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Novi Teen Center counselor Jamie Schramm, left, tosses a camper last Thursday afternoon in the waters of Walled Lake during the center's last day activities at Lakeshore Park.

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#### Detectors save lives

Recent fatal fires in South Lyon and Pontiac that claimed the lives of nine people, including seven children, have spurred fire fighters here to rekindle efforts to make sure every home in Novi is equipped with a smoke detector.

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#### New face on the bench

Bill Kelp is well aware that you have to build a program before you can win with one — but he won't mind if the w's start rolling in.

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# Teachers don't have contracts yet

## Negotiations continue Aug. 13

By Ramez Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

By this time every year, teachers in the Novi Community School District usually don't have to worry about their contracts.

This year, however, is different. Because of the financial pickle that the state is in right now and the threat of educational funding being cut, the Novi Community School District, along with many other school districts in Michigan, does not have teacher contracts in place yet.

According to Bob Schram, the Novi Community School District executive director of human

resources, having no contracts yet in Novi is unusual, but not unexpected.

"It is unusual in Novi that the teachers don't have a contract yet, at least in recent history for the last 15 to 20 years," he said. "We usually have contracts set prior to the start of the school year. There are a number of school districts

There are a number of school districts that are like us, still negotiating. We need to know what our revenue is."

Bob Schram  
executive director of human resources

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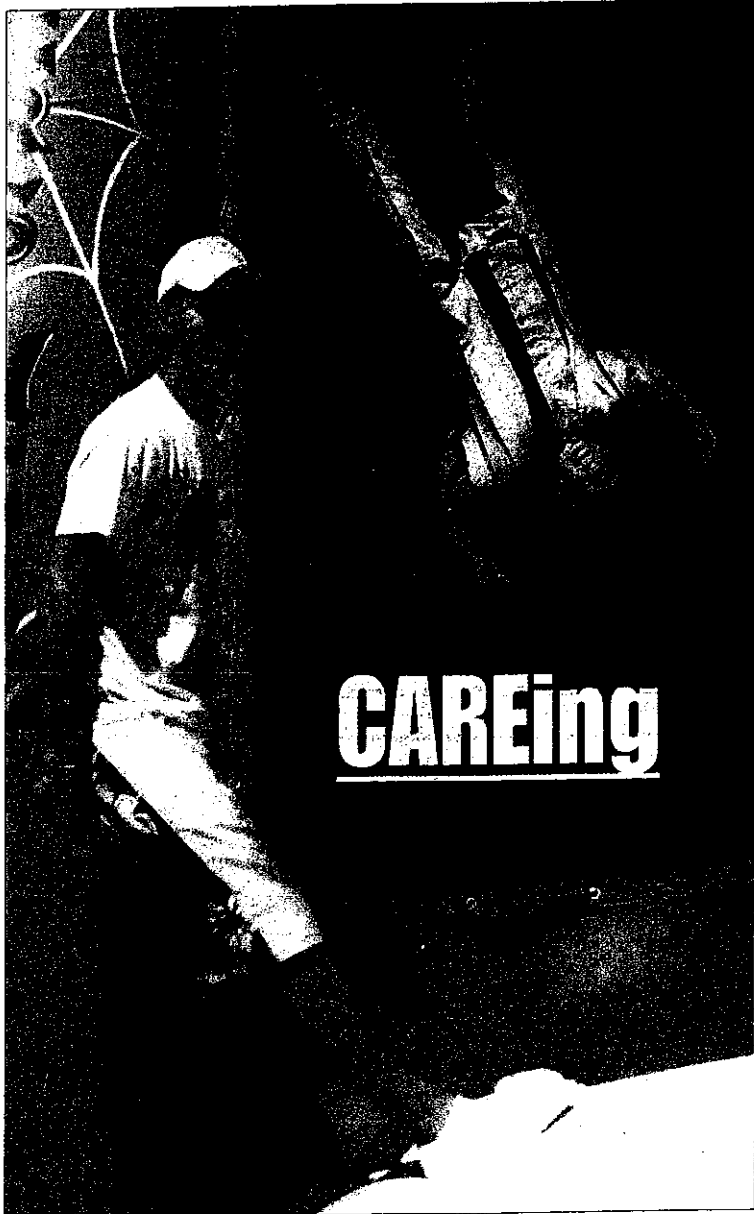


Photo by John Heider

John Murray helps Novi Care Center attendee Kacey Sheldon, 8, to enjoy an up-side down experience during last Wednesday afternoon's carnival at Parkview Elementary School. Sheldon was wearing a hook and loop suit that allowed her to be stuck to the wall behind her.

## Circus-themed carnival a hit

By Ramez Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

For over 15 years now the Summer CARE Program has been providing a fun and safe place for Novi kids who are too young for the Novi Youth Assistance Teen Center to enjoy themselves during those long dog days of summer. This year was no exception. The annual carnival, which had a circus theme this time around, was held last Wednesday, complete with a Moonwalk, a water balloon game, clowns and the whole nine yards.

CARE stands for Children's Activities in a Responsible Environment. It is a program that actually operates all year round, before and after school and from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday during the summer.

"We're basically taking our after-school program and putting it into an all-day summer camp-type program," Summer CARE Program Coordinator Christy Harris said. "We have first graders through eighth graders and each grade has a different leader or teacher in charge of them."

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## Mayor fights crime, personally

By Phil Foley  
STAFF WRITER

Politicians talk about crime, they campaign on crime, they even set budgets to fight crime, but they rarely confront crime up close and personal.

Novi's outgoing mayor, Richard Clark, did just that July 28 as he tried unsuccessfully to stop a purse-snatcher at Bed Bath and Beyond in the West Oaks Shopping Center.

Chief Doug Shaefer said information provided by the Mayor and his wife led to the arrest of Kirk Allen Baker Jr., 18, of Orinville, and Novi resident Rebecca Lynn Babcock, 20.

The pair were initially charged with unarmed robbery.

"The Mayor's spoken out several times on getting personally involved in public safety," noted the chief.



R. Clark

Clark said he and his wife were in a check-out line about 5 p.m. when he heard a woman cry out, "Give me back my wallet. Give me back my wallet."

The mayor said he saw a young man with short brown hair running from the store. Clark said he tried to tackle the man, but the man struck him in the chest with his fist, knocking him down. "I'm all right," said Clark. "I guess I'm just not as fast as I thought I was."

According to Novi Police Detective Sgt. David Molloy, the victim, a 27-year-old woman, is "very scared." The woman told investigators she was shopping when the man snatched her Gucci wallet from her left hand and ran from the store.

"As soon as I heard the woman calling for help, all I could think of is what if it was my wife or daughter," said Clark. "At the time I didn't think of getting hurt. I just tried to do the right thing."

However, the much younger thief was in much better shape. "He could do the 100-yard dash in record time," said Clark, noting the man and his apparent accomplice were 20 cars out in the parking lot before he cleared the building.

Clark and his wife were able to provide investigators with a composite of the thief and a partial license for an older red Saturn.

Although the Saturn eluded police on their way to the crime, investigators spotted it days later while on their way to interview a

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## Colonial world comes to life this weekend at Kensington Metro Park

By Phil Foley  
STAFF WRITER

For a few days this weekend, the shrill tones of the fife and the crack of Brown Bess muskets will echo off the shores of Kensington Metro Park in Milford as the King's 8th Regiment, marches out of the pages of history for Colonial Kensington Aug. 9-10. "They were the longest serving regiment in North America,

noted group founder Dan O'Connell. Before coming to North America in 1768, the regiment served as a customs patrol on England's west coast. Here, said the Novi resident, "they were basically the police force" and were stationed in what is now Detroit from 1774-85.

"It must have been a wonderful experience," said O'Connell, who today portrays a typical British officer of the period.

When O'Connell and his group unfurl the Union Jack at Kensington Metro Park, they'll be joined by nearly 500 Colonial reenactors from as far away as New York, Ohio and Wisconsin covering the entire Great Lakes Colonial Period from 1700 to 1796, when the last British troops left to establish Fort Malden, in Amherstburg, Ontario.



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Courtesy photo  
The King's 8th Regiment will bring the 18th century back to life at Kensington Metro Park as the north end of Martindale Beach is transformed into Colonial Kensington.



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POLICE REPORT

Not a happy birthday

The manager at TGIFridays on Crescent Street told Officer Michael Marchetti July 31 that a family of five left the restaurant without paying a \$110 bill.

Close door before driving

Officer Michael Marchetti charged a 21-year-old woman with operating under the influence of liquor following a traffic stop near Novi Road and Old Novi Road at 1:22 a.m. July 31.

Hole in one?

A 58-year-old Novi man told Officer Craig Chisner July 31 that someone stole a golf bag and clubs from his 1997 Ford F150 truck.

Foot race

A 21-year-old Novi man told Officer Scott Baetz July 30 that he surprised a thief outside his Cickmil Street home just before 1 a.m.

OUIT arrest

Officer Brian Tillman charged a 26-year-old woman with operating under the influence of liquor following a traffic stop on 19th Novi Road at 1:31 a.m. July 30.

Gate busted

A security guard at Pavilion Court Apartments on Haggerty Road reported July 30 that someone drove through the clubhouse gate about 1:35 a.m.

But the plate was good

Officers Timothy Farrell and Thomas Orlovski charged a 23-year-old man with operating under the influence of liquor July 30 following a traffic stop on Market Street near Main Street at 2:22 a.m.

Car vandalized

A 22-year-old Novi man told Officer Steven Balog July 28 that someone smashed into the rear window of his Pontiac Grand Am while it was parked at his William Street home.

Perscription taken

A 43-year-old Novi woman told officer James Brandon that her 2001 Mercury Villager was burglarized at her Warwick Street home.

Coke goes better with things

A 40-year-old Novi man told Officer Michael Prough that someone stole a two-foot by two-foot Coca Cola cooler from under the deck in the backyard of his Denby Street home.

Lighting leveled

A 47-year-old Novi woman told Officer Thomas Orlovski July 28 that vandals damaged the landscape lighting at her Waukesha Street home.

One drink too many

Officer Jason Meier charged a 38-year-old woman with operating under the influence of liquor following a traffic stop on Novi Road near Mystic Road.

Room skip

The manager at the Country Inn & Suites on Haggerty Road told Officer Kevin Gilmore July 29 that a 53-year-old man left the hotel without paying a \$440.56 bill.

Shoplifter bagged

Officer Michael Prough and others recovered some \$3,316 worth of clothing and perfume from a rented

Chrysler 300M outside Twelve Oaks Mall

and charged a 27-year-old man with retail fraud after loss prevention officers at TJ Maxx on Crescent Drive told him the man took \$591.96 worth of coats and collages from the store without paying for it.

Restaurant vandalized

The owner of Happy Sushi told Officer Kevin Rhea that young boys threw rocks at the back of his restaurant July 29.

Lawn job

A 54-year-old Novi man told Officer Scott Woodley Aug. 1 that someone tore up the yard of his Picara Street home with a car the night before.

Missed payments

A spokesman for Michigan CAT Rentals told Officer Kevin Gilmore Aug. 1 that a Lapeer County man bought a trailer-mounted stump puller worth \$30,740 from the business a year ago, but never made a payment.

Video games gone

A 36-year-old Novi woman told Officer James Brandon that her Moneremery Street home was burglarized while her family was preparing to go on vacation.

worth of DVDs and Playstation 2 gear

There is a suspect. Wheelchair shoplifters Officer David Martino charged a 42-year-old man and a 32-year-old man with retail fraud after loss prevention officers at TJ Maxx on Crescent Drive told him the men took \$591.96 worth of coats and collages from the store without paying for it.

Wrong turn

Officer Keith Wuotinen stopped a Chrysler LHS on the ring road around Twelve Oaks Mall after falling a field sobriety test, the man registered a blood alcohol content of .111 after failing a field sobriety test.

But my friend's worse

Officer Leonard Lowen stopped a 2002 Saab at 2:21 a.m. Aug. 2 after

Colonial Kensington

continued from front Amherstburg, Ontario. O'Connell said he first became interested in the Colonial period as a young boy taking family trips to sites like Fort Niagara in New York.

Colonial Kensington

continued from front River watershed and paddling for Lake Michigan. "Two years ago we tried a canoe trek down the river," recalled O'Connell.

Missing Saturn

A 20-year-old man told Officer James Brandon Aug. 2 that his mother's 2000 Saturn was stolen while he was staying at a friend's home on Cranbrook.

Car burglarized

A 32-year-old Novi man told Officer Steven Balog that his car was burglarized at his Woolsey Street home.

Wallet walks

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Drinking bust

Officer Steve Patterson charged a 65-year-old man with operating under the influence of liquor following a traffic stop near Novi and Sandstone roads at 11:31 p.m. Aug. 2.

