk started on her 17th birthday. The minimum amount one had to

raise to participate was \$1,000, but she ended up raising \$2,040 by working hard over the summer.

"I raised the money by asking local business and school districts," Fannon said. "The student council helped out a lot too. The walk was from October 11 through 13. It started on my 17th birthday and it was just my way to make my impression on the world. In the past I have done just local crop walks."

Next year Fannon hopes to partake in the Michigan Walk with some of her friends who will be 17 by then. "I think that one is in May," she said. "It's a good experience because you get to know all these different people who you wouldn't have met before and you get to have the knowledge and life experience of different situations that people can be in and different diseases that they can have."

By the way, Fannon also finds time to study and do well in her classes.

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Peter Stewart, left, wraps up a presentation last Friday morning in his portable planetarium at Novi's Village Oaks Elementary.

## Village Oaks students travel through space

By Ramez Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

Students at Village Oaks Elementary took a virtual trip through outer space in the school's gymnasium on Nov. 1. That was the day that instructor/performer Peter Stewart from Mobile Ed Productions brought over a 15-by-35-foot portable, inflatable planetarium to teach the kids about constellations, stars and the planets in our solar system.

"I take kids inside it and give them a little tour of the galaxy," Stewart said. "I travel throughout the Midwest doing this at different schools and the company I work for is based out of Redford. All the kids got in a line and

crawled through an inflated tunnel into the dome. Once inside they learned the names of the planets in our solar system in order and some interesting facts about each one and some of the Greek constellations like The Big and Little Dipper and Orion.

"Usually with kindergartners and first graders, I don't cover things like nebulae, super nova explosions and 'black holes,'" Stewart said. "I try to keep it a little shorter for them. Also I have two different canisters that go over the star projector. The first one puts up the constellations and the second canister has just the stars. I will only show the kindergartners five or six of the

Greek constellations and I will switch canisters and show them how those constellations look like in the night sky."

The standard time for a show is about 45 minutes long, although it usually goes a little shorter for kindergartners. The message that Stewart is trying to project during each show, however, doesn't change. "I hope to show them about the stars and planets and to show them some of the basic facts of astronomy, which is the science and study of the stars and planets," he said. "I want to give them a good introduction to astronomy and hopefully to inspire them to want to learn more as well."

First graders Meenu Sundararaju and Parker Sutton

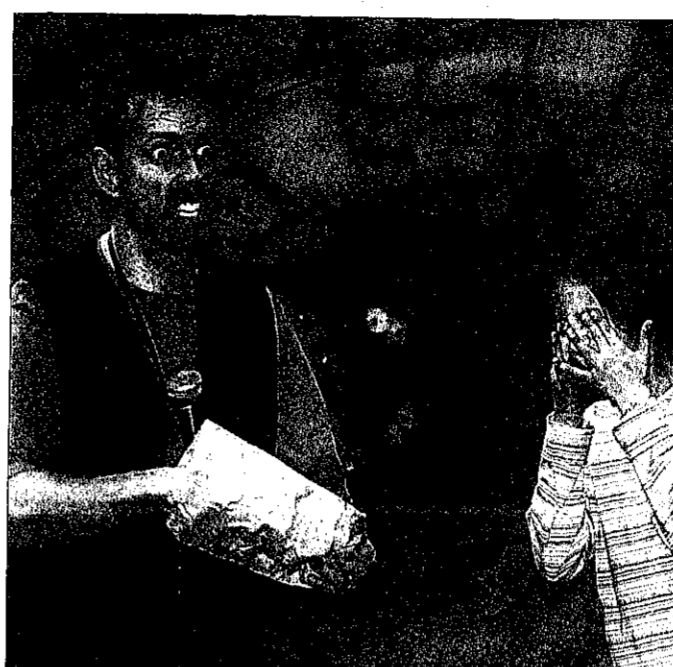
both enjoyed the show. "I saw stars that make pictures," Sundararaju said. "I liked it."

Sutton agreed. "I learned how the planets are lined up. I saw all the shapes the stars make too."

Larry Thompson, who played Mr. Houdini on the "Bozo Show," founded Mobile Ed Productions about 20 years ago. Thompson is a professional magician and also a retired school administrator. For more information about the company, visit [www.mobileedproductions.com](http://www.mobileedproductions.com), or call (800) 433-7459.

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## Novi Woods enjoys Halloween Spooktacular



Doug Scheer, left, has some fun with a volunteer at Novi Woods last week during his Halloween Spooktacular. Scheer was performing a magic trick for the audience.

Students learn valuable lessons during Halloween presentation

By Ramez Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

In an attempt to promote Halloween safety, Doug Scheer and his assistant, Jennifer Hoemke, of "Scheer's Genius Productions," visited Novi Woods Elementary School on Oct. 30 to perform "The Spooktacular Halloween Show." It is one of 10 shows that Scheer and Hoemke perform at elementary schools all over Michigan on a regular basis.

In the show, Grizelda the Witch, played by Hoemke, never did her homework and now she cannot fly. Thanks to a secret recipe and a giant cauldron, she is able to stir up a magician, played by Scheer, to help. In the show, Grizelda learns that success requires desire, commitment and hard work. Monstrous Illusions, audience participation and eerie music set the stage for some magical lessons in goal setting, achievement and trick-or-treating safety.

"Doug Scheer is really good at combining an entertaining show

with a message too," PTO member and vice president of Programs, Lynn Berg said. "He does all different kinds of assemblies in schools. I work with the faculty members, the principal and the PTO to determine what kind of shows we want for the kids during the year. We thought that this would be good entertainment for Halloween and we hope they take away some valuable lessons, but most of all, to have some Halloween fun."

Scheer's typical school show schedule includes up to 24 performances per week. He's not only a performer, but he's also the creator, writer and producer of the all the shows.

"This show is about Halloween safety," Scheer said. "There is also a message of perseverance and working hard and starting small and working up to something big. It's a message about staying in school and getting what you want by working hard on goals and that sort of thing. We do some illusions and we have a witch who never did her homework, so she can't fly, but she wants to take a short cut and fly by having a magician teach her. By the end of the show, hopefully, if she learns her lessons, she will learn how to fly."

Scheer picked kids from the audience to participate in the show as well. Students helped him to catch a ghost, turn top up

paper into a party hat, make a dollar bill disappear and reappear in an orange and connect three large solid rings, then disconnect them.

"The show was pretty cool because I remembered the witch from last year from some of the assemblies she did," second grader Taylor Ann Callahan said. "It was really cool to see her again and to see all of those magic tricks. I like to do magic and I learned the rules of Halloween, but my mom and dad never check my candy because they know it's good for me. We always have one after dinner and my dad would always ask if he can have the starburst. I think the rules will be helpful for the smaller kids especially."

Other students like Alison Trainor and Kara Berg also really enjoyed the performance. "It was fun," Trainor said. "I learned to take a flashlight when I am trick-or-treating and always go with someone."

Berg said, "I learned that when you work hard, you learn how to do it. I thought the show was really cool."

For more information on Scheer's performances, visit [assemblyshows.com](http://assemblyshows.com).

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## Novi High School thespians present Macbeth Nov. 7-9

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Student Technical Director: Matt Loper  
Stage Managers: Christina Hagan and Cody Curies  
Publicity/Program Design: Christina Hagan  
Light Design: Matt Loper  
Sound Design: Teresa Asavado and Brandon Heffernan  
Costume Design: Kelli Herrick, Kim Weidi  
Set Design and Shop Coordinator: Matt Gist  
Make-up Design: Caitlin O'Rourke  
Duncan: RJ Larose  
Malcolm: Stephen Nelson  
Donalbain: Bryan Dechert  
Macbeth: Matthew Britten  
Banquo: Shamil Kotecha  
Macduff: Tim Kava  
Lennox: Andrew Camilleri

By Ramez Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

A William Shakespeare masterpiece will be invading Novi High School this fall, as the drama department will be performing "Macbeth" for its fall play Thursday, Nov. 7 through Saturday, Nov. 9.

According to junior Lauren Lopez, who will be in the play, Macbeth is a story a man who is told by three witches that he will be the king of Scotland. "He tells his wife, Lady Macbeth that he saw these three witches and they told him he could do it and that he would be the king," she said. "She is very power hungry and very greedy, so she kind of forces him and manipulates him into believing that he will do it. She forces him to kill the present king. He then kind of goes on a killing spree and starts killing all these people to get to the top and at the end the guilt from the killing actually makes his wife go mad. She just goes insane because she feels so guilty about it. It starts to wear her down and she ends up committing suicide and he ends up getting killed in the end (too by an army and so it's not even a happy ending, it ends up that nobody

gets what they want and he actually loses what he worked so hard for."

Lopez, who also acted in "After the Fall," which was a competition play last year, "The Importance of Being Earnest" and the musical "Peter Pan," plays the role of Lady Macbeth.

"It's a little hard to play her because she is extremely arrogant and full of herself, which I am not," she said. "I have always liked playing those kind of characters though because it's so the opposite of what I really am. I like playing evil people, so it's a lot of fun for me to play that part. She is very manipulative and my drama teacher and I and Matthew (Britten), who plays Macbeth, had talked about this a lot.

Three three talked about their relationship and came to the conclusion that he is very much in love with her and he has low self-esteem because he feels like she is the best he can do.

"She is almost like a trophy to him because she is supposed to be very attractive and very powerful," explained Lopez. "And he pretty much does whatever she says because he's just kind of on a leash with her and she uses her sexuality to provoke him to do

things because she knows that he finds her to be so beautiful and she uses that to her advantage. She is just not a nice woman. She is very evil and greedy."

Rehearsals for this play are no picnic, but everybody knows you can't have a successful play without it.

"We have announcements, warm ups, and begin work on a scene," Director of Theater Heather McKay said. "After the stage combat was incorporated, we devoted a certain amount of time of the practice to that work. At the end of each week, we set up a schedule for the next week based upon which scenes we felt needed the most work. It seemed that the students were ready for a challenge and Shakespeare is definitely that. Also, the discussions of power and corruption that are dealt with in Macbeth seemed

particularly appropriate today as we look at a world that is dealing with so many battles for power and accusations of corruption."

Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$4 for senior citizens and children 12 and under. They can be purchased at the high school main office and at the door the night of the show starting at 6 p.m. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. The show is in two acts with an intermission. Refreshments will be sold with profits going to the Drama Department. In total, the performance will be approximately two hours and 15 minutes and strobe lights will be used.

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Greg Cleveland, performing arts teacher at Walled Lake Western High School, said of their production, "There is a lot of sweat, blood and tears going into this, but I wanted to challenge these kids to the max."

## Les Miserables: Western first Midwest high school to offer production

By Aileen Wingblad  
SPECIAL WRITER

Walled Lake Western High School will take the stage as a performing arts vanguard this month with the production of the Broadway hit, *Les Miserables*.

With permission granted by Music Theater International to high schools to perform the musical just last spring, Greg Cleveland, performing arts teacher at Walled Lake Western, pounced at the opportunity immediately after hearing of the release, making the way for Western to become the first high school in the Midwestern United States to produce the show.

"I've been waiting for years for the rights to *Les Miserables* for Western. When I found out last March that it was going to be available, I jumped at it - even before seeing the music script," Cleveland said. "I guess we are like the ponce pig in this for other schools, the first ones to try it out,

but we are very excited about it."

The play, *Les Miserables*, or *Le Mis*, as it's commonly nicknamed, is a musical adaptation of the epic novel by French author Victor Hugo. Set in early 19th century France, the saga is a story of intrigue, passion, struggles and life choices. "Some call it a sad musical, but I don't believe it is a sad show," Cleveland said. "There are people who have had a miserable life, a chance to make a change, and then make a difference in other people's lives. As a high school teacher, one of the things that gets me excited about this (story) is that kids have chances and choices to make different, too, or just be a regular kid. I am hoping some of this might rub off in their everyday lives."

Cleveland added that this is the most challenging production he has undertaken during his 13-year tenure at Western - which accounts for much of its appeal to

him. The decision was made early on to keep the play as close to the Broadway version as possible, which calls for around 1,000 costume pieces, multiple roles for most cast members, and elaborate technical demands. This includes raising the entire stage by two feet, the construction of 30-foot long barricade units and the use of a revolving stage, which the school has rented from the International Auto Show.

"We could have simplified and gone without all the extra technical stuff, but I believe bigger is better," he said. "We could have had a larger cast, perhaps 90 ensemble members rather than the 45 we now have, so the kids had fewer roles to play. But in Broadway, it's normal for most of the cast to play four to six characters per show. It was decided that if we were going to do (*Les Mis*), for the kids' sake we wanted to give them the best Broadway experience we can do and can afford."

In preparation for the production, Cleveland, along with Drama Director Kim Paullin and Technical Director Doug Bevier, who are also Western instructors, went to New York City this past summer to see *Les Mis* on Broadway and took a behind-the-scenes tour, meeting with the play's stage manager, head electrician and head carpenter to learn the technical aspects of the musical. What's more, Western students recently took part in a workshop by Brian Noonan, a professional actor who played in *Les Mis* on Broadway for three years. Noonan worked with the cast on characters, singing and movement commands.

"It was a wonderful, wonderful experience, a magical time for the kids," Cleveland said. "Brian Noonan was phenomenal with the kids. He had them no longer being high school students—they were poor people in France in the 1800s. It was amazing what he taught them."

The play's music, which Cleveland describes as rough and raw, beautiful and timeless, will be performed by a pit orchestra of 25 Western students, conducted by Val Palmieri. Prior to opening night, the musicians will log more than 120 hours of prep time, notes Palmieri.

"Musicals are notoriously difficult for high school orchestras because they are written for professional musicians on Broadway and other famous venues. Yet our students have done an extremely professional, detailed job of learning the score and I am exceptionally proud of their accomplishments," she said.

Rounding out the crew are 35 student "techies" and about a dozen other adult assistants. "And everyone is working well together, sharing each other's dreams and being supportive," Cleveland added. "There is a lot of sweat, blood and tears going into this, but I wanted to challenge these kids to the max. We

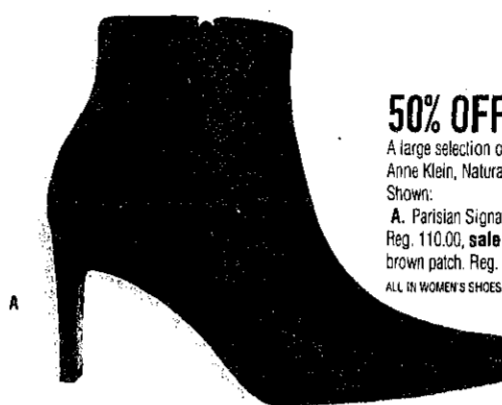
have a lot of talent here at Western. I don't want to waste my time or energy on something trite or on shows that don't have much depth or meaning. Hopefully, these kids will walk out with a wonderful experience, seeing what a professional show can do, but at the same time walking away with good thoughts and values. This is an experience I want these kids to have."

