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## Victim's grandmother testifies in Novi court

■ Sanders told her he was to meet a man named Kevin

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

A murder victim's grandmother and two female friends testified in a Novi courtroom last week that the victim said he was going to meet a man with the same first name as the murder suspect on the night he was allegedly killed.

### MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE

*Editor's note: This is a first in a series of articles in the case of Kevin Mykolaitis of Farmington Hills, charged with the first-degree, premeditated murder of Novi resident Cameron Sanders in April 2003. Mykolaitis faces life in prison if convicted.*

A two-day preliminary exam took place July 21 and July 22 at 52-1 District Court in Novi in the case of murder suspect Kevin Mykolaitis of Farmington Hills, charged with killing a former prison friend, Cameron Sanders of Novi.

Sanders' body was found in a wooded area south of Twelve Oaks Mall on the afternoon of

April 14 with multiple gunshot and stabbing wounds.

Police believe Sanders was at the wrong end of a life insurance scam. Sanders and Mykolaitis allegedly created a bogus business, purchasing a \$600,000 life insurance policy, naming each other as the beneficiaries.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Murder suspect Kevin Mykolaitis, right, listens as his defense attorneys, Lawrence Shulman and Steven Vitale, confer during the first day of his preliminary exam.

## Road work hurts profits

■ Businesses anticipating growth after rough year

By Tracy Mishler  
STAFF WRITER

The Novi Road and 10 Mile Road intersection reopened last Wednesday, and businesses in the area are still feeling the heat from the construction.

Shawn and Peter Woolford, owners of the Novi Pizza Company in the Pine Ridge Center, said they were originally told the project would last three months.

Peter was shocked when the project lasted a year and called the area an "uter nightmare."

The Woolfords retired together and decided to open their own pizza shop in 1994, but Peter said he was upset when business dropped 40-60 percent when construction started.

"After 12 years in business, I wasn't about to shut my doors," he said. "We had a lot of loyal customers come in during the time, but people stayed away from this area."

The Woolfords weren't the only ones in trouble during the construction.

Brian Putvin, manager of Play It Again Sports, said they had to hand out fliers and advertise a lot more.

"We had just opened when the construction started," Putvin said.

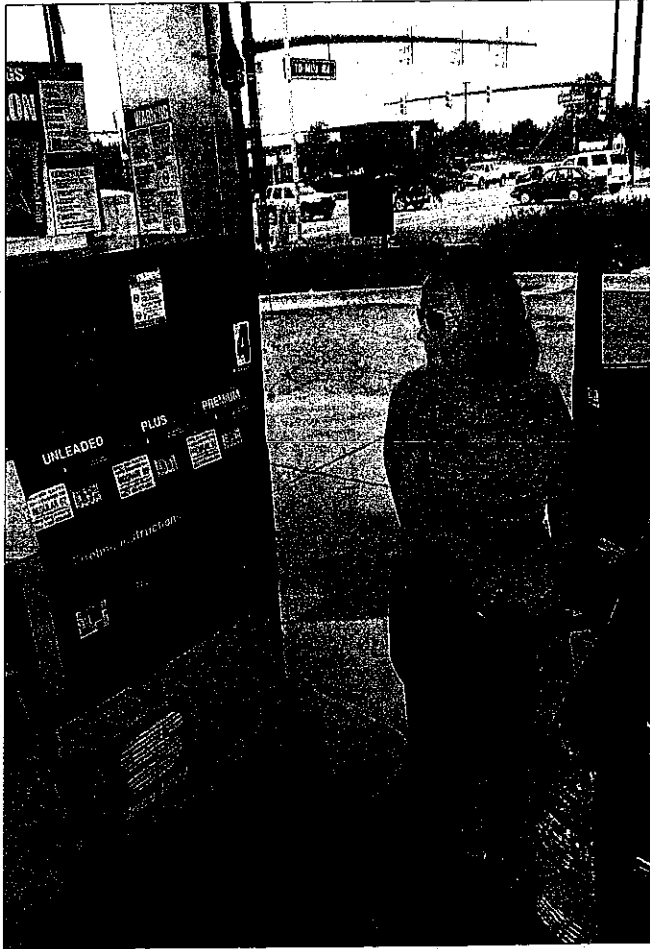


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Nancy Solomon puts some gasoline into her car at the Speedway station on the northwest corner of Novi and 10 Mile Roads last Tuesday. Solomon, a local small business owner, had been avoiding the busy intersection and the station she normally frequents because of the roadwork that recently wrapped up.

"People didn't know we were here."

Other businesses in the shopping center weren't as lucky.

"There used to be a flower shop in here," Putvin said. "It unfortunately had to close."

Mike Endicott, 47, of Novi, proved the Woolfords right about customers avoiding the area.

Endicott, who frequented the Speedway gas station at the intersection prior to construction, said he

stopped when the orange barrels went up last August.

"I found alternate routes," he said.

"I use back roads and basically

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## City OKs state grant application

■ Residents to come up with 25 percent funding match

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Although the audience was more calm than at the July 11 council meeting, residents still gave an emotional appeal Monday night on a grant application to acquire land in southeast Novi and maintain it as parkland.

In the end, the city did approve the grant application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for about 15 acres north of Village Wood Lake east of Meadowbrook Road between Nine Mile Road and 10 Mile Road.

If approved, the state would pay for 75 percent of the property, with the other 25 percent coming from local sources.

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## Attorney questions Wellinger's transfer of deed

■ Competency exam on accused due in less than one month

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Attorneys for Thomas Wellinger, the 49-year-old Farmington Hills man charged

with killing three people in a drunk driving accident May 3, claim that their client is not competent to stand trial.

But just four days after a judge ordered a competency exam on Wellinger, he signed papers

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## Resident fears tree trimming may spread deadly insect

■ Contractor leaves limbs in Novi yards

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Novi resident Laura Paulk fears that the state's dreaded insect, the Emerald Ash Borer, might spread due to some tree-trimming work being done by a DTE Energy contractor in Novi.

Paulk claims that the contractor is leaving limbs — many from deceased ash trees — for residents to remove.

Because Paulk believes that

"This DTE policy of littering the public right-of-way with their tree debris doesn't pass the common sense test about cleaning up after oneself."

Clay Pearson  
Assistant city manager

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■ DTE says company just following policy

Consumers interested in learning DTE Energy's policy regarding tree trimming can visit the company's Web site at www.dteenergy.com and type in "line service" in the search box.

As part of its ongoing preventive maintenance program, DTE Energy contractors visit each community in the company's service area, on average, every four to five years to clear trees away from pole-to-pole power lines.

For safety reasons, the company is required to maintain a minimum distance of 10 feet between tree limbs, and energized wires and

equipment.

The tree crews will chip and remove small branches and debris they create. All branches and smaller limbs from dead or diseased trees will be left on residents' property for them to dispose of responsibly. Larger wood will be cut to handling length and left for residents' use.

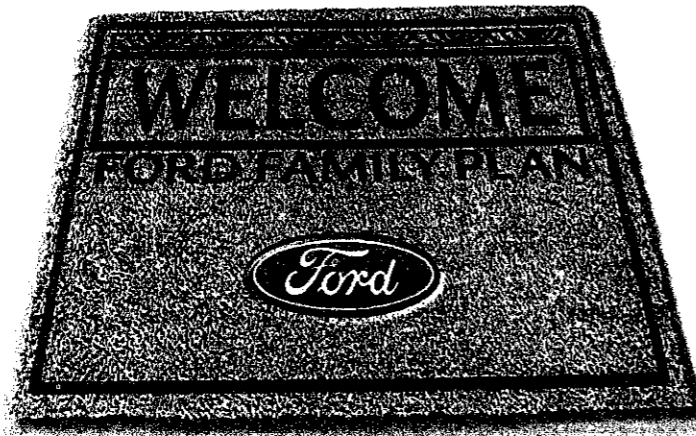
The Web site notes that the Michigan Department of Agriculture has issued a quarantine for all ash tree products in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Livingston, Lenawee, Lapeer, St. Clair, Ingham, Washtenaw and Monroe counties due to a serious infestation by an Emerald Ash Borer.

The Emerald Ash Borer seriously damages ash trees and can

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### Residents to come up with 25 percent funding match

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Randy Auler, director, Novi Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department, said the trust fund board will announce grant award winners in December.

Two public hearings took place Monday night.

The first public hearing was on proposed amendments to the Community Recreation Plan 2003-2008, which had to be amended before the grant application could move forward. The changes basically affected the amount of passive parkland in the city outlined in the plan, which would increase with the land acquisition. These changes were approved in a 7-0 vote.

William Rusckelly, a Livonia developer from Bagnay & Smith, has agreed to keep the land north of Village Wood Lake idle for \$900,000, even though he already has a site plan approved to build 10 condominiums.

Recently, another developer, Claudio Rossi of Mirage Development in Novi, agreed to donate just over 36 acres in Orchard Hills West subdivision as part of the grant application. Rossi believes this land would have enough value to comprise the 25-percent local match in connection with the grant.