Blood work III

Officer Michael Prough stopped a 2000 GMC Sonoma at 1:05 a.m. Aug. 3 on westbound 10 Mile Road near Broadmoorpark Road.

Vehicle vandalized

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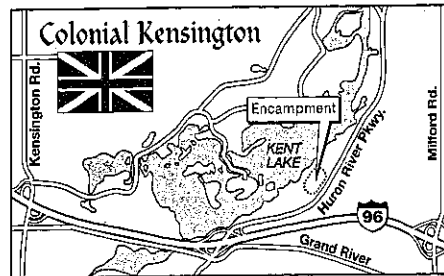
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Map of Colonial Kensington area showing locations like Kensington Park, Encampment, and Grand River.

Mayor fights crime

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The car led investigators to Baker Park. The plate on the Saturn was one character off from the number Mayor Clark had provided officers — the letter "B" instead of the number "8".

The victim told investigators her wallet was worth \$300 and contained \$400 and a credit card, which she canceled before police arrived at the store.

Store managers had a videotape of the incident, but it only showed the back of the suspects' heads.

Clark said he thought at first that the woman was with the victim, but then she followed the man out of the store and dove into the red Saturn as it sped away.

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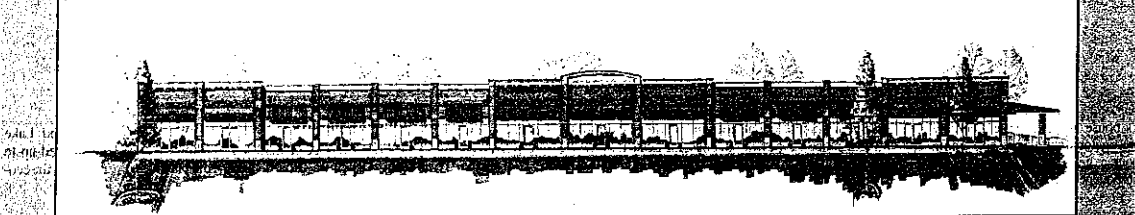
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# CLASS NOTES

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## Picnic marks program's last day

Novi Youth Assistance Teen Center spends day at Lakeshore Park

By Ramez Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

The Novi Youth Assistance Teen Center, which is a program that offered a fun place for kids in the sixth grade and up to hang out and have fun during the summer, held its annual Lakeshore Park picnic last Thursday. Each year the picnic marks the last day of the program and gives kids an opportunity to play games, have fun and eat lots of junk food.

According to Teen Center Coordinator Amy Hartland, a former Novi student who now attends the University of South Carolina, the day is meant to reward the kids for spending the summer in the program.

"We swim and we have a picnic and basically, we give them an opportunity to play some games, which always end up being an egg toss or a water balloon fight and pretty much, the counselors are the targets in the end," she said. "It's an outdoor picnic, we cook hamburgers and hot-dogs and we have tons of food for them. At this age they really don't like to hang out. It's kind of like there last Thursday for the summer. We do it every year on the last day."

Hartland said that this was the Teen Center's most successful year to date with over 250 Novi kids who signed up for the program.

"It was awesome," she said. "Even on the fifth week of Teen Center, we still had kids signing up. When you have that many kids and last year was only roughly 90 to 95, it definitely says that you are doing something right. Hopefully, next year I will be able to recruit beyond my record-breaking number this year. It's going to be a challenge."

Each year, Teen Center Counselors try to come up with something new for the kids to look forward to. This year the kids were all taken to Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi for a day of supervised shopping without their parents. "A lot of kids went to the mall," Hartland said. "We had over 50 kids go and they seemed to all enjoy it."

Another annual event during



Photo by John Heider

Novi Teen Center counselor Jamie Schramm, left, tosses a camper last Thursday afternoon in the waters of Walled Lake during the center's last day activities at Lakeshore Park.

the Teen Center is the all night Lock-In, which took place at Novi Middle School two weeks ago. It was also a very large success according to Hartland.

"One of the four Lock-Ins I have been to, the kids seemed to be the most into this year," she said. "When I mean by that, they were all friends despite all the cliques and groups in school, they were all one and that was so awesome to see. I know how rough it could be with having groups of friends against one another and still like that, so this was awesome. Nobody slept and every kid was able to get a prize that we received through donations from various people in the community. We had kids who even came from out of state."

When Hartland visited the schools in the spring time to try to recruit kids for the Teen Center, she saw a lot of groups and it was a challenge to try to reach every kid in the school. She was trying to get a feel of what their likes and dislikes were.

"You have kids who are dressed a certain way and who like a certain kind of music," she said. "It's pretty much went in and it was a

little bit upsetting to see how there are so many groups and so many pressures to be dressed a certain way and to be a certain way and it's really awesome to come here and now and see that here, for whatever reason, all that stuff didn't really matter anymore. The last two weeks have been really amazing."

Since the Teen Center just ended, the thought process for next year hasn't begun yet. "Normally we don't start doing anything until after the Christmas season," Hartland said. "When

Matt Tupper (Teen Center Supervisor/Coordinator) gets a chance on his spring break, he comes in and thinks up some new field trips and activities and I follow up because I get out of school early. I follow up with adding a few more field trips and thinking of new things to do just to get rid of the redundancy."

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## Albion College scholarships awarded

The hard work of some local high school students is already paying off - by earning them awards and scholarships that will pay part of their Albion College tuition.

Chase D. Chandler has been recognized for superior academic achievement with an Albion College Presidential Scholarship worth \$10,000. This award recognizes the fact that Chandler graduated from high school with a grade point average above 3.7 and an ACT score above 27 or an SAT score above 1200. In addition Chandler was recognized as a "legacy" student with an Albion Alumni Grant. This \$1,500 grant is awarded each year for four years to students with at least one family member who is an Albion College alumnus. This fall, Chandler will be a first-year student at Albion College. He is the son of Carl Chandler and Sally Chandler of Novi and a graduate of Novi High School.

Lindsay K. Ochab has been recognized for superior academic achievement with an Albion College Presidential Scholarship worth \$10,000 and as a "legacy" student with an Albion Alumni Grant worth \$1,500. This fall, Ochab will be a first-year student at Albion College. She is the daughter of Anthony Ochab and Beverly Ochab of Novi and a graduate of Novi High School.

Douglas D. Ray has been recognized for superior academic achievement with an Albion College Webster Scholarship worth \$9,000. In addition Ray was recognized as a "legacy" student with an Albion Alumni Grant worth \$1,500. This fall, Ray will be a first-year student at Albion College. He is the son of David Ray and Barbara Ray of Novi and a graduate of Novi High School.

Charles L. Searcy has been recognized for superior academic achievement with an Albion College Trustees' Scholarship worth \$12,000. This award recognizes the fact that Searcy graduated from high school with a grade point average above 3.8 and an ACT score above 29 or an SAT score above 1300. This fall, Searcy will be a first-year student at Albion College. He is the son of Charles Searcy and Vicki Searcy of Novi and a graduate of Northville High School.

## ON CAMPUS



Amanda Munger of Novi received a Bachelor of Music in Music Education from Berklee College of Music during Spring, 2003, commencement exercises. She graduated Sum Cum Laude and is attending NYU for her Masters in Musical Theater and Steven Tyler, lead singer for the rock band Aerosmith, Tyler was one of the guest speakers at graduation ceremonies.

Karen Gulewicz and Christopher Perkins of Novi, Douglas Fowler of Commerce Township, and Kelli Kaska and Kaiti Scott of Walled Lake were among the graduates of Grand Valley State University during Spring 2003 commencement exercises.

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## Werner named new Hickory Woods Elementary principal

Patricia Werner, a 28-year professional educator, has been named principal of Hickory Woods Elementary School, one of 14 elementary schools in the Walled Lake Consolidated School District. She replaces Audrey Long who retired in June.

"Pat's knowledge of building cooperative learning communities, keen understanding of today's best teaching practices and her leadership expertise will benefit the students, staff and parents of the Hickory Woods Elementary School community," Superintendent James Geisler said. Werner earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from Michigan State University with

her master's in K-12 educational administration. She is a doctoral candidate at Wayne State University.

Werner began her teaching career in 1975 and was hired in 1994 in Walled Lake as a teacher at Keith Elementary where she was appointed head teacher in 2000. She has participated in the Galileo Leadership program and the Oakland Leadership Academy for Aspiring Principals, both outstanding administrative professional development opportunities. As well, she has been the supervisor of the Sunshine Academy, Walled Lake's elementary summer school program, for three consecutive summers.



Hole-in-one = \$10,000  
Chris Becker, Senior Project Manager for Skanska Construction, center, receives a check worth \$10,000 for hitting a hole-in-one during the Novi Education Foundation Golf Outing on June 26. Presenting the check were NEF Treasurer John Shelar and NEF Chairperson Dennis Haggerty.

## Circus-like carnival a hit with kids

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We also have tons of staff members."

Like the Teen Center, kids who attend CARE during the summer can play arcade games that they don't have to pay for, gym games, arts and crafts and music and drama. Individual rooms also do a lot of their own things, like Pez jams and pizza days. The third grade even had a Harry Potter marathon.

"We put on a carnival for the kids here every year," Harris said. "We get moon walks, snow cones and cotton candy and all that stuff. Each room or grade also puts on their own kind of carnival games and rewards or prizes or some sort of incentives in order to encourage the kids to have a good time. This year our theme for the whole summer program was books, but our theme for the carnival was the circus, so a lot of our games were circus oriented and that's why we had the clowns here."

"This year's carnival lasted a little longer than last year's because some of the kids didn't get an opportunity to participate in everything last year. We wanted to make sure everybody had a chance this year to do everything," Harris said. "They had water balloon tosses and a donut eating contest and we had a karaoke machine out there so they did a little 'got ball drop game, too."

According to Harris, the carnival usually takes place towards the end of the summer program. It's something that is done every year that the kids enjoy. "We hear so many good things from the parents when the kids go home and say how much fun they had," Harris said. "It went from a once in a while activity to an annual event in Summer CARE."

The Summer CARE program, which is eight weeks long, started on June 18 and the last day is Aug. 15 this year. It would go all the way up to the beginning of the school year, but teachers need to get back into their classrooms ahead of time. The program is held at a different elementary school each year as well. This year it was at Parkview.

"That way the custodians aren't all yelling at us for being in the same buildings every year," Harris said. "It's nice for all the kids who have siblings in the program. They get to be together and for the staff it's a chance for them to all work with different people than they normally would during the regular school year."

Harris was happy with the program's turnout this year. "I was very successful for us," she said. "We had over 300 kids registered, and we usually go on at least one major field trip a week. Usually it's one that's a little further away and there is one that's local. We probably average around 200 kids on each of the field trips that we go on."

So far the kids have gone to the Science Museum in Toledo, the Detroit Zoo and they took three separate trips to the Waterford Oaks Water Park, which is the big hit for the year. They have gone to the Novi Ice Arena as well.

"We try to do something every week that the kids can look forward to besides the activities here at the school," Harris said. "This has been a very successful year and everybody seems to be having a great time."

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# Fatal fires spark interest in smoke detectors



By Phil Foley  
STAFF WRITER

Recent fatal fires in South Lyon and Pontiac that claimed the lives of nine people, including seven children, have spurred fire fighters here to rekindle efforts to make sure every home in Novi is equipped with a smoke detector.

According to Novi Fire Chief Art Lenaghan, the common element in the blaze that claimed the life of 26-year-old Guillermina Carrasco and her five children in Pontiac July 30 and the one that took the life of a South Lyon resident Saul Jaime-Perez, 36, and two of his children July 9 is that neither home was equipped with a smoke detector.

Novi, said Chief Lenaghan, hasn't had a fatal house fire in nearly a quarter century, and even then it involved an abandoned home. He said the last fatal fire of any kind in the city involved a tanker driver 12 to 14 years ago.

He noted that since he joined the fire department 25 years ago, the city's population has more than doubled, but the incident rate for fires has been cut in half.

He attributed that to the department's aggressive work on fire prevention. Every business is evaluated by a city fire inspector annually and residents can request courtesy fire inspections. Chief Lenaghan said Novi residents who would like a home inspection or a smoke detector should call the depart-

ment at (248) 349-2162.

"We encourage people to be careful," said Lenaghan. He said that along with at least one smoke detector on every floor of their home, every Novi family should have an escape plan. "We recommend that everyone in the family meet by the mailbox, everybody's got one, to make sure everyone has gotten out of the house," he said.

Novi, said Lenaghan, was one of the first communities in Southeast Michigan to require home builders to install hard-wired smoke detectors in all new residences. He said the ordinance was already in place when he joined the department.

Still, Lenaghan said fire fighters are concerned there might be the old home here and there in the city that isn't equipped with smoke detectors.

