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Natalie Perrone, age 3, of South Lyon, wore her Little Mermaid costume at "Under the Sea" night — one of the Fun at the Fountain events at Fountain Walk shopping center in Novi. The five-week series of family events was held in July and August.

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Fountain Walk fun

Novi High School summer workers Ashley Deporter, left, and Laura Longo talk on their cellphones Monday morning in the school's hallways. The Novi district is devising plans for cell-phone usage by students during their time in school.

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## Ash Borer taking its toll

■ Novi at the "epicenter" of infestation

By Phil Foley  
STAFF WRITER

The irony of the Emerald Ash Borer infestation decimating Southeast Michigan's ash trees is that the ash first became popular among urban foresters in the wake of Dutch Elm Disease which turned Detroit and many of the older suburbs into concrete wastelands 40 years ago, helping to fuel what many today call sprawl. "Hopefully we've learned something from the mistake," suggested Steve Printz, Novi's

city forester. Foresters all over the state are now banging the diversity drum as loudly as they can and Printz is one of them. "Streets lined with the same kind of tree just isn't a good idea," he said. "The key is diversity in planting."

Printz' office has begun distributing a list of some 70 trees, prepared by Michigan State University, that can be used as alternatives to ash trees. The problem, he said, is some of the trees on the list, such as Norway maples, have problems of their own, while others, like the Kentucky coffee tree are difficult to find at area nurseries. "It's really unfortunate," said Printz, "the ash is a phenomenal urban tree." However, he added, most foresters believe "in less

than 10 years, a mature ash will be difficult to find" in this part of the country.

Only two summers ago, only a few entomologists had ever heard of the Emerald Ash Borer, a metallic green Asian beetle. However, this summer the quarantine area for the movement or sale of ash wood has expanded from six to 13 counties and there are several suspect Emerald Ash Borer infestations suspect on the state's west side.

"We are the epicenter," said Printz. He'd only been on the job six months when he saw his first infested tree in 2001 and his tree-cutting crew argued with him when he ordered it removed. Last year city crews felled more than 100 dead or dying ash trees on city property.

This year Printz said he expects his crews to double or triple that count, and by next year the total could climb to 500. But that can't go on for too long.

Printz said there are a little more than 2,400 ash trees on city property and of those 491 are already dead or dying and another 580 are in poor shape.

If there's a bright spot for Novi, it's that Printz estimates there are 25,000 to 30,000 trees on city property. That means ash only accounts for about 10 percent of the city's tree cover. Printz noted that in some nearby communities, ash accounts for 20 to 30 percent of the total.

However, he noted, some areas of the city, such as Meadowbrook

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DISPOSAL SITES

- Asplundh Tree Expert Co. Plymouth Industries Yard 13101 Eckles Road Plymouth, MI 48170 Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- City of Pontiac Sanitation Division 575 Collier Road Pontiac, MI 48326 Hours: Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- City of Westland Department of Public Service 37137 Marquette Westland, MI 48185 Hours: Mon.-Fri. 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Mid-Michigan Recycling 24935 21 Mile Road Macomb, MI 48042 Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Candidates cross over political sign usage

By Phil Foley  
STAFF WRITER

A poster-sized campaign sign at last month's Music and Motor Fest has led to the campaign season's first spat.

Novi resident Ramesh Verma, who said he's not supporting any particular candidate, wrote to the Novi News complaining that mayoral candidate Lou Cserdas had a campaign sign at the annual event. "He knows the rules. He's been a commissioner for four years," said Verma.

The rule Verma was talking about is the subsection of the city's sign ordinance which prohibits candidates from placing campaign signs until 30 days before an election and requiring them to remove the signs. Cindy Uglow, the city's Neighborhood Services coordinator, said the city's code enforcement office got one complaint about Cserdas' sign, but by the time they got the message Monday, the festival was over and the sign was gone.

The only penalty to violating the section of the city's sign dealing with campaign signs is the possibility of having to reimburse the city for the cost of removing improperly placed signs. However, Uglow said the city has never billed a political candidate for sign removal.

Cserdas readily admitted putting up a sign at Music and Motor Fest. "The sign ordinance was suspended for the festival," he said. He said he only did what anyone else could have done —

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Photo by Phil Foley

Sally Zdravkovski's counter at the Rosewood should be elbow to elbow with customers at lunch time, but Aug. 12 it was empty because Consumers Power had shut off gas to the building as the utility's repair crews fixed a gas main broken by a contractor earlier in the day.

## Gas main break on Grand River Avenue makes business stink

By Phil Foley  
STAFF WRITER

Business along Grand River Avenue between Beck and Taft roads ground to a halt for two hours Tuesday as a contractor working on the Grand River Avenue expansion sliced through a recently relocated gas main, and at least two local restaurant owners are still fuming. Management at Gatsby's

Restaurant was worried that utilities would not be restored in time for the restaurant's lunch and dinner crowd. Down the street Rosewood Fine Foods shut down for the day just after finishing up its breakfast rush.

"We've been grinning and bearing it," said Joseph Johnson, whose mother opened Gatsby's in 1987. "Each time something like this happens, the contractor says 'It's not

my fault."

Tuesday's gas main break was the third since work on widening Grand River Avenue between Novi and Beck roads and replacing the CSX railroad bridge began earlier this year.

Earlier this year, Mary Catherine Johnson told the Novi News that in addition to gas main breaks that closed her business Feb. 12 and May 22, construction crews work-

ing on roadway improvements severed electrical service to her restaurant April 5-6 and again April 8.

"This is not what we expect out of our contractors," said Novi Assistant City Manager Clay Pearson. However, he added, "It's a tight right-of-way dense with utilities."

Sally Zdravkovski, who along

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## Novi Bowl to host Michigan Humane Society benefit

■ 'Pins for Pets' slated for August 21-22

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

If you're fond of animals and bowling, there's an upcoming event in Novi you won't want to miss.

Novi Bowl & Recreation, located at 21700 Novi Road, will be the site for "Pins for Pets," a 30-hour radiothon/bowlothon sponsored by WXYT Radio-1270 AM that will benefit the Michigan Humane Society.

This first-ever event begins at 1 p.m. Aug. 21 and ends at 7 p.m. Aug. 22.

Gregg Henson and Art Regner from WXYT will broadcast live from the Novi Bowl during the

entire benefit.

A \$25 tax-deductible donation to the Michigan Humane Society buys two hours of bowling and an event T-shirt. The \$25 donation for "Pins for Pets" will provide food, shelter and care for two animals for one day, according to Sue Schweim, director of annual giving for the society.

While the main features of the event will be the live broadcast and bowling, a wide range of activities for people of all ages are planned throughout the day, according to Sue Schweim, director of annual giving for the Michigan Humane Society.

Activities will include animal agility performances during which pooches run an obstacle course, celebrity guests, karaoke and a Detroit's Worst Singer Contest. The Humane Society will also have adoptable animals on site.

"We hope that this becomes an

annual event," Schweim said.

The idea originated with Henson, program director at WXYT, and an animal lover.

"He's an adopter and has shelter pets at home, so this is a cause that's near and dear to his heart," Schweim said.

Henson and Regner are on the air from 1 to 4 p.m. weekdays on WXYT-Radio, 12.70 AM.

"Henson is a dog lover, while Regner is a cat lover," Schweim said.

"WXYT is also doing a Pet of the Week on the air every Tuesday between 1 and 4 p.m. to promote the event," she noted.

"These people are going so far out of their way to help the Michigan Humane Society. I can't verbalize how much this means to us," she said.

The Michigan Humane Society has been around for more than 125 years. "We have three shelters — Westland, Rochester Hills and

Detroit — and a mobile adoption unit," Schweim said.

The Westland shelter is located at 37255 Marquette. The Rochester Hills shelter is at 3600 Auburn Rd. The Detroit shelter is housed at 7401 Chrysler Drive.

The mobile unit travels throughout the state but mostly in southeast Michigan. In 2002, more than 13,000 animals were adopted. "We're very proud of that," she said.

"The number of animals adopted has increased every year for the past five years. We hope this trend continues," Schweim said.

Henson lives in Royal Oak now, but used to live near the Michigan Humane Society shelter in Rochester Hills. "We have three dogs, and two are shelter animals," he said.

His two shelter animals include Mouse, a 9-year-old cattle dog.

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PINS FOR PETS

- WHEN: 1 p.m. Aug. 21 to 7 p.m. Aug. 22
- WHERE: Novi Bowl & Recreation, 21700 Novi Road, between Eight Mile and Nine Mile roads
- WHAT: Fundraiser for the Michigan Humane Society
- COST: \$25 tax-deductible donation provides participants with two hours of bowling and an event T-shirt
- SPONSOR: WXYT-Radio 1270 AM
- ACTIVITIES: 30-hour live radio broadcast, animal agility performances, celebrity guests, karaoke, Detroit's Worst Singer Contest, adoptable animals on site



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Wixom Fire photo  
**Fire Fighter Recruit Tim Beaudoin and Fire Fighter/Inspector Geoff Ostling help Amy Yuchasz use a safety ladder to get out of a second story window. Camp 911 helps teach Wixom children skills that will make their homes and families safer.**

# CAMP 911

## Wixom fire fighters help make kids safer

By Phil Foley  
STAFF WRITER

While most summer campers come home with a sunburn, Wixom kids at Camp 911 came home with skills that could save lives.

Camp 911, said Acting Fire Chief Jeffrey Yuchasz, grew out of a desire to reach older children. For years the Wixom Fire Department has run a Fire Prevention Week program for area children through the Walled Lake School District.

"We were just trying to find a way to connect with older kids," he said. He said they settled on the 9- to 11-year-old age group because "they're not too young to learn and they're not too old to do this stuff."

Yuchasz said the free program is an example of the city's desire to be involved with its citizens. He said he sees it as a natural extension of the fire department's fire prevention programs.

"They teach you stuff like what to do if you get caught in a fire," said Brittany Wilks. The 9-year-old Wixom Elementary student said she learned how to use a fire extinguisher.

Joshua Foster said he learned "water won't put out a grease fire." He added the scariest part of camp was climbing out a second-story window on an emergency ladder.

Yuchasz noted that while many area homes have emergency ladders, few people practice using them. He said one element of Camp 911 was to have each of the campers go home, do a safety survey and then develop an emergency evacuation plan.

The week-long camp is free to Wixom children, with the city picking up the tab for T-shirts and snacks. However, the camp is limited to 25 participants. "We've had a lot of people calling to see if we had something for their 13-year-olds," said Yuchasz.

"If the need exceeds our ability to deliver, we'll adapt," he said. "There's a lot to learn here."

There's also a lot of fun. Camp 911 participants, among other things, got to tour an ambulance, get a close look at the University of Michigan's Survival Flight helicopter, peeked into Oakland County's new Hazardous Materials Response Vehicle, and of course, put out fires.

Yuchasz said every child got to put out a grease fire in the department's training area. "It's important for them to know they can put out something like that in two seconds," he said.

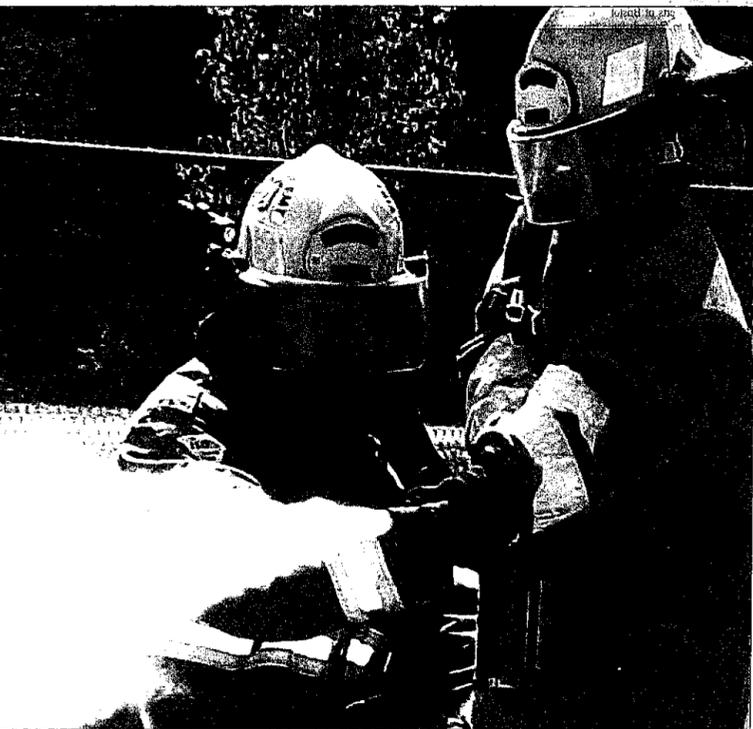
Retired Fire Chief George Spencer said all Camp 911 participants go home with valuable life skills. He recalled a few years ago one camp participant used the Heimlich maneuver he learned at camp to save the life of his 10-year-old brother who was choking on a piece of candy.

Officer Anthony Noble, who rode his department motorcycle over from Walled Lake for the event, said, "I think this is a real positive thing."

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Wixom Fire photo/Jason Terrasi  
**Capt. Mark Gomez explains how some of the equipment on the Oakland County West Hazardous Materials Team vehicle works. Wixom Fire Department drew on the resources of several emergency services agencies to help make Wixom children safer during Camp 911.**



Wixom Fire photo  
**Wixom firefighter Jason Terrasi shows a youngster how to use a fire extinguisher to put out a small home kitchen fire. Wixom kids at Camp 911 also learned home first aid.**

"If the need exceeds our ability to deliver, we'll adapt. There's a lot to learn here."

Jeffrey Yuchasz, acting fire chief  
Wixom Fire Department



Wixom Fire photo/Jason Terrasi  
**Firefighter Recruit Brad 'Barney' Giestler helps Crystal Hunter try on bunker gear. Crystal was one of 25 Wixom youngsters to go through the department's Camp 911 last week.**



Wixom Fire Photo/Geoff Ostling  
**Robbie Hildrith and Amy Yuchasz practice the life-saving Heimlich maneuver at Camp 911. The six-year-old program at Wixom Fire Department teaches area children practical skills and is just plain fun.**

## Beck North Phase II industrial plan denied

### Northern Equities says firm met city's requirements

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Novi Planning Commission members denied a preliminary site plan outlining associated roads and utilities for a light industrial condominium site at Beck and West roads at their July 30 meeting.

The reason, members felt the developer had not addressed concerns about the woodlands in the area. And, since the firm had already made several changes to its original site plan after appearing before commission members June 11, representatives weren't prepared to approve the plan on the spot.

"Either approve our plan or deny it," said Neil Sosin of Northern Equities.

Planning Commission members went against the recommendation of the Novi Planning Department in their decision.

Residents of the Bristol Corners subdivision next to the Beck North industrial park came out in force to protest the proposal.

The property, which includes about 63 acres, is located east of Beck Road, north of West Road and west of West Park Drive in a Light Industrial District. The developer wants to build a 30-lot complex.

The proposal involved the extension of Hudson Drive to the north to the site, the construction of two cut-to-sacs and associated utilities for the future users of the corporate park.

Although residents appreciated the developer's efforts at shunting the two cut-to-sacs planned for the site, they were not pleased with the number of trees the area would lose if the plan was approved.

"...we are still worried about the loss of more of these irreplaceable trees. We love this neighborhood and living in the city of Novi. Please help us retain not only the value of our homes, but also the beauty and security that surrounds us," said Linda Roberts of Bristol Corners.

"I realize that only the street layout is on the table at this point in the process, but the streets will make accessible all the lots that the residents are most concerned about," the letter stated.

Northern Equities' plan called for the removal of some of regulated woodlands in the area, including more than 20,000 trees. Some of the area's wetlands would also have been removed in the proposed plan.

"It's clear that the plan is not ready for final approval," said Novi resident Andrew Mutch and former member of the Novi Planning Commission.

"The residents are not screaming NIMBY — Not In My Back Yard. The first priority should be how a site plan affects adjoining property. We're not trying to deny development, but to protect the woodlands," Mutch said at the meeting.

Mutch presented his own draft of a plan to Commission members that included 25 lots instead of 30.

"I think it's unreasonable to build 30 lots without destroying the natural features on the site," he said. "I think with direction, we can create a plan that works."

At this time, no buildings have been proposed in the plan — just the roads and utilities. Northern Equities told the Commission that the company would plant two rows of 8-foot evergreens to block noise and light from the development to Bristol Corners.

"We would also contribute to the tree fund when trees are removed," Sosin said.

Residents were also pleased about Northern Equities' decision to eliminate a 10-foot berm with a 6-



SOURCE: Novi Planning Commission

foot crown planned as a buffer to the adjacent residential development.

"We have received Michigan Department of Environmental Quality permits. We feel not utilizing the berm is in the best interest of all parties since it would destroy even more trees," Sosin said.

"What we need is an alternative plan that would not disturb the woodlands," said Commissioner Lynn Keane. "The preservation of the woodlands was not addressed in this revised plan."

Commissioner John Avdoulos commented that "The site is unique because it has some nice features. I don't think 30 lots can be accommodated without hurting the woodlands."

"I have concerns about the lots with trees. I think future developers will want to remove them," said Commissioner Lynn Shroyer. "I'm in favor of a denial on the project because of the adverse effects on our residents."

"I'm not in support of the present plan, although I do approve of the evergreens instead of a berm," said Commissioner Lynn Paul. "I think we still have some work to do on this. Perhaps 25 lots would be better. There are some very legitimate concerns from the residents."

"You have not resolved any woodlands issues at all," Commissioner Larry Papp said to Sosin. "Sit down and talk with the residents. I think the plan can be done a lot better."

"I think you're trying to put too many lots on this property. That's my main objection," said Commissioner Gwen Markham. "I do like the idea of an alternative plan that would not disturb the woodlands."

"I think a tree survey should be done," said Commissioner David Ruyke. "I cannot see destroying more than 20,000 trees."

"I think we have an environmentally-sensitive area without an environmentally-sensitive plan," said Commissioner Lowell Sprague.

"I believe this is basically overbuilt. I was on the Planning Commission when Phase I was approved and the woodlands were protected. And, I think our woodlands ordinance is critical to our community," said Commission Chair Tom Nagy.

"I would like to see less lots and some alternatives. We are looking to protect our woodlands, and they are regulated. Why have regulations if we're not going to support them," Nagy added.

"We have been good citizens of Novi and are the largest land owner in the city of Novi," Sosin told the Commission. "We've used professionals, and we feel like we've developed a good plan. You have rules that we've lived up to."