Orchard Hills West subdivision is between Nine Mile Road and 10 Mile Road just west of Meadowbrook Road. The trust fund grant coordinator, Linda Hegstrom, has stated that the two parcels could be considered as one in the grant application as they are connected by the Rouge River.

However, if residents could obtain an appraisal before the application deadline, they might not have to come up with the \$97,000-plus match.

If no appraisal is sought, the grant funding would be capped at what the application states is the value of the Mirage property — \$3,000 an acre.

Andrew Mutch of Friends of Novi Parks said Monday night that he didn't believe residents had enough time to finalize a state-approved appraisal on the Mirage property before the end of the week. However, several residents were interested in at least trying to obtain the appraisal.

In a 4-3 vote, Capello, Lorenzo, Bob Gatt and Lynne Paul voted to approve Lorenzo's motion. Council members Toni Nagy, Mayor Lou Coardas and Mayor Pro Tem David Landry voted against the motion to approve the grant application.

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### Contractor leaves limbs in Novi yards

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Residents are not being instructed on how to properly dispose of limbs, this means that theoretically people could transport the wood to burn at summer homes up north, carrying the Emerald Ash Borer larvae with them.

"Why is the company that controls the site for quarantined wood containing the Emerald Ash Borer leaving it for Novi homeowners to clean up? Wouldn't they be more knowledgeable and better equipped than the average homeowner to take care of that material in a responsible way?" Paulk asked.

She noted that the contracted company, Asplundh Tree Expert Company, comes through Novi about every five years to clear public rights-of-way of trees so they don't interfere with electrical lines.

Paulk added that workers, during their tree-trimming efforts, destroyed the landscaping in her yard to the point that she called the Novi police to file a malicious destruction of property report on June 17.

"It's quarantined wood that has strict regulations about how it's supposed to be disposed," Paulk said. Paulk said after Asplundh workers trimmed trees near her property, limbs were in her flowers, bushes

and even sticking out of the ground. But, her real concern is the potential spread of the deadly insect that's plagued the state's ash trees for several years.

Paulk said Asplundh expects residents to take the diseased wood and dispose of it properly on the firm's designated disposal site in Livonia on Glendale Street or to other disposal sites in the area.

"They're leaving it to the homeowners or the city of Novi to clean up their mess," Paulk said.

City's response

In a July 11 memo to Randy Auler, director, Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department, and Steve Prinz, city forester, Clay Pearson, assistant city manager, said that he had received a message from Mike Palcheshko, the city's contact with DTE Energy.

"He confirmed with DTE staff that what we are seeing is a DTE-sanctioned approach to clearing trees from power lines. The DTE party line is that dead trees, no matter the species, are left by DTE cut up and piled up at the property line next to the place they are felled," Pearson said.

DTE Energy does not chip, remove or dispose of dead trees. If the trees are alive when they are cut, workers chip them, except for logs. Pearson said it was a safety issue for their crews as far as chewing upworking with dead tree removal debris.

"This DTE policy of littering the public right-of-way with their tree

### DTE says company just following policy

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be spread to healthy ash trees through contaminated tree limbs, firewood, logs and untreated ash lumber.

To comply with the state-mandated quarantine, DTE Energy's incineration crews will not remove ash-tree debris when working in these counties. It is the customer's responsibility to remove this potentially infested debris and dispose of it responsibly.

Residents are also responsible for keeping the service drop, the wires that run from the pole to one's house, clear of trees. Although the voltage running through a homeowner's service drop is significantly lower than that of the pole-to-pole wires, the company recommends that residents hire a professional tree service to do this trimming.

Following are Emerald Ash Borer disposal sites in the area:

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- Livonia**  
Asplundh Tree Expert Co.  
32000 Glendale Street  
Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday-Saturday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Location: South of I-96, between Farmington Road and Merriman Road, north of Plymouth Road
- Macomb**  
Mid Michigan Recycling  
24835 21 Mile Rd.  
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- Waterford**  
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- Westland**  
Department of Public Service  
37137 Marquette  
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Location: On Marquette, south of Ford Road and just east of Newburgh Road
- Whitmore Lake**  
Lamont Bros. Tree Service Inc.  
6785 Whitmore Lake Rd.  
Hours: Monday-Friday, 7 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Location: On Eckles Road, near intersection of Amrhein Road; east of I-275 S, and north of Plymouth Road

### Roadwork hurts profits

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avoided the heavy traffic and crazy drivers as best as possible." Endicott said the area seems much improved, but he still will only come through once in a while.

The Woolfords said the reopening seemed very secretive, and they aren't sure if people realize it's open again.

"There's been no acknowledgment of the construction ending," Peier said. "They came in late Tuesday and put the lines down. When we came in to work Wednesday, all five lanes were open."

The Woolfords and other businesses in the area said they are anticipating that business will pick back up.

"We're down in sales and customer counts," said Dennis Raake, executive assistant manager for Walgreens. "Now that the roads are open again, I haven't seen a real change, but I am hopeful."

Craig Bryson, public information officer for the Road Commission for Oakland County, said there is no simple way to do major construction without impacting traffic and surrounding businesses.

"The traffic that exists today justifies widening the roads," he said. "Our goal is that the long-term benefit of improvement outweighs the short-term inconveniences."

The next major road construction project in Novi will be Nine Mile Road. Bids were due July 26, and city council is tentatively scheduled to review those at its Aug. 1 meeting.

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Help is on the way

City Council Member Bob Gatt suggested at Monday night's city council meeting that a coalition do something to attract customers for a week in August to help businesses adversely affected by the recent construction at Novi and 10 Mile roads.

Administration was asked to meet with the business owners near the intersection in the near future, which city leaders agreed to do.

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## Competency exam on accused due in less than month

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transferring the deed to a \$895,000 vacation home he owned to a revocable trust. Welling's blood alcohol was measured at .43 percent after his GMC Denali slammed into Judith Weinstein's vehicle that afternoon at 12 Mile and Orchard Lake roads, killing her and her two sons, Alex, 12, and Sam, 9.

Although the Weinstein family lives in Farmington Hills, the father, Gary, owns a Novi business, Weinstein Jewelers of Novi at 41990 Grand River Ave. The accident shocked residents in both communities.

The question is if Welling is supposedly incompetent, how could he sign a legal document?

Barry LaKritz, attorney for the Weinstein family, is now challenging the legality of this business transaction.

The firm hired probate attorney Alan May, from the firm of Kemp, Klein, Umphrey & May in Troy, to appear in court on Weinstein's behalf on July 27. May was retained to ask Oakland County Probate Judge Eugene Moore to reverse the property transfer at a hearing.

"We have filed a petition, on behalf of the Weinsteins, for appointment of a public administrator. The purpose of that is to garner the assets and also undo this transaction because we feel it's fraudulent," LaKritz said.

"You can't claim you're incompetent for one purpose and then imply competence by signing over a deed. When you transfer a property, you have to be competent."

The court will determine if Welling, who was injured in the accident, is competent to stand trial. He is currently being evaluated at the Center for Forensic Psychiatry in Ypsilanti, with the report on his mental status due Aug. 22.

LaKritz said if Welling is deemed to be incompetent, then the transfer of the deed could be determined invalid. "That's our position on the quick claim deed," he said.

He added that a court-appointed guardian did visit Welling last week and said he believes Welling is competent to stand trial. However, this is just one more piece of information that the judge will use in making a formal decision on Welling's competency.

"His opinion is not binding," LaKritz said, and the complete court-ordered psychiatric evaluation must be completed.

Mitchell Ribitzer, Welling's attorney, did not return calls.

The house, on Torch Lake in Kewadin, was valued at \$895,000, according to LaKritz. Welling signed the deed on the home over to his parents, Jack and Maxine Welling of Oregon. They are also still assigned as his legal guardians, LaKritz said.

"We are still hoping that someone comes forward to tell us where Welling was that day," LaKritz said.

### 'Choose Responsibility'

The Weinstein Theatre Enrichment Fund, a nonprofit organization formed after the death of the three members of the Weinstein family, is selling purple bracelets with the words "Choose Responsibility" for \$3. Proceeds from the bracelets will be used to introduce young people to theater, which the Weinstein family enjoyed.

Donations can be mailed to the Weinstein Theatre Enrichment Fund, P.O. Box 393, Farmington, MI 48332.

"Gary's wife and children were very active in theater, so they want to make certain that kids who are interested have funds to pursue that," LaKritz said.

The organization has already bestowed two scholarships, according to LaKritz.

"The irony is that we see that Weinstein family is adopting the slogan of 'Choose Responsibility.'"

Whereas Welling, who became incredibly drunk and killed three people and is now trying to transfer property out of his name, is choosing irresponsibility," LaKritz said.

LaKritz said if someone does have information about Welling's activities on the afternoon of May 3, they can e-mail him at blakritz@lakritz-law.com or call (248) 723-4747.

"He could have been drinking on the job for all we know, but his employers are not about to come forward and tell us that," LaKritz said.

A civil suit will follow in the case, with Weinstein suing Welling for the wrongful death of his entire immediate family, according to LaKritz.