Two years ago the city received a grant from Home

Depot to provide up to 200 smoke detectors to homeowners who can't afford them. Last year some 20 Novi residents asked for the free smoke detectors, but only one person has so far this year, said Chief Lenaghan.

"We're really pushing smoke detectors as a life-saving tool," he said, stressing every home should have at least one on every floor. "They're really inexpensive."

However, for anyone who doesn't have a smoke detector in their home and can't afford one, the Novi Fire Department has free ones available." Chief Lenaghan said his department has sent out notices to several community groups, but he wanted to stress there is no reason any home in Novi shouldn't have a smoke detector. "We'll even come out and install it for you," he said.

## Fire Facts

Eighty percent of all fire deaths occur in the home.

Having a working smoke alarm more than doubles one's chances of surviving a fire.

Nearly half of the residential fires and three-fifths of residential fatalities occur in homes with no smoke alarms.

SOURCE: Federal Emergency Management Administration

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Robert McAllister and other Novi Fire Department personnel will be installing fire detectors in select homes in the coming months to give their residents added safety from home fires. The detectors were acquired through a grant from Blue Cross/Blue Shield and Home Depot.

# New Lotto promotion rolls off the line at Wixom Ford

By Phil Foley  
STAFF WRITER

Production came to a halt briefly Friday on the Thunderbird line at Ford's sprawling Wixom Assembly Plant as state Lottery Commission Gary Peters and Ford's Thunderbird Marketing Manager Paul Russell drove a silver Thunderbird off the line to kick off the Lottery's latest promotion.

"Days of Thunder" will give away one Thunderbird convertible a week between now and the end of the month. The first drawing will be held Aug. 13 and the last Sept. 10. To be eligible for a drawing, Lotto players must purchase a Win Fall game ticket worth \$3 or more between Aug. 4 and Aug. 31.

Thunder carries the same moniker as Tom Cruise's 1990 racing movie. Schaefer said that Lottery officials researched that and "it's not a problem."

The promotion comes as well-known news to workers at the Wixom assembly plant. Plugged by flagging sales, like all but a few retools, Ford executives told the Detroit News in late April that production of the two-seat sports car would end in 2005 or 2006.

Peters said Lottery officials looked to the Thunderbird for "something new and different," to entice even more people to play Win Fall, which was introduced a year ago. He said the game's format of carrying Win Fall pots at \$5 million and then

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Gary Peters, Commissioner of the Michigan Bureau of State Lottery, is driven up in a Ford Thunderbird to a news conference last Friday morning announcing lottery game to give away a Thunderbird a week during the month of August.

## Lotto promotion rolls off line

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increasing the lower tier prizes has been very popular with players.

He said he's hoping the Days of Thunder promotion will increase that popularity.

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# BUSINESS

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## Root canal no longer dreaded procedure it once was

Novi endodontist offers some of field's latest technology

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Just hearing the words "root canal" conjures images of pain and discomfort to most people. But according to Bob Rybicki, D.D.S., of Novi Endodontics, this common dental procedure is not like it used to be.

With fairly recent advances in dental technology, having a root canal is no longer something to be feared. "People who are most fearful about root canals are the ones who have not had one before," Rybicki said. "With recent improvements in the root canal process, there's no reason it should be a painful process. Actually, it alleviates a lot of pain."

Rybicki, who opened his practice on Novi Road office between Eight Mile and Nine Mile roads about three and a half years ago, received his undergraduate and dental degrees from the University of Michigan. He worked as a general dentist for five years in Livonia before receiving special training in endodontics for two years at Northwestern University in Chicago.

"My father had a good friend who's an endodontist in Dearborn. He kind of planted the idea of becoming a specialist in my head," Rybicki said. He runs his office as "paperless" as possible, with patients' charts and x-rays stored on computer. "I can put everything but signed documents on the computer," he said.

Storing dental x-rays on a computer has its advantages because the images can be enlarged for a better view. And, since no film is used, there's no need for that heavy lead apron on the patient prior to taking the x-rays.

"Sensors are used to take the images. They are more precise, and there's no chemicals or dark-

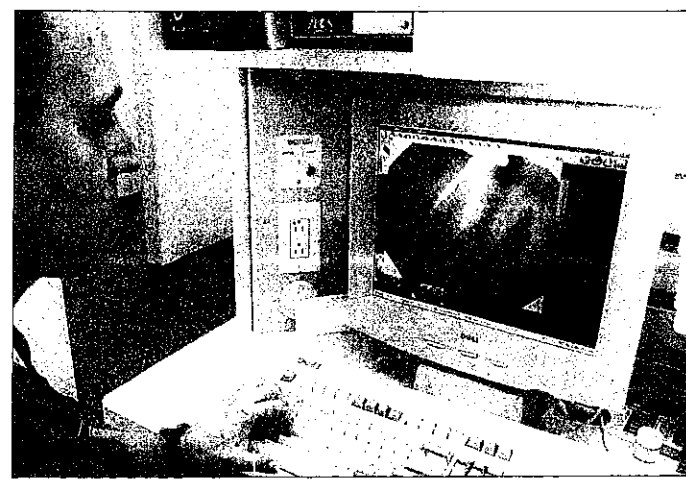


Photo by John Hooper

Dentist Dr. Bob Rybicki looks at computer monitor photo example of digital radiography that's available at his Novi office. The x-ray photos of patients' teeth use no film or chemicals.

room," Rybicki said. "Plus, there's less radiation directed at the patient. It's also more environmentally friendly since no chemicals are needed."

Similar to a digital camera, the technique is called digital radiography.

"With the ability to view images on a larger scale, dentists can now easily see what needs to be done," Rybicki said.

Although the technology is about 10 to 15 years old, Rybicki said that the imaging techniques have recently been perfected. "The technology is available but not widely used," he noted.

Rybicki also plans to purchase an oroscope, which is basically a camera attached to a microscope, in the near future to use in his work. Using this technology, he can work off of a monitor and obtain an up-close look at the area.

He will be one of the first endodontists in the area to feature this in his office and noted that only a few companies make the device. His goal is to have the new device by the end of the year. "Then I'll be able to take on cases I wasn't able to do before," he said. "They've perfected this technology in the last year also. You can see the root of the tooth much better this way."

Rybicki said the biggest improvement in the root canal process is how the root of a tooth is prepared. "We now use super flexible nickel titanium instruments to clean out the root. This used to be done by hand, but now it's done with specialized equipment," he said.

Another huge improvement in the root canal process is the use of cement instead of silver to replace a diseased root in a tooth. "Silver doesn't fit the spaces inside the tooth and has a tendency to corrode," Rybicki said.

Actually, the cement is mixed with gutta percha, a material

made from a tree similar to a rubber tree, and other chemicals before being placed into the root canal. "A cone shaped like the former root is hand-rolled to the correct size," Rybicki explained.

Root canals have to be redone occasionally, but not as often as they used to be. "The rubber/cement mixture is more easily removed than the silver, too," he noted.

So, today, a root canal doesn't have to be a procedure to be dreaded. "Patients are pleasantly surprised walking out the door," Rybicki said. "They can go back to work the same day. It's not like having your wisdom teeth removed."

Rybicki said he likes practicing dentistry in Novi and plans to remain in the area.

"The main reason I'm glad to be here is that the general dentists in the area are very good and easy to work with. Root canals are a team effort between myself and other dentists. They have to do a crown if the existing tooth can't be saved, or I can do a root canal on an existing crown. Both procedures have to be done properly for success," Rybicki said.

For more information about the latest in root canal technology, call Novi Endodontics at (248) 735-8700.

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This request will be considered at 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 13, 2003 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Department and must be received prior to August 13, 2003.

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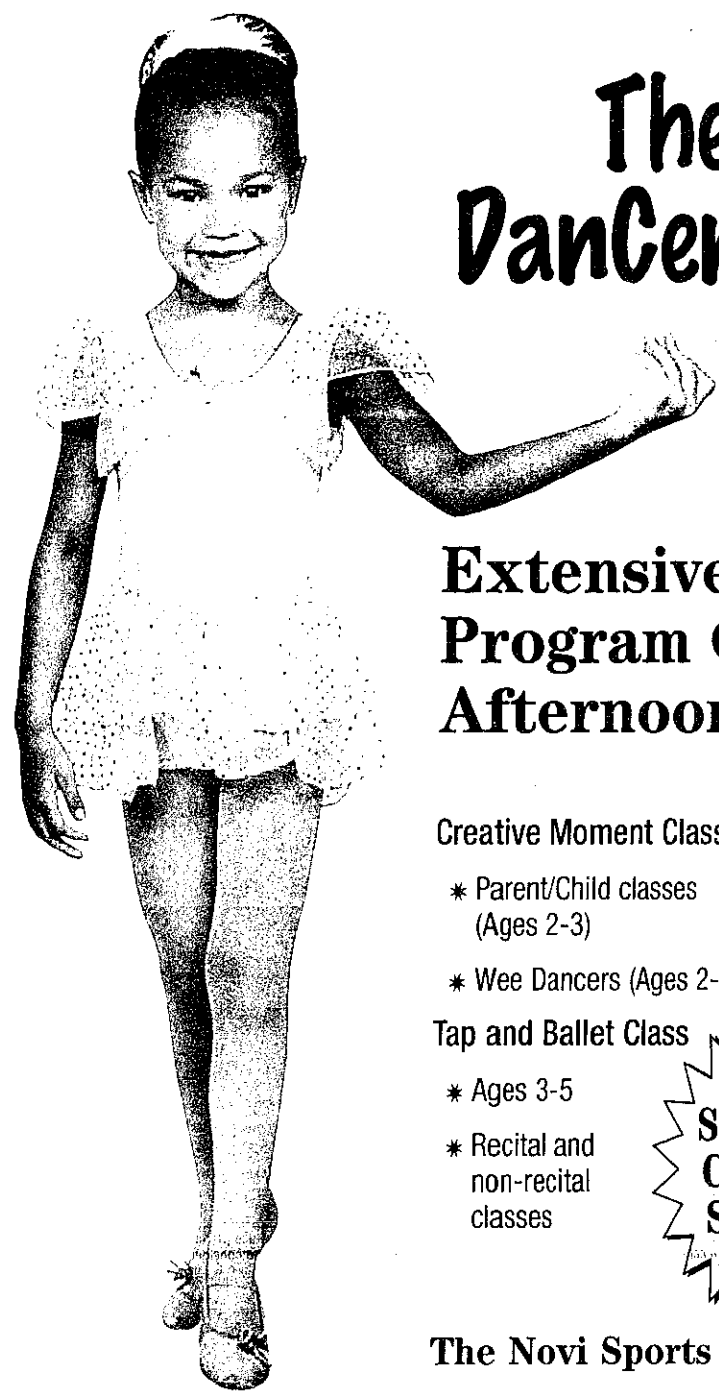
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# Dirty business comes clean

Entrepreneurs open new blind-cleaning business

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

If you have blinds on your windows at home or work, cleaning them is a chore that's akin to removing the dust from underneath your refrigerator.

It's something you can always put off until tomorrow. But a new mobile business that just opened in May in this area — Dirtyblinds.com — simplifies this daunting task.

Entrepreneurs Dave Kenney and Phil Cirka of Novi have partnered in the new business. They will be on hand at the Novi area, including Novi, Farmington Hills and Dearborn, Saturday to pass out information on their business.

"We thought this idea would be a good venture. There isn't another business like this in the Novi-Northville area," Kenney said.

"We clean all types of blinds with an ultrasonic device. It has a six-foot tank that's divided into two sections. One side is filled with a cleaning agent and water. The other side is for rinsing and includes a drying agent," he explained.

"We're trained and certified to operate the equipment," Kenney said.

When the mobile business comes to a home or business, Dirtyblinds.com workers remove the blind with the headrail still attached.

"We pull the cord, close it, take it to our truck, then open the blind to eight inches and put the entire blind into the ultrasonic tank," Cirka explained.

After a couple of minutes, the blind is moved to the rinse tank. "We have set cleaning times for different types of blinds," he said. "It's usually a minute to a minute and a half. The maximum for any type of blind cleaning is about two minutes," Cirka said.

"It's like when you get your ring cleaned at the jeweler's. It's the same basic principle, just on a larger scale," Cirka said. "Ultrasonics is just in its infancy. There's a lot of applications for this technology."

"As soon as you put the blind in the tank, you can see the dirt lifting away. And if you look at your hands while they're in the water, it even cleans the dirt and oil from your hands," he said.

In the trailer, they take the blinds and stand them up sideways to drain the water off. Then they carry them into the house and put them back up. In 15 to 20 minutes, they're completely dry. Some material blinds, silhouette, honeycomb and pleated blinds take a little longer to dry, Cirka said.