"All we have now is a piece of property with proposed roads on it. We're trying to approve something that's invisible to us," Avdoulos noted.

"While we are not planners, we bring the perspective of the residents of Novi. I think this is a badly designed development," Markham said.

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### Welder sparks fire at factory

Repair work is being cited as the cause of a small fire at a Wixom auto parts plant Thursday afternoon.

According to Acting Fire Chief Jeffrey Yuchasz, it appears a repairman was welding a rack of plastic auto parts at Bradford Manufacturing, located on Pontiac Trail near Century Drive, when sparks set fire to the parts. The blaze was contained to the parts rack.

"It was out before we got there," said Yuchasz. He said the building's fire suppression system worked as it was supposed to and two sprinkler heads activated, dousing the flames. He said an undetermined amount of smoke a water damage was done and that most of the smoke was vented out of the building.

Yuchasz said no one was injured in the fire.

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## POLICE REPORT

### Small purse

Officer Jeremy Stempion charged a woman with retail fraud at 6:41 p.m. Aug. 8 after loss prevention officers at Lord & Taylor told him the woman took a Dooney & Burke purse valued at \$25 from the store without paying for it.

### Lots of clothes

Officers Eric Lindblade and Timothy Farrell charged a 33-year-old woman with retail fraud at 6:52 p.m. Aug. 8 after loss prevention officers at Lord & Taylor told them a woman tried to take \$572.90 worth of jewelry and clothing from the store. The incident was captured on videotape, according to reports.

### Erratic driving

Officers Timothy Farrell and Brian Woloski stopped a 1991 Plymouth Laser at 2:57 a.m. Aug. 10, after they spotted it driving erratically on westbound 10 Mile Road near Glenside Street. They charged the driver, a 28-year-old man, with operating under the influence of liquor after he failed field sobriety tests and registered a blood alcohol content of .17. The man was released after posting a \$100 bond.

### Warrant arrest

Officer Craig Felix took a 23-year-old woman into custody following a traffic stop at 5:09 a.m. Aug. 10 on an unspecified

warrant. According to Officer Felix, the woman's truck was traveling 89 mph in a 70 mph zone. She was later returned to her truck after posting a \$500 bond and paying a \$10 processing fee.

### Wrong place to nap

Officer Craig Chismar cited a 38-year-old Novi woman with speeding, not wearing a seat belt, defective equipment, no proof of insurance, no proof of registration and not having an operators license in her possession following a traffic stop near the corner of Forhookle and Nadeer Streets in Old Dutch Farm Mobile Home Park. The woman told officer Chismar that her 34-year-old ex-husband, who was being sought on a Friend of the Court warrant, was resting at her house. He is now resting at the Oakland County Sheriff's Office.

### Purse grabbed

Officer Jeremy Stempion charged a 23-year-old woman with retail fraud at 6:41 p.m. Aug. 10 after loss prevention officers at Lord & Taylor told him she tried to take a purse from the store without paying for it. The woman was released after posting a \$100 bond.

### Attempted theft

A Novi woman told Officer Steven Balog Aug. 7 that she saw a boy try to steal a bicycle from a home near the corner of Cranbrooke and Villageswood at 3:48 p.m. She said she yelled at

the boy and he dropped the bicycle and ran off.

### Car vandalized II

A 40-year-old Novi man told Officer Steven Balog Aug. 7 that someone egged his Ford Taurus overnight at his Center Street home.

### Car vandalized II

A 54-year-old South Lyon woman told Officer Keith Wuolinen at 6:38 p.m. Aug. 7 that her car was vandalized at her office on Brookforest or possibly at her home.

### Laptop lifted

A 35-year-old woman called from her Livonia hotel at 12:40 a.m. Aug. 6 to tell Officer Craig Felix that her car had been burglarized at either the Library Pub or Steve and Rocky's restaurant. She said a Dell laptop computer worth \$3,000 was taken.

### Prop snatched

A 39-year-old man told Officer Steven Balog Aug. 6 that someone stole a stainless steel prop worth \$700, from his boat while it was being stored behind Prospects Corp on Grand River Avenue between Aug. 1-4.

### Car burglarized

A 35-year-old Dublin, Ohio, man told Officer Michael Prough at 11:01 p.m. Aug. 5 that his car was burglarized at On The Border on Parkhighpoint Street.

He said three laptop computers worth \$8,000 were taken. Thieves gained entry by punching out a door lock.

### Attempted burglary

A 31-year-old Novi man told Officer Paul VanPelt that someone tried to burglarize his apartment on Wellington Street at 12:19 a.m. Aug. 5. According to reports, the apartment was the target of an earlier B&K.

### Tools taken

A 59-year-old man told Officer Louis Bighlardi that he discovered that his 2003 Ford F-150 pickup had been burglarized at 8:19 a.m. Aug. 5. The man said tools worth between \$400 and \$500 were taken.

### Bicycle stolen

A 28-year-old Novi man told Officer Kevin Heaney at 3:35 p.m. Aug. 5 that his daughter's bicycle was stolen from their home near Montmorency and Moreau Streets.

### Warrant arrest

Officer Brian Woloski was called to Ocher Street in Old Dutch Mobile Home Park at 10:25 p.m. on a complaint about loud juveniles. He questioned a group of youths near the corner of Ferhoulde and Eldersdenne streets and discovered the one of them, a 29-year-old man, was being sought on an Oakland County Sheriff's Office warrant. Officer Woloski took the man into custody and surrendered him to sheriff's deputies.

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Novu DPW worker Dan Szlaga, right, watches as a co-worker - who wished to not be identified - fells a dead ash tree in the Emerald Forest subdivision Monday afternoon. The city has begun a program to remove ash trees in the city's right-of-way areas.

### Novi at the "epicenter" of infestation

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Glens, Roma Ridge and Twelve Oaks Mall, have been hit harder than others. "This is unlike anything I've ever seen," said Printz. The Emerald Ash Borer is a member of a family of beetles whose young bore through tree bark to feed. That family includes 161 members in the U.S. and Canada, but according to Printz, unlike the native beetles that attack stressed or declining trees, the Emerald Ash Borer attacks healthy trees. Adult beetles emerge from infested trees in mid-May and females can fly up to a mile to lay their 75 eggs on new ash tree trunks and branches. Once infested, an ash tree only has one to four years left. The Emerald Ash Borer's larvae tunnel their way through the layer of wood bark and transports water and nutrients from the roots to the rest of the tree. MSU entomologists believe the pest arrived in the region six to 10 years ago from Asia in wooden packing crates. As of this spring an estimated 5 million trees in Livingston, Macomb, Alcona, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne counties alone were dead or dying. According to Printz, even in its native Asia, there is little known about the Emerald Ash Borer. However, MSU forest entomologist Deborah McCullough said several insecticides and fungicides are being studied. Printz said if a homeowner has any hope of saving a yard tree, early detection is the key. He

### Gas main break raises a stink

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with her husband, Dave, have run Rosewood Fine Foods for 28 years, said, "I was cleaning off a table and the next thing I knew, I heard a noise out front." Zdravkovic said she smelled the strong odor of gas coming through the restaurant's front doors and could see gas blowing through the high grass across the street. Novi Police Chief Doug Slesinger said no one was injured in the incident, although police did shut down Grand River to all but a very limited amount of local traffic for about two hours. Slesinger said gas leaks are not uncommon in construction projects. "Accidents will happen," he said. Pearson said that the problem is compounded by the fact that Grand River is one of the state's oldest roadways and that there's been a lot of construction in its right-of-way over the years. He said the city hasn't had a tenth as many problems with road work underway on 12 Mile Road north of 12 Oaks Mall. But he added, there's a much wider right-of-way there, and there are not nearly as many buildings along the road. Kevin Keane, a spokesman for Consumers Power, said the utility relocated the six-inch gas main in the past 12 months to accommodate the road project. In May another Consumers spokesman said it was a retired service line on the company's six-inch, high-pressure transmission line that a construction crew struck off, stopping service to the area. Both times Consumers Power promised an investigation to determine who was at fault. For the younger Johnson, that's been the crux of the problem. Road construction crews sever utilities and then everyone denies responsi-

bility. Zdravkovic said she's frustrated that she's stopped going to the city's monthly construction update meetings. "I don't think they can help me. You can go and complain, but it's not going to improve my business," she said. The next meeting is slated for Aug. 27 at 9 a.m. in the training room at Novi Police Headquarters on 10 Mile Road. According to Johnson, this summer has been worse than when his restaurant caught fire two years ago. Then the business was closed for seven weeks for repairs, but his business interruption insurance kicked in. "This is a far worse nobody is helping out."

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### Novi Bowl to host Humane Society benefit

and Sweetie, a 1-year-old poodle named by his wife. They also have Felix, a 1-year-old Bichon Frise dog. "My wife can only have certain kinds of dogs since she has allergies. She can only have dogs that don't shed. The cattle dog causes a little problem, so we try to keep him brushed. But the other two dogs don't shed at all," he said. With the addition of their new son a couple of months ago, Henson said the dogs are feeling a bit neglected. "It's interesting. We're not spending as much time with the dogs, and they're definitely noticing it," he said. Henson said he donated \$10,000 to the Michigan Humane Society following a fundraiser he helped organize about a year ago when he worked at another radio station. "Every radio show kind of has their own special charity. WXYT supports many charities, but the Michigan Humane Society is what I support," he said. "I hope that it will be successful and grow over time." Blue Ribbon Bowling Centers, which includes Novi Bowl, agreed to provide a venue for the benefit. Jerry Harris of Novi Bowl explained that Blue Ribbon Quality Bowling Centers is made up of nine independently owned bowling centers in Metro Detroit. Other centers are Woodland Lanes in Livonia, Mayflower Lanes in Redford, Beech Lanes in Redford, Westland Bowl in Westland, Ford Lanes and Cherry Hill Lanes in Dearborn Heights. Harris said Schlem is promoting the radiothon/bowlathon as a family event. "Both kids and adults like watching the agility runs. The obstacle course, which will be set up in the parking lot, features dogs jumping and running around objects. The dogs are really good at this," she said. And, with all the activity



Gregg Henson, program director at WXYT-Radio 1270-AM, and Art Regner, will broadcast live at Novi Bowl for the "Pins for Pets" radiothon/bowlathon benefit from 1 p.m. Aug. 21 to 7 p.m. Aug. 22. Proceeds will go to the Michigan Humane Society. Henson is pictured with his three pets, from left: Mouse, Felix and Sweetie.

around them, hopefully, the benefit volunteers will be able to stay awake during the 30-hour nonstop event. "We think we'll need some entertainment since we'll probably be a little sleepy at some point," Schlem said. For more information about the Michigan Humane Society or the "Pins for Pets" event, call the Michigan Humane Society's toll-free at (866) M-HUMANE, 105 or by e-mail at [pfleming@mh.socnet.net](mailto:pfleming@mh.socnet.net). Pam Fleming is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105 or by e-mail at [pfleming@mh.socnet.net](mailto:pfleming@mh.socnet.net).

### Animal Care Fair moves to Novi Expo Center

The Novi Expo will be the new venue for the Michigan Humane Society's 12th annual Animal Care Fair this year. Normally scheduled in late August at the Southfield Civic Center, the family-oriented fundraiser and adoption event will take place over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. The event is slated from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 29 and 30. The Animal Care Fair has raised more than \$1 million for animals cared for by the Michigan Humane Society and placed more than 1,800 animals in new homes since 1992. "The Michigan Humane Society is excited about collaborating with the city of Novi for the Animal Care Fair," said Tricia Brosnahan, director of events for the organization. "Moving the event indoors and into the prime Novi shopping area will allow us to expand the event substantially to draw an even larger audience during the holiday weekend," she said. The fair will include popular features from the past, such as adoptable pets and discounted brand name pet food and supplies from Pet Supplies "Plus" and its many vendors. Refreshments, animal performances and other activities will be provided. The Michigan Humane Society will also offer a large selection of unique items for holiday gift-giving. The Michigan Humane Society Animal Care Fair is sponsored by Pet Supplies "Plus," which has been part of the event since its inception. The Novi Expo Center is located at 43700 Expo Center Drive south of I-96 and west of Novi Road. The Michigan Humane Society is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to serving animals since 1877. For more information, call the Michigan Humane Society toll-free at (866) M-HUMANE, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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# Students produce court's annual report

By Phil Foley  
STAFF WRITER

It's easy to see on a corporate annual report how well a company is doing—simply turn to the financials and the wider the margin between income and expense, the better the firm is doing.

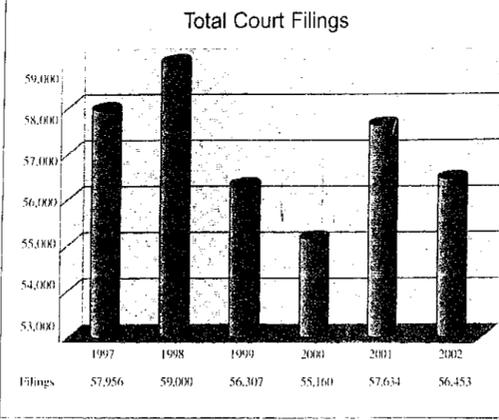
With the courts, the numbers are more complex. The 52-1 District Court's fifth annual report is out, and while domestic assaults, drunk driving cases, parking tickets and total court filings are down, land- and tenant disputes and general civil litigation are up.

This year's annual report, noted Chief Judge Pro Tem Brian MacKenzie, "didn't cost the taxpayers one dime." It was produced by students from all over Oakland County at the Oakland Technical Center in Royal Oak. He said the report was produced at no cost to the 13 communities, including Novi, served by the court, "and it looks as good as anything I've seen."

What really looks good to Judge MacKenzie, however, are the numbers coming out of Subriety Court, which set up shop in March 2001. According to Michigan State Police statistics, a third of all drunk driving offenders will be arrested a second time within three years of their first brush with the law.

According to Judge MacKenzie, of the more than 225 people who have participated in its first two and a half years, only three have been re-arrested on drunk driving charges.

"I was stunned by that. I expected good numbers, but not that good."



good," said the judge. "It seems to be working very well. We're keeping our fingers crossed and saving lives."

While part of the reason that things like operating under the influence of liquor arrests have shown declines may be attributed to the fact that Southwest Oakland County's police population hasn't kept pace with the region's general population, Judge MacKenzie said he believes the multi-level programs instituted by the 52-1 have

also played a significant role. For instance, the number of domestic assault and battery cases going to trial have steadily declined from a high of 454 in 1996 to 332 in 2001, the most recent year for which statistics are available.

Judge MacKenzie noted that in 1992, the year before 52-1 joined forces with HAVEN, Catholic Social Services, Oakland Pre-trial services and local police and prosecutors, four people died from

domestic violence in the region served by the court. Since 1993 only two people have died from domestic violence, he said.

"Hopefully we're winning the fight," said Judge MacKenzie. While overall civil litigation and landlord tenant disputes are up, Judge MacKenzie said that is simply a reflection of the increased population in the region. He said it's probably a better gauge of what's going on in Southwest Oakland County than

criminal justice. The court's annual report also includes a list of names for the 2003-2004 term. However, the court said it will not change its policy of not releasing names of individuals who could be identified from the court's records. The court said it will not release names of individuals who could be identified from the court's records.

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# Concerned over sign political usage

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City Manager Rich Helwig and Craig Klaver, the city's chief operating officer, both confirmed that the city has waived the sign ordinance for the festival for years. However, Klaver noted the city has been tightening up on that waiver in recent years. "Years ago there was a blanket waiver, but in the last two years we've been clarifying it," he said.

One of the recent changes was to limit inflatable signs to the festival grounds itself. As far as political signs are concerned, "it wasn't even discussed" at festival committee meetings, according to Klaver because no one had ever tried to do it before.

He promised it won't happen again next year. "I know the rules and understand you can't put up signs until 30 days before the election, but the festival is exempt," he said. He added that he checked with the city attorney's office and was assured the sign ordinance had been waived for the festival.

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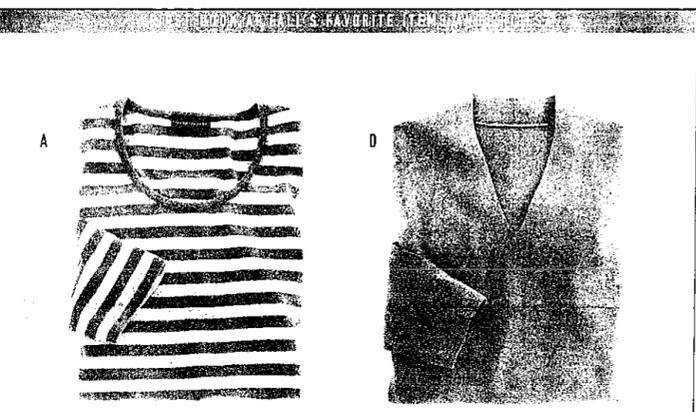
Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to prohibit a candidate from displaying a sign on public property, provided that the sign is not a political sign. The ordinance says one month. We all know the rules," said Klaver. "I think even that crosses the line."

Claver countered that since golf outings are held on private property the rules don't apply. "I know the rules and understand you can't put up signs until 30 days before the election, but the festival is exempt," he said. He added that he checked with the city attorney's office and was assured the sign ordinance had been waived for the festival.

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# Fountain Walk fun brings families to Novi

Events help shopping center, local civic groups

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Fountain Walk, Novi's newest shopping center, became "Family Central" on Wednesday this summer with its series of free community events.

The five-week series, which just concluded this week, drew thousands to the new complex, according to Linda Busse, director of marketing.

"The events were planned for 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., and each week we had a different theme," Busse said. "Some nights, we had 1,000 people here as early as 5:30."

The final event yesterday, "Magic at the Fountain" included princess characters, such as Cinderella, and magicians.

Families from Novi, Northville, Farmington Hills, South Lyon and other surrounding communities came to see and have their picture taken with various children's characters at each event as well as participate in activities such as

treasure hunts and various crafts. Each event had a special craft for the children, which was also free. At the first night, "Explosion Night," children and adults received free tickets to the Motion Science Center.

"Titanic: The Artifact Exhibit" at the Motion Science Center.

Visitors were asked to fill out a questionnaire at the event so Fountain Walk staff could track the various communities represented and obtain feedback about the events.

One of the unique aspects of the events is that volunteers from local service groups assisted with the activities.