"It's a little like the O.J. Simpson situation — first was the criminal suit, and then came the civil suit," LaKritz said. "The only difference is this guy's not going to get off."

LaKritz nixed rumors that Weinstein's jewelry business is going to close.

"He has not been back to work to my knowledge, but the business is still in operation," LaKritz said.

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## Sanders told her he was to meet a man named Kevin

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The supposed plan was to fake Sanders' death and then split the \$600,000. But Sanders' ended up dead.

Sanders' grandmother, Joye Stoneking of Minden, La., said she spoke to her grandson on the phone several times on the night of April 10. Sanders told her at about 10 p.m. or 11 p.m. Central Standard Time that he was going to meet a man named Kevin in a parking lot. That was the last conversation she had with Sanders.

"He did not say his last name or why he was going to meet him, but he said he had to be there on time," Stoneking said.

Sgt. Victor Lauria of the Novi Police Department informed Stoneking of the death of her grandson several days later.

### Pittsburgh pen pal takes stand

Ashley Ketter of Pittsburgh, Pa., was the next witness for the prosecution at the exam. Ketter, a pen pal of Sanders' while he was in prison, started communicating via e-mail with Sanders on July 1, 2003. Her online nickname was Aurora Rose. She testified that about 10:30 p.m. on April 9, he said he was going to a local mall — she couldn't remember if it was Three Oaks or Twelve Oaks — and that he was going to a dance club with a man named Kevin.

"He didn't tell me why they were meeting the next day, but he said he was going to meet him at 10:30 p.m.," Kessler said. The witness noted that Sanders, who was divorced, had conversations with her about his ex-wife, who had a new boyfriend. She said Sanders told her the boyfriend

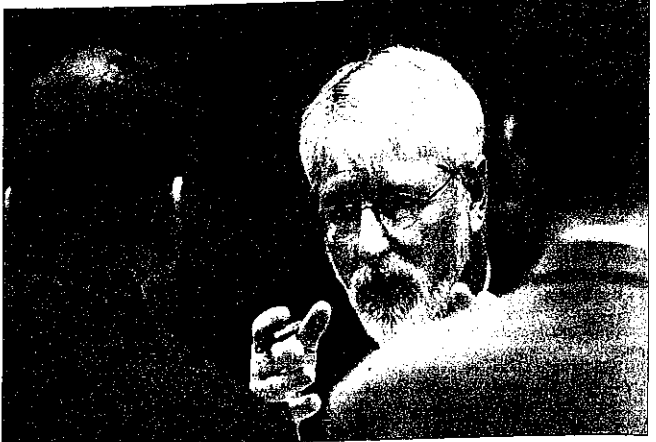


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Judge Brian MacKenzie, center, holds a quick conference with lead defense attorney for Kevin Mykolaitis, left, and Oakland County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Paul Walton, right, during a preliminary exam last week.

gave him an "eerie feeling" that he didn't like Sanders.

Ketter said Det. Jerrod Hart of the Novi Police Department contacted her on April 21, 2003, about Sanders' murder.

### Online date testifies

Erika Gebhardt of Yuma, Ariz., (the former Erika Stone) met Sanders through an online dating Web site at the end of March 2003. The two dated only a few times before he was killed. She testified that she saw him for a couple of hours on April 9, 2003, and spoke with him the next day.

"He said he was going to meet Kevin at 10 p.m. to discuss business, and that he was going into a dance club with a man named Kevin," she said.

Sanders said he would call her on Thursday night (April 10). When he didn't call, she called him about 11 p.m. or 11:30 p.m. that night and also called his place of employment the next day to see if he had been at work on April 11.

Gebhardt called Novi police

on April 13 to say Sanders was missing. Officers went to his home at Novi Meadows mobile home park, and he was not there. Gebhardt said Sanders' roommate said he had not seen him in several days.

The online friend was eventually told that a body had been found, and that police believed it to be Sanders. While speaking to a member of the media, she saw Kevin Mykolaitis' phone number on the reporter's notebook and committed it to memory.

She later called the number, saying she was a friend of Sanders' and wanted to speak to Mykolaitis.

She said Mykolaitis eventually returned her call and wanted to know if she had talked to police and what she had said.

"Kevin became agitated and upset after I mentioned that I had talked to police," Gebhardt said. He then asked if she lived alone and had children, which frightened her, so she called Novi police again because she feared for her and her children's safety.

"He did not sound very sad that a friend of his had just been murdered," Gebhardt said. She noted that Mykolaitis said he was at home with his wife and that he had met with his brother after 11:45 p.m. on April 10, 2003.

"He said that Cameron had been involved in a drug smuggling scheme in Port Huron and that he had been seen with many women at the time of his death," Gebhardt said.

"I never even got to kiss him," she said about Sanders.

Paul Walton is the assistant prosecuting attorney in the case. Mykolaitis' defense attorneys are from the firm of Fried Saperstein Abbaat P.C. in Southfield.

Next week: Sanders' sister talks about victim; witnesses report hearing gunshots outside Novi restaurant.

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## Actor hopes play will help pay for theater studies in England

### Performance of 'The Private Ear' set at Canton's Emagine Theater

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Here's a unique niche of entertainment theater buffs can take advantage of next week: Go to a movie theater but watch a live performance.

Nathan Mitchell, a native and current resident of Novi, will perform in "The Private Ear," a one-act play by British playwright Peter Schaffer, as a fund-raiser for Mitchell's theater studies in England.

Schaffer has produced several works, including the screenplay for the Academy-Award-winning movie "Amadeus" and the play "Equus."

Mitchell, who became interested in theater through Linda Wickert, director of the Novi Theatre, performed in a previous production of "The Private Ear" before he had any theater training. The play is a heartfelt, tragic comedy about an Englishman on his first date.

The live performance runs approximately one hour with no intermission. Show times will be at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Aug. 1-4, with tickets costing \$10.

Tickets are available at the Emagine Theater box office in

Canton on Ford Road east of I-275. Mitchell, who graduated from Novi High School in 2000, will be joined in "The Private Ear" by fellow actors Stacie Hudgkosi of Roseville, a student at Purdue University in Lafayette, Ind., and Ryan Welsh of Plymouth, a student at Western Michigan University.

Mitchell was one of three students selected worldwide each year to study in the Master of Fine Arts Program at Exeter University in England.

About 15 students are part of the combined Master of Arts and Master of Fine Arts programs. The three students in the Master of Fine Arts Program are in the school's two-year program; the other students study in Exeter for one year.

Students have been selected from all over the world, including the countries of Israel, Korea, England, Singapore, Greece, Ireland, Taiwan, and Wales.

"I will be the only student in my program of study from the United States," Mitchell said.

The master's program involves physical training for theater actors. The school uses South Indian martial arts, yoga and tai chi to train actors to have greater physical ability and focus. It is the

only program of its kind in the world.

Mitchell graduated from Western Michigan University in 2004 with a bachelor of arts degree in theater performance. The university hired him shortly after graduation to choreograph fight scenes for the university's production of William Shakespeare's "Othello."

Physical theater training includes such skills as stage combat, dancing, clown work, stunts and gestures, Mitchell said.

He has won national awards for his proficiency in the art, and his choreography was most recently seen in Washington, D.C., at the Kennedy Center in "Othello." The play was part of the American College Theater Festival, a national competition for theater students.

"This was the first Shakespearean play in 32 years that made it that far in the competition," Mitchell said.

Mitchell is in Novi now preparing for his studies in England.

"Studying overseas is expensive, so to help raise the money I need for graduate school I've put

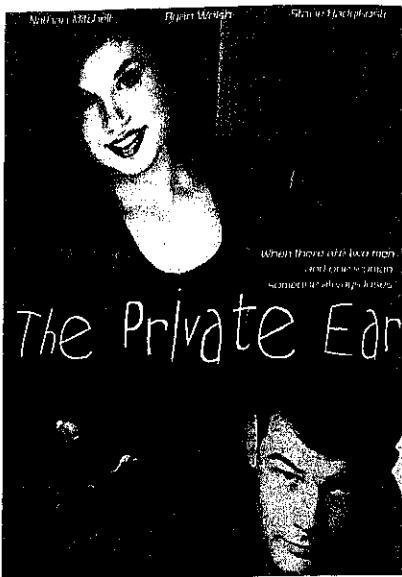
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If you cannot attend a performance but would still like to show your support for Novi resident Nathan Mitchell's graduate theater studies in England, send a donation to Nathan Mitchell at 41007 Mooringside, Novi, MI 48375.

together this one-act play," Mitchell said. His plans for the future include moving to Chicago to perform in professional theater productions and teach at the university level.

Those with questions about the performance can contact Emagine Theater in Canton, 39535 Ford Road, at (888) 319-3456 or Mitchell by e-mail at natemitchell2004@hotmail.com.

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## Jaguar owner looking for Meadow Brook win

■ Bryn Edwards' 1967 XKE Coupe better than new

By Angela Harris  
SPECIAL WRITER

Fresh from winning Best in Class for sports cars at the Bay Harbor Concours d'Elegance in June, Bryn Edwards' 1967 Jaguar XKE Coupe will be on display at the Meadow Brook Concours d'Elegance on Sunday, Aug. 7.