Clients include both residential and commercial accounts.

"We're just getting started. This is an ideal service for hospitals, nursing homes, restaurants, offices or any business or home that has blinds," he said.

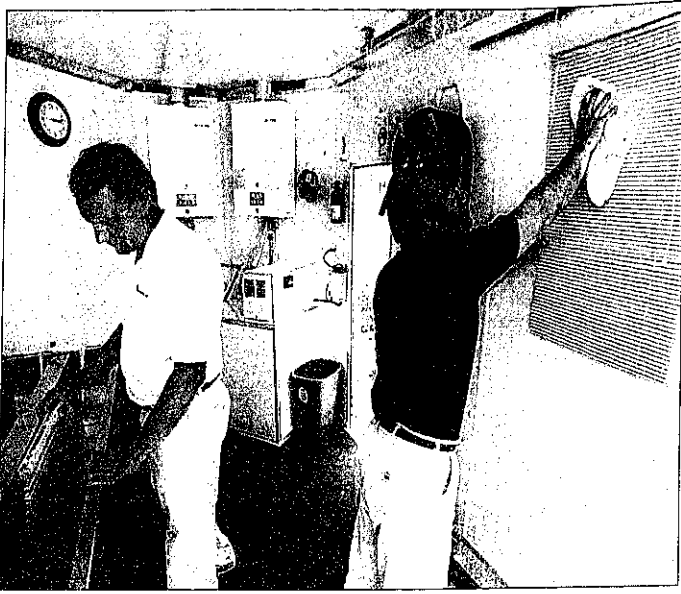
"If your blinds are not becoming to you, they should be coming to us," Cirka said.

Kenney said the new business is starting to catch on. "Right now, people are finding out about us through word of mouth. But we're starting to advertise in the area," he said.

The ultrasonic cleaning device is a safe and quick procedure, and it also lubricates the mechanical parts of the blind, according to the partners.

"We clean most types of blinds, including steel venetian blinds, mini-blinds, honeycomb blinds, wood blinds, woven wood blinds, silhouette blinds and others," Cirka noted.

"We charge by the linear foot — using the width of the blind only," Kenney added. "And we also give free estimates."



Dave Kenney, left, and Phil Gosur show how they can clean vinyl blinds in their mobile lab with Dirtyblinds.com at a Northville Township home two weeks ago.

For more information about Dirtyblinds.com, contact Kenney or Cirka at (248) 449-8215 or visit their Web site at [www.dirtyblinds.com](http://www.dirtyblinds.com).

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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Charity event scores big

The Sports Club of Novi raised \$530 for the Children's Miracle Network on National Gymnastics Day Aug. 2.

Gymnastics staff at the club will continue to accept donations to the children's hospital charity through Sunday.

About 30 families made donations to the Children's Miracle Network at the event. More than 100 children enjoyed a free introduction to artistic and rhythmic gymnastics.

The club also participated in a Cartridges for Kids Program in which seven cellular phones and 33 printer cartridges were collected and donated to the Children's Miracle Network, which receives money for recycling the items.

The club also participated in a donation to the Children's Miracle Network through the Sports Club of Novi, call (248) 735-8850.

### Restaurant sports new team

The locally-owned restaurant chain bd's mongolian barbecue, which has a location on Market Street in the Main Street Novi project, recently announced a major reorganization of the executive management team.

Carl Howard was appointed chief executive officer. Mike Branigan is

chief marketing officer. And Todd Pahl is chief financial officer.

"It's time that we, as a company, show the world the power of the Mongolians," said Billy Downs, founder and president.

Howard brings 21 years of restaurant experience to the company. Branigan has 18 years of experience in brand development, strategic marketing management and media relations. Pahl spent 11 years overseeing the financial operations and providing franchising growth guidance to bd's.

Headquartered in Ferndale, bd's mongolian barbecue is a privately-owned restaurant chain with 23 locations in nine states. The chain has won numerous awards from newspapers, magazines and associations for its create-your-own-ster-fry concept.

Most recently, bd's was recognized as one of Metropolitan Detroit's 101 Best & Brightest Companies to Work For from the Michigan Business & Professional Association.

### Chamber golf outing set

The Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce in Walled Lake will present its 12th Annual Fall Four-Person Scramble Golf Outing Sept. 8 at Beacon Hill Golf Club, 6011 Majestic Oaks Drive, in Commerce Township.

The public is invited to attend.

A shotgun start is planned for 9 a.m. The \$85 entry fee includes 18 holes of golf with cart, a continental breakfast, lunch at the turn and dinner.

Awards will include first place for men's, women's and mixed teams, longest drive for men and women and closest to the pin. Participants will also have a chance to win the lease of a 2003 Chevrolet, courtesy of Dick Morris Chevrolet.

For more information, call Jim Zick or Jo Alley at the Chamber office at (248) 624-2826.

### Chamber presents conference

The Detroit Regional Chamber will present the Small Business Conference, the region's only conference devoted exclusively to helping small businesses save money, make money and grow their business. Nov. 13 at the Ford Conference and Event Center in Dearborn.

The Chamber is expecting more than 500 owners, managers and operators to take part in sessions on how to save money when starting or advancing your business, the secrets of success from peers and experts and also be able to leverage relationships at the closing membership reception.

Attendees at the day-long conference will hear an inspirational presentation by author and "First Lady of Boxing" Jackie Kallen and a panel discussion hosted by StartUp Nation founders Jeff and Richard Stora.

The event is from 8:30 to 5 p.m., with a membership reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Doors will open at 7 a.m. for a continental breakfast and opportunity to see the Paul W. Show on WJR Radio broadcasting live from the event.

Cost is \$35 through Aug. 30, which includes the breakfast, lunch and the membership reception. Registration information is available at [www.detroitchamber.com/sbc](http://www.detroitchamber.com/sbc) or call 1 (866) MBR-LINE.

Or call Amy Haines at (313) 596-0367 or e-mail her at [ahaines@detroitchamber.com](mailto:ahaines@detroitchamber.com).

### Travel office has new faces

Mary Davis, former owner of Class Act Travel in Southfield and Farmington Hills, has joined Passageways Carlson Wagonlit Travel as the new branch manager of the Novi region office.

Davis has more than 20 years of experience in the industry. She succeeds Kristina Dunn, who has accepted a new position as regional corporate manager at Passageways' northern region office in Traverse City.



Bruno Busnardo of Highlands Ranch, Colorado, polishes up his L2 2003 Sport Lincoln LS last Wednesday morning at Novi's Varsity Lincoln Mercury at the start of a five day-long rally for Lincoln LS owners. LS owners met at Lincoln Varsity at Wixom Rd. and Grand River Ave. and then proceeded to Ford Motor Co. headquarters in Dearborn, MI.

Joining Davis in the move from Class Act Travel is Julie "C. J." Hanson, who will serve as a travel counselor in the Novi office specializing in corporate account handling and leisure vacation traveling.

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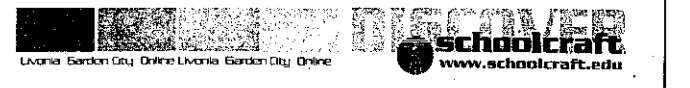
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**OBITUARIES**

**Diane G. Leeds**

Diane Leeds of Novi died August 1, 2003. She was 53. She was born in Detroit on July 31, 1950 to Jean and Doris Witt. Mrs. Leeds graduated from Redford Union High School in 1968 and attended Madonna College and Schoolcraft Community College. She had been employed as an executive assistant to the president of the Engineers Journal. Besides being a wife and mother she had time to be active in her church, Trinity Presbyterian of Plymouth, and its Ladies Bible Study group. She was also involved with the Plymouth Historical Museum, the Novi Newsletters, Neighbors and Friends group, the Northville Mother's Club and PTA with the Northville schools.

Survivors include her husband, Jack, of Novi; her son, Andrew; her parents, Jean and Doris Witt, of Northville; and her brother, David, of Northville.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, August 7, at the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home at 11 a.m. with Dr. William C. Moore of Trinity Episcopal Presbyterian Church of Plymouth officiating. Interment will be at Oakland Hills Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Plymouth Historical Museum or the Michigan Humane Society. Arrangements were made by Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home.

**George F. Krieger**

George Krieger of Novi died July 29, 2003. He was 68. Mr. Krieger was born May 6, 1935 in Buenos Aires, Argentina to Frank P. Krieger and Ella Edith Ann Lauley.

He moved to the Novi/Northville area in 1981, previously of Livonia. He was a graduate of the University of La Plata in Buenos Aires, Argentina and was a retired engineer from General Motors. Mr. Krieger was a past member of the Society of Automotive Engineers. He loved to garden and roses were his favorite. He was a member of the Rose Society of Novi.

Survivors include his wife, Christine (Kotlowski) Krieger; his mother, Ella Krieger of Mass.; two children, Linda Krieger of Novi and Eric (Angela) Krieger of Canton; two sisters, Elsie Goubrant of Rhode Island and Patricia Sordicucci of Mass.; one brother, Richard Krieger of Mass.; and one grandson, Arthur Krieger.

His father preceded him in death.

A funeral service will be held Thursday, August 7, at 11 a.m. at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River Ave., Novi. Memorial contributions may be made to Madonna University scholarship in memory of Kerri or MADD.

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**Kerri Ann Liss**

Kerri Liss of Novi died August 2, 2003. She was 20.

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Her father, Arthur "Butch" Liss, preceded her in death.

A funeral service will be held Thursday, August 7, at 11 a.m. at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River Ave., Novi.

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**Board meeting**

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

**Senior book discussion group**

Senior booklovers are reading "Eddie's Bastard" by William Kowalski for their August meeting. The group meets in the library meeting room on Thursday, August 14, at noon.

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12:30 p.m. Lunch  
12:15 p.m. Bridge  
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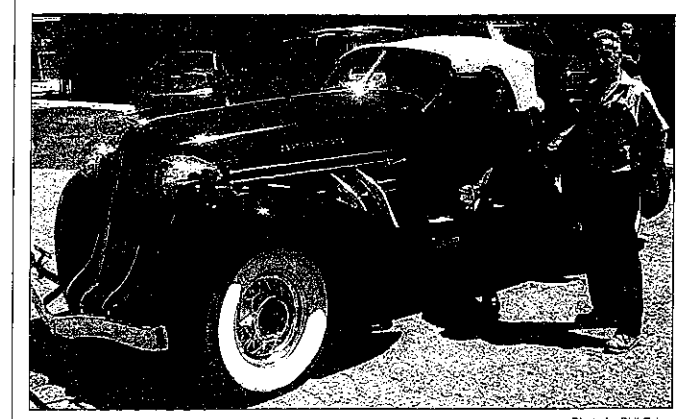
noon Clogging\*  
12:30 p.m. Dupl. Bridge\*  
1 p.m.-2 p.m. Computer Class  
Canadian Rockies Trip

**Monday 8/11**

9 a.m. Stretch & Strength  
9 a.m.-11 a.m. Intro to computers  
10 a.m. Body Recall  
11 a.m. Gossip Lady  
11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Sundry Shop Open  
noon Lunch  
12:30 p.m. Pinochle\*  
1 p.m.-3 p.m. Healing Touch  
6:30 p.m. Clogging\*  
Toronto Trip

**Friday 8/8**

9 a.m. Stretch & Strength  
11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sundry Shop Open  
noon Lunch  
12:30 p.m. Bingo



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noon Lunch  
12:30 p.m. Bingo  
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**Wednesday 8/13**

9 a.m. Stretch & Strength  
10 a.m. Body Recall  
10:30 a.m. Quilting  
11:00 a.m. Blood Pressure  
11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sundry Shop Open  
11 a.m. TOPS Class  
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# Entrepreneurs strike a NERVE with new business

**Novi Rotary Club member starts audio-visual production firm**

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Let's face it. It takes a certain amount of nerve to start your own business.

Recently, new Novi Rotary Club member Craig Tucker and other entrepreneurs combined their nerve, talent and know-how to create NERVE - a full-service advertising, production and broadcast company.

Tucker, a native of Fremont who lives in Lansing, founded the company, is the production wizard and serves as CEO.

His partners include Mark Dragovich of Attica, president; and Ron Bozymowski of Shelby Township, vice president and creative services director.

The group is using an old church in Plymouth that has been converted into a recording/video studio by another Novi Rotary Club member.

"We hope to start expanding in the Detroit area by the end of the summer," Tucker said.

"We want to be able to handle large productions and will construct a 6,000-square-foot room that we can use to produce special effects, games, movies and music videos."

Tucker said this additional location, to be called the NERVE Center, at 4719 Mt. Elliott in Detroit, will double as a live venue where DJs and bands can perform. "We won't have a liquor license, so young people will be welcome."