"Males usually like entertainment companies to take the pictures, run the crafts and do the giveaways," Busse said. "But Novi has so many civic groups. Then we make a donation to the group."

Volunteers have hailed from the Gardeners of Northville and Novi, Novi Friends of the Library and the Novi Lions Club.

Last year, Fountain Walk staff also enlisted the help of Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts in the area at some of the shopping center's holiday events.

"The volunteers are very animated and interact with the children," she said.

"It's a win-win situation. They are fabulous workers, and I know that they have a sense of community that they bring to the Fountain Walk events," Busse said.

"We participated in several events," said Jerry Conice, president of the Novi Lions Club. "We served about 1,500 hot dogs at one of the events, so it helps our organization a lot," he said.

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Natalie Perrone, age 3, of South Lyon, wore her Little Mermaid costume at "Under the Sea" night -- one of the Fun at the Fountain events at Fountain Walk shopping center in Novi. The five-week series of family events was held in July and August.

Fountain Walk staff members are planning a Halloween event as well as more special holiday activities this fall.

"And we're certainly going to repeat and possibly expand the Fun at Fountain Walk program next summer," Busse said.

"It's been so much fun. What could be a more fun job than planning activities for kids? It's such a joy to see children have a fun time here at Fountain Walk," she added.

If your civic organization would like to volunteer for one of the upcoming Fountain Walk events, call Busse at (248) 348-8762.

Pam Fleming is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105 or by e-mail at pfleming@nl.comcast.net.

## LIBRARY LINES

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### Internet class

Brochures containing the fall schedule of free Internet classes offered by the Novi Public Library are now available in the library. Registration for the classes is underway: the first class, "Mastering the Mouse for Seniors," will be held Sept. 4.

## OBITUARY

### Samuel H. Counts, D.D.S.

Samuel Counts, D.D.S., of Novi died August 9, 2003. He was 63.

Dr. Counts obtained his dental degree from the University of Detroit in 1979. He had a private practice in Oak Park for over 20 years.

Dr. Counts is survived by a sister, Pauline Barnes, and brothers William (Dolly), Clifton (Betty), Adrian (Theresa) and Adolphus (Pearline). He is also survived by friend and caregiver Vivian Swainigan and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be Friday, Aug. 8 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River, Novi (248) 348-1800. Instate is Saturday, Aug. 9 from 10:30 until the time of the funeral at 11 a.m. The funeral will be held at the Novi United Methodist Church, 41671 W. 10 Mile, Novi. Interment will be at Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

## BIRTH

### Zoe Anne DeRoche

Craig and Stacey DeRoche, of Novi, announce the birth of their daughter, Zoe Anne, born at 2:18 p.m. on Friday, August 1, 2003 at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. She weighed 6 pounds 13 ounces and was 19 inches long. Grandparents are Anne and Paul DeRoche, of Brighton, and Marsha and Tom Zoellner, of Lake Orion. Great-grandmother is North DeRoche, of Brighton. Zoe Anne joins her sister Carley, 2 1/2.

## ENGAGEMENT

### Racklyett & Rice



Debbie and Kevin Sandborn of Howell and Michael and Marchel Racklyett of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie Racklyett, to David Rice, son of Georgia and Jerry Rice of Hedrick, Iowa. The bride-elect is a 1999 graduate of Novi High School and a 2003 graduate of Michigan State University. She is employed in Communications and research in East Lansing.

The groom-elect is a 1996 graduate of Pekin High School and also graduated from Iowa State University and Michigan State University. He is employed by Laborer's Union-Local 998, Lansing. A September 2003 wedding is planned.

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tion sponsored by the national Psi Chi psychology honorary society for research she conducted as a student. She was recognized for her paper "Enhancing Recall of Names by Providing Feedback on the Use of Expanding Retrieval." She is the daughter of Randy and Jan Root of Novi and is a 1999 graduate of Novi High School.

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## Mervyn's opens its doors to underprivileged children

### Novi Youth Assistance holds back-to-school shopping spree

By Ramez Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

The Mervyn's department store on Novi Road and Grand River Avenue held a back-to-school shopping spree last Saturday so that 30 at-risk or underprivileged students from Novi, South Lyon, the Lakes area, Huron Valley, Farmington and Birmingham would have new clothes when the school bell rings. Five children were chosen from each area and they are picked according to their family's income criteria.

According to Mervyn's Store/Team Leader Susan Eperjey, this is the 11th year that the shopping spree was held at her store. She described it as an opportunity to help the economically disadvantaged kids throughout different organizations like United Way and non-profit agencies like the Novi Youth Assistance Program.

"Child Spree provides \$100 to every child to buy back-to-school clothes and shoes and then we give them a discount on their total purchases that day," Eperjey said. "We contribute about \$1 million to Child Spree every year, so with the Novi Youth Assistance, Mervyn's provides the \$100, but they actually get more than \$200 because they raise money throughout the year to go towards this."

Through Mervyn's, the Novi Youth Assistance Program has helped over 130,000 children over the 11-year period. Students shop with chaperones to make sure that they are getting all the basics they need so that they don't end up with super-expensive jeans or tennis shoes. Mervyn's provides each

child with a backpack with school supplies in it so they can head back to school looking great and feeling better about themselves.

"It's a really neat program," Eperjey said. "Many people shop in our stores and this is a way to pay back the community. We are part of the Target Corporation and we have a huge impact in trying to bring back money into the community where people shop. Through Target Corporation, which is Target, Marshall Fields and Mervyn's, we bring back \$2 million a week, so it's really incredible what we try to do on the contribution end. A lot of happy kids leave here."

Sergeant Tom Landberg of the Novi Police Department is the chairperson of the event. He got started back when he was a detective in crime prevention about six years ago.

"Barbara Walter (Novi Youth Assistance Caseworker) called and wanted a speaker there when the kids are having breakfast before they go shopping," he said. "It's a lot of work, but it's also fun. You get six different youth assistance organizations involved and the first thing we do is get chaperones for each of the kids. We also get breakfast donated from Mervyn's of Wixom. The kids show up at 7 a.m., and they eat their breakfast. We choose the kids based on income of the family and the kids are usually involved in youth assistance."

According to Walter, each child walks out with about \$230 worth of clothes and a backpack. The Novi Youth Assistance also goes out and collects things from local businesses for the kids as well, like tooth brushes, tooth paste and throughout the year to go towards this.

"I know in the past we have had moms come back and cry because they had no way to pay for school clothes and this really provides them with an opportunity to get something," Walter said. "They are just very grateful. Mervyn's is fabulous, they have been great with us. We have Tom Landberg who is a representative from the Novi Police Department who comes in and talks to the kids about self-esteem, good choices and starting the school year on a positive note. Normally a lot of these kids families wouldn't be able to afford new school clothes, so to them it helps with their self-esteem and confidence."

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LOCATION MAP

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, August 20, 2003.

Published August 14, 2003

NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION  
LYNN KOCAN, SECRETARY

(8-14-03 NN 77374)

### CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 3, 2003 at 7:30 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI. **ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.63 FOR POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR REZONING OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF GRAND RIVER AVENUE AND MEADOWBROOK ROAD FROM L1 (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL) TO B-3 (GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT). THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS APPROXIMATELY 6.72 ACRES.**

LOCATION MAP

To rezone a part of the NW 1/4 of Section 24, T1N, R8E, City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan being Parcel 22-24-100-051 more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the Easterly right-of-way line of Meadowbrook Road, said point being S02°34'41"E, 721.49 feet along the West side of Section 24 (nominal C/L of Meadowbrook Road) and N67°43'33"E, 60.00 feet and S02°34'41"E, 517.70 feet, along the Easterly right-of-way line of Meadowbrook Road from the NW corner of Section 24; thence S73°34'41"E, 456.49 feet; thence S02°34'41"E, 678.82 feet; thence N75°33'43"W, 456.53 feet along the Northernly right-of-way line of Grand River Avenue; thence N02°34'41"W, 678.18 feet, along the Easterly right-of-way line of Meadowbrook Road to the point of beginning. Containing 6.72 acres.

FROM: I-1 TO: LIGHT INDUSTRIAL BUSINESS DISTRICT  
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ORDINANCE NO. 18.63  
ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 631

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## Shopping spree held

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take the backpacks that Mervyn's supplies and we fill them up with goodies," Walter said. "We coordinate the program here at Novi Youth Assistance but we bring in five other youth assistance areas and we run it as a regional program. Even though we coordinate it, we offer the program to those other areas as well."

When kids arrived at 7 a.m. on Saturday they got received a breakfast, then they got to shop with volunteers. All the people that do the shopping are volunteers from the organization. A lot of the volunteers who do the program never really see the results, but this is a hands-on where the volunteers are interacting with kids.

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## Novi Public Library summer reading program a success

By Ramez Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

The main goal of the Novi Public Library was to have kids continue to read this summer. Mission accomplished.

Aided by the help of Youth and Teen Librarians Mary Starch, Kelly Ketchuk and Phyllis Weeks and Children's Program Assistant Sherrill Berman, Margi Karp-Opperer, who is the head of youth and teen services, put on a six-week program that was divided into two different age groups.

The program which is held every summer at the library, has a different theme every year. This year's theme was "Laugh it up" and it drew 540 kids for the fifth grade and up group and a little more than 1,000 for the fourth grade and younger. According to Opperer, that fourth grade and younger number is pretty constant every year, but the fifth grade and older number is increasing each year.

"We get more and more kids involved every year in fifth and older," Opperer said. "We meet with the fifth grade and up every Monday for a special program just for their age. We had a NASA astronaut in, we had a photographer come in and give a photography workshop, we had an annual tie-dye event, we had a magic workshop and they were cul-

minate it with a pizza party and we give out prizes."

Each year the reading program has 100 team volunteers who are in the seventh grade or older who volunteer two hours a week of their time each week for the six weeks. They help re-shelf the books, coordinate crowd control for other programs, they help with arts and crafts and they each have a table that they man for the crafts.

Both programs are set up on a game format. The younger kids go to a game board where they keep track of how much time they spend reading and they have cards that they color in. When they complete a certain amount of hours they bring their cards back and record them on the game board and they're given prizes as they go along. The goal is to have each child read 20 hours over the six week period.

The staff devised a bingo game for the older kids. There are five bingo games that they can participate in, getting a prize at the end of each bingo. Each square asked for something different, for instance reading a historical fiction book or reading a general fiction book and so on.

"The prizes get bigger as the kids go through the program," Storch said. "The kids can read a paperback book, read a book a friend recommended, come to a



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community and it's easier because it's a six week program and it's real nice for the kids to come back and remember it and feel real comfortable right from the beginning, but we do try to change so they're not bored with it. I think for the older kids, the only thing we do that is consistent is the tie-dye event. We get a good number of kids who come and we always do the pizza party."

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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(8-14-03 NN 77021)

### NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 03-027

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Novi, Michigan, is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of a tent at the 41000 Thierhorn Mile Road on Thursday, August 14, 2003 for the "Welcome Ceremony".

All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Department and must be received prior to August 14, 2003.

MARYANNE CORNELIUS  
CITY CLERK

(8-14-03 NN 77086)

### CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council, of the City of Novi, will hold a joint meeting with the Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Commission on Tuesday, August 19, 2003 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Center, Council Chambers, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan.

This notice is published by the City of Novi, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, 248-347-0456.

(8-14-03 NN 77018)

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SITE LOCATION MAP  
Scale: 1"=2000'

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, August 20, 2003.

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**Funding finally**  
State, county and local officials were on hand in Rochester Hills last Thursday as Governor Jennifer Granholm presented checks for much-needed road repair projects. Granholm is shown giving Novi Mayor Richard Clark a check representing \$46 million for the Beak Road / I-96 interchange project. Also in attendance were L. Brooks Patterson, Oakland County executive; Richard Holwig, Novi city manager; Nancy Cassis, state senator; Clay Pearson, Novi assistant city manager; and Rob Cassalou, Providence Hospital.

## GOVERNMENT

Per reader request, we have compiled a list so you can get in touch with your local and regional senators and representatives. Their accessibility allows you as readers to voice your concerns directly and allows them to better represent their districts. If you feel we have missed anyone, contact us at (248) 349-1700, ext. 113.

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## A little bit of this and that

As you can see from the picture above, the state funding for the Beak Road / I-96 interchange project is a go! That's great news for the City of Novi and anybody who has to deal with that area as a commuter. Bid-letting is to begin in October. Congratulations to everyone who worked hard to make sure that this funding came through. What's that they say about the squeaky wheel?

As I'm typing this, I'm preparing to play in the Novi Chamber of Commerce's annual golf outing at Links of Novi. The good folks at Providence Hospital asked me to join their team in this four-person scramble. I'll apologize now for all the bad shots I'm going to take. They didn't ask if I COULD golf, only if I WOULD. I'm sure it'll be a fun time regardless of my hooking.

This Friday, our office is hosting a tile-making party. What's that, you say? Well, there's a rather bland looking tunnel that connects Providence's Assarian Cancer Center to the hospital, and individuals, businesses and organizations have been asked to design clay tiles to be used to decorate the tunnel. In our business, we tend to get really involved in the process of putting out a newspaper every week, and there never seems to be enough time to share time together as a staff. This should be a fun and unique opportunity for that.

On a similar note, I'm part of the HomeTown Newspaper covered softball team, which plays on Friday nights in Howell. Last week was only my second game played, and I've been paying for it all week long.

I'm 43, which isn't that old. I shouldn't be hitting like this. Heck, I think I could run once the whole month, and that was back out to my car to switch tires on sunglasses.

Perhaps the majority of us, pun was from taking old window screens from our house Saturday and cleaning them (all 27). I used

more muscles doing that than playing ball. It was my version of spring cleaning, held in August.

If you're one of the thousands of people heading down to the Detroit area for this week-end's Dream Cruise, stop by Dine's in Ferndale.

It's a small title club at 9 Mile and Woodward. That's where I'll be playing Saturday night with my regular drummer and keyboardist as well as Emmanuel Garza, a top-notch singer/guitarist.

Nora Champion, executive director of the Novi Chamber of Commerce, asked me a couple months ago if I'd be interested in joining the chamber's board of directors.

I said yes, and I'm in the processing of filling out my nomination form. I'm pretty excited about the opportunity to serve on this board. I think Novi's chamber does a fine job, and I would really like to be a part of the organization's planning process.

I'm off to the Links!!!

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## LETTERS

### Gatt's ready to go

I am Bob Gatt, candidate for Novi City Council. After reading Mr. Stone's column last week, I felt compelled to write this letter. I cannot understand a candidate's reluctance to answer questions. If someone wants to represent the people, then they must be ready to answer questions from the people.

I have been intimately involved with the City of Novi for almost 30 years. I love this city and chose a profession where I was willing to give my life for it and its citizens. Today, I am running for city council in the hopes that I will be elected so that I may continue to protect you. I will be happy to answer any question from any citizen or business owner or anyone else.

**Share your opinions:** We welcome your letters to the editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask that your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content.

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## OTHER OPINIONS

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### Nothing exotic about the dangerous problem we face

Consider what the following things have in common: Japanese beetles, zebra mussels, AIDS, emerald ash borers, West Nile virus, spiny water fleas, purple loosestrife, gypsy moths, bighead carp, round eyed gobies.

They're all invasive species. In one way or another, each of these new invaders invades our lands or waters or people. More importantly, each is an "exotic" in our Michigan environment.

Each originated somewhere else in the world and was transported to our shores, where it encountered no natural enemies or predators and therefore spread very rapidly.

Some examples will illustrate the point. The Japanese beetle and the emerald ash borer arrived in the U.S. from Japan and China infesting wood pallets. Over the 50-odd years it has been in the U.S., the Japanese beetle has decimated the giant elm trees that used to be the pride of our streets, while the emerald ash borer in just a couple of years has killed an estimated 6 million ash trees in Southeastern Michigan. Neither bug has any native natural enemies, which explains their prodigious and unchecked spread.

The AIDS virus originally looks to have jumped the species barrier from infected apes to man sometime back in the 1920s, when a West African bush meat hunter butchered his kill and nicked himself. Of course, AIDS is now a worldwide disease with no real cure yet in sight and millions dead and dying. The West Nile virus was once confined to the Nile River valley in Egypt. But mosquitoes carrying the virus wound up in the US (probably on an airplane), where it was transmitted to birds and humans. As the HIV virus took root in other species, humans have no evolutionary protection against the disease, while native American birds are essentially defenseless against the West Nile virus.

Spiny water fleas (a sort of small, spiny shrimp) and round eyed gobies (a kind of small fish) both were passengers in the ballast water of freighters that came up the St. Lawrence Seaway into the Great Lakes. That's a sign of progress but hardly a sign of optimism.

Dumped pests that could wipe out the food stock for a whole range of native fish species. So far, neither species has any serious native predators; experts predict they will spread through the Great Lakes just like the Zebra mussel.

In a few cases, scientists have discovered biological control agents that differentially attack invasive species without damaging others.

The purple loosestrife, a wetland species that blooms in August, came originally to the U.S. as a decorative garden plant sold through nurseries. But it "escaped" the garden and spread invasively through wetlands, choking out native species. Researchers at Michigan State University and the Michigan Sea Grant are experimenting with a beetle, *Galerucella calmariensis*, that feeds on loosestrife growing through the long term promise of statewide control.

And the gypsy moth that migrated from its original areas of infestation in the Northeast to defoliate acre upon acre of Michigan oak trees appears to have been kept pretty much under control by aerial release of a bacterium that infects and kills the moth's ravenous larvae.

Recently, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

has decided to concentrate research on invasive species at its lab at Annis Arbor. The new National Center for Research on Aquatic Invasive Species will house the greatest concentration of scientists doing research on invasive species, especially on pests infesting the Great Lakes. That's a sign of progress but hardly grounds for optimism.

Successes against invasive species are few and far between. Certainly the spread of species from one part of the world to another will continue apace. Who knows what kind of Asian beetle will infect the next load of wood furniture made in Thailand or what American bacterium will turn up in automobiles manufactured in Michigan but sold in East Africa? International trade and travel will move goods and people — together with their invasive passengers — increasingly from one place to another.

In past centuries, various parts of the world were essentially isolated from each other, allowing unique assemblages of plants, animals and insects to establish local biological equilibria with each other through the normal processes of evolutionary selection. But in an increasingly interconnected world, environments are no longer able to evolve in isolation one from the other.