*Les Miserables* will be presented November 15, 16, 17, 22, and 23, reserved seating only, Friday and Saturday night shows start at 7:30 p.m. A 2 p.m. matinee is scheduled for Sunday, November 17. Tickets are \$16 (\$10 for seniors 55 and older, opening night only). Due to subject matter and some violent scenes, parental guidance is suggested for kids 12 and under.

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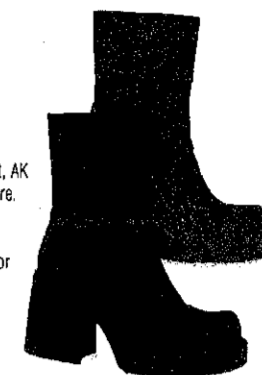


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# Gaia performs at Deerfield Elementary

■ Emmy Award winner visits Deerfield to sing and teach sign language

By Ramez Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

Using music and sign language, three time Emmy Award-winning PBS performer and children's recording artist Gaia and her husband, Ed Tossing, visited Deerfield Elementary School on Nov. 4. Gaia performed five interactive, educational songs for the students.

"The positive messages and upbeat songs help kids develop social skills, appreciate diversity, respect themselves and others who may be differently able and gain self-confidence," according to Gaia's promotional material.

All students get involved by learning to sign key lyrics along with Gaia that reinforce character development and the Every Kid Counts values, while also learning to understand the expressive language of the Deaf community. Gaia's programs are age adapt-

able from PreK through 8. "Ed and I have been writing songs together for probably 15 years, and in the last 12 years we turned our attention towards writing songs that children would like," Gaia said. "It's feel-good music for kids that isn't dumbed down or trinky dink kind of music. They're more like real, full songs the kids can get into."

"Because I had been exposed to sign language and had made friends with people in the Deaf community, I had begun to sign while I sang and found that when I performed with kids, they needed something to do," said Gaia. "They like to participate in some way and rather than just have them sing along, I would teach them some sign language so they can sign along with the songs. They love doing that; it makes it possible for them all to participate and the added bonus is that the messages of the songs were more acceptable to them. They were able to understand it and get it at a deeper level. Naturally, after that, we found that kids are so fascinated with sign language, I realized I needed to start making videos to show more kids around the country that I couldn't even reach how to sign these songs."



Photo by John Heider

With some help from her audience, Gaia Tossing sings and signs during a Monday morning assembly at Novi's Deerfield Elementary School.

Tossing wrote the songs she performed, which included "I Love To Sign," "I Respect Me and I Respect You," "Experience Takes Confidence," "Friends Make the World Go Round," and "Open Your Heart America."

"Open Your Heart America" is kind of like a pep anthem for America," Gaia said. "It renounces the spirit of America and kids wanted to learn it all over the country. We made a video with that song and several other songs with that message and we submitted it to PBS and they decided to air it and we got an Emmy for that. We were then encouraged to make another one where we included more deaf people in the

show. We created this whole world called "Handlandia," where kids can go and visit and I created a kids sign club and it was in the movie."

Gaia and her husband were nominated for five Emmys for "Open Your Heart America" and won two. They now have been asked by PBS to do a television special for the holidays - Christmas, Kwanzaa and Hanukkah. "We just finished editing that and we gave it to PBS," Gaia said. "It will be airing this December and we're traveling all over the country."

"I have a recording studio where I play keyboards," Tossing said. "I do the music and I write a

lot of the lyrics of the songs we do. Deerfield is a tremendous school. We're both very impressed with it."

Now that their three children are grown up, Gaia and her husband have the freedom to travel in person to take their performance to different schools.

"We love coming to schools and we especially wanted to make sure we came out to Deerfield because they had taken the time to learn 'Open Your Heart America' and perform it," Gaia said.

Fourth grader Melissa Hulverson and third grader Dan Farrugia both enjoyed the show. "I liked the show," Hulverson said. "It was pretty cool. I didn't

know she was going to do as much as she did. I thought she was going to do like three songs, but she did more."

"It was very cool how she was teaching the sign language with all the songs," Farrugia said. "I learned some of the signs too."

For more information on Gaia's four "Every Kid Counts" programs, visit [www.kidsgain.com](http://www.kidsgain.com), or call (847) 724-2336.

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Photo by John Heider

Deerfield students sign along with one of Gaia Tossing's songs during a Monday morning assembly.

## Wedding



**Meyer-Kinn**  
Kimberly Meyer and Ronald J. Kinn were married October 26, 2002 at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church in Chicago. Father James Hubbert officiated the ceremony. The bride is the daughter of William C. and Kendra Meyer of Matteson, Ill. She is a graduate of the University of Illinois and is employed as a buyer for Claire's Jewelry. The groom is the son of Ronald L. Kinn and the late Pauline Kinn of Novi. He is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and is the owner of Eric

Insurance Agency, Chicago. Kimberly Honrich served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Tracy Heldt, Jennifer Frontado and Karla Greinerwald. The flower girl was Emily Houska. Matthew Davis served as best man. Groomsmen were Stephen Bosken, Usburn Kim, and Stephen Meyer and Matt Frontado. The ring bearer was W. Thomas Meyer. The couple honeymooned in the Greek Islands.

## On Campus

Over 180 Northwood students looking for jobs had most of their searching done for them at Northwood University's "Experience" Success Career Expo held this fall. Northwood's Office of Career Services held the career expo, which was held in NADA Conference Center. Twenty-four companies attended the event. Six companies that were unable to attend also accepted resumes at the door. Those participating in the expo were traditional students, De Vos graduates, graduating seniors and University College students. Among the recruiters were a few Northwood alumni including Matt Thibodeau ('87 and DeVos '97) of Novi. He has been with DaimlerChrysler for the past nine years. "I believe that all of my education at Northwood has benefited me, but particularly the technical curriculum in accounting," said Thibodeau.

## In the Service

Cadet Charles Allen Staab II, son of Charles and Becky Staab of Novi, completed Cadet Basic Training at the United States Military Academy. Staab graduated from Novi High School in 2001 and from the United States Military Academy Preparatory School in 2002. While at Novi High School, he served as the Class of 2001 president. He plans to graduate from West Point in 2006 and be commissioned a second lieutenant in the United States Army.



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While fairly inconspicuous, tucked between Halloween and Thanksgiving, Veterans Day is nonetheless a day in which those who have bravely served (and died) for our country's freedoms are rightly given their recognition.

America doesn't ask much of its citizens. There's a greater abundance of liberty here than anywhere else on the planet. Periodically, though, our nation asks its inhabitants to roll up their sleeves and get to work, by way of paying taxes, serving on a jury, voting, and yes — taking up arms to defend the ideals we hold dear.

Whether it was the Western Front, the Mekong Delta or the mountains of Afghanistan, soldiers wearing the Stars and Stripes have endured more than most of us will ever understand. Frigid cold, stinging heat, and an ever-present danger to one's life are just some of the conditions our American troops have worked through. Cemeteries across the

country and around the world are honored with tiny American flags as a token of remembrance for the sacrifices made.

Northville does its part by regularly saluting its veterans. We hope that round of applause for a job well done doesn't stop just because the leaves are changing color and holiday sales spectacles are just around the corner.

The chill of a November sky doesn't have the kind of joyful exuberance of a mid-May morning, and to that end, we can see why it's easy to overlook Nov. 11. On the other hand, no one ever said war was a pretty thing. Maybe the gristle of an autumn afternoon is the more appropriate backdrop of an anniversary to remember those who gave everything they had.

Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness are wonderful things, but they don't come cheap. To those who paid the price, we thank you. And we hope others do, too.

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## Election only contributes to somber mood



Phil Power

reflections on the campaign just passed might be in order.

Of course with so many races and ballot proposals up for grabs, it was one of terrible clutter on the TV screens — not to mention the spasm of automated phone calls. The ordinary, earnest candidate with a decent message and speaking at a civilized volume level simply got drowned out.

We all know it by now. Nobody likes our fixation with negative political advertising on TV. But mostly it works, unless it's done in a truly tasteless manner, a la Dick Posthumus' attempts to inject racial and geographic divisions into the campaign for governor. Most everybody shunned the ads as politically ineffective and morally wrong.

Indeed, one of the big surprises of the campaign was the editorial revision in last Friday's Detroit News, a usually conservative newspaper that had previously endorsed Posthumus. Written by publisher Mark Silverman and running under the headline, "Why GOP's race-baiting strategy is self-defeating," the op-ed piece was eloquent and

compelling. Future candidates might want to take note of one of the piece's conclusions: "If a candidate can't put his foot down to stop a misguided political campaign on his behalf, how can he be expected as governor to stop equally troubling policy initiatives?"

However they get there, the people who will be running Michigan for the next few years will have a tough row to hoe. It's not just the horrific budget situation facing our state — deficits exceeding \$1 billion for this fiscal year and the next are looming — but the people who will have to deal with them are largely new and relatively inexperienced.

Term limits mean that 30 of 38 state senators are new to the office and 53 of 110 members of the house. Neither Jennifer Granholm nor Dick Posthumus have any experience as governor, nor do their candidates for other top jobs like lieutenant governor, secretary of state or attorney general. On top of that, some 7,500 highly experienced state employees will be leaving their jobs by the end of the year, the product of an ill-advised early retirement scheme produced by the Engler Administration to try to stop the budget red ink.

Gov. Engler himself is no fan of term limits, which he thinks create a "disconnect" between candidates and office holders and the voters. What may be worse is the short-term culture induced by limited terms in office. House members are now out after three two-year terms and senators after eight years. That's not a lot of time to learn the ins and outs of legislating and the highly pressured and political atmosphere this provokes in Lansing actually works against sensible policy-making.

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Two other reflections are contributing to my somber mood.

I'm concerned that Proposal 4, a shockingly greedy and cynical attempt to amend the Constitution so as to allocate some \$300 million in tobacco settlement public money each year to hospitals, nursing homes and the like may preview other attempts to circumvent ordinary budget-making procedures by means of constitutional amendment. When all the reports are in, I suspect the Proposal 4 campaign — funded mostly by the Michigan Hospital Association — will have spent more than \$5 million. Rich, single interest groups may get the idea they can get done by constitutional amendment what they cannot through the political process.

And I'm very concerned about the economy. The auto companies are reporting sharp sales declines for October, while the unemployment rate is sliding up and businesses are reluctant to make long-term investments when war is threatening. This newspaper run a small health warning for a couple weeks ago, we were swamped with applicants.

If a "double dip" recession is on the horizon, the jobs or next governor and legislature just got a whole lot tougher.

Phil Power is the Chairman of the Board of the company that owns this newspaper. He would be pleased to get your reactions to this column either at (734) 953-2047 or at ppower@homecomm.net.

## Novi, thanks for a special Halloween



Victoria Sadlocha

I have to admit, when I woke up last Thursday, I was in a pretty bad mood. Down right depressed. The day marked the first time not only would I miss spending Halloween with my family for the first time ever, but also the first time since her birth, I would miss taking my six-year-old niece trick-or-treating.

I e-mailed my mom and told her how depressed I was and how much I was going to miss all the family fun and traditions. My mom consoled me and told me she would have my niece call me when she came back to the house with all her treats. Well, I had to go on with my day.

I did a couple of things around the office and was off to my non appointment. I was invited by Kathy Crawford, the city's special recreation coordinator, to the senior center's annual Halloween party.

I inched my way down Meadowbrook Road and into the parking lot of Meadowbrook Commons.

I entered the party. Wow!!! The center was decorated so festively and the majority of attendees and volunteers were in costume. It was great.

I sat with other guests including the city's chief operating officer Craig Klavert, State Rep. Nancy Cassis and county commissioner Hugh Crawford.

Cathy hosted the event, as always, with great zest, entertaining the crowd with her stories, jokes and games.

There was also a costume judging contest with some great winners. Senior winners included a scary green-haired witch, a Red Wings hockey player and a baby.

Cathy invited Rep. Cassis and I to read a ghost story to the crowd which we, of course, were happy to do.

It was such a great party, but it isn't like that should be such a great surprise. For those of you who know Cathy Crawford, you know what a wonderful, fun-loving person she is. She is one of those rare people that when you meet them, you not only feel welcomed, but you feel like you've known them forever.

I urge everyone to visit a senior center event and take the opportunity to receive a little Crawford sunshine. But what really made such a big impact on me was I left with a smile. Cathy's caring invitation and great party chased my sadness away. It was more than a fun time, it was the big boost I needed. I would like to add, that the rest of my evening of new traditions was even more rewarding, and I look forward to many more years to come. Anyway, my City of Novi Halloween reflections would not be complete without a few more shameless thank yous.

The weekend before, my niece and I enjoyed a tremendous performance of "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow."

It was my first time attending a Novi Theatre's production. I always watch the rehearsals because I'm usually writing preview stories announcing the play will be happening. All of the young actresses and actors were wonderful.

Director Carrie Wacker also did an excellent job adapting the story into an enjoyable 90-minute production.

I really believe everyone in the city should attend at least one of the theater's performances. From the set to the dialogue to the high level of professionalism it was a great experience.

My niece and I already went through the upcoming schedule, picking out upcoming plays we will attend, starting off with "The Nutcracker." I don't think the play will star Barbie, but I think my niece will enjoy it just the same.

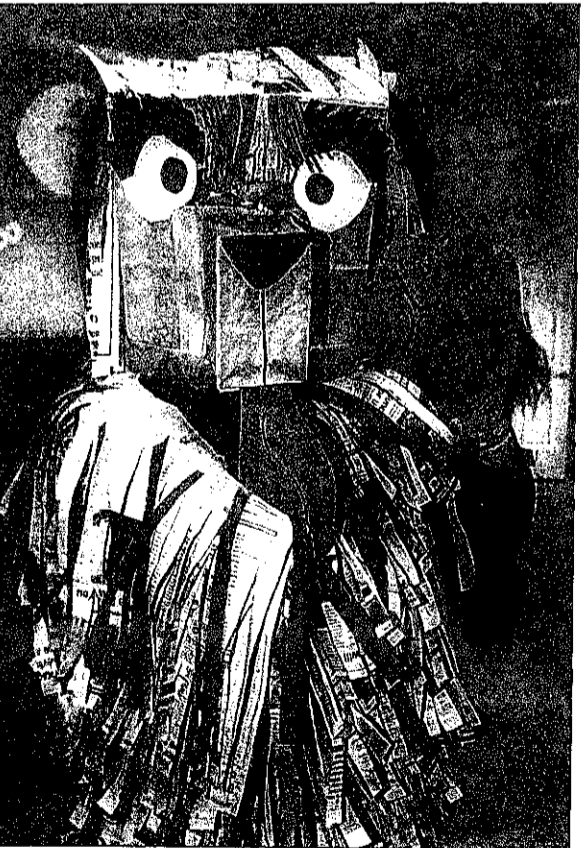
The next day we attended the Novi Police Department's trick-or-treat safety event. Another huge hit for the city.