NERVE also has custom guitars available for bands to rent as well as a control room, stage and security system. There's even a dressing room with a makeup mirror in the former church.

Tucker said bands or individual artists can use the company's audio services for \$70 to \$100 an hour. Video shoots are priced on a per-project basis.

A former instructor of advanced video production at the Specs Howard School of Broadcast Arts in Southfield, Tucker has worked fulltime in the industry for eight years, including jobs with PBS and UPN-Channel 50.

He also assisted in the production of the recent Novi Rotary Club charity jazz concert featuring Wynton Marsalis.

Bozymowski, a native of Detroit, was a camera operator for the Detroit Tigers at Comerica Park and also worked for the Red Wings. He's also done work for ABC, ESPN, HBO, Paramount, New Line Cinema, and Interscope.

"Ron and I went to college together at [Michigan] State," Tucker said.

"He showed up as a student at Specs, but I didn't recognize him because he'd cut his hair."

Although he was living in Colorado at the time, Bozymowski came back to Detroit to work as a production assistant on rap star Eminem's recent movie, "8 Mile," and kept in contact with Tucker.



Photo by John Heider

Ron Bozymowski, left, trains a video camera on Steven Jacobs, right, on some drums, at Bozymowski and Mark Dragovich's (not pictured) Plymouth recording studio NERVE. Both are members of Novi Rotary.

Bozymowski returned to live in the Detroit area when his father had a heart attack and was doing freelance work for video houses in Detroit when he decided to join Tucker's new business.

"Ron has the best eye of anyone I've ever met," Tucker said.

Dragovich, who grew up in Mt. Clemens, was working as a real estate agent but always wanted to get into the entertainment industry.

"I called Specs Howard and said I wanted to audition for Saturday Night Live's Weekend Update, and the receptionist put me through to Craig," Dragovich recalled.

"We met, wrote some material and put a tape together. I drove from Florida, where I was living at the time, to New York to try to meet with Tina Faye, the head producer of Saturday Night Live, but didn't get to see her," he said.

"And I couldn't even leave my tape because I wasn't a member of the Screen Actors Guild," Dragovich noted.

After the trip, "I started talking with Craig. I've got a pretty good business sense and I'm good with people," Dragovich said.

NERVE went from concept to reality about a year ago, according to Tucker. The company is now divided into several units.

"Nerve Endings handles the production end of the business, such as audio and video."

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"We're always looking for new bands. If they bring in their tape, we'll distribute their music

and sell their CDs on the Internet on a consignment basis," Tucker said.

"We can also promote their music for them," he added.

The group has done a lot of video work and recorded a record release party for D12, a band comprised of Eminem's best friends and featuring the star. They also produced a Fat Joe concert recently.

"We want to produce music videos, concerts and commercial videos," Tucker said. "And, we can do cutting edge commercials at a lower cost than other production houses," he noted.

They also do commission-free local and regional advertisement placement and provide all types of production services for both businesses and musicians.

"We'll cater to your budget," Bozymowski said.

NERVE will have a Web site in the near future that will offer free music. Customers will only have to pay for shipping and handling of CDs. There will be a charge for DVD products, however.

NERVE will produce the Urban Arts Festival Oct. 10-12 in Jackson that will feature numerous bands, including the Jacktown Hustlers, a hip hop fusion band.

Steve Jacobs of Kosmic Tribe Studios, who owns a new club called The Rocket opening soon in Jackson, is co-producer of the event.

NERVE also established a charity, Lots of Nerve, to which the group contributes a portion of their profits.

The group has partnered with the Motor City Blight Busters and is using leftover materials from stage teardowns to enhance areas in downtown Detroit.

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# There's a new face on the bench

## Experienced coach Bill Kelp takes reign of girls' hoops program

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

Bill Kelp is well aware that you have to build a program before you can win with one — but he won't mind if the w's start rolling in.

The first-year Novi varsity head coach for the girls' basketball team is stepping into the role as helmman of the squad to replace Dennis Cichonski. Kelp, who has coached the junior varsity boys' team for the past six years as well as the seventh-grade girls last year, isn't a stranger to the game of basketball and what it takes to win.

He is, however, going to have to implement his own program that will find the girls eventually playing a similar style of basketball as the boys play at Novi High.

"When I came to Novi six years ago, I was hired by Pat

Schluter and John Fundukian to coach the JV boys," Kelp said. "I stuck with that and ended up having pretty good success there. When the girls coaching job opened up, I figured that it was a natural progression. It's definitely something I wanted, to be a varsity coach."

Kelp's coaching career actually dates back 11 years. The six most recent have been at Novi, while he spent time coaching and teaching at Plymouth Salem before that and even some time in Illinois in his initial years as a teacher.

The 36-year-old Kelp graduated from Michigan State University and played plenty of intramural ball while he was there. In high school, Kelp sported the silver and black uniform of the Troy High School Colts and found himself playing ball through the entire campaign.

Now, Kelp resides in the same

community where he teaches and coaches — Novi.

"I love it here," Kelp said. "I loved Salem and I loved coaching and teaching over there. And, to tell you the truth, this job kind of fell in my lap. But, looking back, I have no regrets about coming here. Novi is a great place and has some great teachers and kids."

The major difference Kelp brings to the program this year, besides his desire to turn the girls into a press and push squad, is the fact that he is indeed a teacher at the school. Teaching health at Novi allows him to be in contact with the team on a daily basis — something the

squad was without in past years. "I think having a coach in the building is a huge plus," Kelp said. "I really think that was part of my success at the JV level with the boys. I saw most of them every day and over half of them were in my class."

And that has already helped the first-year varsity coach in his newest endeavor.

"When I took over the girls, I probably knew 10 or 11 out of the 18," Kelp said. "I had a lot of them as freshmen in my health class and I've maintained that relationship with them."

With the beauty of summer basketball blessing the metro Detroit area, Kelp won't be going into his inaugural season blind. He's seen what girls have the desire and the talent to be a part of a successful basketball team, and he knows that each and every one of them knows what it takes to win.

"We had 26 days of basketball this summer and 18 girls showed up at everything," Kelp said. "We had a lot of success and a lot of games this summer. I think, hopefully, there's a new attitude amongst them."

Of course, Kelp said that he's well aware that there is a big difference between summer ball and the actual fall season.

"Things could be a lot different when things get going," Kelp noted. "But, I think the girls are excited about this season. They have a new coach and the success this summer seems to have energized as lot of girls. They're coming together, and that's all I can ask for right now."

Eventually, Kelp would like to introduce a much faster-paced game into the girls' basketball program — but he also understands that's going to take some time.

"They are adjusting to me as a

coach and the program I want to run," Kelp said. "You can compare me to a freshman basketball coach because everything the girls will be doing this year will be new to them."

"But, the one thing I can't complain about is their commitment so far. Like I said, we had 18 girls at everything during the summer."

Kelp said there will be plenty of new faces on the squad this year and he hopes to see that everyone will be up to the challenges that lay ahead.

"We have a lot of work to do," he said. "I'm confident we can do it though. The girls seem eager to get things started."

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Bill Kelp

# How far are we willing to go just to be PC?

Recently, I was informed that the Michigan Board of Education officially called for the elimination of Indian mascots, nicknames, logos, fight songs, insignias, antics and team descriptors from all Michigan schools.

I have to say — and I'm sure I'm putting my neck out there for all the letter-writing and politically-correct readers out there to take a swing at — that such a move, in my opinion, is absolutely ridiculous.

What's next? Is the PC movement going to call for the elimination of all mascots? Perhaps a wildcard is too offensive because it is an animal that was regularly trapped and skinned during the trading days of this area? Or, perhaps, Mustangs are animals that have been rounded up and tamed for centuries — maybe they shouldn't be used as a mascot either.

In my time covering sports, I have seen teams called the "Braves," the "Redskins," the "Redmen," the "Warriors," the "Indians" and the "Eskimos." Now, which of those is most offensive? In Alaska, where I covered sports, there was even a high school in Aniak with the mascot known as the "Half-Breeds." And folks, I'm not kidding when I say that mascot is referring to people and not an animal of some sort.

Yet, no one there complains. People in the lower 48 do, but not Alaskans themselves. Strange, if you ask me.

I figure the next move on this radical path we are undertaking as a society is to no doubt eliminate ourselves from mascots



Sam Eggleston

such as the "Fighting Irish" or the "Vikings." To tell you the truth, maybe we should go ahead and quit honoring long-gone civilizations like the Spartans and the Trojans too. How about for future use, the Novi Wildcats are changed to the Novi Politicians and the Northville Mustangs are now the Northville Carpenters. Or, just maybe, that's too cutting edge as well.

Let's just call it the way it is then. Every school in this area should just take the mascot the "Suburbanites" and then the more outlying schools can be the "Farmers" and the "Rural Residents."

Basically, in case you haven't caught my drift yet, this whole situation makes me want to pull my hair out because it makes absolutely no sense. We've seen it in the past, and we'll see it again now — these names will be abolished and then the Native American groups will step forward and say that they really didn't have any problem with the schools

using Indians as their mascot.

To tell you the truth, I really don't mind the "Fighting Irish" or the "Celtics," and both represent those of my ethnic heritage — though I'm the first to call myself an American instead of spouting off my mismatched bloodlines.

I played sports under the mascot of a Wolverine and we played teams from everything like the North Dickinson Nordics to the Crystal Falls-Forest Park Trojans to the Gladstone Braves — and not once did I ever hear any demonstrations. When I covered events as a reporter, I covered teams like the Marquette Redmen, the Escanaba Eskimos and the Braves and now I've even covered the Canton Chiefs, the Walled Lake Western Warriors and the Tecumseh Indians — and still not a single demonstration or letter to the editor complaining about the use of such an "offending" mascot in our sports pages.

I say, give it a rest. If those of you out there need and want to complain about something so badly, there are plenty of worldly issues that can use your attention. The rest of us have already taken the time to sit back and realize these teams are trying to honor such heritage as that given to this country by the Native Americans — maybe you should too.

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### State Champs!

The Finesse fast pitch 12s won the USA state championship in Canton on July 13. The team consists of (front row) Whitney Hastings, Novi resident Andrea dieterle, Courtney Murray, Emma LaBeau, Amanda Childester; (middle row) Beth Heldmeyer, Abby Weber, Sarah Rounsifer, Ashley White, Chelsea Osburn; (back row) coach Jon LaBeau, Samantha Cain, Northville resident Allison Holmes, Erlin van Wasshova and coach David Wutke. The team finished the season 54-6.

# Williams plays with the best of the best

## Northville junior tries out for national baseball team

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

Everyone in the area knew junior Matt Williams was a darn good baseball player — but now more than just those in Michigan are aware of it too.

Williams, who is one of the premier catchers for the Northville Mustangs as well as the Michigan Expos travel baseball team, found himself competing with and against some of the best players in the country recently.

"It was a big surprise," Williams said of being selected to try out for the National Youth team that competes overseas. "During the game that the coaches (of the national team) were watching me some of the players came up and told me that I had been picked. I was speechless. It took me about a week or so to get it."

And when it did, Williams only had to look at one statistic to know just how special it was. Out of the 1,200 kids that participated in the tournament where he was selected, only 18 were picked to try out for the national team.

Then, after he had time to absorb what it was he had been selected to do, Williams was on his way to compete with some of the best players in the country. At first, the Northville junior was quite nervous, but after the first day he found himself setting right in.

"We were all in the same boat," he said of himself and the other three catchers that were trying out for the team. "We all tried to block

it out and impress the coaches. We played out best, and had some fun while we were out there."

Though Williams wasn't selected to play against the other national squads, he said that it was worth the trip and the time spent doing it.

"I was very pleased with my performance and had a great time out there," he said. "I gave 100-percent and was right there with all the best. It wasn't like I didn't deserve to be there, which was good to know."

Even though he was mightily impressed with the ability of the players who did find themselves selected to play for the national squad, Williams noted that an injury he received while participating in the tryouts may have hampered him slightly.

"I hurt my shoulder while I was out there and couldn't throw for a full day," he said. "I'm sure that hurt my chances a little bit, but I was still impressed with the talent of the players they did pick. They are the best ball players in the nation."

Besides the possibility of being selected to the national team, Williams found out there were some added benefits to the tryouts as well.

"The coaches made it very clear to us that any kids that were picked to try out for the team were automatically put on nearly every Division I college scout's list," he said. "That means a lot to me, because this is definitely something I want to do at that level."

If he would have made the team, the Northville junior would have found himself missing out on the varsity football season — a season

where he will likely see some time with the linebacker corps.

"I really enjoy football, but I love baseball," Williams said. "If I would have made the USA team in baseball, I do think that would have been a good reason to not play football."

Williams noted that playing with such a high caliber group of kids only helped make him a better player.