And so what's likely to happen? Hard to tell, of course, but I suspect we are on the way to seeing uniform, worldwide assemblages of plants, animals and insects gradually supplanting the diversity of species that now make one place different from another. And anybody who knows about the dangers inherent in monoculture — planting just one kind of potato, for example — knows full well how extraordinarily dangerous that would be.

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

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 LOCATION: Novi Civic Center (unless otherwise stated)  
 DETAILS: Last Summer Concert Family Puppet Play/Roscoe the Clown, and Novi Concert Band from the Providence Medical Center groups, also free health fair screenings.  
 PHONE: (248) 347-0400

**Healthcare Provider Appreciation Weekend**  
 DATE: August 14-15  
 LOCATION: Borders Books & Music, Novi Town Center  
 DETAILS: Borders wants to thank all of the healthcare professionals who dedicate themselves to the care of others. Those involved in the healthcare field who visit their neighborhood Borders stores between August 15-17, will receive a special 20 percent discount simply by showing their professional identification.  
 PHONE: (248) 347-0780

**Alpha Omega Publications Workshop**  
 DATE: Thursday, Aug. 21  
 TIME: 6 p.m.-9 p.m.  
 LOCATION: Double Tree Hotel, 27000 Sheraton Dr., Novi  
 DETAILS: Free workshop. Learn about the opportunities of

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 PHONE: (800) 682-7391 or e-mail Events@aop.com.

**Walled Lake Summer Concerts**  
 DATE: Sunday, Aug. 24  
 TIME: 7:30-9 p.m.  
 LOCATION: The Boatouse  
 DETAILS: Paul Ramon, rock  
 PHONE: (248) 624-4847

**Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce golf outing**  
 DATE: Monday, September 8  
 TIME: 9 a.m., shotgun start  
 LOCATION: Beacon Hill Golf Club and Banquet Center, 6011 Majestic Oaks, Commerce Township  
 DETAILS: \$85/Golfer, awards, advanced prepaid reservations required.  
 PHONE: Chamber of Commerce office, 248-624-2892.

**Cancer Charity Golf Classic: Doug Schaeffer, Honorary Chair**  
 DATE: Thursday, September 18  
 TIME: 11:30 a.m. registration, 12:30 p.m. shotgun start  
 LOCATION: Links of Novi, 50395 Ten Mile Rd., Novi  
 DETAILS: golf packages avail-

able. Charity benefits Beaumont Pediatric Unit and Breast Cancer Research and Michael and Rose Assarian Cancer Center and Prostate Research.  
 PHONE: (248) 232-8212

**Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County Recycling Collection-Novi**  
 DATE: Saturday, Sept. 20  
 TIME: 9 a.m.-2 p.m.  
 LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., Novi  
 PHONE: For more information, call Recycling Coordinator, Kathy Cencer, (248) 208-2270.

**Oakland Chamber Network Business Card Exchange**  
 DATE: Thursday, September 25  
 TIME: 5 p.m.-7 p.m.  
 LOCATION: Emagine Theaters, 44425 W. 12 Mile Rd., Novi  
 DETAILS: cash bar, hors d'oeuvres provided, advance paid reservations \$10, day of event \$15.  
 PHONE: Novi Chamber of Commerce, 248-349-3743.

**Providence Center for the Healing Arts "Tuesdays at Assarian"**  
 DATE: Tuesday, August 19  
 TIME: 5 p.m.-8 p.m.  
 LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Rd., Novi  
 DETAILS: Variety of activities for the adult community to come and enjoy a unique mix of classes brought to you by the Providence Center for the Healing Arts. Aug. 19 - Reiki Get together, Polarity therapy speaker, Aug. 26 - Modern Japanese Calligraphy, Ceramics. Some activities may include a supplies fee (no more than \$10).  
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**Women's Prayer Support**  
 DATE: every Saturday  
 TIME: 9:10-10:30 a.m.  
 LOCATION: Harvest Fellowship Church, 49329 Pontiac Trail, Wixom (Parking is behind the church)  
 DETAILS: You are welcome to come for encouragement, help, hope and prayer as you face life's problems, issues and frustrations. Drop in for five minutes or longer.  
 PHONE: Nancy & Susan (248) 926-8332 or by e-mail at harvest-fellowship@comcast.net

**Adoption Playgroup**  
 DATE: first and third Fridays of the month  
 TIME: 10 a.m.  
 LOCATION: Holy Family Catholic Church (on Meadowbrook Rd. between 10 Mile Rd. and Grand River Rd.)  
 DETAILS: We are a not for profit, non-denominational group that brings adoptive families together. Our twice a month meetings provide families with the opportunity to share play and conversation. During the summer, we

meet at specially designated times and locations.  
 PHONE: For more information contact Michelle Pergau (248) 887-4955 or Sandra Noonan (248) 960-3257.

**American Business Women's Association**  
 DATE: third Mondays  
 TIME: 6:30 p.m.  
 LOCATION: Wyndham Garden Hotel in Novi  
 DETAILS: American Business Women's Association (ABWA) brings together working women of diverse occupations and provide opportunities for them to help themselves and others grow professionally and personally through networking support, education, leadership, & national recognition. Meetings are \$16, which includes full dinner. Future dates for the Novi Oaks Charter Chapter include August 18, September 15 and October 20.  
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 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Bookmobile  
 noon Lunch  
 12:30 p.m. Bingo  
 1pm-2pm Carpenter Class

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# Fanning/Howey earns Certificate of Merit for Deerfield

By Ramez Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

Fanning/Howey Associates, Inc. has been awarded the Certificate of Merit for its design of Deerfield Elementary School by School Business Affairs Magazine.

Designed by the Williamston office of Fanning/Howey Associates, Inc., the \$11 million Deerfield Elementary School is a K-4 magnet school housing 500 students in two multigrade neighborhoods. The 83,000 square foot school has been extremely popular since its opening in 2000, drawing attention for its educational program. Deerfield's physical environment supports an array of learning approaches while celebrating the school's natural woodland setting.

According to Michael Hall, chief marketing officer for Fanning/Howey Associates Inc., the company has won many awards for its design of Deerfield. The building won the Shirley Cooper award last year, which is a school award from the American Association of School Administrators.

"That was the third time we won that award as a firm," Hall said. "The educational program that Deerfield houses within the building is very unique. It's basically two schools within a school, each of which is a kindergarten-through-fourth-grade facility. The classroom arrangements that house those K-4 programs are extremely open in terms of flexibility with walls that allow them to reconfigure the space based on the way they want to teach, if they want to team teach or individually teach or group teach, which means bringing three, four or five classrooms together."

The top-ranked educational facilities design firm in the nation, Fanning/Howey Associates Inc. has completed over 800 schools within the past five years. Hall was the owner in charge for the Deerfield project as well as the work being done on the Novi High School right now. He also founded the Michigan offices of Fanning/Howey Associates Inc.

"The Deerfield building is connected with its sight very well in terms of the outdoor learning area, the wetlands and those kind of things," Hall said. "The entrance to the Media Center is a natural exhibit, so there are just a lot of very unique learning opportunities within that building that relate that building to the curriculum and relate both the building and the curriculum to the site. There is also, in my opinion, a tremendous sharing of space between the Novi Community Schools and the City of Novi."

Hall explained that a major reason why Deerfield has won so many awards is because Novi Schools Superintendent Emmett Lippe and the school board allowed a group of educators and community people to develop a vision for the building of a very progressive educational arrangement and plan. It involved the

community and developing a vision for the building.

"It wasn't just a standard cut and dry elementary school," Hall said. "It was a very unique program that Dr. Lippe facilitated. The building has won a couple awards at least that I know of or maybe more."

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This bridge, located within Deerfield Elementary, is just one of the many unique aspects that has won Fanning/Howey Associates, Inc. awards such as the Certificate of Merit for designing the building.

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Time sure does fly. It seems like just yesterday I was putting the finishing touches on the first year of Northville football under Clint Alexander and tying up the post-season run the Novi football squad had.

And, without giving me time to even breathe, fall sports is on us once again.

Though many of the readers out there will look at this paper week and nod knowingly at the football stories on the front page, others will no doubt find themselves saying that said sport is my favorite. Well, it is. I won't even try to deny it. But, in my defense, I was on vacation all last week and I really only had time to write a handful of stories when I returned — which happen to be football.

But, everyone else should have no fear. Next week, the preview sections are upon us. All the girls basketball, cross country, girls tennis, girls swimming, boys golf and boys soccer you can basically shake a stick at. Our annual fall preview section will be out in place of the regular sports section in both the *Novi News* and the *Northville Record*.

This year, I hope to surpass the preview sections of the past and produce a pretty nice product for all of the sports readers out there. That means that when you pick up the preview section a week from today, you think to yourself about how sharp it looks and the way it smoothly reads. Of course, that's my goal each and every week but nothing is quite as widely read as the preview section.

I know that once the schedules are out, the fans will take out their pens and circle the contests that they are hoping to hit this year. Well, though I'd love to be at each and every one of them with you, I can't be. It's a simple fact of life, and sometimes I do regret it. I love sports, or I wouldn't be doing this job from week to week.

Every year, my goal is to have better writing, better stories, better pictures and better coverage in the sports section compared to the year past. Sometimes I manage to do that, other times I don't. What I don't want to do is focus all of my energies on a single sport and find the other lacking because of it.

I am also well aware that many people don't see me at games. That doesn't mean that I haven't gone to any throughout the year or that there won't be any coverage. What that means is that I'm at another sporting event for the week as I am forced to adjust my schedule to fit everything I need to do into a full work week. I do appreciate all of the parents and fans that help me gather the information I need, and I appreciate all of the coaches for making that information not only accessible but easily translated into the written word as well.

I want everyone to know that they are free to come up and talk to me during a contest or give me a call or drop me an e-mail if they have any comments, questions or concerns or if they just want to say "hi." I try to make myself available to the readers and I do what I can to come up with the responses they are looking for.

I hope this relationship continues on such a path, as I do enjoy hearing the opinions of those who read my articles each week. Though my paycheck comes from an office that isn't in Northville and Novi, I do feel that the readers are my bosses. Basically, I want to be putting the things in the paper that you want to read — not just those that I want to write.

I hope everyone enjoys my articles through the fall. Let's hope that I have plenty to write about long after the regular season has come to a close. I like to think that our boys and girls are capable of doing anything they put their minds to — even if that means pounding the competition into dust and winning the state title in their respective sport.

Hey, I wouldn't mind writing about that this year and I'm sure you wouldn't mind reading about it.

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# Practice makes perfect

## Football comes out running with conditioning

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

Thank goodness for overcast days. No doubt, that was something which was going through the minds of many of the Novi Wildcats football players Monday while they were out pounding away at the practice field in hopes of turning 2003 into yet another successful football season.

"It's a great day for practice," returning center Ryan Pritchard said, glancing up at the clouds blocking out the sun. "I couldn't ask for a better day."

And most of the rest of the varsity squad would have probably agreed. With the exception of a handful of student-athletes that tweaked their hamstrings or needed a little extra breather, the Wildcats looked in good form — at least in the eyes of a casual observer.

"We're working on conditioning right now and then, hopefully, we can put on some pads and play some football," said Tab Kellepourey, the team's head coach. "Our veterans are looking good, for the most part. But, our opening game against Chelsea is only 14 days away and I bet they're getting ready for us right now."

The Wildcats were definitely eager and weren't afraid to show it on opening day either. Senior Mike Hart and junior Kevin Cislo were busy competing at the quarterback slot. Hart, who is a returning player with plenty of throwing experience from last year, was looking good as he helped direct his receivers on their routes and worked on Novi's well-timed running game.

"We're excited," senior full-back and linebacker Josh Buck said. "We had a lot of success last year and we'd like to repeat it this year. It's never easy, but we're dedicated to getting it done."

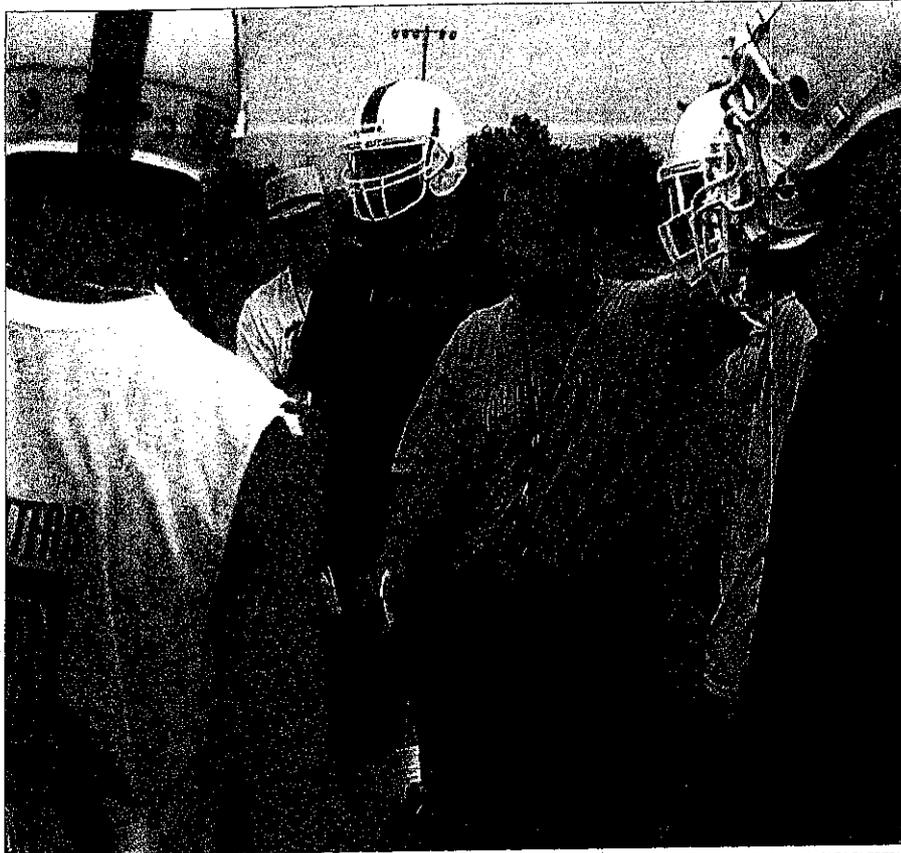
Buck and his linebacker corps, which is complete from last year, will be looking to knock some heads when they get the chance to.

"Everyone's back at linebacker and most of our defensive backs returned too," Buck said. "If we can put together a defensive line, we should have a very strong defense."

And Novi prides itself on defense. Though their offense has been known to score when it needed to in the past, it has been the defense that has weathered plenty of storms — and this year might not be any different. Even offensive players are salivating at the chance to make some tackles.

"I'm hoping they let me play defense this year," Pritchard said. The junior, who was a starter last season, knows the importance of a good defensive stand in high school football. He also knows that it takes more than just thick heads and cleats to put together a good squad.

"We have a lot of athletes on this team and I think that makes us a better football program," Pritchard said. "We can play multiple positions and still stay in the game. Because we're so deep, being undersized probably won't be a problem. We'll just keep



Photos by SAM EGGLESTON

Football practice was in full swing August 11. Above, Coach Tab Kellepourey walks his players through the importance of the huddle while (below) Mike Hart lines up at quarterback and Josh Buck paws the ground behind him.

eviling in fresh players throughout a game."

Coach Kellepourey noted that though he still feels his Wildcats have a lot of things to accomplish between now and August 28 at 7 p.m. when they host the Chelsea Bulldogs, he's confident that those doing the teaching will get the job done.

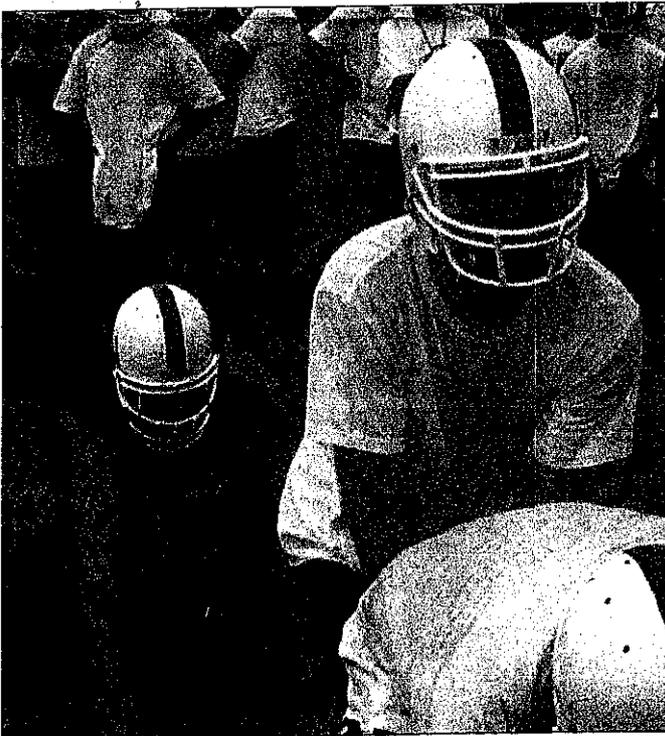
Coaches Dave Hartman and Jeff Burnside will be directing a lot of the action on the field while the well-known John Osborne will be once again taking to the sidelines as the offensive line coach.

"We have a remarkable coaching staff here," Kellepourey said. "If it needs to get done, these guys will get it done. I'm never concerned about that."

The Novi Wildcats are hoping to have everything working in smooth form by Saturday, when the squad will play their annual Green and White game for the public. The slated start time is 5 p.m.

Once they are beyond that, it all comes down to game preparation and gearing up for all of the teams they'll be facing this year.

"There's no doubt that our opposition is going to be coached well," Kellepourey said. "We have to prepare ourselves the best way we know how, and that's by playing football. Once we're through this conditioning, then the football begins."



# Burnside earns varsity stripes at Novi

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

Jeff Burnside isn't afraid to say that it's a completely different game at this level.

Burnside, a former junior varsity football coach at Novi High School, will now be pacing the sidelines with Tab Kellepourey, John Osborne and Dave Hartman and the varsity Wildcats.

"It's definitely a lot faster," Burnside said of the speed of the game. "I came up and helped out with the varsity team last year after our season was over and you could tell right away that it's a completely different game."

And a lot of that had to do with the teaching that he and his fellow J.V. coaches were passing on.

"Well, these kids are beyond the basic fundamentals of the game and can move onto more sophisticated styles of play," Burnside said.

He's very familiar with many of the players that will be taking to the field this year. Those who are now seniors were freshmen when he first took the helm in Novi. He's moved up with them through the years and is looking forward to watching them compete at this level.