Sgt. Terry Whitfield and officer Mark Boody educated area children on how to have a safe Halloween. Many officers and high-ranking officials from our police department spend a great deal of their time caring for Novi residents by providing events like this.

And if that was not enough, The Novi Town Center 8 showed "Hey Arnold! The Movie" for free.

It was such a great time. Oh, and last but not least, I also want to thank the kind man who waited on the two of us Sunday morning, Oct. 27, at Dunkin' Donuts located at 10 Mile and Haggerty roads. After giving us our hot chocolate, coffee and doughnuts, he gave my niece a warm smile and free doughnut hole to eat in the car. All-in-all, I just want to give a big thank you to everyone in the city who took the time to make my Halloween and my peanut's pre-Halloween so special.

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Kathy Crawford displays her shaggy dog costume at last week's Halloween celebration at the Novi Senior Center. Crawford noted that most of the getup was made of shredded bits of the Novi News.



## An Autumn Perspective

Autumn is the most spectacular time of the year. I begin to recall all the good times that have been shared and are still shared with friends and family. The childhood grade school Autumns, the teenage Autumns and the adult Autumns. I again feel that anticipation of the cool, crisp, frosty mornings that come with October that seem to change the trees from their summer greens to the vibrant flaming colors of fall almost overnight.

The warm, dry Indian Summer afternoons with their deep blue sky, or sometimes puffy white, cotton ball clouds moving lazily by as we would rush down to the

creek to pick cattails and wild raspberries, eating most of them before we got home.

There was the Friday night high school football games with the fans yelling cheers for the home team and the heavy beat of the bass drum in the marching band. The smell of hot dogs and a comforter to cozy up under to keep off the Autumn chill.

Saturday afternoons were always reserved in front of the TV for our favorite college football games. Saturdays we ate chips and cheered on our favorite pro team.

It is now the beginning of hunting season and time to get out the orange vest, boots and clean the

gun one more time. "Do we have enough shells? Were the arrangements made with the farmer to hunt on his land? What time will we get up to start the drive so we arrive when the sun is just peaking over the corn stalks?" More often than not, we would get off a shot or two but rarely hit anything except maybe a tree trunk or knock down a few corn stalks, but it was the invigorating thrill of the long hikes through tall corn fields, rustling in the waves of some- times warm and then cold fall air.

The open fields of underbrush now beginning to turn shades of brown as the month of October progressed. The stillness of the woods and the occasional calling of the wild birds, the crunch, crunch as you walked along the animal trails now covered with a profusion of colorful leaves, as they would float to the ground silently like feathers. You could hear the chipmunks and squirrels scurrying along the ground as they gathered nuts and seeds for the approaching winter.

Adding to the color of the season, you could always count on seeing monarch butterflies flitting from wild flower to wild flower. We'd stop for lunch that consisted of sandwiches, an apple and thermos of hot cocoa. Then on once again in search of the elusive "big game." By the end of the day we were tired and picking an endless number of burrs and prickles out of our clothes and counting the number of scratches on our arms and legs but what fun we had and what great hunting stories we could tell when we got home!

I still look forward, as I did when I was younger, to those weekend field trips in the car to visit the cider mills, apple orchards and pumpkin farms that become the number one tourist attraction during the Autumn months. I could taste the cold, fresh apple cider and the warm, just baked donuts long before we arrived. We'd bring home some cider, a dozen donuts, maybe a bag of sweet, juicy red apples (to take hunting) and a few gourds and corn stalks to use for decorations around the house. On a separate weekend we would go to the "pick-your-own" pumpkin patch! If we were lucky, they would take us out in the horse drawn hay wagon, and again, cider and donuts! Could life get any better!!!! And of course we knew that that meant. It was time to carve the pumpkin...maybe even a pumpkin pie, as well! Do you remember your first "Haunted House"? Or the nighttime hayride through the black night waiting for the headless horseman to come galloping up behind you, I do...vividly!

The closer the end of October got, the more leaves covered the ground. It's time to get out the rakes and pile the leaves high for jumping into! There we were, laughing and giggling, buried in red, yellow and orange leaves and throwing them at each other. Of course Mom wouldn't let us in the house without first being brushed

off with the broom! In the evenings you could smell the burning leaves in the neighbor's driveway. And a hunt that someone in the neighborhood was using their wood-burning fireplace for the first time that season. Darkness was coming sooner now and so was the end of October. We all knew the biggest event of the year was upon us! (next to Christmas). What to be on Halloween? Always a major (important) decision. Another job for "Supernom"! Out comes the sewing machine and it would never cease to amaze me of how she could create such authenticity out of mere colored materials! There was the school day that we got to give our new costumes a "trial run", so-to-speak. Then the big night finally arrived. "Why is it taking so long to get dark?" Can I stay out late this year...I'm older than last year?" I could even see a hint of excitement in my parents' eyes, wishing they too could dress-up and go trick-or-treating, but someone had to stay home and give out candy to the kids that came to your door. (You never thought the day would come when that would be your assignment.)

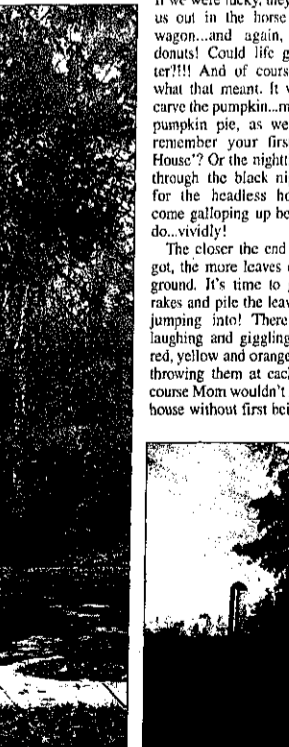
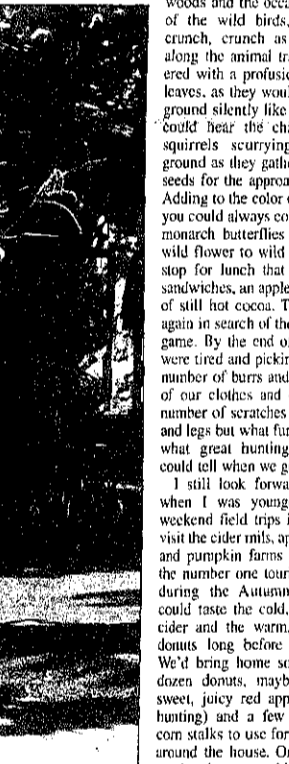
All sorts of ghosts, goblins, ghouls and witches. Some crows, scarecrows and sparrowcrows too. All yelling, "trick or treat!"

Finally, the much anticipated night draws to an end. The spoons and goblins have all gone home except for the one or two teenagers who have to get that last canny bar. Cold and exhausted I would come dragging in the door. What a night it has been. The best yet! The scary houses with adults dressed like witches and ghosts, the moaning sounds of skeletons and monsters. (The toilet paper all over the neighbors house and trees.) I remember falling asleep on the floor separating all my candy from the permiss and boxes of mints which I never ate. My mother would never let me eat the jaw breakers. "You'll break your teeth!" My parents, equally astir, heaved a sigh of relief that another Autumn culminated by a successful "Happy Halloween!" would now be stored in our memories that would last for the rest of our lives...or at least until next Autumn. (I believe they had as much fun as I did and still do!)

Needless-to-say, the "Autumn Experience" has continued in our family as we passed on those special occasions, events and memories to our children that are bound to continue for endless generations to come. Someday soon...in not the distant future, our Sons will be sharing those precious time passages with their children. And quite possibly Grandma and Grandpa.

Now it's time to put away the Halloween decorations, back in their boxes to quietly await next Autumn and the opportunity to do it all over again. And we might as well unpack the Thanksgiving trimmings while we're at it!

James C. Farkas  
Freelance photographer/writer



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The 35th District Court is accepting bids for its Assigned Counsel Program (Public Defender's Program). The contract will be awarded from January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2004. Bidders must not be single practitioners and must have offices in, or reside in, the Court's jurisdiction: Cities of Plymouth or Northville, and Townships of Canton, Plymouth, or Northville. Sealed bids must be received by 3:00 P.M., November 15, 2002. The envelope must be clearly marked "CBA BID" and addressed to: Kerry E. Erdman, Court Administrator, Interested parties are invited to contact Kerry Erdman, Court Administrator for further information at (734) 781-0123.

## CITY OF NOVI VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SERVE ON CITY BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council will be interviewing applicants for appointment to the Beautification Commission, Board of Review, Election Commission, Historical Commission, Housing & Community Development Advisory Committee, Parks, Recreation & Forestry Commission, and Zoning Board of Appeals on Monday, December 9, 2002 beginning at 7:30 PM. If you are a qualified voter in the City of Novi and interested in volunteering to serve on a City board or commission, applications are available in the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile, or by calling (248) 347-0456 to receive an application by mail or fax, or log onto the City Web Site at [www.novimichigan.com](http://www.novimichigan.com) to print out an application. Please submit your application by Monday, December 2, 2002 to allow time for scheduling appointments. Interviews are 15 minutes each; all City Council meetings are televised.

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## NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that on 11/21/02 at 2:30 pm the following will be sold by competitive bidding at American Self Storage, 24985 Haggerty Road, Novi, MI.

Space Number: D-229  
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1 Misc. small appliances, 2 Toys, 1 TV, 15 Misc. boxes/bags

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Melissa Valentine  
3 Office Equipment, 15 other misc. items

Space Number: P-1064  
Anita Thomas  
16 Household furnishings, 10 Misc. household goods, 30 Misc. boxes/bags, 2 Hand tools, 3 other misc. items

Space Number: H-512  
Natas Michigan Chapter  
15 Misc. boxes/bags, 5 Office Equipment

Space Number: P-1032  
MicroLite Technologies  
2 Misc. small appliances, 1 TV, 35 Household furnishings, 15 Misc. household goods, 20 Misc. boxes/bags, 25 other misc. items

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## Fifth graders celebrate 30th anniversary of Clean Water Act

By Ramez Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

To celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Clean Water Act, Susan Wainwright's fifth grade class from Novi Meadows School visited Brookfarm Park on Oct. 18. The class took water samples from the stream in the park to perform various tests on.

According to Wainwright, all over the United States, senior citizen groups, environmental agencies, schools and others who have an interest in making sure that all the water in the country is protected and clean and that debris and other garbage is not dumped in it, will be doing these tests as well.

"We took tests of the water, and now we are going to go back to analyze the data we have collected," Wainwright said. "When we are finished, we will put it together in a formal report, which will be faxed to Washington. All these places are taking these tests and they are all going to do the same thing. It will be a national resource. We are doing it because it's part of our school curriculum as well, which is learning to do a real world testing and measurement."

Each student had specific tests and information to gather. They looked for dissolved oxygen. They wanted to know the level of nitrogen, how clear the water was and the temperature of the air and the water. To figure out the dissolved oxygen content, one would need the temperature as well to put it on the chart.

"We have learned how to collect data and this is part of our atmosphere," Wainwright said. "I hope that the kids learned that we need to protect our natural water. It's going to be a real big issue in the future, and we need to know how to use our great lakes and our natural resources. I hope this exercise also gets the kids excited about science and learning to take measurements and how important it is to be accurate."

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## Horse lovers ready to round up in Novi

By Phil Foley  
STAFF WRITER

Dropped in pool trays and a floppy-eared Disney hat Nancy Harm's proud Arabian gelding Tarifa looks fairly silly, but it's all part of training to ensure Tarifa won't shy and throw his rider when an admiring child darts from the crowd along a parade route of a Shiner's clown car backfires.

Harm, who operates Harmony Acres Arabian Parade Horses on Seven Mile Road, will discuss how to desensitize horses for parades at the North American Horse Spectacular Nov. 8-10 at the Novi Expo Center.

Helping Harm with the demonstration will be Laura Roberts, a Northville resident now studying at

Michigan State University, and Vicky Henderson, a former Northville resident who now lives in Marquette Beach.

More than 20,000 people are expected to attend the annual event, which will cover everything from the latest in health and nutrition for horses to presentations on low-impact camping with horses and how the horse shaped the culture of the plains Indians.

Harm said an indication of how popular horseriding has become in the Novi-Northville area is that the FastSmart store on Haggerty Road has added a section devoted to horse-owners.

Along with how to prepare a horse for a parade atmosphere, Harm will discuss how to select and care for parade costume gear.

Another local resident displaying at this year's North American Horse Spectacular will be Northville's Pauline Pigotti. She will be displaying her Canadian horses.

Canadians, said Pigotti, descend from animals sent by Louis XIV to France Canada. Similar to Morgan horses, they have been used for generations as both riding and draft animals.

Ticket for the show are \$7 for adults and free for children 12 and younger. Parking will be \$5 per car. Show hours are 5-9 p.m. Nov. 8; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov. 9; and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 10.

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Courtesy photo  
Nancy Harm portrays Tom Mix's wife during the Great Circus Parade in Milwaukee. The Salem resident will demonstrate how to prepare horses for parades at the North American Horse Spectacular at the Novi Expo Center Nov. 8-10.

## Take The Test program offered in three sessions

Community members asked to take a sample MEAP test to learn more about it

By Ramez Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

Knowing that the MEAP tests in Michigan are an important snapshot of student progress, organizations around the state have elected to promote a Take The Test event this month. The Novi Community School District

will be a part of this event and all community members, city officials, business groups, parents, staff and students are invited.

Take The Test will be sponsored by the Novi Community School District on Tuesday, Nov. 12. It will be held at the Educational Services Building on Tati Road. There will be three

sessions offered:

Session 1: 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. beginning promptly at 10 a.m.