"It helped me see that I still have some work to do," he said. "I'd like to keep playing against that kind of competition on a regular basis in the summer. If I keep improving over the next two years, who knows what will happen."

He also noted that because he was able to see where improvements could be made in his game, he should be a better player come spring baseball with the Northville Mustangs and coach Mickey Newman.

"I am pretty excited to get back into playing high school ball again," he said. "I've improved since last year and it should be a lot of fun. I hope I can build on what I've learned and be that much of a better player because of it."

For some reason, that doesn't seem like it will be much of a problem for Williams.

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### HOW OFFENSIVE!

Just how many schools have offensive nicknames? In my personal opinion, the answer is a flat out none. But, there's always those people out there who feel differently, and have to find something offensive about the inability for schools to be politically correct in this day and age. Well, I've taken the time to compile some of the possibly offensive mascots the different Michigan high schools happen to sport:

■ Vikings: They rape, pillage and burn — what's offensive about that? Basically, Vikings did what they wanted where they wanted and were some of the most brutal and feared people on the planet for quite sometime. Number of schools with mascot: 25.

■ Trojans: Hey, they only took a Spartan woman named Helen and caused a massive war before some smart fellas put together a big horse that they couldn't resist. A dead people, long gone but not forgotten as they manage to take to the field and play sports each year. Number of schools with mascot: 21.

■ Pioneers: Pushed through the frontier and made a point of being very scared of Indians and took their lands from them. Number of schools with mascot: 7.

■ Fighting Irish: When I see the symbol of the fighting Irishman, I always think he looks a little intoxicated. Maybe that's why he's so eager to fight? Number of schools with mascot: 4.

■ Spartans: Does taking to a field to play sports honor the sacrifice this people made to protect their country from Xerxes and the Persian army? Doubtful: These were a fierce and loyal people that found their ways pushed aside by the changing rulers of their country. Number of schools with mascot: 11.

■ Nordics, Norsemen and Northmen: Basically, these mascots are calling out a specific people. If we, as a society, have a gripe about mascots being of one people but it's fine to use another, isn't that kind of hypocritical? Number of schools with mascot: 5.

■ Martians: Really, if we can't use the proud heritage of a people in our own country and their respected image, then should we be using one of those from another planet? Number of schools with mascot: 1.

■ Crusaders: Let's see — they went into another part of the world and started killing people because they didn't like where those people were living. Sounds like the kind of thing we should be promoting! Number of schools with mascot: 11.

■ Irish, Flying Dutchmen, Highlanders, Saxons, Dutch, Pharaohs, Fighting Scots, and Quakers: Each of these mascots directly portrays a specific people or something directly related to a specific people or culture. How is that any different than what is being abolished today? Number of schools with mascot: 10.

And that is far from all of the possibly offensive mascots. I know my dad, who cuts trees for a living, wouldn't appreciate the mascots of the "Lumberjacks" and the "Loggers." The new term, coined by all of those PC folks out there, is piece cutter.

In the end, what is considered offensive is a personal opinion that each and every one of us have and if each offensive thing was to be eliminated, we'd be left with nothing. In reality, and I risk sounding like Forest Gump here, offensive is what offensive does. These kids who play under the Native American logos aren't being offensive, in my opinion — they're being honorable and respectful.



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## Twenty-two and holding

### Kerri Pomaroli comes home for August 30 show

By Sam Eggleston  
ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

Though you wouldn't know it by looking at her, former Northville resident Kerri Pomaroli has managed to break the laws of physics. How, you ask? It's simple — she stopped aging at 22 years old.

The joke out here is how everyone seems a lot younger than they really are, but that's the way it works in TV land. Pomaroli said about her home in the Los Angeles area, "Basically, you're ageless out here. Between 21 and 40, your age is just vague. People will say to me that I must be about 22, and I say 'Yes, I am.'"

Pomaroli, who graduated from Northville High School and is now a successful stand-up comedian and actress, says that life in Los Angeles is a whole different world compared to that of Northville — especially from when she was still living here.

"I just can't believe Northville has a Starbucks," she said with a laugh. "We weren't even allowed to get fast food unless it was Hardee's."

Even growing up seemed so simple in this area. "We were good kids," she said. "When we graduated from high school we had never been out drinking or anything. I didn't see any kind of drug. We weren't dorks or anything, we were just good kids."

Pomaroli said that when she comes back to Northville now, it seems so much different. No longer are the kids sheltered or the community refusing to accept the changes of business and the challenges that come with it.

Pomaroli said coming back to Northville is not only a trip down memory lane and a good time, it gives her something to be impressed with too.

"The houses are so big," she said. "They just look enormous compared to Los Angeles. People have yards and actual grass. They can ride their bikes around here."

But, no matter how much the draw of the houses and the family life may be in Northville, Pomaroli is home in Los Angeles. Out in Redondo Beach, a small beach community where Pomaroli calls home, she is realizing her dream.

"I'm living near the beach and I am definitely living my dream," she said. "I basically moved out here to be a beach chick, and that's what I am. I even have an ocean view if you stand on one leg and stretch."

But, it's nice to visit Northville and the surrounding area once and a while.

Los Angeles is really crazy," Pomaroli noted. "It's a fast-paced lifestyle and every now and then you just have to leave to detox. That's why it's nice to come back."

And coming back is exactly what she's about to do. An actor and a stand-up comedian, Pomaroli is making the trip to Michigan to showcase her comedy talents at the Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase August 30 with two shows. The first is at 8 p.m. and the second is slated for 10:30 p.m.

"This is basically a trial run," she said. "I would love to travel more and want to eventually be a comedian that goes out on the road. When it comes time to leave, I'd like to come back and do some shows in Michigan. Hopefully, people will harass the owners of the club enough that they'll want me back."

Pomaroli jokingly said that even if the crowd doesn't get into her act, she may still find the support she needs to be asked back for future dates.

"Even if I'm not funny, I'm sure my parents invited enough people to help me out," she said. "They are probably going 'Kerri needs to make something for herself. So come support the cause.'"

Pomaroli's act consists of things that happened in her life or to people she knows — and according to her that's the way it should be.

"I talk about my mother and let me tell you, she had a girlfriend and her obsession with me getting married," Pomaroli said. "I talk about growing up in the Midwest and I even talk about Corey Feldman, my childhood crush."

And there's a variety of other subjects too — including a conversation she had with a girlfriend of hers who stated that she had just seen the "hottest homeless guy."

"I can't believe she said that to me," Pomaroli said. "I told her right away that I'd be using it and she didn't care."

Pomaroli is also an actress who has made over 25 appearances on the "Tonight Show with Jay Leno" in a three-year span playing such roles as Jontia Bush. She also had a recurring role in the day-time soap opera "Port Charles" as a nurse named Kathy.

"I called her Kathy the mute nurse because they were always cutting my lines," Pomaroli said with a laugh.

She also had a role on game show "The Price is Right" as well as in "Shop 'Til You Drop" — both times as a contestant.



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Northville graduate Kerri Pomaroli is a stand-up comedian and actress in Los Angeles. She will be returning home in a one-night performance August 30 at the Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase.

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## Is it wrong that it feels so good?

### 'American Wedding' provides side-splitting laughs

By Ramez Khuri  
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The highly anticipated "American Wedding," the third installment of the "American Pie" series, has just hit movie theaters, and with it comes a new set of laughs, unbelievably gross gags and, of course, the wild antics of one of the movie's main stars, Steve Stifler, played by Sean William Scott.

Though the film was missing a few members of the original cast from the first two movies, like Shannon Elizabeth who played Nadia, Chris Klein who played Oz and Tara Reid who played Vicki, the remaining crew more than made up for the loss. "American Wedding" boasts a line-up of Jason Biggs (who plays Jim Levenstein), Alyson Hannigan (Michelle Flaherty), Thomas Ian Nicholas (Kevin Myers), Eddie Kaye Thomas (Paul Finch), Scott (Stifler), Jennifer Coolidge (Stifler's mom) and, of course, Eugene Levy as Jim's advice giving dad.

In the movie, Jim finally pops the question to Michelle, as the duo have been dating for quite a while. The two are overjoyed and start planning the wedding, but both decide not to tell Stifler, knowing full well that the boy could single-handedly wreck all their plans.



Courtesy Photo

The gang's all here — well, almost. Only a few cast members didn't make it back for the marriage that was meant to be in the newest and final installment of the "American Pie" trilogy. The ones who did make the movie very worthwhile.

Needless to say, Stifler, who is a crude, foul mouth "friend" from high school, finds out, invites himself to the wedding and eventually worms his way into becoming one of the best men along with Finch and Kevin.

The minute that Stifler appears on the screen, the film takes a turn

for the better. Just by making one of those goofy faces of his, the guy could make even the worst snarling laugh. The movie follows his antics from planning a bachelor party complete with a guest list which doesn't include the groom-to-be, to losing the wedding ring to a dog, to finding himself alone in a closet

with Jim's grandmother. It wasn't all Stifler though. What "American Pie" movie would be complete without several uncuttable conversations between Jim and his dad, an unbelievably embarrassing moment by Jim and a short, but memorable appearance by Stifler's mom? Those who have

seen the first two movies would probably remember what I'm talking about. First there was Jim's pie incident, then that whole thing with the glue and this new one gives a new meaning to the phrase, "Gross, there is a hair in my wedding cake!" That was pretty disgusting, but it wasn't the most disgusting part of

the movie. You can leave that to Stifler. "American Wedding" takes its audience on a hilarious ride from Michigan, to an alternative life style bar in Chicago and back. The movie is every bit as funny as the first two and is well worth your time.

### SCREEN BEAT

By Brian Renner  
THE MOVIE INSIDER

Coming to theaters this weekend is a remake of the 1977 Brian De Palma "Frenzy Friday" which follows a tomboy teenage girl, Annabel (Lindsay Lohan), and her widowed mother, Ellen (Jamie Lee Curtis). The two who are always arguing with each other, simultaneously wistfully, they soul deepens into a somehow magically exchange bodies, and they both learn what it's like to be in the other person's situation. As nice as that might be, the duo faces a deadline, as the mother is due to get married soon, and doesn't want to miss the big event "Freaky Friday."

Horror-thriller "Jason vs. Freddy" (PG-13), modern day comedy "Le Divorce" (PG-13), western-adventure "Open Range" (PG-13), sports spoof "Shaolin Soccer" (PG-13), teen-adventure "Grind" (PG-13), comedy "Uptown Girls" (PG-13), and offbeat comedy "Camp" (PG-13).

Kids/family comedy "What a Girl Wants" starring Amanda Bynes as 19-year-old Daphne Reynolds, who has been raised in New York City by her mother (Kelly Preston) and decides that she wants to find her long-lost British father (Colin Firth) in London, who is part of England's aristocratic society. Once in London, it doesn't take long before her hip American lifestyle

disrupts her father's entire life. "What a Girl Wants" is a Warner Bros. Pictures release and rated PG for mild language.

Comedy "Bringing Down the House" is the story of a man whose world is shaken when he encounters a woman who's not just from a different hood, but a different world. Peter Sanderson (Steve Martin) is a divorced, workaholic attorney who falls madly in love with a woman on the Internet. Trouble ensues when she (Queen Latifah) turns up on his doorstep, since she's an escaped convict from a maximum security prison. "Bringing Down the House" is a Touchstone Pictures release and rated PG-13 for language, sexual humor, and drug material.

Kids' action-comedy "Agent Cody Banks" stars Frankie Muniz as teen Cody Banks, whose part of a secret CIA program. Cody's training is put to the test when he's sent to pose as a prep school student and befriend fellow teen Natalie Connors (Hillary Duff) in order to gain access to her father, a scientist unknowingly working for an

evil organization "Agent Cody Banks" is a Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer release and rated PG for action violence, mild language, and some sensual content.

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## Blueprint for a comfortable ride

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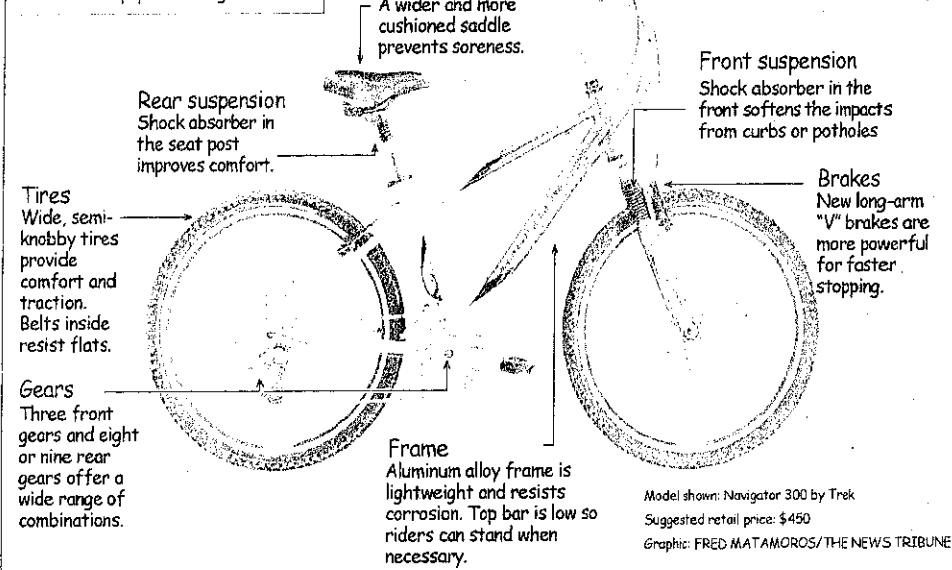


Photo by Steven R. Nickerson / Scripps Howard News Service  
Dr. Charles S. Barozz checks out patient Lola Morrow, whose hands are in mittens after a hand wax treatment.