This specific car was made in England by the original Jaguar company and was derived from the E-type racing cars.

"It was a significant car when it came out," said Edwards, owner and Novi resident.

The original owner, Dave Draper, from California, had the car remolded and restored by Time Machine Unlimited in Charlotte, Mich.

"It is better now than when it originally left the factory in my opinion," Edwards said.

After seeing the car in Draper's show two years ago, Edwards considered buying it and finally purchased it from him a few months ago.

He purchased it because he had one as a boy and has always loved Jaguars. He is originally from Derby, England, which is 15 minutes from the original Jaguar factory.

"There are two reasons I purchased the car," Edwards said. "One is the association of it with youth

and the romance of the car. The other is that it is a beautiful car and is in fine condition."

Having been in the United States for 20 years and the Novi area for 10 years, Edwards' favorite type of car is the Jaguar E-type car.

Developed by an aerospace engineer, the E-type car was one of the few cars that was tested in a wind tunnel, Edwards explained.

"It has a beautiful shape," he said. "It is almost 40 years old and it is a pretty car. You could bring it out as a new car (today) and it would be current."

The Meadow Brook Concours d'Elegance will be the second show that Edwards has entered his only classic car in.

"It is a prestigious show and is known around the world," he said. "It is one of the top shows in the world and the very best cars in the world are there."

It will be Edwards' first time showing a car at the prestigious event.

"I have known about the show for many years, but never considered entering it," Edwards said.

But after winning the best of show in the sports category in Bay Harbor, Edwards decided to try for an entry in the Meadow Brook show.

"I decided to show it because it is a very fine example of the breed," Edwards said. "It is a beautiful car."

Angela Harris is a Grand Valley State University journalism student and a Novi News intern.



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### Thank you, Rob

Novi Rotary president Randy D'Amore, right, and board member Keith Tappan, center, present Novi Providence Hospital president Rob Casalou with a certificate of appreciation for the hospital's involvement in the community.

## Concours d'Elegance next Sunday

By Angela Harris  
SPECIAL WRITER

The 27th annual Meadow Brook Concours d'Elegance will be held Sunday, Aug. 7 at Oakland University on the Meadow Brook grounds.

The event, as part of a three-year series, will feature cars from the Magnificent Brass Era, which are recognizable by their brass parts - radiators, headlamps, bulb horns and windshield frames.

Running from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., the show includes judging of over 300 collectible automobiles, an exhibit of 100-year-old centennial automobiles and a display of seven of the 10 remaining 1970-71 Plymouth Cuda Challenger convertibles.

The Italian Happening show and Concorso d'Italia will be run-

ning concurrently, and the Concours d'Elegance will award two best of show awards this year: one for best American car and one for best foreign car.

In addition, a 1936 Mercedes-Benz 540K Cabriolet C Special and a 1935 Auburn 815SC Boattail Speedster will be for sale on eBay Motors beginning on Sunday, July 31, and the bidding will end on Sunday, Aug. 7, at 9 a.m.

Tickets for the show may be purchased in advance at the Meadow Brook Concours d'Elegance offices at 2690 Crooks Rd in Troy; by phone at (248) 269-7672; or on the Web site at [www.meadowbrookconcours.org](http://www.meadowbrookconcours.org) for \$20 a piece.

Tickets will be available at the main gate during the event for \$25.

## Enjoy summer fun at family concerts

■ Harpbeat comes to Lakeshore Park tonight

By Ramez Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

Kids throughout the city will want to grab their parents by the hand and head out to see Harpbeat at 7 p.m. tonight.

A highly interactive award-winning musical entertainment show, Harpbeat's duo performers have been featured in "Parenting" and "Family Fun" magazines.

On Thursday, Aug. 4, another concert, the Kevin Devine Musical Circus, will come back to Novi after performing here last summer. With over 1,000 original songs, the group boasts that it has something to please everyone.

"All of our concerts were pretty good last year; everybody was involved as far as audience partic-

ipation," said Katie Walker, Novi Parks and Recreation building attendant. "I just remember a lot of the kids were singing and dancing during Kevin Devine. They looked like they were having a blast."

Lakeshore Park is located at 601 South Lake Drive in Novi. In addition to hosting the series, the park also boasts nine miles of wilderness trails and lifeguards during beach hours. Updates, new fencing and all new landscaping have made the park an even more desirable location to spend time

at this summer. All Kid's Concert Series shows are free to the public, and all shows will be moved indoors to the Novi Civic Center in the case of inclement weather.

Call the Novi Parks hotline at (248) 347-0473 for weather information. For more general information, call (248) 347-0400.

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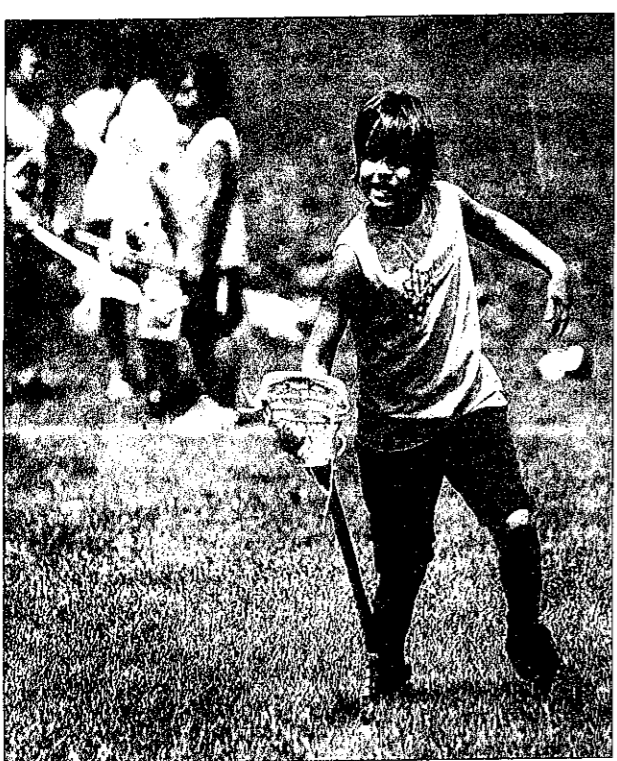
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**Camp lacrosse**  
Conner Farrand, 10, scoops and cradles a ball during a running practice part of last week's Skyhawk's lacrosse camp at Novi Woods Elementary. The camp was offered through Novi Community Education.

## Parks foundation still has openings for golf outing

■ Proceeds to benefit new city foundation

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

If you're a fan of the "Links of Novi," here's your big chance to play in one of the last few outings scheduled at the local course.

Openings are still available for both sponsorship opportunities and a few more foursomes in "Drive for the Green," the first Novi Parks Foundation Golf Outing on Thursday, Aug. 4.

The Novi Parks Foundation outing will be one of the last golfing events scheduled at the Novi course, as it will close at the end of the 2005 golf season.

Single Development, a major contributor to the fund-raiser, will soon build Legacy Park, a 439-home subdivision, on the property in the near future.

Proceeds from the outing, slated to start at 8:30 a.m., will go toward the Foundation, a new charitable organization created to benefit the city as well as provide scholarships to local students.

The developer has agreed to donate about 73 acres of parkland to the city in conjunction with the development. Single will also construct the Single Trail, a trail system, through the donated parkland.

To contribute items for the silent auction, contact Kathy Cosentino at (248) 348-0678 or e-mail her at kcos71@aol.com. For more information about the Novi Parks Foundation, call (888) 288-1159 or visit www.noviparks.org.

endowment for the acquisition and improvement of parkland.

With the driving range sponsorship, a business can see its name on a large banner hung by the driving range, where more than 150 golfers will go to warm up before the 10 a.m. shotgun start on the East/West Course at Links of Novi.

As of Monday, about 144 golfers had signed up, with room for five additional foursomes.

Registration for the event will begin at 8:30 a.m. Aug. 4, with the driving range opening at that time.

After beginning at 10 a.m., golfers can grab their lunch "at the turn." The ticket price includes a steak dinner, awards for teams and special prizes and a silent auction that starts at 5 p.m.

The outing should conclude about 7 p.m.

These include:  
• additional funding for the Novi Parks and Recreation facilities.  
• improvements to park facilities.  
• purchase of recreational equipment for programs  
• fund creation of a permanent

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### COMMUNITY BRIEFS

#### City council to meet Aug. 1

The regularly scheduled Novi City Council meeting on Aug. 8 has been rescheduled to Monday, Aug. 1.

Council was supposed to have a special council meeting on Aug. 1 to discuss the possibility of the city establishing a Downtown Development Authority in conjunction with Triangle Development's proposed Main Street Novi project.

However, Matt Quinn, attorney for Triangle Development, told Rick Helwig, city manager, on July 20 that Dave and Pierre Noms of Triangle had withdrawn their request for any further consideration of a DDA with their development.

Instead, the Noms have requested that the firm be given 30 minutes at the Aug. 22 council meeting to present a scaled-down concept for Main Street.