"It's a completely different attitude," Burnside said of varsity football. "They definitely know there's a light at the end of the tunnel and will do what it takes to get there. The playoffs are something each and every one of these kids want, and I want it too."

But, there are other goals to be reached first.

"I would have to say that I'm looking to win the conference title first," Burnside noted. "But, after that we have to focus on the playoffs and going as deep as we can."

Burnside said that coaching is only part of what he loves about Novi football — the other part

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Jeff Burnside  
Assistant Novi Football Coach

are the players that he is around on a daily basis.

"These are great kids," he said, and then quickly corrected

himself. "They're great young men."

When he isn't getting the Wildcat backs to run the football in practice or blowing a whistle, Burnside is busy teaching those at the Novi Middle School.

"Coaching and teaching go hand-in-hand," he said. "There are a lot of similarities between the two."

At 26 years of age, Burnside finds himself free to pretty much coach as he pleases. His serious girlfriend, Heather, can relate to the pressures and consumption of time that goes into the process.

"She's a cross country coach," he said. "We understand what it is the other goes through and we respect that. It takes a lot of time to be a coach and both of us support each other."

Burnside finds himself coming into a season following Novi's impressive run into the playoffs in 2002. He is looking to do all that he can with the tal-

ented players at his disposal.

"We've got a lot of good athletes," he said. "Hopefully, we can get them geared up and ready to go before we play Chelsea. They're a tough team, and I'm looking forward to it. I know these kids are too."

And come August 29 at 7 p.m., Burnside will be welcomed to the Friday night fever of varsity football — something he's been wanting for some time.

"As a coach you always want to be at this level," he said. "When I found out that I was hired, I was more than just a little excited. Coach Kellepourey informed me, and I was ecstatic. This is a dream come true."

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# Tyler Carter fit in great at Northville High

By Roger Garfield  
SPECIAL WRITER

Tyler Carter was born on May 22, 1985 in Omaha, Neb. Growing up in St. Louis, Missouri, Carter played little league baseball in the sweltering humidity and developed into quite a stellar young athlete. At the age of 14, however, Carter and his family moved to Northville the summer prior to his freshman year of high school.

The move saddened Carter and his family at first. He and his brother Zach were both part of their community and school. Carter attempted to acclimate himself with the high school scene quickly by joining the cross-country team. This proved to be a wise move.

Carter was a very team-oriented participant. His teammates look a quick glance to him, and this made the transition from St. Louis to Northville a bit easier. Carter went on to run on the team for all four years of high school. Under the tutelage of Chris Cronin, Carter enjoyed himself thoroughly by improving over the years and looking in the team commander, especially at team dinners. Cronin's presence had a big impact on Carter both on and off the trail, and the impact of his teammates was tremendous as well.

"The team and coach (Cronin) were both very good for all of my four years," said Carter.

In the winters, Carter hit the pool as a member of the swim team. Zach Carter, a 1988 graduate of '01, swam his first year at Northville when Carter was a freshman. Carter, however, was hesitant to swim that first year, and did not join the team until he was a sophomore, and Zach a senior.

"The Speedos scared the away," he recalled.

Eventually though, Carter carved in and joined the team with his elder brother. He soon found that swimming was harder than he thought.

"It is the most physically demanding sport there is," states Carter.

He worked hard, and by the end of his first year, he was swimming freestyle on the team's top relay. Carter's forte in the water was always the 50 yard freestyle. After many early morning practices and hours of grueling laps, Carter made it to the state meet in the 200 free relay and the 200 medley relay, swimming anchor for each. That was quite an accomplishment for someone who had never swam competitively before his sophomore year. Perhaps it was the success of his brother Zach that convinced him to finally swim. Zach will be a junior at the College of Wooster in the fall. He swims on Wooster's team and is also a specialist in freestyle.

Spring was Carter's favorite time of year, baseball season. After a year on the junior varsity as a freshman where he played catcher, pitcher, and infield, Carter made the varsity squad as a tenth grader. He and Scott McNish were the lead sluggers on the team, and they shared time behind the plate. Carter also pitched and played third base. As a junior, Carter became a star. He batted .321 and had 5 home runs on the season. In the district semifinals his junior year, Carter pitched against a star-studded Novi lineup and managed a win. It was a brilliant feat. Not feeling a big district win was enough. Carter went on to crack two home runs in the district final versus South Lyon, bringing Northville its first district crown in two decades. The following weekend in the regional semis, Carter was on the hill again facing Saline. He pitched well, but Saline proved to be a bit too much. The Mustangs fell 5-4.

Carter came back his senior year

evened. He was prepared to savor what he thought would be his last year of organized baseball. The Mustangs had a stacked team with a lot of pitching depth and young talent. Carter began the season struggling a bit with the bat, but his pitching throughout the year was splendid. He led the team in innings, pitching 42.2, was second in strikeouts with 34, and had an ERA of 4.11. When district tournament time came, Carter once again was ready to perform.

He started the semi-final, this year against South Lyon, and he pitched wonderfully. The Mustangs cruised to a 2-0 victory and faced Novi in the final. Seeking revenge, the Wildcats came up with a lot of intensity, but Northville was too much. The Mustangs won 7-5 and were back-to-back district champions.

A year prior, the Mustangs second-ranked with a district title. This year, they wanted to win the regional. In the semi-final, Carter and his mates went up against Adrian and pitching star Eric Thiesen. Carter took the mound around to score a key run. Adrian bunted, scratched, and clawed their way to three runs, and in the 7th, they were up 3-2. Northville could not mount a rally, and lost for the second year in a row in the regional.

Carter had nothing to be ashamed of. He pitched possibly the greatest game of his career against an Adrian lineup full of big hitters. It was nothing short of a gem. Many college coaches noticed his pitching exploits from his senior year. Carter has chosen to attend the University of Michigan. He has been to some baseball camps there, and he will try to walk on to the team in the fall.

"I'm going to give it my best shot," says Carter.

Carter is the epitome of a great teammate. As a baseball captain his senior year, he had a very big influence on the underclassmen. His presence on the field and in the dugout will be missed greatly. In all of the sports Carter took part in, he always got up on an individual success or personal glory. Carter wanted to have fun and succeed as part of a team. Carter is also a great son, brother, and friend.

His parents Steve and Kathy are from Cincinnati, Ohio. Sarah is the oldest daughter, recently graduating from Southwestern Missouri State. Zach is 20, and Carter is 18. Their family enjoys spending time playing cards, dining, and laughing.

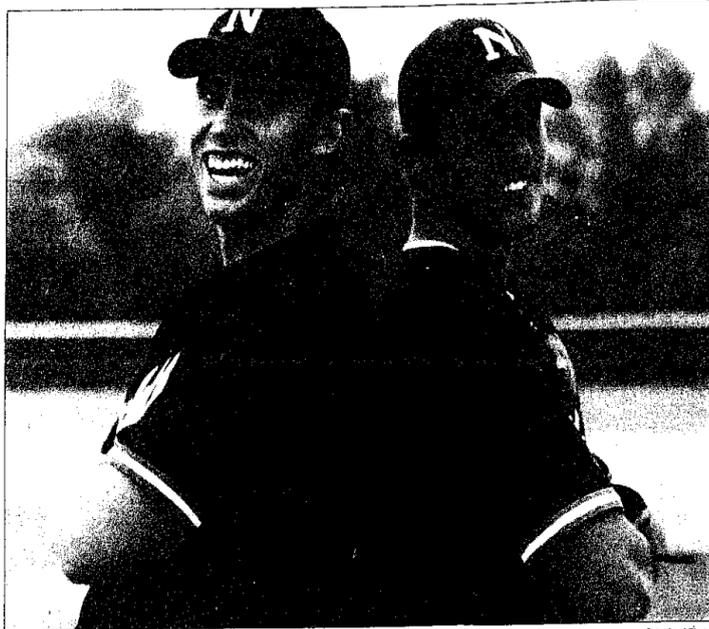
Carter is a valued friend by many. He and his friends participate in disc golf, concerts, cards, games, swimming, lacrosse, debates, and eating delicacies. Able to put down a good slab or two on a healthy day, Tyler loves to eat.

Dave Matthews Band and O.A.R. are two of Carter's other loves. He has countless CDs of the bands' live shows and genuinely enjoys collecting and trading.

Carter will move into the University of Michigan at the end of August. He is considering studying English; his background in journalism is good, having worked for the Northville Record in the fall and winter. Many of Carter's friends will be joining him at U of M, but those attending elsewhere will miss him dearly. Carter is a character full of life, laughter, and love, and is ready for life's next chapter.

"I have spent four wonderful years here coming from an equally wonderful year in St. Louis," Carter said.

Tyler Carter is prepared for many wonderful years ahead.



Roger Garfield (left) and Tyler Carter have had plenty of fun as teammates, friends and fellow sports-writing interns for the Novi News and the Northville Record.

## Games more fun thanks to Garfield

By Tyler Carter  
SPECIAL WRITER

On the fifth day of December in 1984, the man who would one day grow up to be a six foot four, two hundred pound NCAA basketball player was born. I was lucky enough to sit down with this young man just before he starts writing this new, collegiate chapter of his life.

Roger Louis Garfield, more commonly known to friends simply as "Roger," "OKR," or "Garfield," has most certainly left his mark on the schools and community of Northville. He is renowned amongst his peers for his athletic prowess, his unique and amiable character, and his infectious sense of humor.

Roger's extensive basketball career began soon after he learned to walk. Year after year, he played in leagues and summer teams, all of which would prepare him for his high school career and beyond. His inarguable high school season was spent under the tutelage of Coach Cronin, to whom Roger now refers as his most influential coach and one who "drove me to become a professional player." Roger describes his sophomore season as a year that he "loved seeing everyone get involved. There's nothing I love more than watching the success of my teammates." He enjoyed plenty of success that year, as the team finished with a healthy 18-2 record. In his junior year, Roger helped lead the Mustangs to an impressive season capped by a division title. The moment, however, that stands out in Roger's and many other Mustang basketball fans is one that occurred in a league game against Stevenson in the 2002-2003 season. Northville trailed by two to with the game clock winding down when Roger fired a majestic pass to teammate Jeff Varley for a picture perfect alley-oop. After Varley had slammed down the thunderous dunk and sent the game to overtime, Roger explained that the two of them have a certain connection on the court. They call it the Jalen (Rose) - Tracy (McGrady) connection after Roger's and Jeff's favorite NBA stars. Roger spent his summers playing ball with players from Novi, and he developed great friendships on the court. Roger will be donning a Homers jersey in the years to come, as he begins his college career at Kalamazoo College. He has spent part of this summer playing with the team and is "looking for a lot of tick-tock" this year. With

at the plate instead of on the mound. Both of us found that we had a unique ability to strike out numerous times over the course of a season. We learned this gift and turned it into a game. In the summer following our junior season, it took a valiant four-srikeout performance by me in the last game of the season to overcome his commanding lead and go home with more strikeouts than anyone else on the team. I hate to brag, but I also beat him in our senior year — by a lot.

As much as I could talk about Roger's monumental sports career, I feel that where he really shines is at the dinner table. I've never met another individual that appreciates food like Roger does. As I asked, him about his years on the basketball team, the only interruption was him making his way to the freezer and pulling out a couple of frozen pizzas and asking with a smile "You prefer the 4-cheese or the supreme?" Later, as he heard the timer go off, indicating that a flawless 4-cheese pizza was ready, he broke into an ear-to-ear grin. He picks me, "Do you ever find yourself smiling when you sit down to eat, because I do a lot?" Born in St. Louis and enjoying the luxury of Ted Drewes's Frozen Custard, Roger's love for good food is no coincidence. As an avid fan of Skyline Chili and many other Midwestern delights, he is always up for a good meal. There aren't many people that can say they have spent nearly five hours at Asian Buffet in a single sitting, nor are there many that have tackled Glen Auber's Monster Sandwich. Roger can, and he does so as he pulls chips and salsa out of the cabinet to cleanse his palate after the pizza.

Along with his love for food, Roger also holds a special place in his heart for cinematography. I don't know that I've ever met anyone who is more familiar with actors and their work than Roger. While he is a fan of newer material such as Zoolander and Mr. Deeds, he still holds classics such as Home Alone and The Big Lebowski in high esteem. In a yearbook survey, Roger accredits Kevin McCallister's wit and bravery as the inspiration that made him the person he is today.

Musie has played an important role in Roger's life thus far. With a professional musician as an uncle and a father who owns CDs by over 2000 different artists, it would be amazing if it hadn't. After years of piano lessons, Roger is able still down and around listeners with anything from classical pieces to pop. Roger was also a member of Backbeat, the elite group of young men that perform at Northville High School functions as well as private parties. Yes, ladies, he can tickle the ivories and sing.

Over the last four years, I have been lucky enough to build a strong friendship with Roger Garfield. We have enjoyed several baseball seasons together as well as numerous outings on both local and far away dice golfing adventures.

I can't get enough of Roger's smile and I absolutely love the way the big fellas eat. As we both head off in different directions next year, I know I will not lose his friendship. To use his own expression, he is truly a class act. There is no doubt in my mind that he will find success in whatever endeavors he chooses to pursue.

Carolina. Hartland also speaks to school-aged children about academic athletics and making the right decisions along with South Carolina Alumni and former NFL players. Hartland is also the student/athlete representative for the South Carolina coalition for underage drinking. This summer, Hartland was the 1997 Teen Center coordinator for Novi Youth Assistance. She has also judged Girl Scout banners and visited with foster children during an afternoon holiday party.

Currently, she is a psychology major at USC.

Next Level Athletics includes former athletes from the readership area of the Northville Record and Novi News. The Next Level Athletics are individuals who have taken the next step beyond high school athletics to the next level — including college, semi-professional, minor league and professional athletics. Anyone who would like to submit information about an athlete can do so via email at seg.geston@hiltonhometown.com or mail information to The Northville Record, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI, 48167.

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## SPORTS SHORTS

### Michigan Indians baseball tryouts

The Michigan Indians U-16 and U-17 baseball travel teams will hold tryouts for their 2004 season August 23 and 24. The tryouts will be held at Mussey Field at the intersection of Plymouth and Haggerty Roads and will be from noon-2 p.m. Aug. 23 and from 6-8 p.m. Aug. 24.

The U-16 Michigan Indians will be the host team for the NABF World Series held in Northville. For more information, please contact Carl Patterson at (248) 349-4973 or email mindians@comcast.net.

### Michigan Athletics Baseball to hold tryouts

The U-15 Michigan Athletics Baseball Club will hold tryouts for their 2004 team on Sunday August 24th at Northville Community park, field #5. Any player born after August 1, 1988 is eligible to try out. The Michigan A-50 typically play of schedule of 5-6 games including Little Caesar's League games, sox tournaments and one national World Series.

For information please contact Bill Jenney, abjenney@comcast.net or (248) 348-5857.

### Golf Lessons Available

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## NEXT LEVEL ATHLETES

It's not as though athletes at the next level have much time. First, they are always slaving away working on their game and then there is that pesky thing we like to call studying that takes up pretty much the rest of their time.

However, every now and then you find an athlete that takes the little time they have to themselves and gives it for the benefit of others.

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### Searching for records

Novi High School is currently looking for any information regarding a possible record for a single game, single season or a career dating back to the opening of the school. Records can be proven with old newspaper articles, end-of-season reports or scorebooks as documentation.

Anyone with this information should contact the high school via mail by sending the documentation to Novi High School, 24062 Taft Road, Novi, Michigan 48375. Attn: Julie Fisetle, Athletic Records.

### Open and Lap Swimming

The Recreation Center at Hillside Pool announces open and lap swimming during the spring on Tuesdays after school, Thursdays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. and Friday from 7:30-8:30 p.m. and Saturday from 7:30-8:30 p.m. The cost is \$3.00 per person, regardless of age. Please pay the lifeguard and bring correct change. Dates and times are subject to change. Cancellations will be posted on the Recreation Center doors.

### Northville Broncos Tryouts

Tryouts for the 2004 Northville Broncos U-14 Boys' Travel Baseball Team will be held at Millennium Park, Field No. 7, August 23 and 24. The tryout will be from 6-8 p.m. on the 23 and from 2-5 p.m. on the 24.

Attendance at both days is preferred. Any questions can be directed to Dominick Mitchell at (734) 420-5755.

# ENTERTAINMENT

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## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Recently, while running the Thursday Farmer's Market in downtown Milford, my husband, Tom, and I discovered a honey booth with jars and jars of the thick, golden liquid, displayed. The owners of the Apiary and several of their nine children were working away helping the throng of customers "buzzing" around their purchase. While making our purchase, I had an intriguing conversation with the mom, a mid-30s woman. I learned she runs a bee farm, teaches bee-keeping classes, raises ornamental and fruit bearing trees, and follows the local markets six days a week during the summer.



Chef Brady

What got my initial attention were the jars with dark, pollen-filled combs suspended in a beautiful, amber-colored honey. We've all seen comb honey available in the supermarkets, nicely boxed, clean and pristine. Imagine the opposite. It was hard for me to take my eyes from the almost self-looking mass floating in its personal outer space. In fact, I'm gazing into a jar that is sitting on my desk with the sun streaming through it as I write. Inspiration at its best!

Honey, by definition, is a sweet liquid produced by bees from flower nectar. The name comes from the Old English word hunig and is the first and most widespread of sweeteners used by man. For centuries, many people have held it in high esteem. The Old Testament describes the ideal land as one "flowing with milk and honey." Romans and Greeks referred to honey as "food for the gods."

Honey has been used as a pharmaceutical for hundreds of years. Before refrigeration and reliable food sources, honey was used to kill the bacteria that grew on spoiling food. Some types of honey have an excellent ability to kill staph. This antibacterial ability comes from the physical makeup of honey including hydrogen peroxide, various alcohols, and ethereal oils, formic, lactic and vegetable acids, and from the hormones furnished by the bees themselves.

Another theory, which makes perfect sense to me, is that honey gathered from medicinal plants contains the healing propensity of said plants. There is documentation dating back to 401 B.C. that soldiers on one of Cyrus's expeditions behaved like madmen after eating honey, and then lay unconscious for 24 hours. Not many years later three squadrons of Pompey's troops died after eating honey fed to them by the natives, undoubtedly collected from poisonous plants.