## Open wide, say 'ahhh'

Spa approach to dental visits boosts patient comfort, costs

By Debra Melani

**SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE**  
Brian Doubleday has a different picture of a dentist's office than most patients do. They see cold blue chairs and blinding lights. He sees heated backrest pillows and dark glasses. They smell pungent sterilization chemicals. He smells fresh-baked cookies and scented candles.

Doubleday's dentist uses pampering techniques designed to appeal to all the senses—and to deflect pain. This addition to dentistry is catching on so much in some major cities that dentists are dubbing their practices "dental spas," where patients are offered everything from facials to wine spritzers with their cleanings and root canals.

"It's a good trend, I'll tell you," says Doubleday of Boulder, Colo. "For me, going to the dentist—while never viewed as a wonderful experience—has lost a lot of that fear factor. I've never been so relaxed in a dentist's office. And I'm 56."

For Doubleday, the grating sound of a drill has given way to a CD player with his favorite music. Long, tense appointments—his last one was four hours—include paraffin hand waxes and neck rubs.

The final rinse and spit in a porcelain bowl? A thing of the past. Doubleday's appointments now end with heated scented towels and bottles of spring water.

Doubleday's dwindling fear is the main point of the trend. Not all dentists agree with the spa approach, but most understand the need to allay anxiety—an issue deemed important enough to be part of many dental schools' curricula.

"There are more nerve endings in the mouth than there are anywhere else in the body," said Dr. Charles Barozz, Doubleday's dentist. "And we're coming at people wielding sharp objects."

At the Boulder Center for Aesthetic Dentistry, fruit smoothies and complimentary hand and foot massages are offered to tame dental angst.

"It makes people feel comfortable in a setting that is traditionally fearful," said the center's cosmetic consultant, Jeff Bailey. While he admits it's mostly marketing bait, the people who are reeled in gain the most, Bailey said.

"We have a patient who hadn't been to the dentist for 10 years," Bailey said. "He's a construction worker, a big, gruff concrete guy. Now he's motivated to come in and take care of his teeth."

The pampering surprised that patient, Jeff Burchett of Benthold, Colo.

"I was just doing the normal teeth-cleaning thing. It had been a few years," said Burchett, 41. Then someone asked if he wanted a massage.

"The next thing I know, I'm getting this great foot massage. From then on, I couldn't wait for my dentist appointments," said Burchett.

Barozz isn't sure whether patients would welcome manicures and microdermabrasion treatments, which some of his colleagues in Dallas, Chicago and Los Angeles offer.

According to Howard Landesman, dean of the University of Colorado's dental school, it doesn't matter whether patients welcome them. He says it's wrong.

"I think it's ridiculous," Landesman said, adding that he's not a "close-minded kind of a guy." But mingling spa treatments, such as manicures, with oral health care, such as root canals, creates a dangerous combination of practices requiring two levels of infection control, he said.

What if the trend were to become widespread? "It would denigrate the profession," Landesman said. "It's a marketing tool, which doesn't in any way, shape or form have anything to do with health-care needs. We can make people comfortable in a dental office without those marketing tools."

Dentists who offer spa-like practices say their fees can be kept down because of the extra business the perks bring in. "What we pay a massage therapist is nothing compared to the word-of-mouth we get back," Bailey said.

But their prices are higher than average, and the cost factor is the main reason most dentists aren't latching onto the spa trend, said Michelle Cunningham, spokeswoman for the Metro Denver Dental Society.

The cost, coupled with the fact that many people have no dental insurance, discourages dentists from joining the spa trend, because they don't want to push dental care further out of patients' reach, Cunningham said.

Despite its detractors, many in the industry believe the trend is not passing fad, and that's something Doubleday is glad to hear. The comfort has made such a big difference in his life that he'd pay even more for the perks, he said— "without a doubt."

# READY TO ROLL

You can dust off an old bike or buy a new one, but experts say comfort is the key to keeping you on two wheels

By Skip Card

**TACOMA NEWS TRIBUNE**  
Longtime cyclists have heard the excuses. They know people believe bicycles are too expensive, too dangerous, too uncomfortable and require too much effort. They know non-riders hate steep hills, fast cars and these funny-looking helmets. They know your last bike ride left your legs, back and but sore for days.

But cyclists also know your secret desires. They know you want to be healthy, fit and strong. They sense you envy those laughing bicycle riders who pedal through scenic countryside and then sit down to a four-course lunch. They know that the green eco-friendly lunking dread inside you makes you yearn to burn calories instead of gasoline.

The solution: Live your dreams. Forget about finding the right mate, the perfect music or bicycle shorts that don't make your butt look big. Just dust off that old Schwinn and start pedaling toward a better tomorrow.

And don't worry that the bike you're riding might draw sneers from triathletes in training.

"Whatever you have, take it to the bike shop and have it set up for what you use it for," suggested Jason Wennstrom, manager of Rainier Cycle Sports in Tacoma, Wash.

"It's not about the bike. It's about cycling—having the bike become part of your lifestyle," Wennstrom said. "If you have a bike in the basement, pull it out—we'll put some air in the tires—and go ride."

For would-be riders without a bike in the basement, a return to cycling usually starts with a trip to a bicycle dealer. There, newcomers often face a head-spinning assortment of high-end bicycles that can cost more than some used cars.

Wennstrom is happy to sell high-end bikes. But new riders often are drawn to what manufacturers call the comfort bicycle, a beginner-friendly style Wennstrom calls "the sports utility bike" of the modern market.

Comfort bikes feature a padded saddle, high handlebars and easy-to-use shifters that click with each gear change. A shock absorber in the seat post, two shocks on the front forks and big, wide tires cushion the rider on rough surfaces.

The frames' top bar sits low, making it easy for riders to stand or dismount. "It offers more comfort than you need, and it's what everybody wants," Wennstrom said.

Most models sold in bike shops start around \$300.

In exchange for extra comfort, riders get a bike that's heavier and slower than the sleek, lightweight models designed for long tows.

Close cousins to comfort bikes are cross bikes or hybrids. These have the same bump-absorbing suspension systems of comfort bikes or low-end mountain bikes, but hybrids often feature slightly narrower tires, lower handlebars and frames with higher top bars.

Ralph Wessels, president of the Tacoma Wheelmen's Bicycle Club, said new members often arrive pedaling cross bikes and hybrids but switch after a year or two as they grow more accustomed to cycling. Most step up to leaner road bikes that weigh less and go faster.

"The lighter, fatter bikes often start around \$500, and high-end models can fetch \$4,000 or more.

Prices rise as the manufacturers add expensive, lightweight frames, vibration-absorbing carbon-fiber forks or finely crafted gears and derailleurs for cleaner shifting.

Riders who have selected a bike model must also find one in the right size. Frames that are too long or too short can lead to pain in the shoulders, back and neck, Wessels said.

New riders also should expect to spend about \$100 on accessories. Locks are recommended, and many areas have helmet laws.

Gloves, water bottles and padded bicycle shorts make riding more comfortable. Simple tools and a spare tube or repair kit carried in a pack or pouch will come in handy if a tire pops.

Many cyclists also buy new saddles to replace the seat that came with the bicycle. A variety of models

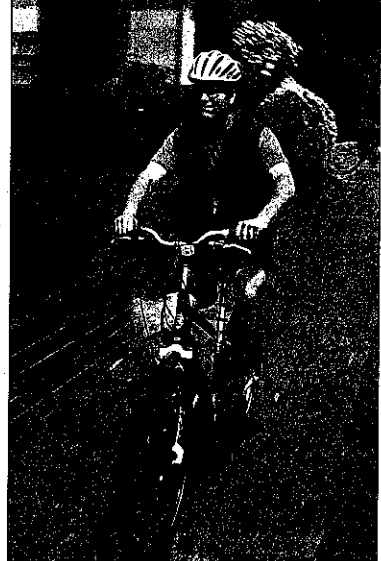


Photo by Chris Goodnow / The Tacoma News Tribune  
Jason Wennstrom, manager of Rainier Cycle Sports, rides a "comfort bike" which is equipped with higher handlebars, a seat with shocks and smoother tires for street riding.

are available in different shapes or with different levels of padding.

Wennstrom said he hears many people say they avoid bicycling because they worry about being hit by cars or getting hurt in falls. He believes they are missing the big picture.

"The No. 1 killer in this area is not riding a bike," Wennstrom said. "It's being sedentary."

## Expenses can add up quickly for detox treatment

By Thaddeus DeJesus

**SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE**  
Drug or alcohol dependence can strain the wallet as well as personal relationships.

Depending on the level of care and the addict's financial status, the expense of treating a substance abuse problem can cost an addict from nothing to \$33,000. A high price tag, though, should not deter alcoholics and drug abusers from becoming sober, experts said.

Dick Spalding, president of the non-profit Serenity House in Abilene, Texas, said a 30-day treatment with detox costs approximately \$11,000 for a client who does not qualify for state assistance. A "high-dollar" treatment center that offers amenities such as golf courses and swimming pools charges up to \$33,000 for the same level of care.

At a non-profit center such as Serenity House, indigent clients who qualify for state assistance are treated at no cost to them. However, depending upon the time of year, such clients may be put on a waiting list to receive treatment.

Private-pay clients, whose payments help subsidize the care of indigents, do not have to wait.

Upon visiting a drug treatment facility, an addict is screened and the assessor determines the level of care the patient needs, which ranges from acute care, such as detoxification, to residential outpatient care, which typically takes 28 days to complete.

Mary Busby, executive director of Abilene Regional Council on Drug and Alcohol Abuse, a clearinghouse on substance abuse and treatment, said insurance companies typically pay for 80 percent of treatment.

The patient pays the remainder out of pocket, and most providers schedule a payment plan, she said.

"I've seen very few people who didn't go to treatment because they didn't have the money," Busby said. "They (patients) try to do something" to come up with the money.

After the initial screening, the facility contacts the patient's insurance company and submits paperwork detailing treatment and cost.

The insurance company can approve or deny the claim.

If the claim is denied, the assessor refers the patient to another facility that can treat the patient, usually a state-funded facility.

According to the latest statistics from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, most substance abusers—64 percent—admitted to treatment facilities did not have private insurance and did not qualify for Medicaid, which some facilities accept for payment.

Although people without Medicaid or private insurance may not receive care as promptly as a patient who has the means, they can still receive care at a facility that has state-funded beds, such as Serenity House of Abilene.

Spalding said the rehab facility uses a waiting list to prioritize care and give "everyone a fair shot" at treatment. The list operates much like a triage system in which the patients in most dire need of care are bumped to the top.

"If they really need to get into detox, we'll find a way to get them in, whether or not they're on the top of that list," he said.

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Grover also offers warnings:

■ If you shop with your friends, don't buy what your friend buys. Chances are, you'll get it home and discover the item reflects your friend's taste, not your own.

■ Don't buy and decorate under pressure. Buying for a party tomorrow? Chances are, you won't like it the day after.

■ Don't decorate when you're tired. Choosing paint colors and slipping them on the walls when you're sleep-deprived is a sure recipe for disaster.



Photo by Ryan Galbraith / Salt Lake Tribune  
The dining room in Jill Grover's home in Utah features slip-covers on dining room tables made of old wedding dresses.

## Author applies thrifty design tips to her Utah home

**SALT LAKE TRIBUNE**  
Jill Williams Grover appears to live a double life: There's the one as a decorator in tiny Corona Del Mar, Calif., and the one as a fun-loving, whimsical mom in Brigham City, Utah, who has authored several books, including "Dime Store Decorating."

She prefers the latter. And her home, tucked up against the mountains and a golf course in northern Utah, is her laboratory.

With a whole lot more flair and a little less trouble than most how-to decorating guides, "Dime Store Decorating" (Sterling Publications, \$27.95) and its paperback counterpart, "Fabulous Flea Market Decorating" (Sterling Publications, \$17.95), take enthusiasts through home projects with heart.