Session 2: 1:30 p.m.-3 p.m. beginning promptly at 1:30 p.m.

Session 3: 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. beginning promptly at 7 p.m.

Pructors will be present to start the sessions and answer any questions. The test is self-corrective. Participants respond to each question and then review the responses. They will also be asked to respond to a question. Participants are asked to share about the experience and all responses will be anonymous. Taking this sample test should

provide participants an opportunity to discover that the annual MEAP tests provide more than a way to evaluate student progress. The event will also provide an opportunity to learn about the critical thinking and reasoning skills that are part of the Novi and State core curriculum.

Students take the MEAP tests in fourth, fifth, seventh, eighth and 11th grades. Classroom work is based on the standards and benchmarks outlined by the State in the Michigan Curriculum Frameworks. The Take The Test event will offer sample MEAP

questions that range from fourth grade through 11th grade. "The MEAP test is one measure of success in Michigan, but only one," State Superintendent Tom Walkins said. "Because the MEAP is important, all Michigan citizens need to understand and appreciate the rigorous state standards that we have set for our students and schools."

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# REGIONAL MARKETPLACE

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## Who are you going to call? My Handyman!

The last thing you want to do this weekend after putting in 47 hours at your job is to worry about fixing that leaky bathroom faucet. So who's going to fix it? Your spouse? Probably not, their time is just as limited as yours if not more so.

The worst thing is, the leaky faucet is only the beginning of your to-do list that has steadily been growing longer and longer since the change in the weather. The gutters still need cleaning, the furnace filter needs to be cleaned, the garage needs to be organized so both vehicles will fit in before the nasty weather sets in, and, oh yes, don't forget the storm windows waiting to be installed. And when you finish with your place, there's the list waiting for you at mom and dad's.

The list of chores you're facing is becoming overwhelming, the solution may very well be to pick up the phone and call Mr. Handyman, Jim Faydenko, owner of the Mr. Handyman franchise in South Lyon. Says his company can do those projects a lot more efficiently for people.

The name says it all. Mr. Handyman is just that - an extra pair of hands. Professional hands that can help get those projects done efficiently and on time, freeing you to spend time with the family, enjoying the late autumn weather or getting ready for the holidays.

"We have the right equipment and the experience," he said. "And we do the small stuff as well as the major projects."

Faydenko said in the nearly two years since starting the business they've answered requests for all sorts of projects including one recently to wax a car.

"We actually waxed and waxed the car," he said. "We don't just do home repair, it's anything."

Mr. Handyman technicians are experienced in completing a variety of home maintenance chores and minor repairs. Faydenko said each of his crew members has 10-15 years experience in the field and all are insured and have passed Mr. Handyman's background checks. Clients can readily recognize the uniformed technicians as they arrive on the job in their Mr. Handyman marked vans.

They can help with anything from fixing a light switch that's not working properly to replacing rotted facial boards on the house, to fall home and garden cleanup to small remodels.

"We've helped people move and a lot of what we do is drywall repair, patch and paint," Faydenko said.

The technicians also tackle jobs homeowners may not have the proper tools or know-how to complete, such as installing ceiling or attic fans. Faydenko said those types of jobs are not the



Photo by HAL GOULD

If you want to start crossing off items from your to-do list, then give a call to Jim Faydenko and Steven Wojciechowski of Mr. Handyman.

easiest for many people.

And if you're responsible for helping mom-and-dad-or-mother-in-law family members maintain their home, Mr. Handyman can be invaluable. Family members can be kept safe from climbing tall ladders or performing heavy physical labor by utilizing the services of Mr. Handyman. Consider other family members and friends as well.

"Don't just think about yourself," Faydenko said. "Think about your friends, your family, and your in-laws who may need some help."

There's no need to worry if they don't live close. Mr. Handyman is expanding and now covers a large part of Michigan and other states as well. Find out about Mr. Handyman's coverage area by signing on to its web site at [www.mrhandyman.com](http://www.mrhandyman.com) or calling its nationwide toll free number, 877-mrhandyman (674-2639). Gift certificates are available from the web site as well.

"What a wonderful gift for somebody to be able to say, 'here's a \$100 gift certificate. You've got all these things around here that need help, merry Christmas,'" Faydenko said.

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is growing in popularity. There are now six franchises covering the Livingston, Oakland and Washtenaw county areas. The company's popularity could have something to do with its reputation for hiring technicians who know what they're doing. Faydenko said he receives between 130-140 service calls each month, around 30 percent of

these calls are repeat business and referrals, indicating that word of mouth travels fast. "Good employees and scheduling is the backbone of our business," Faydenko said. "We provide the personal touch and we can offer coverage outside of our territory with other franchisees."

All Mr. Handyman technicians are employees of Mr. Handyman - not subcontractors. They are bonded and insured and dependable and reliable, giving your home or business the professional attention it deserves.

Mr. Handyman can make a difference for your business as well by handling those projects around the office or job site that never seem to get taken care of. Faydenko works with commercial clients on a regular basis performing jobs like fixing broken shelving, fixing sticking drawers and anything else that may be on the list.

Whether it be personal or commercial, Mr. Handyman is there to help and the time you save by having the job done professionally far outweighs the cost. Mr. Handyman bills by the half-hour to save clients money on those smaller jobs that often take less time. Fee is based on time and materials.

"We charge for any materials we provide so we encourage the homeowner if they want to save money to go out and purchase materials they know they need and to have it there," Faydenko said. "The more they do, the more they save, so we encourage that."

Faydenko is no stranger to home repair and remodel. His original business, Remodeling Remedies performs complete home remodels.

"We've actually doubled the square footage of homes," he said. "We now have both avenues covered - with Mr. Handyman and Remodeling Remedies - it's really worked out well."

### No experience necessary

### Trademark your business before someone else does

By Tim Kissman  
SENIOR DIRECTOR OF PUBLICATIONS

The best small businesses have trademarks. So do the big ones.

Bills Fish Market has a smiling fish, while Macintosh has the apple. Flowers by Maude has a dancing rose, while Nike has the swoosh symbol. The big three have their respective logos and ENERGY STAR® has a "War and Peace" sized handbook written to use its name correctly.

Seeing as how recognizable they are to the American public, I've decided to look for something about myself to trademark. I need to keep things on the up and up around here.

If you're a regular reader of my

column, you know I need some help. So let's brainstorm for a few seconds. Write down anything that comes to your mind.

Just to be sure we're all the same wave length, and that we're all set to burn the midnight oil coming up with something about Tim Kissman we can trademark, I want to make sure we're clear on what we're talking about.

A trademark is word, or group of words, name, symbol or a device used to identify your small business is about. It identifies your goods and distinguishes them from similar goods sold by other businesses.

Now this trademark thing can include symbols (just like Prince's obscure symbol, for some reason I

can't find that character anywhere on my keyboard, for an example) and graphics.

If you have something trademarked, usually at the federal and maybe even the state level, no one can start a business using your name or identifying mark.

All right, let's see what you have. Nothing?

Hmmm. Maybe it'll help you if I help you see how a business can benefit from a trademark. Maybe it'll get the creative juices flowing and then we can sit down and crunch out some trademark qualities from your friend Tim.

Here you go:  
 • Self serve. Did you know you could trademark a service? It's called a service mark. A service

mark follows the same rules as a trademark, meaning it can't be confusingly similar to other trademarked services or products. The trade or service mark has to give your business a unique identity. You can't trademark "Bake Services." You'd have to trademark something like Oven Master or Bake Easy Oven.

• Quick fact: Once your trademark becomes used as a generic term you can lose it. Just ask Xerox, Kleenex and Aspirin how much money they're making on their products.

• Does it register? Once you think you have a unique mark, you can start using it without registering it. The only drawback is that if someone comes along and tries to use something similar, you'll have to prove you came up with your mark first. The best thing to do is

register the mark before you use it. Use an intellectual property attorney or a trademark search firm if you don't want to handle it yourself. Check the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to get tips on how to start the search.

How about Kiss? Could I register Kiss? What? What rock group named Kiss? Are you kidding?

• Wacky world. Don't get too unique when picking a trademark. Think about how you'll market your trade or service and use that in determining your mark. On one hand it'll be easy to trademark a very unusual name, but it may be more difficult to have clients identify with it. On the other hand, if it's too close to a coined term or phrase, people may pass it over and miss out on what you're selling.

Which leaves me wondering if

trademarking my name is such a good idea after all.

What's in a name? Let's try an anagram and see if Tim Kissman can turn into something cool.

I'm ma stink? Maybe I'd be better off if I just waited until I invented a product. This name thing just isn't working out.

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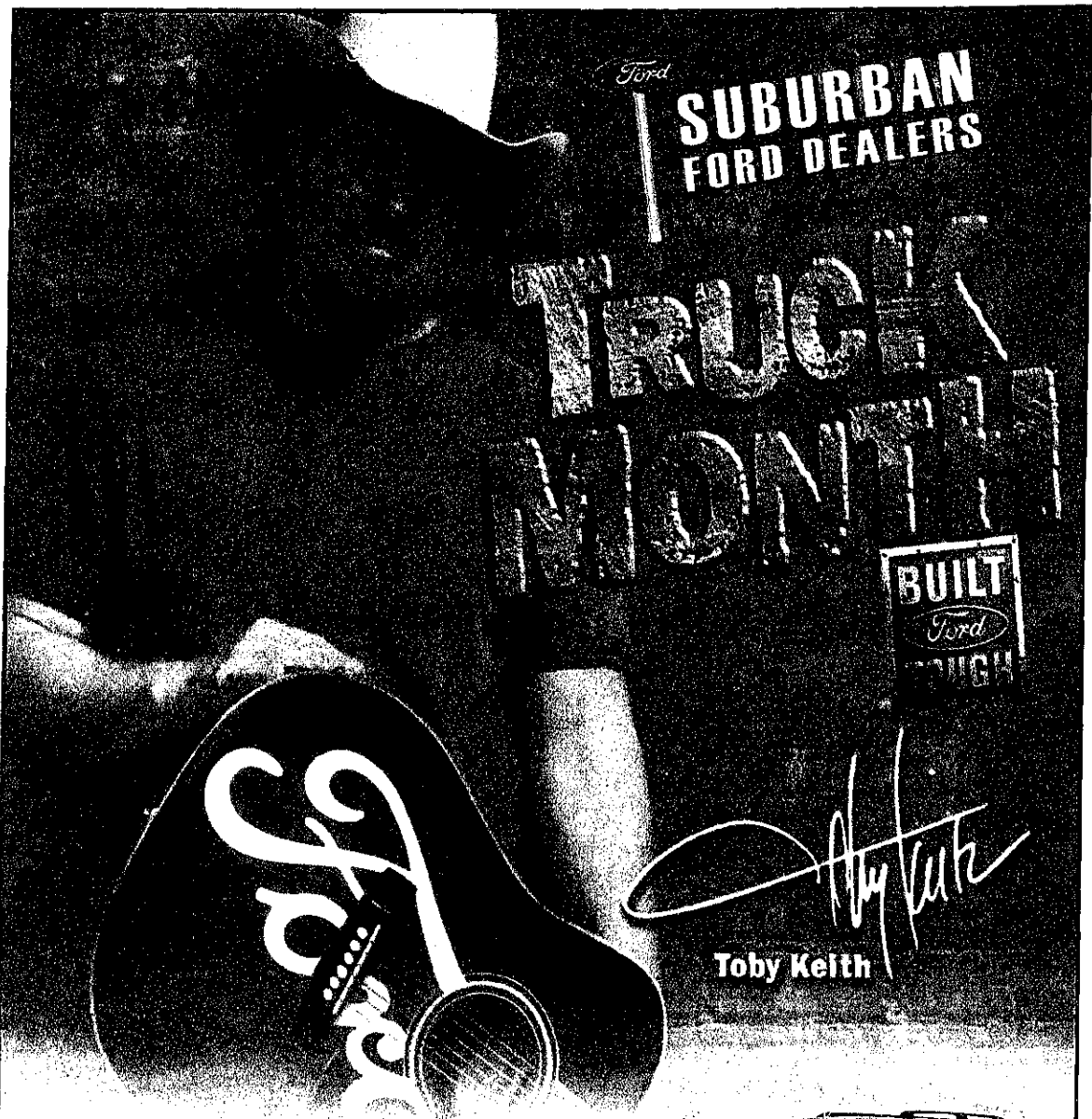
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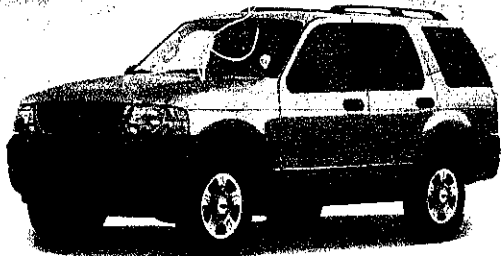


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# Yes! Third place finish is sweet

## Wildcats pleased with showing at International Speedway

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

The Novi Boys Cross Country team started their season out knowing they would be in a much different position compared to last year — well, the truth ended up that they were in a much similar position.

For the fifth year in a row, the Wildcats made a trip to Brooklyn, Michigan to compete in the Michigan High School Athletic Association cross country finals and this year they took third.

"This was a great year," Coach Robert Smith said. "We had to make some new adjustments from last year to this year, but they were very subtle changes and worked well."

The Wildcats took third behind powerhouse Rockford and once-ranked first Milford. Their charge was led by none other than Mark Moore, the stellar sophomore that is following in the footsteps of the great runners that have come and gone through Novi before him.

"You know, we kind of knew he had it in him about a month ago," Smith said of Moore. "He had a break out race against Milford, and it really put him on the edge. He suddenly realized he could run at that level, and he's been running awesome ever since."

Moore took eighth in the state with a time of 15:47, marking the best time for a Novi runner, the second best time for a Kensington Valley Conference runner, and the best time out of all sophomores in every division.

When asked what Moore's potential was, Smith just let the numbers do the talking.

"I'm not one to make predictions because they can come back and bite you," Smith said. "He is a very dependable, solid runner and has never had a bad race. Statistically, he's the number one sophomore in the state, and I think that speaks for itself."

But Smith noted that Moore will have to continue working at his times and his pace if he wants to keep it that way.

"There are a lot of kids near him, and they all develop at different rates," Smith said. "If he continues to work hard with his tenacity and dedication, the boy could probably achieve any goal he set his mind to."

Not far behind Moore was senior Brian Gilchrist, who finished the run at the Michigan International Speedway in a time of 15:55 — good for second place on his team and 19th overall.