Honey is being rediscovered for its unique combination of nutritional and therapeutic benefits. The body assimilates it

completely and easily. Unlike white sugar, the body does not store honey. Though it contains a minimum of 80 percent carbohydrates, they are in a form that is readily metabolized, providing a quick source of energy and an array of vitamins, minerals, antioxidants and amino acids.

Honey is also a revered cooking ingredient and can be substituted for the sugar in any recipe. The role of thimb is to reduce the amount by 25 percent (e.g. 3/4 cup of honey for 1 cup of sugar) and reduce some other liquid ingredient as well by the same amount -25 percent. Honey is composed of 42 percent fructose or fruit sugar. This sugar is very hygroscopic (moisture absorbing) and keeps breads, cakes and cookies moist for a longer time.

There are three basic forms of honey: the comb, chunk and extracted. Comb honey comes straight from the hives. It is full of natural pollen, and many sufferers of allergies have experienced a marked improvement by chewing a spoonful during allergy season. Tom can attest to this first hand. After just a few days of eating the comb his symptoms disappeared.

The term "chunk" refers to honey with bits of the comb included and "extracted" is pure honey pressed from the comb. As with any other natural product the highest amount of processing is preferred, maintaining the integrity and bouquet. Store honey in a cool, dry place for up to a year. Comb or chunk honey six months.

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Several hundred varieties of honey are sold throughout the United States and the flavors of such depend entirely on the location it is gathered. Orange blossom honey from Florida, manzanilla from California, sage-blossom from Arizona, spangmirt from Indiana and tupelo from the swamps of Georgia to cite a few.

Americans consume over a pound of honey per person each year. The United States is one of the world's largest producers of honey. Figures gathered in 1998 state that there are 212,000 beekeepers tending nearly 4 million hives with a 221 million pound production.

One of our Brady family favorites is warm corn bread slathered with honey. I've shared an especially popular recipe that incorporates the use of summer's fresh corn and sage. Please take the time to seek out unpasteurized honey from your local bee farmers. In fact, my honey supplier offers bee-keeping classes in the spring, which follows the life cycle of the honeybees throughout the late summer extraction of the honey. Maybe, just maybe, it's time to go back to school!

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### SAVORY SAGE AND BUTTERMILK CORNBREAD

Ingredients:  
1/2 cup yellow corn meal  
1 cup flour  
1/2 cup honey  
3/4 baking soda  
1/2 t. salt  
3/4 cup buttermilk  
1 egg well beaten  
2 T. melted butter  
Corn cut from 2 ears; leftover is great but if raw, blanch before adding into batter  
2 T. finely chopped fresh sage or 1 1/2 t. dried

Directions:  
1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Grease an 8" square cake pan or 12 count muffin tin or an 8" cast iron skillet.

2. Mix the dry ingredients in a bowl.

3. Add the beaten egg, honey, melted butter and the buttermilk.

4. Incorporate the corn and sage and pour into desired container.

5. Bake approximately 20 minutes or until a toothpick comes out dry. Cool and cut into squares or wedges. Serve with sweet butter and honey.

Recipe provided by chef Mary Brady of Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro.

### THE PEQUOD

Ingredients:  
5 ounces prepared tapenade (purchase in jars or make your favorite recipe)  
2 quartered black figs (dried)  
3 tablespoons Gräny mustard  
Note: Process all of the ingredients until smooth. Allow flavors to blend at least 12 hours. This will store for two weeks or longer.

5 four-inch round sourdough rolls or cut baguette bread Above tapenade  
4 ounces mild goat's cheese, room temperature  
8 ounces thinly sliced prosciutto — get the good stuff, imported only  
2 1/2 cups baby greens — arugula is great or baby spinach or walt erress (dad's fav)

Directions:  
1. Bring the tapenade to room temperature. Slice rolls or bread.

2. Divide tapenade over bottoms and cheese over tops spreading evenly.

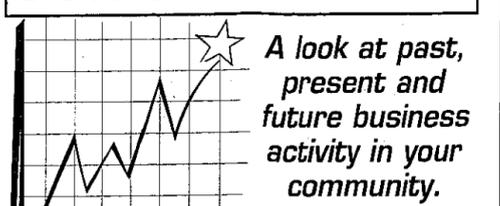
3. Layer prosciutto slices over tapenade and then greens. Season with freshly ground pepper.

4. Cut into halves, wrap and store chilled up to four hours.  
5. Bon Appetite!

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# HOME & GARDEN

# HEALTH & FITNESS



HomeTown Newspapers  
Interior designers John Moiznad and David Hintgen created simple, easy-to-maintain landscaping and lighting for the front of Alix Leadley's 1909-bungalow in Colorado.

## Unbungling a bungalow

By Betsy Lehndorf  
SCRAPES HOWARD NEWS SERVICE  
The interior was neglected and the grounds were a mess. But for \$125,000, Alix Leadley knew the old bungalow was a bargain in 1994. So she bought it.

But decorating was a challenge. Leadley would come through the front door and the place would feel disorganized, uninvited.  
"Everything I did was pretty much an expensive mistake," Leadley says. One wall in the living room was masonry, the lawn was mostly dirt, and the outdated kitchen lacked sufficient counter space for cooking meals.  
"No matter how much you cleaned this house, it still looked messy," she says. "I added a sun room on the back and it was just a big room with a cement floor — too cold to do anything. It ended up being the dog's room."

Three years ago, Leadley suffered a stroke, and there was no longer a question. The home needed remodeling to meet her needs. Today, she walks with limitation and occasionally struggles to produce words. But her recovery inspired her to get her house in order, with the help of interior designers John Moiznad and David Hintgen of JMDH Interiors of Denver.

"Structurally, Leadley's house was built to last," Moiznad says. "It was very sound, so she wanted the interior to be timeless."  
Inspecting the home, they saw Leadley had inherited some beautiful antiques, along with English prints of hunt scenes. They suggested she consider a European country style.

But first, they recommended practical renovations: re-wiring and re-roofing the outside of the house; replacing outdated wiring, plumbing, heating and cooling; and landscaping front and back. They also suggested excavating the basement to create a private apartment for her 21-year-old son, Alexander Leadley, who lives with her.

She agreed with their suggestions, giving them eight months to get everything done.  
"Today, in an old neighborhood overrun by look-alike mansions, Leadley's 1909 bungalow preserves the essence of the past, inside and out."

For all the floors, Moiznad and Hintgen put down beige travertine stone with a semi-tough surface to keep footings secure. Over it they set planked rugs for warmth. In the event that Leadley needs a wheelchair, the rugs can be rolled up and stored.  
In the living room, the two designers have created the illusion of a larger space by filling it with comfortable seating, tables and tall accessories. They also use natural colors like wheat and pale honey to make the space seem larger. For contrast, Leadley's antiques have been refinished in rich brown hues.

Decorative crown molding edges the ceiling to draw the eye up, and floor-to-ceiling drapery makes oversized windows look larger. Fitting the room's grander scale.  
A tall bookcase and a rustic mirror above the fireplace mantel add to the illusion.

At the center is a low table ringed with upholstered chairs and a sofa. Oriental rugs absorb echoes and traffic noise.

Beyond the living room is a walk-through kitchen with the feel of a luxury ocean liner galley. In the small space, cherry cabinets conceal tons of storage, eliminating clutter. Back-splashes, and appliances are easy-to-maintain stainless steel, and recessed lighting illuminates ample countertops.

A laundry room features a washer and dryer elevated above the floor so Leadley doesn't have to bend over to remove clothing. A nearby sunroom is filled with comfortable seating clusters. Roman shades rise to reveal a huge maple tree in the back yard. Raised flower beds border the rest of the yard, and pea gravel replaces the old lawn.

To provide Leadley with a greater sense of security, the designers also had an unobtrusive video camera installed at the front door. When the doorbell rings, Leadley has only to click on her television remote to see the visitor's image on the screen. Although the renovation was expensive, Leadley says feeling more in charge makes it worthwhile.

"It's organized and it's clean, and I will have lots of space to put stuff," she says.  
"What does it feel like now when she comes in the front door?"  
"It feels like home," she says.



# ECO-CLEAN

There are plenty of Earth-friendly choices out there to spruce up your home

Story By Andrea Todd ■ Photo Illustration by Brian Harris ■ Modesto Bee

I love Mother Earth. But I've always avoided eco-cleaning products because with labels that read "non-caustic, non-acid, phosphate-free, non-toxic," I wonder — does it work?

So I put such products to the test. First, the good news. The products, while they cost more, were not as expensive as I expected. And products that are biodegradable and non-toxic are easier on our planet and better to use around the house on a regular basis. Some of the industrial cleaners for those interests, once-a-month cleanings.

Many eco-friendly products also smell better, and some people might feel more comfortable using them in a house shared with small children and pets.

The bad news: One clogged my drain, some do smell bad and you may have a hard time finding many of these on store shelves.

Here are some of the products and test results:

■ **Drain openers**  
Earth-Friendly Products' Natural Enzymes Drain Opener Build Up Remover and Drain Maintainer (\$8.79, 2-pound container) turned out to be a drain-clogger. The directions read like a recipe: You have to mix the brew ahead of time and wait 24 hours for it to work. But at the 28-hour mark, the drain was clogged worse than ever. I used Liquid-Plumr to clear it (\$5.99, 32 ounces).

■ **Glass cleaners**  
All cleaned the glass, but Seventh Generation Free & Clear Natural Glass & Surface Cleaner (\$4.25, 32 ounces) streaked. It's also the only one with a caution label (eye irritant). Mountain Green Natural Glass Cleaner Sreak-Free with Vinegar (\$5.25, 32 ounces) was better at cleaning windows, but the vinegar smell was strong. It's hypoallergenic. EcoCover Natural Glass & Surface Cleaner (\$2.99, 16 ounces) was sooper and required a bit more rubbing to get it off glass, but cleaned the best. It

also cut through grease on marble, chrome and porcelain. I usually use Windex Glass Cleaner Wipes (25 wipes, \$2.99).

■ **Toilet bowl cleaners**  
The winner was Seventh Generation Toilet Bowl Cleaner (\$4.25, 32 ounces). It had a mint scent and was a good cleaning product. Earth-Friendly Products boasted a "natural cedar scent" on its Non-Flooring Toilet Bowl Cleaner (\$3.55, 24 ounces), but it didn't smell as good or clean as well as the Lysol Toilet Bowl Cleaner I typically use (\$3.29, 32 ounces).

■ **Bathroom cleaners**  
LifeTree's Fresh and Natural All-Purpose Bathroom Cleaner (\$3.49, 16 ounces) worked fine on the sink (a Soft-Scrub equivalent), but not as well on the tub or toilet. I was delighted to discover that good old Bon Ami (\$1.39, 14 ounces) qualifies as an eco-product. This powerful powder contains no chlorine, perfume or dyes that would blacken it. The label does warn it's an eye irritant. Healer's Oxygen Bleach Cleaner (\$3.25, 14 ounces) worked fine on the tub, but with a little more work — and I missed that Bon-Ami clean.

What to say about Seventh Generation Shower Cleaner (\$4.49, 32 ounces)? It's not Tiltex. But it works like something in between the everyday shower cleaners and the toxic Tiltex Mold & Mildew Remover (\$6.49, 32 ounces).

■ **Laundry detergents**  
Seventh Generation Natural Laundry Detergent (\$8.49, 100 ounces) worked well, but Citra-Solv's Citra-Suds (\$5.25, 50 ounces) worked a bit better (it even got out a stubborn chocolate stain). Neither detergent worked as well on whites as my usual Arm & Hammer Free Liquid (\$4.79, 100 ounces), but using hot water and adding Country-Save Non-Chlorine Powder, Bleach

(\$4.25, 40 ounces) to the wash helped with one white load (the bleach also worked as a good cleaning product when dissolved in water).

One nice touch: The whole house smelled like oranges while the machine was running (both Seventh Generation and Citra-Solv brands are citrus-scented), yet the "orange peel" smell didn't overpower my clothes once dried.

■ **Dish soaps**  
Dish soaps are dish soaps, so if you're going to do dishes with them, you'll do well with the eco-products. They'll clean your dishes and won't hurt your hands raw. If you prefer the anti-bacterial formulas, stick to non-eco-products. I liked the apple-scented Bio-Pac (\$3.59, 22 ounces). It seemed to clean better than LifeTree's Dishwashing Soap (\$3.55, 16 ounces). (I usually grab the cheapest dish soap on the shelf, like Ivory — \$1.19, 17 ounces.)

■ **Carpet freshener**  
We have one carpeted room in our house, and when I use our usual carpet freshener (Glade Rug Deodorant Powder, \$3.22, 32 ounces), you can smell it throughout the house. It's potent stuff and, frankly, I'm nervous about letting visiting newborn nieces and nephews — or my pets — roll around on the carpet. So I felt better to use ZeeFresh Carpet Deodorizer (\$5.35, 32 ounces). It promises that it works better than baking soda — and it does. It doesn't last as long as Glade, but I recommend it for non-smokers' homes (it won't cover up smoke smells).

■ **Litter freshener**  
I also liked the ZeeFresh Litter Freshener (\$5.25, 32 ounces), which also worked a bit better than baking soda (what we normally use, \$2.10, 4 ounces) — and it's flushable. I'm nervous about using anything strong in the litter box, but I'd use this and alternate it with the baking soda.

## New housewares aimed at keeping consumers happy

By Lynn Underwood  
MINNEAPOLIS, ST. PAUL STAR TRIBUNE  
One of the home products featured at the recent International Housewares Show in Chicago was a popcorn popper — the old-fashioned stovetop kind.  
The annual expo gives retailers a chance to purchase some of the hundreds of new housewares that will appear in stores as early as spring — from kitchen electric to cleaning tools.  
But manufacturers appeared to be playing it safe. Instead of introducing products with bold colors and futuristic designs, the show featured many tried-and-true products with improved features.  
Industry experts said consumers are still in stay-at-home mode. And that "cocoon boom" is one of the trends driving the innovation — or lack thereof — in housewares.  
But, luckily for the industry, cocooning requires its own tools.  
Homebodies want convenience, ease and speed. Products such as a coffeemaker that grinds beans and brews, a steam-cleaning mop and anyone-can-install organizers help keep us comfortable at home. And sushi makers, newfangled fondue sets and other home entertaining goods cater to the rise in casual dinner parties.  
Easy-to-operate products that cut down on work time are expected to be some of the best sellers. Others include:  
■ **Smart machines.** When consumers replace worn-out kitchen electrics, they will look for all "the bells and whistles," such as an upscale toaster that signals when the toast is done and a "smart" microwave that sets the cooking time for you.  
■ **Let me entertain you.** Home entertaining is taking on a carnival atmosphere with soft-serve ice cream dispensers, snow cone and ice cream sandwich makers, Japanese-style table wok and updated fondue sets. For stay-at-home chefs, a sunflower-shaped bundt pan dresses up a plain pan cake.  
■ **Restaurant-style food.** New products let you recreate the restaurant experience at home with a blooming onion maker, sushi kits and a panini sandwich maker.  
■ **Multi-functioning.** For quick-fixes and convenience, some kitchen electrics have more than one function, such as coffee-makers that also grind beans and combination blenders and food processors.  
■ **Color my world.** No flash or splash foraging. In a slow economy, consumers stick with traditional hues — white, black and the newest, brushed chrome — especially in countertop electrics.  
■ **On the go.** When we're not cocooning, we're on the go. So we want products that prepare fast food that can be easily transported. Among the "portable eating" category was a "waffleless" baker, stay-or-go blender (screw on a cup, blend a drink and take it with you), a sandwich grill and a dual travel mug/coffeemaker.  
■ **Fun and functional gadgets.** More gadgets to fill our kitchen cupboards include a garlic press shaped like a griffin's head, heart and teddy bear-shaped griddle molds, household storage clips with attached spoons and a splatter screen for frying foods.  
■ **Healthful eating.** It's the annual resolution to eat healthier. To help consumers keep it there's the yogurt maker, electric fryer, rice cooker, new and improved juicers and indoor grills.  
■ **Clean machines.** Cleaning tools and products have work-and-time-saving designs. Companies such as Quikie have updated their traditional tools, brooms and dusters to have multi-functions (a griffin's head is a water-powered push broom) and soft-grip handles for aging baby boomers.  
■ **De-clutterers:** Home organization products help you create combination rooms such as a laundry and craft room. Closer organizers are easier to install for the do-it-yourselfer. Storage cubes come in many colors.

## GARDEN TIPS

**Tires live on as mulch**  
By Guy Keeler  
THE FREDDO BEE  
You probably don't lie awake at night wondering what America should do with all its old tires.  
But if you do, your answer could be as close as the nearest theme park or fast-food restaurant where rubber that once met the road now meets the playground.  
The Rubberific Mulch Co. of St. Louis has found a way to turn old truck tires into a non-toxic mulch.  
The material comes in a variety of earth tones and custom colors. It's five times heavier and lasts 10 years longer than conventional shredded wood mulches.  
Rubberific Mulch resists color fading and doesn't rot or attract termites and other insects. It has been installed at Six Flags Great Escape in Chicago, Anheuser-Busch's Grant's Farm in St. Louis, county fairs, schools, the nation and selected McDonald's restaurants.  
According to the company, Rubberific Mulch costs \$1.10 a square foot compared to 42 cents a square foot for shredded wood mulch, but is less expensive ultimately because of its longevity.  
On the Web: www.rubberificmulch.com



Lynn Sullivan performs the ThermoCool treatment procedure at the Cosmetic Surgery and Skin Health Center in Wexford, Pa., places grid lines on the face of Doreen Kuss to mark where machine will go. The radio frequency energy has the effect of heating and thus tightening the collagen under the skin, which makes the skin more taut.