#### Memorial statue site selected

Members of city council voted at their July 11 meeting to place a statue commemorating the efforts of firefighters during the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in New York City on the grounds of city hall.

The northeast corner of Novi Road and Grand River Avenue was considered as a site, but, since council recently decided to sell this city-owned property to

Novi Town Center Investors, the city hall site was deemed more appropriate.

The statue will be erected near the south entrance to the Novi Civic Center on 10 Mile Road east of Taft Road.

#### Maybury Farm opens for weekends

The barns at Maybury Farm are about 90 percent complete. The landscaping is well on its way to completion and the painting is getting done. Maybury Farm will finally reopen by late summer.

Beginning Saturday, Maybury Farm will open for weekend hayride tours on Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 7 p.m. Groups may schedule tours by contacting the Northville Community Foundation for days other than Saturday or Sunday.

Although great strides have been made with the rebuilding process, there is still a need for a few items — sand, concrete and electrical supplies — to complete this phase of the renovation.

If your corporation can help in any of these areas, please contact the Northville Community Foundation at (248) 374-0200. Foundations are tax deductible.

#### City makes appointments

Members of city council appointed several appointments to various boards and commissions during the last two meetings.

At the July 11 meeting, council appointed Leslie Weirwick to the Beautification Commission.

Marie Earlight and Karen Zyzanski were both reappointed to the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Commission.

Art Cervi was appointed to the new Public Access Promotion Committee, formerly the Cable Access Committee.

Linda Krieger was appointed as an alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

At the July 25 meeting, council members reappointed both Victor Cassis and John Arvola to the planning commission.

Michael Meyer was newly appointed to the planning commission. Members appointed Robert Fisher, Ryan Doll and Dan Dailey to the Economic Development Corporation.

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## America's gone to the dogs

■ New Wixom business a dog lover's dream

By Ramez Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

Ever since he was 5, Craig Lin knew he wanted to be a veterinarian. Unfortunately, that never worked out — but he can boast that he does the next best thing.

Lin and partners Alycia Frenette and Steven Salsbery just opened a new Wixom business, Dog Centers of America. It's a full-service, state-of-the-art facility, offering 24-hour attendant care; boarding; dog daycare; professional services, including training classes and grooming; veterinarian-approved nutritional food and accessories.

"The building is 11,000 square feet," Lin said. "We have two giant romp rooms that are 4,000 square feet combined. We have a puppy room that's got our corporate logo, a dog house which leads into the other room, and there are larger-than-life dogs painted on the wall."

People can bring their dogs in for training and puppy care. There are Web cameras set up in both rooms so owners can watch their dogs play and take training classes. The large romp room is for the bigger dogs.

On the walls are painted murals of mountain scenes and a lake, and there are artificial trees, rocks, fire hydrants and park benches.

Safety is a major priority, said Lin, but what will really set his business apart from the competi-



Playing with their canines Raven, Kado and Jake at their Wixom Dog Centers of America location are Alycia Frenette and Craig Lin. The center features large indoor play areas for mature dogs and puppies.

tion is a 24-hour-a-day facilitator.

"I'm not talking about a rent-a-cop," he said. "I'm talking about somebody who's been trained to care for the dogs."

Frenette will profile dogs before they come in, and she'll meet with the owners and their dogs to make sure that they're not aggressive. Certain breeds, such as pit bulls, will not be allowed in the facility.

"There are some wonderful pit bulls, but I can't run that risk of injury," Lin said. "We're going to try and provide every safety measure possible."

Another unique feature to Dog Centers of America is tags made

for each dog with information about the company. They will be numbered so employees can have a profile of every dog on computer so if your dog ever gets lost, it will be easier to find.

Say you're on vacation with your dog and it has a Dog Centers of America tag on it. If the dog gets away from you, who are they going to call? You're not home.

"But we can profile it and tell them that Spot has veterinary insurance, so if he got hit by a car, start working on him," said Lin.

"We have cell phone numbers, papers, and we have their veterinarian's number."

The company's software sys-

#### Details:

Dog Centers of America is located at 46926 Magellan in Wixom. Phone (248) 960-0800 or visit www.dogcenters.com for more details on office hours or directions.

even allows for a photo and information like unique markings of each dog.

"I'm excited about this," Lin said. "I'm new myself, Steve and Alycia out to St. Louis, and we met with an organization that has been

doing this since 1974. We paid a heavy consulting fee, and we toured their facilities to learn what was good, what was not so good and to see if we could combine, along with their ideas, a great plan."

Lin said there are similar businesses operating that are great, but this is what he and his partners wanted to do.

"We want to make sure to provide a fun, healthy environment for the dogs," said Lin.

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## Small-business survey shows strong support for tax plan

The National Federation of Independent Business/Michigan, the state's largest small-business advocacy group, on July 15 announced, overwhelming support for a package of tax cuts bills reported out of the Michigan House Tax Policy Committee earlier this week.

NFIB's endorsement is based on a survey of its members in which 85 percent of respondents declared support for the tax plans.

Charles Owens, NFIB/Michigan state director, testified before the House Tax Policy Committee that he was encouraged by the single business tax proposal being considered by the committee.

He offered praise to both Democrats and Republicans on the House and Senate tax committees for taking the time to obtain business owner input on the single business tax and state business climate issues during statewide hearings on an earlier tax plan proposal by Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

The governor's plan did not fare as well when surveyed by the group in the spring with almost 80 percent of respondents rejecting the proposal. As a consequence, the governor's plan was all but declared dead due to strong opposition from small business and other companies around the state.

The House tax proposal survey gave a background on the issue and included arguments for and against the plan. Members surveyed were then asked to vote on the question: "Do you support the State House proposal to change the Michigan Single Business Tax?"

The results were:  
85 percent Yes  
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# City sells land on northeast corner of Novi, Grand River

**Town Center Investors to use land in new plans**

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

A tiny parcel of city-owned property at the northeast corner of Novi Road and Grand River Avenue will soon become part of Novi Town Center.

At the July 11 city council meeting, members agreed to sell the .38-acre site for \$100,000 to Town Center developers.

As part of the city's purchase process in 1999, the city paid a consultant \$10,000 for services relating to the land acquisition.

Laura Lorenza, city council, led the charge to have the developers reimburse the city for this expense,

as well as the city's legal expenses up to \$3,500.

"Nice doing business with you," said Matt Quinn, attorney for the developers, after his client agreed to pay the extra \$13,500.

The property, which will be purchased by Novi Town Center Investors, Inc., is located next to same new businesses planned on the south side of Novi Town Center.

The investors will also perform environmental testing on the property prior to any development, as the land used to be the site of an Amoco gas station.

The city purchased the property from Amoco Oil Company in early 1999 for \$100,000. The city began discussing the land acquisition in the mid-1990s, and at one point reached an informal agreement with Amoco to purchase the property for \$250,000. But, due to leaking underground storage tanks on the property, the offer was rejected.

Amoco was required to clean up the property before the sale took place. All underground wells on the site had been properly dealt with by September 1999.

The developers have also agreed to not place any curb cuts from the property to either Grand River Avenue or Novi Road.

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# Annual golf outing supports chamber of commerce efforts

**Mingling on the course can help businesses**

By Tracy Mishler  
RECORD STAFF WRITER

It's time to pull out the clubs and head to the Novi Chamber of Commerce's Eighteenth Annual Tycoon Tee-Off Golf Outing, Thursday, Aug. 11.

Golfers will test the greens at the new Moose Ridge Golf Course in South Lyon and have the opportunity to mix and mingle among residents and business people.

The outing begins with an 8:30 a.m. putting contest at check-in followed by a 9:30 a.m. shotgun start.

Aside from the up-north atmosphere and 18 holes of fun, golfers can look forward to a 50/50 raffle, team awards, hole contests and a steak dinner to end the day.

"This event is a great opportunity for large and small businesses to get their name out," said Nora

Champion, president of the chamber. "This outing is one of two major fund-raisers we host, and it will be a fun day for everyone."

Novis Hold'em Casino Night was the other fund-raiser, held in May.

Champion said so far everything is going well with signups and sponsor.

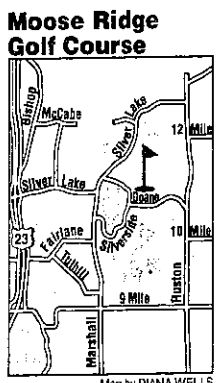
"Everyone should come out and see this course," she said.

Karen Anderson, chamber board of directors member and chair of the golf outing, said they are still encouraging people to sign up for the outing.

Sponsors for the outing include St. John Providence Hospital, Bob Sellers Pontiac, Rock Financial Showplace, The Sierra Group and Twelve Oaks Mall.

"Sponsorships and golfing packages are still available," Anderson said. "For those who do not golf, you can still promote your business with a donation or items for the goodie bags."

Proceeds from the fund-raisers go toward the chamber operating expenses. The chamber will soon be temporarily relocating to



Map by DIANA WELLS

Providence Hospital from the Novi Express Center.