"Brian was starting to get a little

frustrated (this season)," Smith said. "He fancied himself as our number one runner, and the first time Mark passed him I think it was a leaning experience. Mark's improvements worked well for everyone except Brian, but then he reached down and accepted the fact that this team would have two front runners."

Both Moore and Gilchrist received All-State honors for their times — and it was also the first tie either runner dipped below the 16-minute mark this season.

"It's such a tough race," Smith said. "The competition level is so high that kids who thrive on competition do well."

And that pretty much means the entire Novi squad. Each player set a personal record with their times in the meet.

Senior Tim Kava turned in a time of 16:18 in the race while junior Eric Joseph was fourth for Novi in 16:21. Spencer Ornes finished the competitive meet in 16:37 while Anol Huprikar notched a 16:48 and Mike Picher finished in 17:27.

There was no doubt in Smith's mind that this squad ranked up there with some of the best teams he has ever coached.

"This team is amazing," he said. "They have to be considered one of the best cross country teams Novi has ever produced."

And there is only "Moore" to come for these Wildcats. With a very solid core of runners returning, they have a bright future ahead of them.

The race wasn't that great for some KVC runners. The Milford Mavericks, a favorite going into the meet, found themselves having six runners with best times — and one without.

The Milford runner who didn't have a season-best time was Dan DeRusha, who won county, league and regional individual titles but finished 76th on Saturday. He was last at the MIS the previous season.

"He experienced something similar last year, it just happened closer to the finish line this time," Milford coach Brian Salyers told the Milford Times. "Dan has what I guess could be described as athletic anxiety that didn't allow him to run his normal race. Those are difficult circumstances for a young athlete to endure. He's an outstanding runner who obviously has something to work on, but something that he's capable of overcoming."

Being a junior, DeRusha and the Mavericks will have another chance come next season — as will the Novi Wildcats.



Photo by HAL GOULD

Novi's Mark Moore keeps the pace alive as he leads the pack for most of the race at the Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn, Michigan.

## 'Cats just have Mav's ticket, and they punched it



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

J.W. Woods blasts around the corner on his way to positive yardage against Milford last Friday. The game marked the second time the Wildcats have topped Milford this year.

By Karl Kling  
MILFORD TIMES EDITOR

Since the sixth week of the season, the Novi Wildcats have essentially been in the playoffs.

That week, they headed off to play the heavily favored KVC-leaders, the Milford Mavericks. They returned home with a shocking 35-28 double-overtime win and were spurred on to a four-game winning streak to close out the regular season.

Their reward? Another must-win game on the Mavericks home turf. And like before, the Wildcats headed home with a 7-point win, this time a 14-7 victory, in a sluggish game brimming with mistakes.

With the game knotted at 7-7, Novi opened the fourth quarter with a methodical and precise 63-yard drive, capped off by a Chase Chandler 3-yard run.

The Wildcats set the tone early in the game as George Bourei stripped Milford's Kyle Plummer on a punt return just minutes into the game. Mark Angelucci pounced on the ball and gave Novi great field position starting their second drive at the Maverick 47-yard line.

Forced to punt again, it wouldn't be long before Novi forced another turnover to regain possession. With the Mavs deep in their own territory and facing a third-and-1, Kerry Kreutzberg intercepted a Jeff LaClair pass. LaClair would finish the night completing 5-of-13 passes for 65 yards and two interceptions.

Midway through the first quarter, Novi had two possessions and two punts. Milford? Two possessions and two turnovers.

The Wildcats would eat up much

of the remaining clock as they staged a 13-play drive with Novi throwing caution to the wind three times as they chose not to punt, but rather go for it on fourth down. Novi was successful twice, the third ended the drive as Mike Hart couldn't complete the pass to Darren Goffley.

Milford would strike back in the second quarter with their best drive of the half, marching 53 yards in eight plays. Faced with a fourth-and-eight, Milford followed suit looking to continue the drive rather than attempting a 34-yard field goal. Novi's Rob Carter broke through the line pressuring LaClair to leave the pocket where Matt Murray swallowed up the Maverick quarterback sacking him for a 9-yard loss and giving the ball back to Novi.

With less than five minutes remaining in the first half and the game as knotted as the stomachs of the fans in attendance, Chandler showed why he is a feared opponent. Lined up behind center, Chandler skirted down the right side of the line looking either to pitch the ball or keep it himself. As the Maverick defense pushed him closer and closer to the sideline, the only option was keeping the ball himself. Chandler faked a pitch to the fullback and turned to head up field and broke the initial tackle. The senior quarterback then cut left, freed himself from two would-be tacklers and zipped across the middle of the field. After shedding the initial defensive assault, Chandler simply outran the secondary on the far left side of the field and scurried in for a 49-yard touchdown giving the Wildcats a 7-0 lead.

With minutes waning in the third quarter, the expectation of the

Mavericks of continuing on in the playoffs slipped into hope and finally settled in desperation.

The cries from the stands and the looks on the faces of the players told the story. Novi may have been overlooked in the first game between the two, but clearly the Wildcats were not the pushovers many expected.

Starting a drive at their own 32-yard line, the Mavericks looked for other alternatives than Jim Presley, who was being contained by the Wildcat defense and held to only 65 yards rushing on 16 carries. Mark Westenberg and LaClair began moving the ball themselves as Westenberg gained 11 yards on two carries, and LaClair added another 22 yards on his two carries. A Novi penalty and an 11-yard completion from LaClair to Nik Mayersky had the Mavericks at the Novi 13-yard line, the fans on their feet and hopes in their hearts.

Plummer would wind his way through the line and rumble in from 11-yards to tie the game at 7-7. The Wildcats would answer the call on their next possession, with Chandler scoring again on his 3-yard run.

Milford would mount one final attack as the seconds closed on their season. Carter, who was key to the Novi win, would pickoff a LaClair pass ending Milford's season and extending Novi's. Novi had 161 yards rushing and 73 passing. Chandler rushed for 101 yards and two touchdowns, while Josh Buck added 41 yards on the ground.

The Wildcats head into dangerous territory this Friday as they head north to play Lake Orion (9-1).

But, then again, it will be just another playoff game this season for the Wildcats.



# Lost opportunity means loss 'Cats just can't pull out win against 'Dogs'

By Ryan Edwards  
SPECIAL WRITER

October 29th was a day of lost opportunity for the Novi Wildcats swimming and diving team. Going into battle with the Bulldogs from Brighton, Novi held its own destiny. With a win, they would claim first place in their league dual meet and carry a hefty advantage of winning the league championship into the KVC championship meet.

seconds, while Kristine Erod gained first-place points with a swim of 58.12 seconds in the 100-meter freestyle and Tiffany Kell captured first place in the 500-meter freestyle with a time of 8:37.89. Even the divers gave a winning contribution, led by Janina Ramsey's first-place finish with a score of 163.8. Christina Thompson's second-place finish with a score of 162.95 and Stephanie Wisniewski's score of 122.15 that earned her a fifth-place finish, helping to earn Novi eleven overall points in the event. Through those five events though, where Novi should've gained a decent lead over Brighton, they surrounded many second and third place finishes to the Bulldogs. In the 100-meter butterfly, in which Novi's Amanda Smith took first place in a time of 1:42.75, the Wildcats' alternate Brighton captured second, third and fourth place, allowing the Bulldogs to win the event 9-7.

# Faysal happy with golf season

By Ramez Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

At the end of this school year, James Faysal will be graduating from Novi High School on a high note. He was a key member of the school's golf team, which won its first state tournament title in school history on October 19, but more importantly, he is leaving the school with a solid, well-rounded education and high hopes for his future.

James Faysal has lived in Novi his whole life and went to Novi Schools. He became interested in golf at around the age of 12 or 13 when he was in seventh or eighth grade. "A couple of my dad's friends were getting me into it," he said. "I used to play baseball and as soon as I started playing golf, I got away from baseball a little bit. In the winters I bowled as well."



James Faysal

into my first varsity match and from there I kept working hard and got to the point where I am now."

## Novi Underclassmen Scores

**NOVI FRESHMAN GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
Overall: 11-5; KVC: 7-4

Novi's young freshmen Wildcats won their fourth KVC crown in a row when they demolished South Lyon, 46-7, last week. Novi held the Lions scoreless in the first quarter and only allowed two points in the second quarter to take a 16-2 halftime lead. Britney Gerich led a balanced scoring attack with 10 points, while Kellie Walker and Katelyn Tuck pitched in with eight points.

## Sports Shorts

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# Two 'Cats get All-Area recognition Kono, Schmitt named to best-of-the-best in HomeTown East

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

Wow, talk about impressive numbers and impressive runners. This year's All-Area Girls' Cross Country team is like few that we have been able to put together in the past. Made up of the most talented runners in our area, the All-Area squad is one that is sure to please when it comes to final results — we can pretty much guess that a lot of these girls will be back for next year's squad too.

**Liz Kono**  
Sophomore  
Northville  
This girl is, simply put, amazing. Suffering a broken left tibia, Hrivnak thought that she had hurt herself enough that she might end up having to stay off her feet for a little while — but that didn't stop her from finishing the race that found the Mustangs turning in yet another impressive performance.

**Tiffany Kaid**  
Junior  
Milford  
A year and a knee surgery after being an all-state freshman, Kaid was back near the top of Milford's lineup as a junior. She reestablished herself with a surprising third-place finish (19:59) against Hartland to give Milford a one-two-three sweep and kept it going strong from there. Kaid finished 15th at Oakland County (20:37), second-team All-KVC (20:18), 15th at the regional (20:13) and 40th in the state (19:13).

**PLAYER OF THE YEAR**  
Lisa Cauty  
Junior  
Milford  
Going into the season Milford coach Brian Salyers said that Cauty was the best prepared of any runner he's coached. 10 weeks later that preparation manifested itself in a fourth-place finish at the state meet (18:31), the highest place in school history. It was Cauty's third consecutive all-state season. She was also fourth at the Oakland County meet (19:27), setting a junior class record and the second-fastest Kensington time in school history, and was the KVC champion (19:31).

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**Mallory Farnum**  
Sophomore  
Milford  
If Farnum improves as much from her sophomore to junior season as she did from her freshman to sophomore season she'll be an all-state runner. And she wasn't that far off this year, placing 41st at the Division I meet (19:14). Farnum was 16th at Oakland County (20:38), second-team All-KVC (20:18) and 16th at the regional (20:13). But perhaps her biggest moment came in a dual meet against Novi when, with Cauty out in a key dual meet with Novi Granroth won the race. She was third in the KVC (19:46), seventh at Oakland County (19:42), setting a 40-second PR on the Kensington course, and ninth at the Spartan Invitational (19:07), setting a new junior class record since surpassed by herself and Cauty.

**Devon Ruple**  
Junior  
Northville  
Devon, Devon, Devon — what can you say about a runner like her? Well, starting off, she's pretty darn amazing. A tough runner with the ability to turn a meet around in a matter of strides, she was the only Mustang to escape a very tough Holly Regional this year and advance to the states.

**Kristin Granroth**  
Junior  
Milford  
While Cauty was Milford's name runner, Granroth continued to compete at an elite level in a season which finished with another all-state performance (18:50). When Cauty was out in a key dual meet with Novi Granroth won the race. She was third in the KVC (19:46), seventh at Oakland County (19:42), setting a 40-second PR on the Kensington course, and ninth at the Spartan Invitational (19:07), setting a new junior class record since surpassed by herself and Cauty.

**Alyssa Mauey**  
Junior  
South Lyon  
Mauey was first for South Lyon in every race she entered, but was somewhat forgotten on a larger scale competing for a team which won one dual meet. She didn't distinguish herself at the Oakland County meet (50th in 22:06). But the next time Mauey ran at Possum Hollow she made second-team All-KVC (20:25) and she was just getting started, as five days later she was one of only two individual

# Akpan does Novi proud at Eastern

By Joe Polococchio  
SPECIAL WRITER

Some of you played with him, some of you watched him, and some of you may have even heard of him. He is currently the starting running back for Eastern Michigan University. He is Mike Akpan.

What once started late in his high school career, possibly ended well into his twenties or thirties. The start to his professional career could very begin at the NFL combines this spring in Indianapolis, Indiana. It is there college players are given the opportunity to showcase their talents to pro scouts, coaches, and general managers. It is there where opportunity knocks.

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It's just getting good, however. In fact, it's getting interesting. How many Novi athletes have gone on to play professional sports, let alone college athletes? Not a high number. With scouts from the Green Bay Packers and Oakland Raiders on hand, Akpan rushed for 158 yards and a touchdown in a victory over the Akron Zips. He had 40 carries in the game, which is the most at EMU in 20 years. That should open your eyes some more. He handled the ball a whopping 40 times. Now that is durability and toughness. It shouldn't be surprising though considering line benches 405 and squads 635 pounds of iron from time to time. He doesn't need power to run through tacklers then he can just use his sub 4.4 440 yard dash speed to elude defenders.

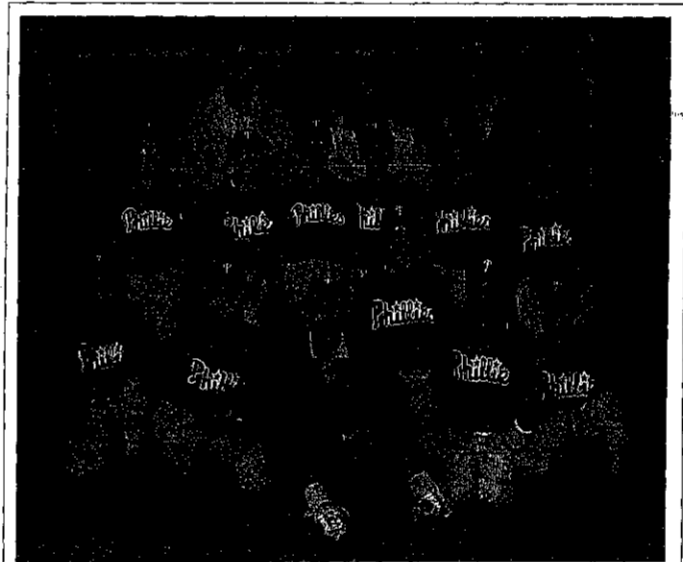
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## Wildcats to slay tough Dragons

Well, the Novi Wildcats have done it this time. They went ahead and decided they would beat the Milford Mavericks for a second time around knocking the Mavs straight out of the playoffs.