# Facial Frequency

Non-surgical technique radios in on wrinkled skin

By Virginia Linn  
PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE

Dr. Doreen Kuss, it's all about preventive maintenance. She's worked hard to keep her body fit and trim. Why not do the same with her face?  
"That would explain the series of surface laser treatments she's received. And the Botox injections around her eyes."  
Kuss, 45, was in Dr. Susan Obagi's Cosmetic Surgery & Skin Health Center in Marshall, Pa., recently to try one of the newest techniques on the market: the ThermoCool TC System. It aims to give the effect of a facelift without surgery.  
The \$30,000 device uses radio frequency energy to heat the under layer of the skin while cooling the outer layer. The heat causes the collagen to contract, then gradually tighten, which lifts the skin. The full effect is usually seen in four to six months, although some patients notice an immediate lifting.  
Studies in which collagen has been heated for other purposes have shown the effect can last two years or more, said Edward A. Ebers, vice president of ThermoCool Inc., which developed the device.  
"That's what makes this so exciting," Obagi said. "We had nothing (non-surgical) that could tighten the skin and lift it."  
The whole process takes about three hours (a half-hour to an hour for the actual ThermoCool procedure) and patients can return to work afterward.  
Cleared by the Food and Drug Administration in November 2002 for the area around the eyes, the technique is being used for full-face lifting, as well as lifting skin on the upper arms, abdominal area and breasts.  
Unlike chemical peels or lasers that are applied directly to wrinkles, ThermoCool works by tightening skin next to wrinkles, Ebers said.  
Production of collagen, the connective tissue that makes up 75 percent of the skin, stops at age 20, Obagi said. From that point, most people

lose 1 percent of their collagen each year. She suggests people start as early as age 25 on a preventive program to keep skin supple.  
"I like the idea of being pre-emptive," said Kuss, an artist who lives in Mt. Lebanon, Pa. "You feel like you're ahead of the game."  
The former college conditioning coach has two sons, ages 22 and 24. She said she's getting more

comments from people remarking that she doesn't look old enough to have grown children.  
Obagi's ThermoCool patients have ranged from their mid 30s to late 60s, although optimal ages depend on each individual, she said. Because men have thicker skin, they may be better candidates at an older age.  
She said it's critical that the procedure be done under a physician's supervision.  
"There are still risks involved with this. Not every patient is a candidate," said Obagi, a dermatologist who received a fellowship in cosmetic surgery. "Not every patient is going to improve. If you select the wrong candidate, you will have a disappointed patient or have unwanted complications."  
Risks include blistering of the skin, which can cause scarring, or transient numbness. The procedure cannot be performed on people who have a history of seizures, have epilepsy or who have defibrillators or pacemakers.  
In her office, Obagi has trained Lynn Sullivan, an aesthetologist, to perform the procedure. The doctor marks locations on the patient's face where the device should be placed and calibrates the energy level.  
Some patients have the procedure just on the brow area, which costs \$1,500. A full-face treatment, which Kuss received, costs \$2,500. These are not covered by insurance.  
On a recent Thursday, Kuss was in the office about 9:30 a.m. getting an anesthetic cream applied to her face. An assistant then placed clear plastic wrap over some portions to speed numbing and to enhance penetration.  
After an hour, Obagi injected 12 nerve blocks about the face to further anesthetize the area. Sullivan rubbed on oil and applied a pink-purple grid transparency to her face to help ensure uniform treatment and to avoid duplicating areas, which can cause blistering.  
Sullivan kept the ThermoCool tip on each section of the skin for about five seconds. Kuss said she felt a warmth and "glowing sensation." There was more discomfort along the bone area than on fatty tissue.  
"It's like someone holding something hot on my skin," she said. "There's a pecking."  
The actual procedure took a little more than an hour. Afterward, her face was sensitive to the touch, but not in pain.  
Kuss will return to the office in a month, and then again a few months later. "You have to be patient," the doctor said. "People peak four to six months later. That's when you'll get the best results."  
ThermoCool is offered by 168 dermatologists and other cosmetic specialists.  
On the Web: www.thermage.com



Sullivan applies the ThermoCool treatment to Kuss.

Yoga exercises keep mouth, cheek and brow toned  
By Katy Buchanan  
PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE  
Smiling Buddha. Mouth mobilizer. Sleeping yogi. Or how about a Jim Carrey?  
Slightly sagging boomers without the wherewithal, or the desire, to spend large sums on medical intervention against their wrinkles now have an alternative.  
It's called Fresh Face Yoga, a series of toning and strengthening exercises for the muscles of your face devised by Suzanne Kahley, a registered nurse who has been practicing yoga for 30 years.  
Some of the names may sound a little goofy and, in fact, Kahley's Fresh Face workshops at Schoolhouse Yoga in Pittsburgh usually feature plenty of laughter as students yawn and stretch their faces into unaccustomed positions.  
But there's a practical, down-to-earth component to the classes: Improved circulation and muscle tone play a part in keeping wrinkles at bay, and the yoga exercises them-

selves foster a sense of well-being that helps inner beauty shine out.  
"Yoga is designed to touch every muscle in your body," says Kahley, 51. "But what I realized was that it wasn't affecting my face."  
Kahley researched facial exercises programs, including the popular Facercise series developed by author Carol Maggio, and selected from among them several to plug into the yoga concept.  
After a year of practicing, Kahley began offering her workshops this year. Because some students may not have the flexibility to stretch their bodies into more demanding yoga poses, Kahley modifies them to fit individual ability.  
So what is the Jim Carrey? Imagine trying to duplicate the rubber-faced actor's flashing grin, teeth bared and cheeks pulled in, and you get the idea.  
The exercises are designed to cultivate a lasting sense of well-being and beauty.  
"It's maximizing what nature gave us," says Kahley, without anything artificial about it."

wide eyes. Eyes opened wide and eyebrows raised. Works the muscles around the eyes to help prevent eyelid droop.  
SMILING BUDDHA: A closed-mouthed smile, with the corners of the lips stretched as far back to the ears as possible. It tones muscles that lift your entire face.  
SLEEPING YOGI: Works the muscles above and around the eyes as the upper lids are pressed down firmly on the lower lids, with the eyebrows raised.  
LION: This exercise tones the smile muscles, the area under the chin and the front and the sides of the neck.  
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Julie Beaver, left, tries to evade the tag by Leda Wagner during a "capture the ball" match as part of their "Urban Exercise" program in San Francisco, CA.

## Easy does it

New twists on old playground games are healthy and fun

By Allison apRoberts  
SACRAMENTO BEE

We're in the midst of a big, fat emergency. The evidence is piling up faster than the unwanted pounds of winter.  
It seems that every week there's news of yet another finding about the hazards of obesity to weigh us down.  
It's all simple arithmetic — calories in, calories out. Too many in, too few out and you have weight gain. You have to lose the couch-potato lifestyle to increase the calories-out part of the equation.  
But what if you're allergic to spandex and the notion of regimented exercise?  
Then the best strategy may be stealth exercise — a workout dressed up as something else, preferably fun. Here are a few easy suggestions.

### Make a play date

You can tell right away that there's something odd about this workout session at a Boys & Girls Club in San Francisco. There's just way too much laughing. These 10 women aren't working out — they're playing. And that is precisely the point.  
They're enrolled in a series of classes called Urban Recess. As the name suggests, it's modeled on the good old schoolyard break. The group tackles complicated games of tag and other standbys of childhood, some familiar, such as Simon says and hot potato, and some not so familiar, such as hurry up, steal the bacon and duck duck goose.  
"You are looked at funny if you laugh in a gym," says Karin Schmidt, 32, the founder and instructor of Urban Recess. A former soccer player and fitness instructor, Schmidt started the program a little more than a year ago.  
It's definitely exercise in disguise: "It's interval training, but a lot of them don't realize that's what they're getting until you explain it to them," Schmidt says.  
The women in the class range in age from 21 to 62. They don't stand in the serrated ranks of the usual gym class but move into ever-changing formations — circles, lines, partnered in pairs or other groupings. They throw balls, run, stretch, collide and get red in the face.  
"I've done yoga, pilates, weightlifting," says Leda Wagner, 31. "I love this because you don't feel like you're exercising."  
(On the Web: www.urbanrecess.com)

### Join in

There's no excuse for not finding a softball or soccer game somewhere on a field near you. If you want to try something a little more out of the ordinary, that's not too hard, either.  
How about joining a kickball team? Yup, that game you played in grade school, where you kicked the ball out of that big round rubber ball. The World Adult Kickball Association was started in 1998 in the Washington, D.C., area by young adults who refused to outgrow the playground sport.  
(On the Web: www.worldkickball.com)

### Hit the mall

You can shop till you drop — some pounds, that is, if you keep moving.  
Patricia Campbell logged more than 1,000 miles and lost 37 pounds since she started walking at Arden Fair mall in Sacramento, Calif., in 2001. "It has done wonderful things for me," she says. "It makes my doctor happy with me too."  
Campbell, 58, started out slow but now walks five miles in a little more than 90 minutes six days a week.  
Campbell says it's not just walking she wants to avoid: "You don't have to worry about dogs and cats or car exhaust or, in some neighborhoods, chickens."  
(On the Web: www.patriciacampbell.com)

### Take little steps

Roberto Quintana has a simple message: Just move it.  
He knows of more ways to burn calories than you can shake a stick at (stick-shaking would burn a few calories) as a professor of exercise physiology at California State University, Sacramento.  
"The best way to lose body fat and improve your health is just increasing your physical activity," Quintana says.  
Just about everything counts, from ball-room dancing to mowing, from gardening to housework. And yes, sex (in case you were wondering).

# FOOD



## FEEDING A NEED

Emotional eating can be a killer

By Jennifer Jones  
SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

Most parents have done it. Maybe it's a skinned knee or having been invited to a classmate's birthday party, but whatever has caused the crocodile tears will soon be forgotten with the help of an instant cure-all.

"How about a big fudge sundae with whipped cream and a cherry?"

With each bite, all the sadness melts away and the world is magically right again. Hurt feelings are forgotten. Nothing left in the end but a smeared, empty bowl.

As this scenario repeats itself, a correlation is made between uncomfortable emotions — anger, sadness, nervousness or fear — and food: if you eat, you'll feel better.

"Many are self-medicating with food. They have underlying needs or urges that are satisfied by eating," said Dr. Marshall Meadors, a family physi-

cian at Primary Care Associates in Anderson, S.C., and Chief of Staff of Anderson Area Medical Center.

"Our society offers an abundance of user-friendly things such as fast food, things that comfort or satisfy a need or urge. In many cases, those things include fat, sugar and carbohydrates."

The practice of sifting emotions with comfort food follows many adults into overweight and obesity. It becomes second nature to reach for cookies or ice cream to make things better. In fact, it's gotten so easy to cover feelings with food that one might not be fully aware of being sad until the empty boxes and wrappers piled on the table point it out.

In the same way that many people turn to drugs or alcohol to help them through troubled times, millions of Americans depend on food to comfort them and take the pain away.

"The first feelings we feel as a new-

born infant are security and love as our mother is holding and feeding us in her arms. Throughout our lives, we often continue to seek this comfort in food," said Zora Mims, owner of Physicians Weight Loss Center in Anderson. "Since comfort is normally the emotion we are seeking, seldom do we crave broccoli or celery sticks. Sweets and salty treats seem to be the choices to fill the reward or pleasure void."

If the biggest reason for using food for comfort is depression, a vicious cycle develops, Mims said.

"We eat because we are sad, the unhealthy excess weight makes us feel guilty and more depressed, so we reach for more comfort in the form of food and the number of extra pounds continues to grow," she said.

"Whenever we are sad, lonely, upset, depressed or even celebrating something with friends, reaching for food seems to be the thing to do."

The first step in breaking this cycle is to recognize why you are turning to food. Perhaps it's not actual hunger

motivating us to eat, but a purely emotional trigger. Become aware of being en route to that bag of chips or cookies and ask yourself, Am I really hungry?

"By recording what you are feeling or thinking when the urge to snack hits. Realize that you have the ability to choose what and how much you are going to eat," Mims said. "When we face the real emotional issue without food, we are better able to solve the problems and break the cycle."

Constant depression and anxiety might indicate that professional help is needed in order to get to the root of the problem as opposed to hiding these feelings beneath layers of food.

"Underlying problems must be addressed before successfully treating obesity. If not, you're treating the symptom and not the problem," Meadors said.

"The way to deal with these emotions is not to view food as a friend," Mims said.

"It is a source of energy and nutrients necessary for a healthy life."

## Basil, no stranger to cooks, picked as herb of the year

By Marty Meitus  
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A favorite with cooks and gardeners, basil is one of the few herbs that need no introduction.

Basil grows well in a container if it gets enough light, and you can simply cut it back if it gets too bushy.

Basil isn't the most "water-smart" plant, but few are as essential to so many cuisines, including Italian and Thai, and few have such an illustrious history.

Some sources say basil was laid on the chests of the dead in some cultures to help them arrive safely in paradise. It's said that basil was found in Christ's tomb after his resurrection, and the Egyptians believed it would open the gates of heaven when a person died.

Basil was first mentioned as a seasoning in 400 B.C. by a Greek physician-botanist, according to "Food" by Waverly Root. Many Greeks regarded basil as "a symbol of hatred," according to Ian Hemphill. "The Spice and Herb Bible," while others, namely the Italians, considered basil a sign of love.

It arrived in France during the Middle Ages, replacing such fine seasonings as "mallow and mosses," Root says. By the 16th century, it had reached England, but its popularity was short-lived, save for one dish, English turtle soup.

In recent times, basil has become a staple in American cooking, thanks to another cuisine: Italian. Pesto, the mixture of basil, garlic, nuts, Parmesan cheese and oil, fueled the interest, so much so that

even Stouffer's jumped in with a frozen linguine and pesto in 1987, according to Sylvia Lovegren's "Fashionable Food." With the current interest in Thai food, basil has found another venue.

Different types of basil with different tastes, described as anise-like, clove-like, lemony or somewhere in between. The most common is Sweet Green, the large-leaf variety found at most grocery stores. Piccolo is a smaller-leaf basil with a mild flavor, while Magical Michael is a compact, attractive plant with intense flavor.

Peggy Morrison of the Denver Botanic Gardens Guild favors Mrs. Burns lemon basil, which is zester than the more common lemon basil, and prefers Red Rubin over Opal basil because it holds its red color better when making basil vinegars.

**BASIL CROSTINI**

(Serves 4 to 6)

2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil  
2 cloves garlic, minced  
2 tablespoons fresh basil, sliced  
2 teaspoons fresh marjoram, minced  
Ciabatta bread or Italian bread, thinly sliced  
1 to 2 Roma or other plum tomatoes, thinly sliced

Combine olive oil and herbs in a small bowl. Let sit at room temperature for an hour.

Place bread slices on a small cookie sheet. Spread 2 teaspoons of oil herb mixture onto each bread slice and top with a couple of tomato slices.

Preheat broiler until edge of bread are browned. Serve immediately.



Photo by Jan-Michael Stump / Scripps Howard News Service  
"Really the hardest thing when you're judging is describing what you're tasting," said John Rhymes, a national level beer judge from Homewood, Ala. Rhymes judges the 26 main styles of beer and their sub-categories based on 5 factors on a 50-point scale: aroma, appearance, flavor, mouth feel and overall impression.

## It's all in the eye of the beer holder

Judges find beauty in all aspects of beers

By Leigh Anne Monitor  
SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

Frosty. Wet. Malt and yeast-packed. What more could one desire from a longneck or mug of beer?

The answer is: just about everything.

When a handful of Birmingham, Ala., beer aficionados judge beers in their spare time, they discern enough about the beverages to make even a chemist's head spin.

"When people think of beer, they think of that yellow fizzy stuff ...," said John Rhymes, 45, of Homewood, Ala., a national level beer judge.

Beer is much more than that, though he said. Rhymes and others judge 14 beer qualities at competitions, noting beers from novice to professional brewers.

Using a small plastic cup, he will sip one to two ounces of beer at a competition. And he does swallow the beer (unlike wine tasting), noting how it goes down as a part of the judging process.

Many competitions for these judges revolve around home brewing clubs, whose members want others to taste and try their new brews and tell them what they think of them.

"In one small sip, judges can taste the hops, which gives a beer bitterness and aroma; malt, which gives it a sweetness, yeast, which can add a fruity flavor; and water, which can vary the ingredients' interaction, depending on minerals, Rhymes said.



"It's just like a hobby; you want to learn what you can," said fellow judge Tracy Hamilton, 44, of Hoover, Ala. He travels to beer competitions about once a year, which are held mainly by small brewing clubs.

Hamilton, Rhymes and others got involved with judging beers thanks to the Birmingham (Ala.) Brewmasters, a home brewing society, Hamilton said. They meet monthly at Alabrew, a local home brewing supply store.

"That's when I started studying," said Hamilton, a chemistry professor at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

"We had a study session where we talked about a style of beer and several examples (at each of several Brewmasters meetings, starting in fall 1998)."

Each meeting would also feature a different aspect of beer: hops, yeast and malt, for example, he said. Later came the grueling test to see if one knows those suds enough to judge them.

A written and tasting exam from the Beer Judge Certification Program (www.bjcp.org), one of the few such programs in the country, takes about three hours. Potential judges write responses to 10 essay questions about beer and taste four unknown beers and write comments on them. Those comments are compared to those of higher-ranking beer judges.

A certified judge has to make a score of 70 on the exam; a national judge must score 80 or above.

Brewers can enter beer in 26 competition categories, from fruit beer to smoke-flavored beer to Belgian and French Ale. Each category includes its own qualities, which are spelled out in a thick information packet.

It sounds like a lot of work, it is. But the process does have its rewards.

"I just enjoy drinking good, flavorful beer, which you get to do when you're a judge. Plus, you get to meet people from the other clubs," Hamilton said.

Rhymes said he, too, likes the socializing. "It's a community," he said. "We just have some very interesting people that are involved."

So, which beer is best?

Both Hamilton and Rhymes prefer the powerful Belgian beers, but Rhymes said they're all good beers. As a judge, one is just whittling down the field a bit, Rhymes said.

## INCOME TAX CREDITS

### Earned income credit can help needy workers

By Loretta Kalb  
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Wage earners who struggle to earn an adequate living can take advantage of a U.S. tax law that often gives money to workers.

In tax circles, the benefit created in 1975 is known as the earned income tax credit, a measure aimed at helping those who need it most.

"Some people actually get back more than what they paid in," said Jack Everett, a Roseville, Calif.-based financial planner. "Really, it's a negative income tax."

That's because credits, unlike ordinary deductions that reduce taxable income, are dollar-for-dollar offsets to bottom-line taxes owed.

Generally, the less you earn either on a job or as a self-employed individual, the larger your earned income tax credit. And the more children in your household, the larger your credit. The maximum credit exceeds \$4,000.

Last year, some 19 million workers used the credit to reduce their federal tax liability.

Discovering whether you qualify is not easy. IRS Publication 596, which helps people discern eligibility, is 53 pages.

Still, there are basic circumstances that dictate if you qualify — and the main one is your income.

Start by calculating both your adjusted gross income and earned income. Adjusted gross income is the taxable income remaining after a few limited deductions, such as contributions to an individual retirement account. (If you use Form 1040A to file your taxes, this answer will be on Line 21.)