For more information on the outing, call (248) 349-3743.

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# Gannett names Rich Ramhoff publisher of the Novi News

Richard A. Ramhoff has been named general manager of the Novi News, the Gannett Co. announced Friday.

Ramhoff previously was editor and general manager of NOISE, a weekly young reader publication based in Lansing.

Richard Perlberg, who has been serving as general manager since the Novi News was acquired by Gannett this year, will now focus his attention on news coverage as executive editor for the Livingston County Daily Press & Argus and will oversee the strategic direction of news content for the Oakland County weekly newspapers.

Ramhoff began his career with Gannett in 1989 as a reporter at the Rockford (Ill.) Register Star, where he later served as business editor and online manager. In Wisconsin Newspapers, where he launched a regional Web site that included 10 newspaper titles.

He was named in 2002 to direct NOISE, one of Gannett's prototype young reader publications. There are now young reader publications in 10 markets.

"From a traditional perspective, Rich Ramhoff has taken a bit of an unusual journey to the publisher's position," said Gary L. Watson, president of Gannett's Newspaper Division. "But with the growing importance of the Web and non-daily publications in the newspaper brand's portfolio, we're confident he will not be the last to gain experience in all three areas before becoming a publisher."

Ramhoff is a native of Youngstown, Ohio, and a journalism graduate from Kent State University.

Ramhoff and his wife, Lori, have two children.

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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

**Photography exhibit at Twelve Oaks Mall**

The Detroit area Taubman Centers, including 12 Oaks Mall, Fairlane Town Center and Great Lakes Crossing, and Big Brothers Big Sisters will unveil a moving photography exhibition on Aug. 2, which is at the heart of a unique back-to-school initiative, "Kids Helping Kids Go Back to School."

The kick-off will be held at Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn at 4 p.m. Shoppers can admire the images taken by Little Brothers and Little Sisters, and read biographies about each child photographer through the close of the exhibit on Aug. 31 as well as pick up a back-to-school wish list from a local child photographer and donate one or more items on that list.

"Kids Helping Kids" gives kids across America a chance to reach out and provide fellow students with items frequently associated with back-to-school.

**Potlind owners top in chain**

Robert and Carol Thome were recently named among the top Potlind store operators chain wide.

They operate the Potlind store in Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi.

The Thomes received the Store of the Year runner-up award at the 2005 Potlind Trade Show held July 17-19 at Walt Disney World's Yacht and Beach Club Resort near Orlando, Fla.

They were also awarded a Quest award by Potlind, Inc. for enhancing the human-animal bond in 2004 through positive community service programs at their store.

Through the years, Potlind, Inc. has honored the store with a number of awards including community service and Store of the Year honors in 2002, 2003 and 2004.

**New grill coming to Novi**

Franchise Capital Corporation announced Tuesday that Kokopelli Sonoran Grill has entered into a franchise development agreement with a Michigan based developer/operator to open a total of 12 Kokopelli Sonoran Grills in Michigan.

As per the agreement, there will be 10 restaurants to open in the Greater Detroit markets including Novi, Plymouth, Livonia, Royal Oak, Sterling Heights and Rochester. The developer plans to

open two to three restaurants a year.

Kokopelli's serves menu items found in full service Mexican restaurants such as grilled salmon with mango salsa, steak verde with tomatillo salsa and pollo Colorado with smoked cheese as well as made-to-order big-burritos, tacos and fajitas.

New orders for Veri-Tek

Veri-Tek International, Corp. in Wisconsin announced last week the receipt of three orders valued at approximately \$5.4 million for the company's specialty machines.

The company has received an order for two drive-in specialty machines from a major Korean auto supplier valued at approximately \$1.6 million.

The second order is for a line of diesel engine test stands for a major international diesel engine manufacturer, valued at approximately \$3.5 million and the final order is from a domestic diesel engine manufacturer for a test stand, valued at approximately \$0.3 million. These orders are expected to ship in late 2005 and the first quarter of 2006.

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# EDUCATION

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## Making a McVideo

By Courtney Ratkowiak  
SPECIAL WRITER



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

**Where to start?**  
Catholic Central English teacher Miki Valent pauses from unpacking boxes of books to talk to a visitor to her brand new classroom. Catholic Central, at its new campus in Novi, will open Aug. 15 for its 900 students.

Legg said that working with charitable groups has helped to enrich the academic experience for students.

"It gives the students a real world connection to the skills that they're learning in class. They are able to see that the work they do as a project in school can have an impact in a much wider community," he said.

There are a couple hundred Ronald McDonald houses, and some families come from hundreds of miles away," said Legg.

"(The project) really lets the students see that they can have an effect in the world," he added.

Student producers Kaitlyn Rich and Taki Watanabe made a preliminary visit to the house to discuss video plans with executives, later returning to film the video after planning interviews and writing a script. In early June, they completed the project after two weeks of editing.

Legg said that the video was a culmination of skills learned throughout the year but provided some new challenges for the student producers.

"(Rich and Watanabe) were really solid, advanced students, but had not done anything like this before," said Legg. "They needed a lot of creativity, but also a business-like approach; the house had a specific need, and the students had to work within those parameters in a creative way."

For Rich, being in charge of a project for the first time was an "invaluable experience," one that she says has made her more prepared for her television internship and future college classes.

"It gave me a lot of freedom and opportunity to grow as a cinematographer and editor," said Rich. "It was one of my favorite experiences from high school."

Courtney Ratkowiak will be a Novi High School senior this fall.

## ON CAMPUS

Novi resident Mark Kollar was among the spring 2005 graduates at Michigan State University College of Law during commencement exercises.

Alex Burch, of Novi, recently attended Horizons, a Sigma Chi Foundation Leadership Program, at Snowbird, Utah. This selective, six-day program is for undergrads interested in improving themselves and their world.

Novi resident Justin Sterett was among the spring 2005 graduates at Grand Valley State University during commencement exercises.

Matthew Haggerty, of Novi, was named to the dean's list at the University of Notre Dame for spring 2005 semester.

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# CALENDAR

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## EVENTS

### Border's Bookstore Events

DATE: Tuesday, Aug. 2  
TIME: 7 p.m.  
LOCATION: 43075 Crescent Blvd.  
DETAILS: Cook, Dixon and Young, will be performing from their new CD, "Volume One."  
CONTACT: (248) 347-0780

### Lakes Area Alano Club Fundraiser

DATE: Aug. 6-7  
TIME: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
LOCATION: 5310 Grand River, #12, New Hudson  
DETAILS: Drop donations off before sale or \$10 to rent table. Items include clothes, books and toys. Fund-raiser to raise money for Alano Club building.  
CONTACT: (248) 807-6121

### Novi Theaters Productions

TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m., Friday, Aug. 12 and Saturday, Aug. 13; 2 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 14  
DETAILS: Summer Camp; Kids on Broadway  
TIME/DATE: noon, Thursdays, Sept. 8, 15; Fridays, Sept. 9, 16 and 2 p.m., Sundays, Sept. 11, 18  
DETAILS: Senior Variety Series; Kicks on Route 66  
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road  
CONTACT: (248) 347-0400

### Lakes Area Alano Club Pig Roast

DATE: Saturday, Aug. 27  
TIME: noon-1 a.m.  
LOCATION: 1485 Oakley Park Road, Commerce Township, Ralph C. Richardson Community Center, across from Walled Lake Central High School  
DETAILS: This is a fundraiser for Alano Club building and includes bike show and prizes, dunk tank, moon walk, petting farm, various speakers and 9 p.m. dancing with a DJ.  
CONTACT: (248) 366-0785 or (248) 807-6121

### Animal Care Fair

DATE: Saturday, Aug. 27 and Sunday, Aug. 28

TIME: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
LOCATION: Southfield Municipal Complex, 26000 Evergreen Road

DETAILS: Michigan Humane Society's 14th annual fair, including adoptable animals, pet products, and animal team demonstrations. Admission and parking are free.  
CONTACT: www.michigan-humane.org

## SCHOOL/GOVERNMENT

### Wixom City Council

DATE: Tuesdays, Aug. 9, 23, Sept. 13, 27, Oct. 11, 25; Nov. 9, 23; Dec. 13 and 20  
TIME: 7:30 p.m.  
LOCATION: Wixom City Hall, 49045 Pontiac Trail  
CONTACT: (248) 624-4557

### Novi City Council Meeting

DATE: Mondays, Aug. 1 and 22; Sept. 12 and 26; Oct. 10 and 24; Nov. 14 and 28; Dec. 5 and 19  
TIME: 7 p.m.  
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road  
CONTACT: (248) 344-0470

### Novi School Board Meeting

DATE: Thursdays, Aug. 18, Sept. 8 and 22  
TIME: 7:30 p.m.  
LOCATION: Educational Services building, 25345 Taft Road  
CONTACT: (248) 449-1200

## BUSINESS

### Oakland County Business Workshops

LOCATION: Oakland County complex, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac  
CONTACT: (248) 858-0883  
DETAILS: Meeting of local professionals and business looking to increase word-of-mouth referral business. Various classifications open and eager to bring you qualified business leads.  
CONTACT: (734) 462-6460