The Novi Wildcats may have a gem on their hands with a receiver screen that the Dragons can't seem to stop very well. I can just see it now...Hart to Chandler for the screen with some of that offensive line pulling for some blocks. I like it. Also, a nice variation of their option game was the Stanford Option, flipping the ball to a receiver on a reverse route to catch the Dragons off guard.

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# Moore tops All-Area selections

## Sophomore harrier earns Co-Player of the Year honors

By Sam Eggleston and Steve Bell  
SPORTS WRITERS

This is the team that we would like to see run together in a meet. Comprised of the best our coverage area has to offer, the All-Area Boys' Cross Country team for HomeTown East is one that we would pit against pretty much anybody for a head-to-head showdown.

If this were the squad we were fielding this year, you could pretty much guarantee one word to describe the season — undefeated.

### First team

#### CO-PLAYER OF THE YEAR

**Dan DeRusha**  
Junior  
Milford

In September and October, DeRusha may have been the best in the state. If he didn't run in front the entire race, those that were able to hang with the all-state 800-meter runner would be put to the side on the home stretch. Early in the year he ran 15:22 at the Meet of Champions in Hilliard, Ohio, the second-fastest time in school history. DeRusha became the school's first Oakland County champion (16:09) and followed that up with the individual KVC (16:01) and regional (15:55) championships. He also won the prestigious Spartan Invitational (15:41), the first Milford runner to do so.

#### CO-PLAYER OF THE YEAR

**Mark Moore**  
Sophomore  
Novi

Another Moore? You betcha! This sophomore has shown so much promise already that some may speculate that some very great running is in his future. Having led the pack at the Michigan International Speedway for over a mile, a lot of runners were suddenly aware that if they didn't shape up, they would be finishing while looking at Moore's back. Moore's showing at the state, which found him finishing eighth overall with a 15:47, was the best of any sophomore this year.

A dedicated runner and strong core for another Novi Wildcat cross country team that gives everyone a run for their money, Moore is one of the reasons that the 'Cats made it to the state finals and then finished third. This year, he notched a season-best time of 15:47 with his determination and mindset. Expect to see this Wildcat turning more than a few heads again next year as he will no doubt continue to improve and become one of the premier runners in the Kensington Valley Conference.

**Seth Thibodeau**  
Junior  
Milford

Thibodeau was one of the state's most improved runners over the last year. As a sophomore he was a good JV runner. He made the state finals in the 3,200 meters last spring, then blew up in the fall, culminating in an all-state performance for state runner-up Milford. Prior to that, Thibodeau was fourth at the Spartan Invitational (16:25), third in Oakland County (16:35), made second-team All-KVC (17:06) and placed 10th at the Holly regional (16:35).

**Adam Craig**  
Senior  
Lakeland

Craig and teammate Chris Welch alternated spots atop Lakeland's lineup all season, providing the consistent scoring the Eagles needed while their younger runners developed. Craig made all-state for the second-straight season, finishing 15th overall at MIS (15:52). He was third in the KVC (16:32), eighth at Oakland County (16:41), sixth at the regional (16:29), eighth at the Jackson Invitational (16:24).

**Chris Welch**  
Senior  
Lakeland

The other half of Lakeland's front-runners, Welch concluded his high school career with a 10th-place finish at the state meet (15:48). He came in second at Milford dual (17:09), eighth at the regional (16:33), fifth in the KVC (16:35), fifth at Oakland County (16:40) and fifth at the Jackson Invitational (16:19).

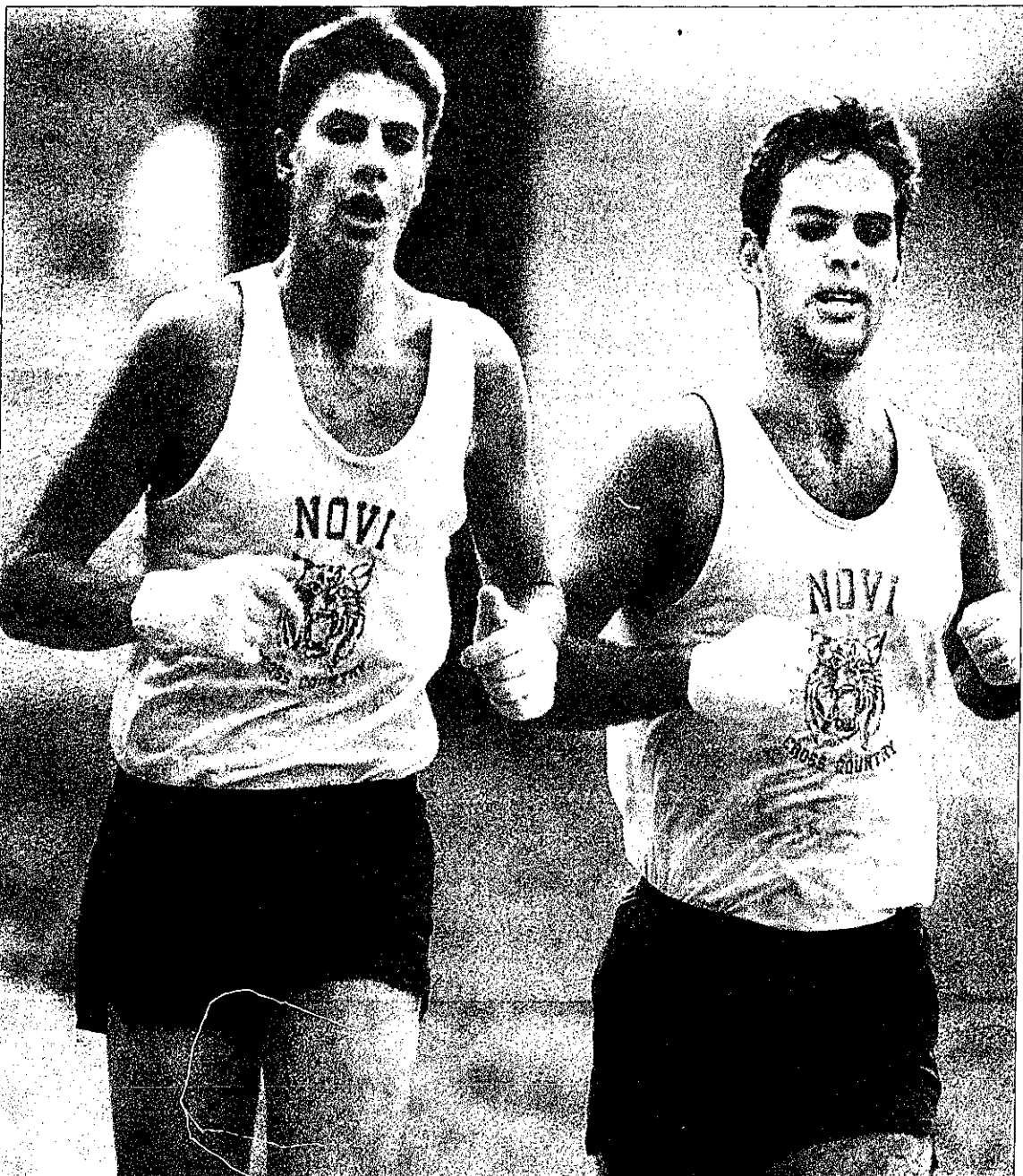


Photo by HAL GOULD

Both Mark Moore (left) and Brian Gilchrist (right) made All-Area for Novi. Moore was named co-player of the year thanks to his impressive showing late in the year and at the state finals meet.

**Brian Gilchrist**  
Senior  
Novi

This transfer from New York had Coach Robert Smith wondering just how could his potential would let him be — now he knows. Gilchrist was a strong leader this season, helping lift what many thought would be a hurting Novi cross country team to a third place state finish. His best time, which was second only to Mark Moore on the Novi squad, came in at 15:55 this season.

His nice stride and excellent pace made him a very tough runner to compete against, not to mention his burning desire to be the best he could be each and every time he took to a course. The Wildcats are no doubt going to miss this runner come next season, but will be proud of the examples he set for the younger runners for dedication, determination and hard-work.

**Chad Murray**  
Junior  
Milford

A solid runner in his second year on the varsity, Murray moved from second-team All-KVC in 2001 to the first team with an eighth-place finish at the league meet (16:50). He was sixth in Oakland County (16:41), 15th at the regional (16:47) and 32nd at the state final (16:07).

**Clark Paciorek**  
Senior  
Northville

Though not the fastest runner on the All-Area team, Paciorek has everything he needed to make it on our list. A tough runner that has to look up the word quit to know what it means, Paciorek proved to many that he had not reached his peak in the world of running. Surpassing many expectations other than that of his parents, his coach, his team and himself, Paciorek turned in a time of 16:39 as his best performance this year for a fifth-overall finish in the WLA as he led his team to a conference victory.

An all-division WLA Western runner, Paciorek added to his impressive season honors with a first-team WLA selection as well as an All-Wayne County first team selection. Expect the Mustangs to miss Paciorek come next year, but hold tight on his ideals and the examples he set.

#### Second team

**Mike Andersen**  
Sophomore  
Milford

There were inklings of Andersen's potential as a ninth-grader, when he won the JV KVC race and medaled at Oakland County. Those glimpses of talent became prolonged views this season, as Andersen became a consistent scorer for one of the state's best teams. He was 10th at Oakland County (16:44), 12th at the regional, ninth in the KVC (16:55), 40th at state (16:13) and sixth at the New Boston Huron Invitational (16:23). He was Milford's number two runner in the Lakeland dual meet.

**Tim Dalton**  
Junior  
Northville

A very tough runner that managed to notch the sixth all-time best performance in Northville High School history, Dalton recorded a team-best time of 16:37 this year with his performance at Cass Benton during a dual meet.

A very tough individual that runs well no matter what the conditions are, Dalton collected honors in the Western Lakes Activities Association this year with his performance of 16:51 that earned him a sixth-place finish and a first-team all-conference selection.

Dalton, being on a junior this season, still has another year to return as a strong back-bone for Chris Cronin and the Mustangs come next year. Expect to see him step up nicely into the role of leader in the absence of a graduating Clark Paciorek.

**Tim Kava**  
Senior  
Novi

This guy just never give up — and coach Robert Smith just loves that about him. Kava, a senior with the Wildcats this season, turned in a time of 16:18 for the third fastest time on the Novi squad.

A very consistent runner, Kava could be in last place out of the gates and still come back for a top-10 finish against many teams. Much like the stellar runners before him at Novi, Kava feeds off of the competition and looks to run his best no matter what the conditions have to offer or how tough the course is that he's running.

With graduation taking him away from the Wildcats, it's a sure bet that Smith and the gang are going to miss his desire and his determination as they look to build from a strong base that was influenced by Kava and his leadership ability.

**Pat Miller**  
Senior  
Milford

The lone senior on Milford's varsity, Miller was a team captain who led by example as one of the gutsiest runners to come through the program. His best performance was a seventh-place finish at the rugged Holly regional (16:32) to earn a third-consecutive state final appearance. Miller was second-team All-KVC, finishing 11th both there (17:00) and the Oakland County championship (16:51). He was one of five Milford runners to medal at the Spartan Invitational.

**Dana Pitcock**  
Junior  
Milford

Pitcock may have been Milford's most improved runner during the season itself. In September he was running in JV races. In November he was just six spots from making all-state. Pitcock did earn second-team All-KVC (17:03). He was first for Milford and 20th overall at the Jackson Invitational (16:55).

**Kyle Harris**  
Junior  
Milford

He didn't get full-time varsity time because of his team's depth, but Harris saved his best for last, joining Seth Thibodeau as Milford's only all-staters (16:05). He was 12th at the Oakland County (16:51).

**Eric Joseph**  
Junior  
Novi

A very solid runner for the Wildcats, Joseph has proven to be a quality leader throughout his time at Novi. Turning in an impressive time of 16:21 as his fastest jaunt of the season.

Joseph shows that there is plenty of solid base for the Wildcats to work with come next season. Expect the 'Cats to use him to their fullest advantage next year as he is likely to be a captain and an example to run by.

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Photo by HAL GOULD

Northville's Clark Paciorek crosses the finish line at the Holly Regional as the top Northville runner in the meet. His dedication in the sport made him an easy selection to the All-Area squad.

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# ASCENT HEALTH

Therapists urge climbers to seek help early for hand, arm injuries

By Susan Gialron  
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**W**hen Josh Janes learned to rock climb, he immediately became hooked. He climbed four times a week from one to six hours a day. Nine months later, Janes couldn't climb as often. His fingers ached during and after climbing. Squeezing his fingers with his other hand caused pain. In addition, his hand grip weakened, making it more difficult to climb, he says.

And the pain and weakness became progressively worse.

"I was progressing quickly and I wanted to keep (climbing)," says Janes, 25. "I just wanted to climb harder. I didn't want to take a week off."

Janes, of Boulder, Colo., is one of an increasing number of climbers who injure their hands each year either through repetitive use or from injuries due to falls.

For many years, Boulder's canyons and large rock faces have attracted large numbers of climbing enthusiasts. More recently, indoor rock walls and a slew of rock climbing classes are making the sport accessible around the clock, all year-round, climbers say. Indoor walls have attracted a new population of lunchtime climbers, who tend to repeat the same route until they master it.

John Lewis, an occupational therapist and certified hand therapist at Boulder Community Hospital's Hand and Upper Extremity Program, says he doesn't see many climbers in his practice. Most ignore hand pain and keep climbing, exacerbating their injury, says Lewis, a former rock climber. Those climbers risk chronic pain and loss of motion that may make everyday activities such as holding a steering wheel or grabbing a bottle of milk painful.

The injuries also can compromise a climber's gripping ability, increasing the potential for falls and more serious injuries.

"Many climbers don't come in until the situation is very advanced, until the pain is so bad they just can't climb anymore," Lewis says. "In many of these cases, the person ends up needing surgery. If he or she had come in earlier, therapy may have been enough."

"Technical climbing involves a lot of repetitive gripping with the hands and fingers," Lewis says. "Climbers can sustain injuries to their hands due to the forceful gripping and tremendous load-bearing

they're asking their hands to perform climb after climb."

According to Lewis, some climbers have a predisposition toward over-use injuries because of the structure of their tendons. An enthusiastic climber with such a predisposition is likely to suffer sharp pains in his palms and fingers.

Over time — and continuous climbing — occasional pain can become a chronic problem, marring every climb, he says.

Two of the most common climbing-specific injuries are tendinitis and injuries to the pulleys in the middle and ring fingers.

Pulleys are connective tissue loops connected to the bones in the hand used to guide tendons, in the same way belt loops guide a belt.

Some muscle injuries come from wedging climbing fingers in cracks. Others come from repeatedly gripping rocks with the fingertips.