Earned income, on the other hand, is the compensation you received for working and includes wages and tips.

This amount can be derived by using an IRS worksheet.

Once you define these types of incomes, you'll see quickly if you qualify. Here are the limits for both:

- If you are married, filing jointly with more than one qualifying child, your adjusted gross income (and earned income) for 2002 must have been less than \$34,178. That limit is \$1,000 less for single parents of two or more children. (A young relative or foster child can be counted as qualified generally if you care for him or her as you would your own child for more than half the year.)

- Married joint filers with one child must have income of less than \$30,201. The limit is \$29,201 for a single parent of one.
- No children? A married couple aged 25 to 64 may receive a credit if the adjusted gross income for last year was below \$12,000. For a single individual, the ceiling is \$11,000.

- The allowable credit is listed on IRS tables at the back of Publication 596. The maximum is \$4,140 for families with two or more qualifying children, \$2,506 for a family with one qualifying child and \$376 for an individual with no children.
- Once you've located your credit on the IRS table, the amount should be entered in your main tax form.
- For Form 1040A filers, that's Line 41. Finish that form to discover the amount of your tax liability or refund.

- If you know long before the year is over that you will qualify for the credit, you can receive part of the credit with your pay.
- The maximum advance credit is \$1,528. ■ If you qualify (Publication 596, page 30, can help you check), you can ask your employer for 2003 Form W-5, complete it and return it to your employer.
- For more on the credit, visit the IRS Web page, www.irs.gov/efc.

## \$30,201

Maximum income for married, joint filers with one child

## MONEY

### Depth of Debt

By Nadia Gergis  
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In 1964, Sandra Miller married the man of her dreams, but that dream turned into a nightmare after she realized their finances were in disarray and the only way out of tremendous debt was filing for bankruptcy in 1996.

"Now I can't buy anything, I am done," said Miller, 62, of Fort Pierce, Fla. "I am just trying to keep a roof over my head and some food in my belly."

Millions of people are struggling to keep financially afloat. As the already-fragile economy struggles to overcome a three-year stock market nosedive, millions of layoffs, corporate scandals and waning consumer confidence, an alarming trend has emerged from the 1990s, when consumers binged on easy credit.

Personal and business bankruptcies, mortgage foreclosures, consumer loan defaults and auto repossessions are all on the rise or showing signs of increasing, which is fueling a tide of economic uncertainty.

"The bubble was going to burst sometime," said Chris McCarty, survey director at the University of Florida's Center of Survey Research for Consumer Confidence. "With credit cards lowering their standards — lower interest rates on homes and cars — and people refinancing their homes for 12.5 percent of what they are worth, I could see this coming a mile away."

"We were at the top of our game in 1998 and 1999. Things were bound to crash."

"Things will get better when they stop getting worse," said Merle Dimbath, an economist and president of Dimbath Economics in Stuart, Fla. "There isn't a quick fix to this. It will be a slow process."

Along with the rise in bankruptcies, the number of foreclosures also is on the upswing. Home loan defaults nationally reached a record in 2002.

"We expect to see delinquencies fall as the economy improves and generates jobs growth," said Doug Duncan, senior vice president and chief economist for the Mortgage Bankers Association of America. "But that won't be for some time."

Experts say the nation's mounting debt is reaching critical stages, because consumers have overextended themselves financially with second mortgages and refinancings. In addition, they say, creditors offering unsecured loans to high-risk consumers are contributing to the dire situation.

Some observers think aggressive marketing schemes and the lure of low-interest or no-interest big-ticket purchases such as automobiles, boats and furniture means consumers are digging themselves into an even deeper debt hole.

According to the Consumer Bankers Association, the delinquency rates on car loans reached an all-time high of 2.88 percent in 2001. The year before the figure was at 2.07 percent. For last year, the delinquency rate was at 2.19 percent.

"The last thing someone wants to lose is a mortgage on their house. The second thing people aren't going to want to lose is a car because their livelihood depends on getting to and from work," said Fritz Elmendorf, vice president of communications at Consumer Bankers Association.

"The 1990s were driven by consumption and a great deal of that came from borrowed money — almost half a trillion of that was borrowed money," said William Frahn, economist and president of Policon Corp., a Jupiter, Fla.-based economic research consulting firm. "Now we have realized we have overextended ourselves."

Many consumers have turned to credit counselors or debt management experts. In many such programs, debts are consolidated into one lump payment, credit cards are cut and a monthly budget is established to help consumers manage their money.

Consumer Credit Counseling Service (CCCS), a non-profit entity accredited by the National Foundation for Credit Counseling, offers a variety of personal money management solutions. The organization offers a debt management plan in which CCCS negotiates with creditors to reduce interest rates and lower or waive late fees and overall penalties.

"The average amount of debt we see is about \$17,000 to \$20,000. Some of our clients have about eight or nine credit cards," said Gay Watson, communications director at CCCS. "Depending on the amount of debt, we can get them on a program where they can be debt free in three years."

CCCS says it does not report its clients to credit-rating agencies, but some creditors might inform credit bureaus that a person might not be a consumer's rating.

"Once something like that goes to the credit-reporting agencies, it stays on your record for seven to 10 years, and there are some loopholes that allow creditors to keep circumventing that information even after those seven years," said John Anastasio, a Stuart, Fla., bankruptcy attorney.

Veia Lamar, a consultant for the National Foundation for Credit Counseling, says consumers must be careful in choosing the right debt management program because some agencies lack the training and experience in consumer debt repair.

"Consumers have to make sure they are certified and accredited. Most of the new guys are not, causing even more problems for consumers," she said. Lamar also warns that consumers should be aware of any substantial upfront fees and fine print in the contracts.

## Credit binge faulted for rising bankruptcies, loan defaults and repos

### How to Avoid a Credit Crisis

Here are some tips to keep you from falling into deep debt problems:

- Pay all credit card bills on time to avoid late fees and higher interest rates.
- Refuse unsolicited increases to credit card limits.
- Avoid unsolicited cards especially those that offer zero percent financing.
- If you need credit counseling, choose a reputable, certified and accredited agency that doesn't demand high upfront fees.
- Keep a savings cushion for emergencies.
- Organize a spending plan.
- Make sure your unsecured debt doesn't exceed 20 percent of your income.

(Source: Consumer Credit Counseling Service)

## Good business done right:

Combining ethics and success still a possibility in the corporate world

By Jack Katzanek  
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Win or lose. That's the mantra spoken in a lot of corporate board rooms these days.

Michael Josephson says he hears it too often, because businesses today seem to want to do "well" but don't care whether they do "good."

Josephson has made the distinction between being merely successful, and being both successful and ethical, his life's work. An attorney and former law school professor, Josephson is founder and president of the Josephson Institute of Ethics and the Character Counts! Coalition, a partnership of more than 400 youth-serving organizations.

Josephson acknowledges we live in a litigious society, where the power of lawsuits and the fear of big settlements color corporate behavior. As an attorney, he says he knows. "It's a part of this, but becoming the father of five children helped transform him."

For example, every father who calls in sick when he isn't sick tells his kids this kind of dishonesty is acceptable.

"Human resources offices are the parents of the workplace," Josephson says. "You're really in the role of daddy and mommy."

These offices must do a better job of screening when they hire people, Josephson says. Right now, he says, a lot of companies are passing what he called "meatballs" from company to company, because no one is taking the time or has the inclination to inquire about applicants' character.

"Lawyers tell you to say nothing negative," Josephson says. "We're using the legal system as a crutch because we don't want the hassle. But the end result is the sexual harasser or the embezzler gets passed on from job to job."

Most companies seem to be stuck in defensive postures. Rather than doing the right thing, they're concerned with protecting the company and its image, Josephson says.

"They have cynical people with a public compliance mentality," Josephson says. "It's all about defending themselves."

Some employees and firms that practice bad ethics have no legal liability. For example, Jayson Blair, the reporter who has admitted he plagiarized and fabricated

while writing articles for the New York Times, and is now not only laughing about it but could profit from it — probably broke no laws.

But many companies actively condone breaking the law as long as they're not caught, Josephson says, and some insist on their innocence even after they are.

"It's win at any cost," Josephson says. "And if you're nasty, that's OK, as long as you hit your numbers."

Josephson says he worries about the next generation of workers. Surveys indicate a majority of high school students today cheat on exams and have been in a fight in the past year. Significant numbers of students say they'd lie to get a job, and admit to shoplifting in the past year. Those numbers have gotten worse in the last 10 years.

"Adults today are far more tolerant and passive, so classrooms become a breeding ground for scam," Josephson says. "If they're going to steal from a store, do you think they may steal from an employer, or overstate their hours, or lie on a resume? We're allowing a society to be created that's not based on merit, just cunning and wiles."

He hopes of channeling that spending power, several credit-card companies have come out with pre-pay cards, allowing teenagers to pay without having to use their parents' credit cards.

Visa has introduced Visa Bux, described as a "parent-controlled, reloadable payment card."

The product targets teens ages 13 to 17. The card can be used anywhere Visa cards are accepted. MasterCard and American Express have similar products as well.

Michael Wood, vice president of Teenage Research Unlimited in Illinois, said the No. 1 shopping site for teens is online auctioneer eBay, primarily because of its one-of-a-kind product offerings, such as out-of-stock sneakers and retro sports jerseys.

But he said kid-owned credit payment methods aren't as popular as one might think.

"Parents have become more accustomed and less wary of online shopping, lending the credit card can be a simpler option, Wood said.

## New credit cards aimed at teens who shop online

By Larisa Brass  
SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

If they're not chatting on cell phones, you'll likely find teens' fingers talking on the Internet.

Web technology has been quickly adopted by teens already familiar with computers and eager to stay in touch online.

A study last year by AOL found that of 6,700 teens, 81 percent between the ages of 12 and 17 use the Internet to e-mail friends or relatives, while 70 percent use it for instant messaging.

But retailers and credit-card companies are banking on teens' familiarity with the Web to draw them into shopping online as well.

Indeed, teens are increasingly getting online to make purchases, said Michael Wood, vice president of Teenage Research Unlimited.

A report produced by the group this year showed 44 percent of teens have bought something online.

Some sources say basil was laid on the chests of the dead in some cultures to help them arrive safely in paradise. It's said that basil was found in Christ's tomb after his resurrection, and the Egyptians believed it would open the gates of heaven when a person died.

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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### DQ earns quality/purity award

Edward Watson, executive vice president of Operations for International Dairy Queen Inc. (IDQ), announced today that the Dairy Queen store at 22253 Pontiac Trail in South Lyon, has won a national Quality/Purity Award for maintaining outstanding standards of quality, service and cleanliness.

The Dairy Queen store is owned by Oakland Family Restaurants, Inc.

The Quality/Purity Award, presented to Nathan Hickling by American Dairy Queen Corporation, a subsidiary of IDQ, is awarded to stores who receive an outstanding rating on an evaluation conducted by corporate field personnel.

The evaluation covers more than 12 categories, including general restaurant appearance, product preparation and appearance, sanitation procedures, and customer service.

The DQ Store restaurant in South Lyon is one of more than 5,000 Dairy Queen outlets in all 50 states and 19 other countries.

### 140 years of wool

Pendleton-Northville — a subsidiary of Pendleton Woolen Mills — will be participating in the company's 140-year anniversary by holding a week-long open house in Northville Aug. 25-30. A drawing for a \$140 Pendleton gift certificate, as well as other items, will be held during the occasion. Pendleton can be reached at (248) 596-9820.

### Davidson recognized

John E. Davidson, general sales manager of QMP America, Livonia received the "Distinguished Service to Powder Metallurgy" award from the Metal Powder Industries Federation (MPIF) for his outstanding career achievements.

Established in 1968, the award was presented by MPIF President David Schaefer at the 2003



J. Davidson

International Conference on Powder Metallurgy & Particulate Materials in Las Vegas, Nev. MPIF is the trade association for the North American metal powder and particulate materials producing and consuming industries.

The award recognizes professionals who have devoted a major part of their careers to one or more segments of the powder metallurgy (PM) industry and whose contributions and achievements deserve special recognition.

Davidson has been with AMP for 33 years. He has served on the MPIF Industry Development Board and is active in the Metal Powder Producers Association. He also chaired the Canadian Chapter of APMI International, the professional society for PM, from 1982-1983 and is a member of the MPIF Awards Committee and has helped organize MPIF activities at the annual SAE World Congress. He earned a B.S. degree in biology and chemistry from Acadia University. Davidson lives in Novi with his wife, Pauline.

### Northwest Industries changes name

Northville resident Mark Tithof has changed the name of his third-generation business — Northwest Industries — to Northpointe. Northpointe, a home remodeling company, will be opening a 35,000 square-foot facility in Commerce Township and is planning to open an 8,000 square-foot showroom of garage interiors, siding and windows in the spring of 2004. Northpointe can be reached on the Web at [www.northpointe-deacenter.com](http://www.northpointe-deacenter.com).

### South Lyon's Walkup honored

Kenny Walkup of the South Lyon Family Pharmacy will be named as the University of Michigan, College of Pharmacy, Preceptor of the Year 2003.

Walkup was nominated by several students for providing an exceptional learning experience for the university's College of Pharmacy for a number of years. Walkup will receive his award on Oct. 17, during a luncheon program at the Annual Pharmacy Lectures.

The South Lyon Family Pharmacy is located at 116 N. Lafayette in downtown South Lyon.

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Photo by HAL GOULD

Jim Seghi stands with the Hemker family after building a 1,600-square-foot addition to their Lyon Township home. Standing with Jim are Nicholas, 5, Caroline, 21 months, Brent and Natalie Hemker and Sophie, 3. Because the brick of their home is no longer made, Seghi helped the family choose a ledge stone that complements the existing exterior of their home. The addition stands above a full basement.

## Consultation, design keys to Seghi's renovations

By Pam Zinkosky

A visit to Jim Seghi's New Hudson home and office reveals a lot about his renovation business. If you don't recognize Seghi's talent in his impeccably decorated kitchen, complete with skylights, marble counters and beautiful wood cabinets, you'll certainly see his passion for his work in the way he talks to customers.

In answering a call about a current job, Seghi relays from memory the details of a kitchen floor plan, reassuring his client that he knows the ins and outs of the design. "If a customer calls with a question, I usually either know the answer already or can get the answer in a short amount of time," said Seghi. "I can't stand it when a customer calls and isn't happy. It ruins my night."

Seghi prides himself on the professional, personalized service that his small business, Jim Seghi

Renovations, has been giving customers since 1989. At that time, Seghi was in the restaurant business and decided to embark on a new career. He started with repair jobs and gradually worked his way up to remodeling and eventually additions.

Today, much of Seghi's work comes from growing families who've opted to renovate their homes rather than buying larger homes and moving. The Hemker family is a prime example. Brent and Natalie Hemker hired Seghi to build a 1,600-square-foot addition onto their New Hudson home to make room for their fourth child.

The addition includes a master suite and bathroom, another bathroom, a bedroom and a play room.

Seghi likes the idea of enabling people to stay in their communities rather than uprooting their families just to get some extra liv-

ing space. He admits additions can be expensive, but points out that selling a home and moving isn't cheap, either. And spacious, livable lots like those in New Hudson are hard to come by these days.

A 17-year New Hudson resident, Seghi's already built two additions onto his own house and says he never plans to move. "If I want something else in a house, I'll just build it here," he said.

As Seghi's business has grown, he's developed relationships with multiple contractors who provide the full range of remodeling services. Since most have worked for Seghi for at least seven years, he knows he can rely on them to get the job done. Nevertheless, he visits job sites almost every day to manage all the details — from getting the right materials to making sure the job's done on time.

In addition to planning and supervision, Seghi spends a good part of his time on consultation and design — services many of his competitors don't provide. Where other companies strive to simply sell a product and service, Seghi lends his expertise to ensure that customers get value out of their purchases.

During initial meetings, Seghi asks customers for a wish list and then discusses the possibilities, working toward a design that will best use the space they have. He emphasizes the importance of selecting designs that will keep up with current decorating trends and increase the value of the home. Many times, he also suggests the materials, colors and styles. Once customers decide he's the man for the job, he goes to the drawing board to create a

floor plan.

What happens if a customer wants something he doesn't agree with? "I don't force my opinion on anyone, but I have a responsibility to at least say what I think is best and why," he said. If a customer has a personal preference for something that won't necessarily increase the value of the home, that's fine, said Seghi.

Seghi also sees it as his responsibility to provide realistic timetables for the job's completion. "I won't tell customers what they want to hear about when a job will be done," he said. "I'd rather turn down business than not have a job done on time."

Before he starts a job, he provides the customer with a week-by-week plan — usually estimated on the conservative side — and talks about possible roadblocks.

"It's very important to educate the customer," says Seghi. "I'll sit down with a customer and tell them, 'There will be days when no one will show up.'" he said, explaining that jobs can be on hold while waiting for various permits. And sometimes, despite Seghi's scrupulous planning, unexpected problems arise. But when they do, Seghi is quick to remedy them.

Sometimes, Seghi finds himself remedying his competitors' mistakes — like the time a customer asked him to install some kitchen cupboards she purchased from another vendor. The cabinets didn't fit her kitchen because the vendor placed the order without taking any measurements, so Seghi had to start from the beginning.

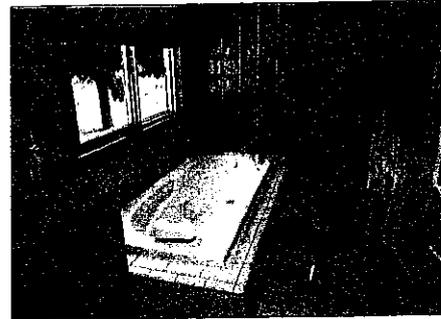
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### DETAILS

Contact Jim Seghi Renovations for the full spectrum of residential and commercial renovation projects.

Specializing in kitchens, baths, recreation rooms, finished basements, additions and ceramic tile, Jim Seghi draws on 14 years of experience to provide professional design services and installation. Choose from a wide variety of high-quality materials by manufacturers like Kohler, American Standard, Moen and Jacuzzi.

The business is located in New Hudson, but serves the entire Metro Detroit area. Contact Jim Seghi at (248) 437-2454 or visit [www.jim-seghirenovations.com](http://www.jim-seghirenovations.com) to arrange for a free consultation and estimate.



Inside the Hemker's new suite, a master bath offers a glass block shower, whirlpool tub and double sink.

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