Those funky, fancy mirrors in Grover's dining room? They're discarded windows and doors reborn. The chair covers? They were wedding dresses in their former life. Grover bought them for pennies on the

dollar at a second-hand shop.

"That's what I'm all about: a place that is fun and comfortable," Grover said.

One day, she swears, she'll write a book called "The Party House." Until then, she'll just live in one. Every corner holds stuff she loves: bright colors, family photos.

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# HOME & GARDEN

## DORM LIFE 101

To squeeze in every necessity, check the rules

By Cindy Wolff

**W**hen University of Memphis officials say you can bring a 20-gallon fish tank to your dorm, they mean you can put fish in it, but not any other living creature.

It's a fine point, but one that needs to be clear as teens try to decide what they'll need to live on a college campus.

Candles? Not allowed. Computer? It's up to you. Alarm clock? Only if you want to get to your class on time. (Remember, Mom's not there to come into your room five times to rouse you.)

For many freshmen, the dorm will be the first experience of living in a world where toilet paper doesn't magically appear on a roller and dirty clothes just turn up clean and folded on the bed. It might be the first time for some students to share space.

"Most kids have their own bedrooms at home and aren't used to living with a roommate," said Danny Armitage, associate dean of students at University of Memphis.

"There's a lot of value in the dorm experience, because this could easily be the most diverse community in the city of Memphis. People from every walk of life, race, nationally, religious affiliation and economic status live closer than a lot of families."

And that means knowing what to bring into these close-knit living quarters.

"The least amount possible," is the advice of Becky Lloyd, a Memphisian who has moved and roomed four daughters from dorms in the last seven years.

"You go there with a Suburban full of stuff and you come home with three Suburbans full," she said.

She hasn't purchased a mini-refrigerator or a microwave because typically the roommates bring them anyway.

Nor did Lloyd buy her girls personal computers to take to the dorms, because most campuses have plenty of computers in their libraries or labs.

But in this electronic age of the Internet, computer games, DVDs, televisions and VCRs, there will be plenty of freshmen who feel they must pack their dorm with entertainment possibilities.

"When I was in college in the 1980s, we put everything into my car and everything into my parents' car and moved in with no problem," said Dr. Ann Bailey, director of housing and residents life for Mississippi State University in Starkville. "Now they fill up both parents' sport utility vehicles and come back up some sort of trailer. They bring furniture and anything else they think will make their life more comfortable."

Some even bring housekeepers for one clean sweep before the move-in (even though the university staff has cleaned). Some bring interior decorators.

The universities typically provide window measurements in case someone wants to buy drapes to go over the blinds that are furnished.

The schools usually give roommates contact information weeks prior to move-in day so the roommates can decide if they want to buy matching comforters or divvy up who will bring the appliances.

Mississippi State furnishes each room with a "micro-fridge," a combination microwave oven and mini-refrigerator.

At Auburn University, the beds can be bunked so students can bring in a little more living room-type furniture or a futon to accommodate out-of-town visitors, said Kim Trupp, director of housing and residents life.

"We've had students bring in a leather wingback chair, ottoman, cherry side table and a 50-inch television," said Armitage. "We had others who found an old dentist chair complete with an overhead light and a sink on the side that they used for studying in their dorm. If they build something, we have our maintenance supervisor check it to make sure it's safe."

The good news is that if a student forgets bed linens or towels or needs more shelving or storage equipment, most local retailers near universities stock up on those items near move-in time.

"Many of them keep it year-round," said Armitage.

"I've never seen a student who couldn't find extra-long twin sheets in this city. The retailers know what to stock."

### Solid Advice

- Whether your child will need a shower curtain and bath mat depends on whether the dorm bathroom is a community one down the hall or one shared with suite mates.
  - Most universities will supply a list of rules for each dorm room and measurements of wall space or windows.
  - Here's some advice on things to bring and to consider:
    - A toolbox to help build shelving (if allowed) or rack-up things.
    - Cement blocks (if allowed) to raise the bed so more items can be stored underneath. Check with the university for the rules.
    - Sticky hooks that can be removed from a wall or door when your student moves out. (Many dorms don't allow nail holes.)
    - Dry memo board with an eraser to place on the dorm door for messages.
    - Bicycle—easy transportation from dorm to dorm or to classes. Many dorms have bike racks where your bike can be secured with a lock (that you supply).
    - Renter's insurance. Parents should check to see if a rider can be added to their homeowner's insurance policy or invest in a small policy for your child. Even if the only piece of electronic equipment in your child's dorm is a computer, renter's insurance could be worth the investment.
    - Most universities provide a punch list of suggested items for students to bring, such as flashlight, sewing kit, first-aid kit, utensils, cleaning supplies, mop, laundry basket, bottle opener and waste basket.
- CINDY WOLFF





# REGIONAL MARKETPLACE

## MONEY MATTERS

### Registry helps end pesky calls

Consumers go to unusual lengths to avoid dealing with telemarketers. Take my husband for example. He hung up on my sister who phoned us last month from England because he thought she was a telemarketer.

He didn't mean to hang up on her. He was simply employing an anti-telemarketing strategy we adopted months earlier to avoid the blasted calls.

When she called back a minute later, exasperated, I explained to her that if we don't hear a voice on the other end of the line within a few seconds of picking up the phone (dead air), we simply hang up. And if we happened to hang up on anyone we knew, naturally they'd call back.

Our strategy worked until the volume of hang-ups on the machine got so large we had to change and unlist our number. Now we receive about one call a week.

Earlier this month I registered our phone number with the national Do Not Call registry, a program directed by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). As of July 28, consumers had registered a total of 28.7 million telephone numbers in the registry. The FTC expects to register more than 60 million numbers by the end of 2003.

### How the registry works

Beginning in September telemarketers will be required by law to search their call lists every quarter for numbers listed in the registry. If consumers still receive calls after they've registered, and their number has been in the registry for three months, they can file a complaint with the FTC at [www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov) or by calling 1 (888) 382-1222. A telemarketer who disregards the Do Not Call registry could be fined up to \$11,000 per call.

Telemarketers will also be subject to fines if they don't transmit their phone numbers, and in many cases their names, to your Caller ID service. Enhanced FTC regulations also say there must be someone on the line when you pick up the phone or at least a recorded message saying who is calling.

### How to register

Visit the FTC online at [www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov). You'll be prompted to enter your telephone number and e-mail address. After you verify and submit your information you'll receive an email asking you click on a link to complete the registration process.

You can also register over the telephone by calling 1 (888) 382-1222 from the number you wish to register. Registration is free and your name will remain in the registry for five years.

Not all businesses are required to abide by the Do Not Call list. Charities, political solicitors, survey firms and organizations with which consumers have an established relationship can still ring you. However, if you ask a company not to call you, they must honor your request.

### Scam alert

According to the Eastern Michigan Better Business Bureau (BBB) fraudulent telemarketers are charging consumers \$9.95 to \$39.95 to register for the list. They're also asking for personal information during these calls including the consumer's Social Security number, bank account numbers and mother's maiden name. Consider warning your elderly loved ones who are too polite to simply hang up the phone on these scammers.

### Junk mail

If you're plagued with an inordinate amount of commercial advertising mail, consider signing up for a do not mail list on the Direct Marketing Association's Web site at [www.the-dma.org](http://www.the-dma.org), under "Consumer." However, only Direct Marketing Association members are required to purge their lists of do not mail list subscribers. Receiving too many credit card offers? Phone 1 (888) 5-OPT-OUT. It's a service run by the three major credit card bureaus. You'll be required to supply your Social Security number. Once again, credit card marketers aren't required by law to honor this list.

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Dan Howell and Stewart Oldford, partners of Oldford & Howell LLC, Development, show the plans for their subdivision while standing on its quiet, winding road.

## New Parshallville Pond sub provides quaint, historic setting

Oldford-Howell Development, LLC creates a quiet paradise that's not far away

By Ramez Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

What do you get when you bring two highly experienced developers together for one project?

In this case you get the Parshallville Pond Subdivision.

Dan Howell and Stuart Oldford have been in the development business for many years and have extensive experience in building residential developments.

Together, they formed Oldford-Howell Development, LLC and came up with the idea for a subdivision set in a quiet, secluded area that's close to the freeway.

Nestled away in the quaint, historic hamlet of Parshallville, has become the perfect setting for their new development. Just 15 minutes north of the US-23 and I-96 Brighton interchange, 20 nostalgic home sites overlook the sparkling water of Parshallville Pond, providing a peaceful, scenic site.

"This location is really closer than most people think in terms of time," Howell said. "Most people think in terms of distance and not time. In actuality, it's only 15 minutes north of Brighton on US-23 and that's one of the reasons we picked that location. It's a quaint little setting and reasonably close commuting for many people."

The hamlet of Parshallville was founded in 1835 and is nestled in Parshallville Valley along North Ore Creek in Hartland Township. The Grist Mill, built in 1835, remains operative today and is designated as a "Historical Site" by the State of Michigan.

According to Howell, the area has many similarities with Franklin Village. "It's the little town of Parshallville," he said. "It has a pond there, a water fall, a cider mill, the whole thing. It has that up north feeling except you're still very close to metro Detroit."

Parshallville Pond Subdivision effectively combines a historic, serene setting within the growing township of Hartland. With its acclaimed progressive school system, new shopping plaza and recreational parks, Hartland is fast becoming the place to live.

The story behind the unity of the two developers started when Oldford, who lives right down the street from Parshallville, was told about the land going up for sale. He contacted Howell and the two visualized the site as ideal for a small residential development.

There are only 20 lots in the subdivision which are for sale to individuals as well as builders. An individual purchasing a lot can select their own builder, which is also unique to the development. "Most subdivisions don't allow

that opportunity," Howell said. "A builder usually contracts the entire site and you have to contract with that builder, so this gives you the opportunity to select your own builder."

"We have certain covenants and restrictions designed to protect the homeowner's investment," Howell added. "They also influence the house design and establish a tone compatible with the reminiscent style of the village community."

A Township Park and open space lead into the dense scenic stand of mature white pines and hardwoods. The rolling terrain offers potential for many daylight and/or walkout home designs. Neoclassic home styles are emphasized to blend with the historic, nostalgic setting.

"This is not just a typical subdivision," Howell said. "Our development enjoys the advantage of being tucked away in a small village setting — a short walk and you're at the front steps of the old cider mill together with enjoying the peaceful splashing of water spilling over the falls."

Another perk to purchasing land in the new Parshallville Pond Subdivision is that by law, people who put a deposit on property have nine days to make a decision after they put the deposit down. Under the structure that the two developers have on this subdivision, the buyer has nine days to finalize their thoughts — a "cooling off" period.

"So, if they made an emotional decision they have an opportunity to look at their finances and look at everything else before they make the final

decision," Howell said. "The deposit is fully refundable within that nine day period, no questions asked."

Howell tries to match people up with the area in terms of what they need and wants are. "We try and match the person up with what they are looking for and if they have 10 reasons why they want to buy a lot out in Hartland and my interview hits six, seven or eight of them, then they are a true candidate," he said. "It's sort of like a marriage, everybody has to be happy. It is a big investment. I always tell people to be sure that this is what you want before you buy. There are a lot of emotional buyers out there."

Howell also stressed that the location of the area is very important. "If you want to live in an area that's secluded and has an up north, small town type of atmosphere, then this is for you," he said. "Some people perceive Hartland is further out than they want to go, but in terms of time, it's not all that far. To get to Novi from Brighton is about 15 minutes and from Brighton to their doorstep in Parshallville is about 15 minutes. It's not a bad commute at all."

Southfield, Ann Arbor, Howell, Novi — they're all within easy commuter reach, ranging from 30 to 45 minutes."

"To appreciate all this," Howell said, "it's worth the short drive to view what we have here. It's hard to believe this atmosphere is only a mile off the US-23 freeway." (see map below)

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### ADVANTAGES

Advantages of purchasing a house in the new Parshallville Pond Subdivision:

- Quaint, historic setting
- Convenient commute to Novi, Ann Arbor and Metro Detroit (within 15 minutes of Brighton, US-23, I-96 interchange)
- Renowned progressive Hartland School System
- One-half to one-acre plus lots
- Minimum size homes: One story = 1,800 square feet; Two story = 2,300 square feet
- Paved streets and concrete curbs
- Underground utilities including electric gas, telephone and cable television.
- Private community; all common areas controlled by homeowner's association
- Reasonable building restrictions protect your investment while assuring architectural continuity
- Terms are available
- Select your own builder
- Prices range from the mid \$70s to mid \$90s

Web site, [www.parshallvillepond.com](http://www.parshallvillepond.com), for more information.

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