Other problems stem from climbers traditionally not taking time to warm up, stretch or cool down, Lewis says. He recommends a short jog and stretching before a climb as well as a walk or jog to cool down.

Specialized hand therapy, which includes strengthening activities, stretches, supportive taping, defined range-of-motion exercises that encourage proper tendon movement and a variety of treatments for decreasing inflammation can often correct problems in a matter of weeks if climbers come in early enough, he says.

Janes sought treatment and Lewis identified his problem as a pulley injury. In Janes' case, the tendons were not gliding smoothly through the pulley.

Lewis says he helped Janes break gripping patterns that were injurious to his hands. He also gave him a home program to strengthen his hands and build endurance. Janes says he is satisfied with the results.

"I have been climbing harder than I have in the past without pain," Janes says.

Mike Allwein climbs up a canyon wall in Clear Creek Canyon in Boulder, Colo. Allwein fell while climbing in Utah and severely injured his hand. After surgery and 7 months of rehabilitation, Allwein is able to climb again.

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### Climbing hand and arm injuries

**Tennis elbow** Inflammation and microtears of the tendons of the forearm where they attach to the elbow. Pain with gripping with a straight elbow.

**Pulley (ligament) ruptures** Pulleys are loops that hold the tendons close to the bone, like belt loops hold a belt. Fixing the torn pulley may require surgical repair.

**Trigger finger** Swelling or a nodule on a tendon which slides under the pulley. When an individual bends his finger it gets stuck intermittently; the other hand is needed to open it.

**Tendon rupture** (usually the profundus tendon) — Caused by stress from climbing and hanging on fingers, the tendon rips away from bone and slides down the hand. This requires surgical repair.

### How to prevent climbing injuries

- Stretch before climbing to prevent tendinitis. Warming up increases the blood flow and heats up muscles and tendons, making them more elastic and not as prone to injury.
- Vary routes to avoid overusing the same muscles and developing repetitive strain injuries.
- Avoid using a crimp hold. Instead use a pinch grip to keep end joints flexed.
- Tape the lower third of fingers while climbing to reduce the risk of pulley injuries.
- Massage hands before climbing to help with circulation.
- Take a rest if fingers hurt.
- See a health professional if the pain lasts more than a week.

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Although many joggers, like those shown here, prefer to run in the early morning, that's not necessarily the best time for everyone who wants to begin a workout regimen. SHNS photo

## Around-the-clock exercise

Adjust your workout to fit morning or night owl routine

By Joy Victory  
SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

Finding the best time to work out is one of the first challenges people confront when starting an exercise regimen. Night owls who enjoy late-night exercise but try to get up and jog before work may find the experience downright painful. And some fitness classes are offered at inconvenient times, like at 5 p.m., when many people are still wrapping up work projects.

A workout should be a positive experience that reduces stress, not exaggerate it. With a little negotiation and planning, it also can become a lifelong activity.

But so far there's been little research on what time of the day is optimum for most

workouts. Most fitness experts advise their clients to find a time that works best for them, says Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi exercise physiologist Don Melrose.

The average person can take a tip from top athletes, who generally are told to work out at the same time they have to compete.

Over time, it becomes an expectation, not a burden. If you — and your body — expect a workout the same time every day, it's tougher to use the excuse, "I don't have time to exercise."

The same goes for shift workers, who may be leaving work when most people are pressing the snooze button. Try to keep exercising at the same time, every day.

Shift workers are fighting their bodies' own natural time clock to rise and fall with daylight.

But the body's clock will adapt to a schedule with enough time, as long as a person sticks to the same sleeping hours,

says Cedric Bryant, chief exercise physiologist for the American Council on Exercise.

Bryant says some studies have found that people tend to stick with morning workouts compared to other times.

Some research has shown the afternoon workouts are better. "Muscles are warm and more flexible, perceived exertion is low, reaction time is quicker, strength is at its peak and resting heart rate and blood pressure are low," Bryant says.

In the morning, the muscles are still cold, and body temperatures are low. For shift workers, this translates to whenever they wake up, no matter the time.

If you love an early morning workout, just be sure to warm up, Melrose says. Do lots of stretches and low-impact joint movements before any exhausting aerobic exercise.

## Fit to be a triathlete

The running, swimming and cycling combo is becoming a sport for the masses

By Laurie Lucas  
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When Steve Mitchell organized a San Bernardino-Riverside Triathletes Club a few months ago, he expected about 10 people to show up.

To his surprise, 23 did. To his amazement, half were rookies.

"There was nothing local when I started doing triathlons three years ago," says Mitchell, 49, of Riverside, Calif. "Now it's become a sport for the masses."

In the 1970s and '80s, triathlons attracted a tiny following of hardcore hard bodies. Fanatics? Extremists? Masochists? What's up with this, wondered a bemused public slow to catch on.

But thanks to increased media attention, shorter races called sprints and the sport's debut in the 2000 Olympic Games, the trinity of swimming, biking and running has become trendy.

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"There's always that element of Americans looking for the next athletic thing," says B.J. Hoepfner, spokeswoman for the Colorado Springs-based association. "It was running in the '70s and mountain biking in the '80s. Triathlons evolved in the late '80s and early '90s."

Hoepfner says the group's membership has climbed steadily from 16,000 in 1993 to 39,157 as of last month in more than 300 clubs. The majority of members are in their 30s. Nearly a third are women, wooed by the condensed sprint triathlons: a half-mile swim, 12- to 15-mile bike ride and 3.1-mile run.

"The message we get across," says Hoepfner, "is that you can be of average fitness and be a triathlete."

Sherry Gibb, 35, considers herself "proof." Until a year ago, even dunking her face in water induced panic attacks. A self-described "big weenie" cyclist, she would dismount and walk her bike downhill. But she loved to run and teach aerobics.

Since she began training in summer 2001, the secretary finished five sprint triathlons. She's so stoked, she joined the fledgling Inland Empire club and signed up for an Ironman next July at Lake Placid: a 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike ride and 26.2-mile run.

"It sounds conceited, but I feel so strong mentally," says Gibb.

She trains anywhere from eight to 20 hours a week, usually one sport in the morning and another after work. Sometimes she'll do two consecutive but shorter workouts. Motivated by camaraderie, she cycles with one group and swims with another.

"I've done things I never thought I could do, like run 18 miles and ride 100 miles," says Gibb. "I don't expect to ever place, but I'm getting serious."

Hoepfner acknowledges it's a costly sport — which might explain why 21 percent of members have an average household income of \$40,000 to \$60,000.

As a new triathlete, Gibb figures she invested between \$3,000 and \$5,000 last year. That includes the \$1,800 bike, \$160 in running shoes, \$200 wet suit, nutritional supplements, \$40 a month for a pool membership, plus registration fees and travel expenses. "And that's nothing compared to some triathletes," says Gibb.

"Honestly," says Mitchell, "if you're in any shape at all, you have a bike and a pair of tennis, anyone can do it. It's for all levels of abilities and fitness. It is not an elitist sport."







## A child's fantasy is right at home

By Betsy Lehnhoff  
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A playhouse is as important to parents as it is to kids. It's a safe place for a child to get away from the pressures of home and tap into a great imagination.

Simple playhouses leave a lot to the imagination. A table, a couple of blankets and some pillows can become a space shuttle or a hide-away.

More-structured spaces — with built-in kitchens, living rooms and beds — offer a child the chance to learn the responsibilities of running a home.

Clinical psychologist Thomas Olkowsky of Denver says the simpler the better when it comes to playhouses.

"Sometimes having a little less structure allows a child to create fantasies of their own," he says. "Your daughter may love the playhouse but it's always going to be a miniature house."

### Tips from the experts

- To be sure the playhouse is safe, it should be well-ventilated, and if there's electricity, the wiring should be up to code.

- Stairs and ladders to upper floors should be sturdy, and ladders should be protected by railings to prevent falls.

- Be on the lookout for sharp, unfinished edges, protruding nails or glass.

- It's helpful to be able to locate the playhouse within sight and hearing of the main house.

- When decorating the playhouse, keep color schemes simple.

- Look for ways to include small, curl-up places like a loft or window seat.

- Sometimes less is more. Leave opportunities for your child to customize the playhouse with his or her own imagination.



On the floor of Junkmarket, co-owner Kai Nassauer, pulls a cloth off of one of the tables she will use in a room. On opening day of the next sale all of this product will be part of room displays and for sale.

# junk JUNKIES

Cast-offs transformed into cottage-style furnishings

By Lynn Underwood  
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**K**ai Nassauer can take a rusty baby buggy wheel and turn it into a rustic wall hanging. Sue Whitney looks at an old pigeon coop and sees a country sideboard.

Two and a half years ago, they turned their talent for fashioning cast-offs into one-of-a-kind furnishings in a one-of-a-kind business called Junkmarket. Whitney and Nassauer sell their recycled flea market finds at the combination home store and warehouse in Long Lake, Minn., five times a year.

At Junkmarket, you can snap up vintage furniture and accessories that have been repaired, restored and repainted. But it's the partners' clever transformation of

something old into something new that has drawn crowds and put them on the national map with regular features in Country Home magazine and HGTV cable shows.

Whitney and Nassauer's fresh take on vintage or distressed home decor has its inspiration in the popular flea market and shabby chic style of decorating that took off in the late 1980s.

But Whitney describes their look as "country with an edge. It's still warm and inviting and has a country feel, but more funky," she said. "It's not grandma-ish, it's today."

The showroom furnishings are eclectic — from primitives to industrial contemporary — and in a wide range of shapes, materials, textures and finishes.

Carol Sheehan, Country Home magazine editor, views Whitney and Nassauer's signature creations as a fresh cottage style that is accessible, relaxed and personal.

"It adds a sense of the past and age to a new environment," she said. Decorating with period recycled items — rather than antiques — is in response to how the marketplace has changed, Sheehan said. "Twenty to 30 years ago, you were able to buy 19th-century cupboards and tables. Over time, the marketplace has become mainly replenished from later eras up to the 1950s."

And the Junkmarket partners expertly tap into that new marketplace, turning rusty tractor parts into candleholders, a salvaged fireplace mantel into a headboard.

Nassauer and Whitney were overflowing with ideas for the piles of old chairs, spindles, shutters, chipped porch posts, corbels and other architectural salvage in their warehouse.

On buying expeditions, they search for objects that appeal to their taste and are at least 50 years old. "We may be able to tell you the history of the piece, but we aren't antique experts," Nassauer said.

The women do all the buying and bargaining to keep prices down, they said. Junkmarket prices are as varied as goods sold at a flea market. For example, a

wall hanger made of vintage wood trim and an old spring sells for \$30, bed benches fashioned from a headboard and footboard start at \$295 and distressed harvest tables start at \$450.

"Where do you get this stuff?" is a common customer query. Tip-offs from scouts, demolition contractors and Country Home readers have led the junk detectives to hidden treasure troves. They've salvaged many things from defunct hardware and antique shops, an old bowling alley, even a nursery that was being remodeled.

Farms are their source for machinery parts, shed doors and weathered barn boards.

But flea markets (Kane County in St. Charles, Ill., is one of their favorites) deliver their biggest adrenaline rush. At one flea market, they unearthed a cast iron hog oiler to which they attached a glass top. "Now it's a spectacular side table in a fabulous apartment in New York City," Nassauer said.

The women grew up hunting for valuable junk and have never stopped.

"My 10-year-old is bargaining the way I used to with my mother," said Whitney, a former criminal investigator for a law firm.

Farm girl Nassauer was surrounded by farm buildings, machinery and the junk farmers collected. "The more chipped up, old and grungy, the better," she said.

The partners met while watching their sons play hockey and Nassauer hatched her Junkmarket business plan during the games.

They gradually learned how to master tools and use dollies to haul furniture, and they did all the stripping, sanding and refinishing. Today, their 7,000 square-foot store has a staff of 30 carpenters, painters and all-around handypersons.

That frees Whitney and Nassauer to do the fun part — re-inventing junk. They call ideas from photos in books and magazines and from middle-of-the-night conversations.

"Sue will call me and wake me up with an idea like making a tie rack from casters," Nassauer said. The business partners have been

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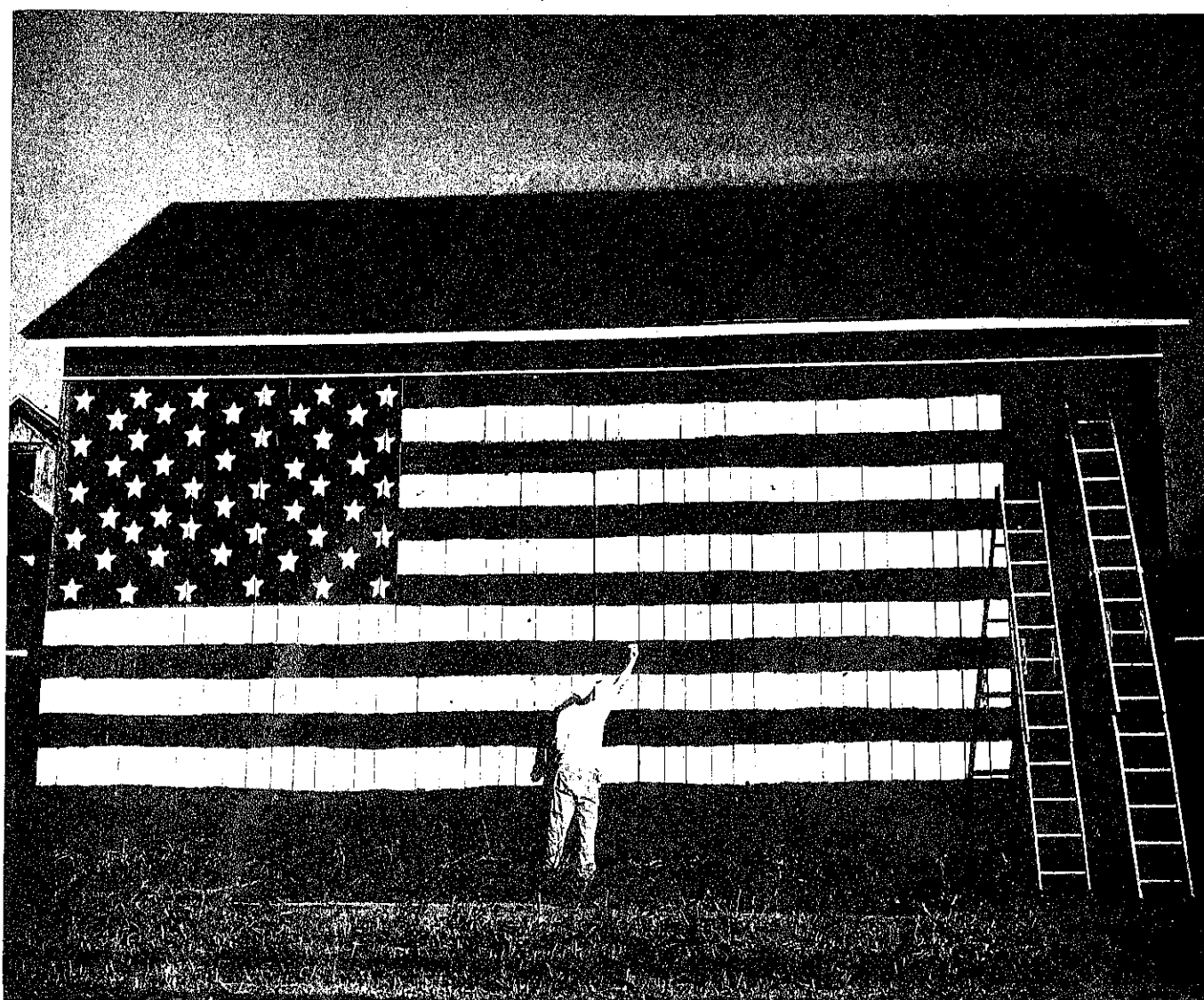


**TOP:** An old birdbath and some stones have been crafted together to make a bedside table, using a piece of glass purchased at Pier 1. The lamp was crafted from an old post that was cut down and shaded. The headboard of the bed was once a fireplace mantel.