### How to Start a Business

DATE: Thursday, Aug. 4  
TIME: 9 a.m.-noon  
DETAILS: For anyone thinking about going into business, learn how to implement ideas

and receive a list of pitfalls to avoid when starting a business

### How to Write a Business Plan

DATE: Thursday, Aug. 11  
TIME: 9 a.m.-noon  
DETAILS: For small business owners who are developing a plan to serve as their road map to success  
LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi.  
DETAILS: Variety of activities for the adult community to come and enjoy a unique mix of classes sponsored by the Providence Center for the Healing Arts. Some activities may include a supplies fee (no more than \$10).  
CONTACT: (248) 465-5483

### Oakland County Business Women's Conference

DATE: Tuesday, Aug. 16  
TIME: 1:30 p.m.  
LOCATION: Royal Park Hotel, Rochester  
DETAILS: Designed to provide women in business with tools to increase profitability and make key decisions and will feature keynote speaker Mary Kramer, Publisher of Crain's Detroit Business.  
CONTACT: www.co.oakland.ni.us/peds/calendar

### Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce Events

LOCATION: 305 N. Pontiac Trail, Suite B, Walled Lake  
CONTACT: (248) 624-2826  
DATE: Tuesday, Aug. 16  
TIME: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.  
LOCATION: Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce, 305 N. Pontiac Trail, Suite B, Walled Lake  
Evening Connection  
DATE: Thursday, Aug. 18  
TIME: 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
LOCATION: Masserman Photography, 8585 PGA Drive, Suite 102, Walled Lake

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### Business Referrals

DATE: every Wednesday  
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road  
TIME: 7:30 a.m.  
DETAILS: Meeting of local professionals and business looking to increase word-of-mouth referral business. Various classifications open and eager to bring you qualified business leads.  
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## CLASSES

### Providence Center for the Healing Arts' Tuesdays at Assarian

DATE: Every Tuesday night  
TIME: 5-8 p.m.  
LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi.  
DETAILS: Variety of activities for the adult community to come and enjoy a unique mix of classes sponsored by the Providence Center for the Healing Arts. Some activities may include a supplies fee (no more than \$10).  
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### Small Business Loan Workshop

DATE: Thursday, Aug. 18  
TIME: 8:45 a.m.-noon  
DETAILS: Finance options for small business owners.

### Line Dancing Classes

DATE: every Monday  
TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m., beginners; 7:30-9:30 p.m., intermediate  
LOCATION: Novi Ice Arena, 42400 Arena Drive (activity room, main floor)  
DETAILS: No partner needed for lessons in this pay-as-you-go program. Cost is \$5 for Novi residents and for those ages 55 and up; \$6 for non-residents.  
CONTACT: (248) 348-9116

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LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road (activity room, main floor)  
DETAILS: No partner needed for lessons in this pay-as-you-go program. Cost is \$5 for Novi residents and for those ages 55 and up; \$6 for non-residents (fees are for the entire evening).  
CONTACT: (248) 348-9116

### Book Sale

DATE: Saturday, July 30  
TIME: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
DETAILS: The Friends of Novi Public Library's book sale. A bag of books will be \$3, and hardcover books will be three for \$1, and all other paperbacks will be five for \$1. CDs will be three for \$1.  
CONTACT: For more information, call Jackie, (248) 437-5496.

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TIME: 1-2:30 p.m.  
LOCATION: Creative Arts Studio, Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Ave.  
DETAILS: Artist Mary Tevans instructs. Class will include drawing, pastels, watercolor and mixed media. There is a \$5 materials fee. Drop-in or

### Investment Skills for Teens

DATE: Tuesday, Aug. 9  
TIME: 6 p.m.  
LOCATION: Harvest Fellowship Church, 49329  
CONTACT: (248) 465-5483

register.  
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## LIBRARY LINES

### Novi Public Library Hours

LOCATION: 45245 W. Ten Mile Road  
HOURS: Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, closed during the summer.  
DETAILS: Unless noted below, all programs take place at the library.  
CONTACT: (248) 465-5455

### Help Match the Walker Million Online

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### The Candy Band

DATE: Friday, July 29  
TIME: 1 p.m.  
LOCATION: Township Hall, 10 Mile Road, next to the library  
DETAILS: The Summer Reading Program wraps up with a performance by The Candy Band. No registration is required for this one-hour, free event, which is for all ages.  
CONTACT: (248) 348-9116

### Kensington Valley Mothers of Multiples

DATE: second Thursday of each month  
TIME: 7 p.m.  
LOCATION: Witch's Hat Depot, 300 Dorothy St., South Lyon  
DETAILS: This group provides information, support and social activities for mothers of multiple birth children and their families. Mothers of multiples please are all welcome.  
CONTACT: For more information, call Jackie, (248) 437-5496.

### Women's Prayer Support

DATE: every Saturday  
TIME: 9-10:30 a.m.  
LOCATION: Harvest Fellowship Church, 49329  
CONTACT: (248) 465-5455

## SUPPORT GROUPS

### Friendship Circle

DATE: meetings second Thursday of each month  
TIME: 1 p.m.  
LOCATION: St. James Catholic Church, 46325 10 Mile Road, between Taft and Beck roads.  
DETAILS: Social group for all widows and widowers.

### MOMS Club of Novi

DATE: meetings first Thursday of each month  
TIME: 10 a.m.  
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center  
DETAILS: The Moms Offering Moms Support (MOMS) is a non-profit support group. For mothers who choose to stay at home with their children, work out of their homes, or work part-time.  
CONTACT: dinatalina@sbcglobal.net

### Newly Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) chapter

DATE: Wednesday mornings  
LOCATION: Meadowbrook Commons Activities Room, 25075 Meadowbrook Road, Novi  
TIME: 11 a.m. weigh-in; 11:30 a.m. meeting  
DETAILS: \$20 per annual membership includes handbook; \$1 per meeting. New members welcome.  
CONTACT: (248) 685-9226

### Adoption Playgroup

DATE: first and third Fridays of the month  
TIME: 10 a.m.  
LOCATION: Holy Family Catholic Church (on Meadowbrook Road between 10 Mile Road and Grand River Avenue)  
DETAILS: A nonprofit, non-denominational group that brings adoptive families together. Twice-month meetings provide opportunity to play and talk  
CONTACT: Michelle Pergeau (248) 887-4955 or Sandra Noonan (248) 960-3257

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Pontiac Trail, Wixom (parking behind the church).  
DETAILS: Come for encouragement, help, hope and prayer as you face life's problems, issues and frustrations. Drop in for five minutes or longer.  
CONTACT: Nancy and Susan, (248) 926-8332 or harvest@fellowship@comcast.net

### Breast Cancer Support Group

DATES: second and fourth Tuesdays of the month  
LOCATION: Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, Commerce, Classroom C on the ground floor of the hospital.  
TIME: 10-11:30 a.m.  
DETAILS: No registration  
CONTACT: (248) 937-5017

### Novi Toastmasters

DATE: first and third Tuesdays of the month  
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center Activities Room  
TIME: 7-8:45 p.m.  
DETAILS: Toastmasters will help you improve your communication skills, voice your opinion, polish your presentations and practice leadership.  
CONTACT: Colleen, (248) 685-9226

### Novi High School Band Golf Outing

DATE: Sunday, July 31  
TIME: noon  
LOCATION: Tanglewood Golf Course, 53503 10 Mile Road, Lyon Township  
DETAILS: \$100 per golfer. Lunch, dinner and prizes included. Raffle prizes are needed.  
CONTACT: Dirm Koehly, (248) 348-5135

### Novi Parks Foundation & Singh Development Golf Outing

DATE: Thursday, Aug. 4  
TIME: 8:30 a.m. registration; 10 a.m. shotgun start  
LOCATION: Links of Novi, 50395 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi  
DETAILS: \$100 per golfer, lunch, dinner, silent auction included. Proceeds benefiting Novi Parks Foundation.  
CONTACT: Brian Burke, (248) 561-0255 or Bburke@holzerford.com

### First Annual Novi Wildcats Boys Basketball Golf Outing

DATE: Saturday, Aug. 6  
LOCATION: Tanglewood Golf Club, 53503 10 Mile Road, Lyon Township  
DETAILS: Golf, lunch, raffle, prizes  
CONTACT: Dave Crandall at (248) 380-3148 or Doug Reichley at (248) 380-3921

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

**Great way to cool off**  
Josh Mitchell, 6, enjoys a few laps around the rink during a recent open skate at the Novi Ice Arena. The arena is open Mon.-Fri. from 12-1:50 p.m. for a public skate.

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### Oakland County Health Division Classes

DATES: Aug. 2, 9 and 16  
TIME: 10:30 a.m.-noon  
LOCATION: Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce  
DETAILS: Breast-feeding support series.  
CONTACT: (248) 858-4003 to register or for more information

### Providence Medical Center/Heart Institute Classes

LOCATION: Providence Park, 130-2-230 p.m.; Fridays, noon-1:30 p.m.