**BOTTOM:** This bench was cut down and made from an old iron bed, the clothes rack from an old piece of painted wood and table legs.

successful not only because of their complementary creativity, but because they're having a gas running the business.

There are two things, however, on which they will never agree. "Kai likes swans and I think they're the ugliest," said Whitney. "She likes chemo. I think they're just naked babies," said Nassauer.



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### Cleaning gutters

To remove leaves and other debris from gutters or downspouts, stick a hose in the downspout and let the water pressure force out the debris.

### Insulation info

When applying support to insulation, be careful not to crush the fiberglass. The thickness of the material is vital to the amount of insulation it will provide. Also, if you plan to install insulation yourself, always wear gloves and protective eye gear.

### Water heater no-no

Never insulate gas water heaters. The blanket could trap dangerous gases or cause the heater to work improperly.

### Faucet facts

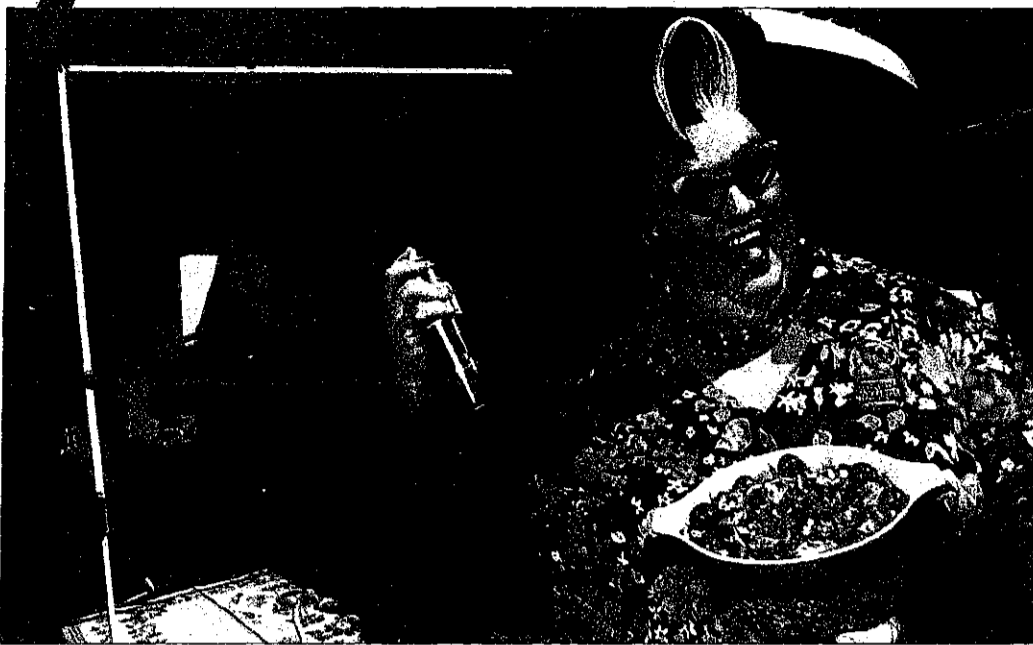
If you need to replace parts of a faucet, take the parts with you to the hardware store to be sure you get an exact match.

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**Kai Nassauer (on the floor) and Sue Whitney, work together in a business that was originated by but has grown and expanded with Whitney and Kai working together.**





Ruby Ann Boxcar, author of cookbook *Ruby Ann's Down Home Trailer Park* cookbook, shows off Taco-Roni Salad.

## come 'n' get it

Serving up the secrets of trailer-park cuisine

Story By Rebecca Jones ■ Photos By Ellen Jaskol ■ Scripps Howard News Service

It's a long road from the High Chaparral Trailer Park in Pangburn, Ark., to Denver to New York City and her network television debut. But those who've traveled it with Ruby Ann Boxcar — beautician, singer and wit — know there's good eatin' every step of the way.

When Ruby Ann self-published her "Down Home Trailer Park Cookbook" in 2000, the doubters were legion. Nobody was much interested in a cookbook and trailer-park tell-all with recipes such as "Billy Ray Cyrus Mashed Potato Cake" and "Spam in the Hole Rolls" that call for both Spam and "government cheese."

But, oh, how the worm has turned. Suddenly, the chichi Martha Stewarts of the world are watching their fancy lifestyles evaporate along with their stock portfolios.

Ruby Ann, on the other hand, saw her cookbook picked up by Kensington Books, where it's in its second printing. Her holiday cookbook came out last year, and she has a contract for two more books in 2003.

And last summer the beehived, blue eye-shadowed Ruby Ann appeared on "Fox & Friends," a nationally syndicated talk show on the Fox Network, and she's traveled around the country promoting her book as well as the trailer-park lifestyle.

"Why, I'm not makin' fun of people who live in trailer parks, because I live in a trailer park," Ruby Ann says. "I'm just sharin' our secrets, finally. Why would somebody do that? This is why: Because of the food and the love we share for each other."

The recipes, collected through long years of church suppers, school carnivals and trailer-park soirees, epitomize comfort food.

"Count calories? Absolutely not!" Ruby Ann says. "We try to do as little mathematics as possible. If you're lookin' for a low-fat, low-calorie diet, you've got the wrong cookbook. This stuff tastes good."

Denver comedian Robert Brown, 40, Ruby

Ann's "musical director" and longtime associate — who, curiously, has never been seen in Ruby Ann's presence — has quite a bit in common with the boisterous cookbook maven. Both are ample people with equally abundant self-deprecating wit.

The son of a preacher, Brown traveled throughout the South and the Midwest as a youth. "I was born in Texas," he says, "so I'm kind of related to people in Arkansas."

He attended the University of Oklahoma for two years, studying theater, then got involved in stand-up comedy. "I dropped out of college and am pursuing my love of humor and music," he says. "When Ruby Ann came along and asked if I would help her pursue this, too, of course I said I would. Before me, she was just a little bumpkin in Arkansas. I've brought her up to the woman she is today."

Ruby Ann's success has left Brown stunned. "I knew that, with her character, and with her charm and personality, she'd be successful," he says, "but I didn't realize it would be like this ..."

Ruby Ann expresses no surprise at how folks have taken to her cookbook and her tales of life in Pangburn.

"I knew once they saw how good the food was, what a change it was from other cookbooks, they'd be jumpin' on it like gold! People nowadays ain't got time to be fixin' extravagant meals. These — they're simple. They've got simple ingredients. Everybody knows what Dr Pepper and Spam is."



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— Ruby Ann

### Trailer Park Cookin' Recipes

#### Dr Pepper Salad

- 2 cans Dr Pepper
- 1 large package cherry Jell-O
- 1/2 cup maraschino cherries
- 1 small package cream cheese

Heat one can of Dr Pepper in a skillet or a microwave (in a microwave-proof cup or bowl) — or heat with a hair dryer if you ain't got nothing else. Heat it up nice and hot.

Add the Jell-O and stir until it's dissolved.

Put the cream cheese in another bowl and microwave it for one minute or until it's soft.

Add the cherries and stir together, or use a blender to make it fluffier.

Pour this mixture over the Dr Pepper mixture and blend some more until the cream cheese has completely dissolved. It ain't good if you can still see the cream cheese.

Then you add the other can of cold Dr Pepper and mix it all up real good. It looks like a mess because it's real watery.

Pour it into a beautiful mold or into several individual dishes, or just leave it in the bowl and eat it out of there after you refrigerate it.

Refrigerate for four hours, then top with whipped cream if you want, or leave it as is. Either way, it's wonderful. It makes three layers and is real pretty. Why is a mystery we've been debating on in the trailer park for years.

#### Taco-Roni Salad

- 2 cups uncooked macaroni
- 1 pound hamburger meat
- 1 package taco seasonin' mix
- 1/2 cup French dressin'
- 1/2 head lettuce, shredded
- 1 pint cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1 cup government cheese, shredded
- 1/2 cup green onions, chopped

Cook the macaroni accordin' to the package. When done, drain and rinse with cold water. After a second drainin', put it in the fridge so it can chill for an hour.

Durin' this time, go ahead and cook the hamburger meat. Crumble the meat in the skillet and then drain off the drippin'. Add the taco seasonin' and French dressin'. Mix well.

After the hour has passed, take the macaroni out of the fridge and add it to the meat mixture.

Put the meat-and-macaroni mixture in a large bowl. Add the remainin' ingredients. Toss well. Serve salad immediately. Serves 5.

#### Ollie's Award-Winning Corn Bread

- 2 cups buttermilk
- 2 cups cornmeal
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon bakin' soda
- 1 teaspoon salt

Mix well and put in a skillet or 9-inch pan that has been heated with oil in it.

Bake at 375 to 400 degrees for about 20 minutes or until nicely brown. Makes 1 skillet.

#### Peanut Butter Muffins

- 1/2 cup brown sugar, packed
- 1/4 cup margarine
- 1/2 cup peanut butter
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup sifted white flour
- 1 cup sifted whole wheat flour
- 3 teaspoons bakin' powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1-1/4 cups milk

Blend sugar and margarine. Add peanut butter and mix until creamy. Add eggs and beat until smooth.

Sift flours, bakin' powder and salt together, and add alternately with the milk.

Begin and end with the flour. Mix well. Bake in greased muffin tins at 400 degrees for 12 to 15 minutes. Makes 18 large muffins.

Source: "Down Home Trailer Park Cookbook" by Ruby Ann Boxcar

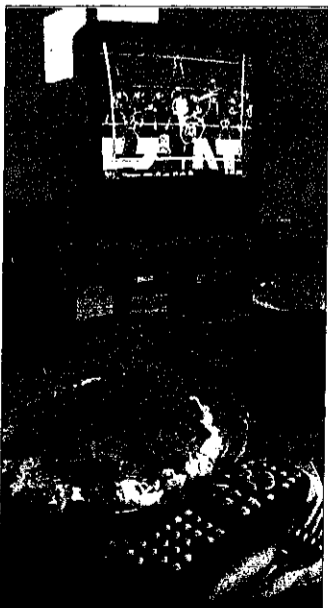


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## 'Dude' food: A man's guide to things culinary

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Dude, check it out.

You know how when you got a lady coming over, and she's all like, "Ooh, what are you gonna cook for me?" and you, you know, you're playing it cool, so you're like, "It's a surprise, baby," but on the inside, you're going, "Dude, weak."

It's all good. I got you covered, man. First, let me say that I know my way around the kitchen the way I know my way around Myanmar. Kind of tropical. I think there's some monkeys. Anyway, point is, dude: Even a little culinary knowledge can go a long way.

"Isn't a 'culinary' something Katie Couric had a doctor do to her on national television that one time?" you ask. Hang in with me here, dude.

OK, you got the lady coming over. Easy. I've got the recipe that will make you look like Jimmy Fallon in her eyes, even if you more closely resemble Horatio Sanz. Don't get the reference? Jeez, dude, you're killing me here.

Try a dish I call "Impressin' the

Ladies' Coq au Vin."

It sounds French, which is a total plus, and it's something that even, well, a guy can make.

All you're doing is throwing some chopped-up carrots, onions and spices into a skillet and cooking it for a few minutes. Then, you pour in some red wine, tomato paste and a bouillon cube (read: meat of the future). Fry up some flour-slathered chicken and put that in with the rest of the stuff and you're done.

While this is a great meal for special occasions, you've still got to worry about what to cook when it's just you. And, lately, I've become an expert in this category (dude, I don't get it, either).

You're going to need the staples — stuff like onions, chicken, potatoes, and, yes, macaroni and cheese. Sure, it's a cliché. But, man, stir up some white-cheddar-flavored mac n' cheese with some cooked spinach, and you've got yourself some real gourmet going on.

The key to any successful meal is minimizing the number of dishes that get dirty and maximizing the time you could be spending watching SportsCenter.

### "Impressin' the Ladies" Coq Au Vin

- 3 tablespoons butter
- 1 carrot, peeled and sliced
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed with a press
- 3 tablespoons fresh parsley, chopped
- 1 cup dry red wine
- 1/2 cup chicken bouillon
- 1 tablespoon tomato paste or ketchup
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire
- 2 tablespoons water
- 4 skinless, boneless chicken breasts
- 1 tablespoon flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon olive oil

In a large skillet, melt the butter and slowly cook the chopped carrot, onion, garlic and parsley until the onion is soft, about 10 minutes. Add the wine, bouillon and tomato paste or ketchup. Cover and simmer over low heat for 20 minutes. In a separate bowl, stir 2 tablespoons water into the cornstarch until it's smooth. Mix into the wine mixture and stir until the sauce is thick and clear.

Mix the flour, salt and pepper in a large bowl. Dredge the chicken through this mixture until covered. Heat the olive oil in a large, heavy skillet. Over medium-high heat, sauté the chicken breasts for 2 minutes per side. Place the chicken in the wine mixture. Cover and cook over medium-low heat for 10-20 minutes.