### CITY OF NOVI - CHANGE IN NOVI CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the regular scheduled meeting of the Novi City Council, to be held on August 8, 2005, has been rescheduled to Monday, August 1, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile.  
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### CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 05-049

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Hammond Construction is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of a construction trailer at 217 West Lake Road. This would be issued from August 5, 2005 through February 5, 2006.  
A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 500 feet of the location of the property being considered for temporary use permit.  
This request will be considered at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, August 5, 2005 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Department and must be received prior to August 5, 2005.

GAIL U. BACKUS  
TEMPORARY USE PERMIT SECRETARY  
(248) 347-0415  
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## ONGOING

### Cool Car Cruise

DATE: every Wednesday through October  
TIME: 5 p.m., rain or shine  
LOCATION: Motor City Steel, 2111 Haggerty Road, Commerce Township  
DETAILS: All cool cars welcome regardless of year, '50's, '60's, '70's, and '80's music by TJ the DJ. Lots of free giveaways including 50/50 and free T-shirts to the first 75 car owners.  
CONTACT: (248) 668-1144

### Rubber Stamp Convention

DATE: Aug. 6 and 7  
TIME: Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
DETAILS: Cost is \$6 at the door; parking, \$5  
CONTACT: (909) 689-2530 or visit www.auntieamy.com

### SWCCC Studio Tours

LOCATION: 33300 Nine Mile Road, Farmington  
DETAILS: Come in for an up-close look at the Southwest Oakland Cable Commission Studios, your local community television studio.  
CONTACT: Melissa Cohn, (248) 473-2840

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CONTACT: (248) 349-3743

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### Computer Sale

DATE: Aug. 12-14  
TIME: Friday, noon-8 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.  
DETAILS: Cast is \$8; parking, \$5  
CONTACT: (612)788-1901 or visit www.supercopmputersale.com

### Grand Opening Rock Financial Showplace

DATE: Friday, Aug. 26 (by invitation only) and Saturday, Aug. 27 (open to the public)  
TIMES: Aug. 26: 3 p.m. ribbon cutting; 4:30 p.m., facility christening; 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m., "The Show of Shows"; 6:30 p.m., Dinner Gala; 8 p.m. program; 9 p.m., headline entertainment.  
Aug. 27: 10 a.m., Showplace open to the public free of charge; 7 p.m., opening act entertainment; 8 p.m., headline entertainment; 9:45 p.m., fireworks.  
DETAILS: Sponsorships are available at a variety of levels. Some sponsorship packages include dinner tickets for the Aug. 26 invitation-only gala.  
CONTACT: Anne Slonecy, (248) 348-5600, Ext. 210

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### WHERE WE STAND

### City elections: Start thinking about Novi's future

November 8 might sound far away, but it won't be long and voters will be standing at the polls making their choices for the city of Novi's next leaders.

Three of the six seats on city council will be open as will be the mayoral seat.

Incumbent councilman Kim Capello is seeking re-election; councilwoman Laura Lorenzo is not running again; and mayor pro-tem David Landry is running for the seat of Mayor Lou Cordas, who will not run again.

Other candidates for the four-year council terms include Justin Fischer, Gwen Markham, Terry Kathryn Margolis, Andrew Mutch, Lowell M. Sprague and David Staudt.

Keith Kuhn is seeking the two-year mayoral seat.

Whoever residents select will face a wide scope of issues, from managing a \$27 million budget and continuing development to meeting the needs and wants of over 50,000 residents and working cooperatively with approximately 1,600 businesses.

As the local newspaper, our job is to present the candidates' views so readers can make an informed decision. Yes, we have specific questions for the candidates, but so do you. And we want to know what they are so we can ask and let everyone know their answers via this publication.

Send your questions to: Novi News, Candidate Questions, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167; e-mail to cstone@ht.homecomm.net or fax to (248) 349-9832.

The Novi News will also be partnering with the SouthWest Oakland Cable Commission to broadcast debates in late September and October.

We encourage you to be an active participant in this process.

## There's a new kid in town

It's been a long six weeks, but we've finally filled the vacancy left by staff writer Kim Kovele, and I think it will be worth the wait.

Tracy Mishler started her new multi-beat position last Wednesday, and she hit the ground running with our front page story on the problems caused by reconstruction of the Novi/10 Mile roads intersection. She also put together a nice piece on the Novi Chamber of Commerce's upcoming golf outing (read it and sign up to play!).

For this paper, Tracy's main focus will be covering business, seniors and the planning commission, but don't be surprised to see her writing on a variety of other issues as well.

Ditto goes for the Northville Record, the other half of Tracy's writing responsibilities, where she'll be covering Northville Township and the police beat.

This is a challenging position for any writer because not only does she have several beats, she has to deal with two editors (David Aguilar and I), which probably shouldn't be wished upon anyone.

Tracy was actually one of the first candidates we interviewed. She had strong clips from her internship at the Daily Oakland Press, and she showed that she could cover many different topics — an attribute that's necessary for covering these two communities.

Before she was hired, we gave Tracy a freelance assignment to see how she'd handle it. The story, which should be in next week's paper, is about the busiest intersections in Novi and Northville. Shortly after she began working on it, I ran into Sheryl Walsh, community relations manager for the city of Novi. "Man! Your reporter keeps calling," Sheryl said. "She really wants to get that story."

That was music to my ears.

While we were interviewing other candidates, Tracy, who last year graduated from Oakland University with communication major/journalism minor, took time to get married. We even touched base a couple of times during her honeymoon. That's dedication!

At this point, you'd normally read a quote like, "I'm very excited to be covering these communities, and I look forward to meeting the people and telling their stories," said the new writer.

I'd rather have you read her stories, where her enthusiasm and skills will reflect those words better.

Welcome aboard, Tracy.



Cal Stone

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### Race fact unnecessary

Why was it necessary to let the readers know it was a Hispanic woman who called the police from the Studio Plus Hotel (cover story 7/21A5)? No other story in that week's paper refers to an individual's race. Am I to assume everyone else is white? Do you only give the race or ethnic origin of the victim, suspect or witness when they might be of color?

There are at least two subtle outcomes of using racial/ethnic adjectives when describing persons of color and not using them when describing a white person.

First, your words tell a story, and that story paints a picture in the reader's mind. When your paper describes an individual as a person of color, the reader is clear that it was a person of color. If your paper does not describe the individual as white, then the reader must refer to their life experience (which is full of media stereotyping and institutionalized racism) and they still might see a person of color.

Secondly, so many white parents in suburban cities like Novi believe that the drug problem is not something they have to worry about. They think of the black kids in Detroit or the Hispanic drug lords of Colombia when they think about the drug epidemic. By putting an Hispanic face on this story the Novi News feeds the belief that "it's not our problem."

### Preserve land, wildlife

I know that being a fisherman the first thing that comes into your mind is that all fishermen are liars when it comes to what they've caught and how big the fish was. But in this case, I'm not exaggerating with the following description of the Village Woods Lake fish population. Over the last 17 years that I have lived and fished on this lake, I have personally caught large mouth bass as big as 16 inches, white crappie as big as 13 1/2 inches long, good size yellow bellied perch, blue gills, and sunfish, along with some small small sunfish.

Furthermore, I have seen taken from the lake by other fishermen (many of which are nonresidents, I might add, but come here to fish) large mouth bass as big as 20 inches, pike over 24 inches, and have seen swimming by the shoreline carp that must be 30 to 36 inches long. Even these outside residents seem to appreciate this lake and its fishing. Most practice a catch-and-release philosophy, no matter their size.

The DNR thought enough of this lake 27 years ago to stock it with 500 large mouth bass (thus the thriving large mouth population). If you compare this lake to Meadowbrook Lake, which is always murky, muddy looking and cloudy, and the Village Oaks Lake, which is shallow and overly warm, Village Woods Lake is a little gem worth keeping open to the public. It is spring fed, 35-40 feet deep in some areas, and clear, cold and clear. I can swim in it whenever I want over the years.

Sitting in the middle of one of the best and still fastest growing communities in southeast Michigan, this property is worth keeping in its natural state. By the way, when this lake was stocked with 500 bass, Village Oaks Lake received 1,000 bass. It does not have the healthy fish population that Village Woods Lake does because of its shallowness and overly-warm water.

In addition, this small piece of wetlands and second generation tree growth is the last viable parcel of habitat for wildlife in the immediate area. The wetlands and lake are home to huge snapping turtles (16-20 inches long) and painted turtles. I have found box turtles walking the grassy meadows. There are great blue herons year round because they can hunt these wetlands all year. You'll also find the green heron, less bitter, horn and tree swallows and kingfishers in addition

### Higher standards, Mr. Mayor

The message from Mayor Lou Cordas to residents who attend Novi City Council meetings begins with a friendly greeting: "Novi is an active and rapidly growing community that has always prided itself in its citizen participation. Your presence here and other government functions is solicited and welcome."

Sounds good, doesn't it? But just try coming to council to make a presentation that includes visual aids, and see how receptive our mayor is to citizen input. At the meetings I have recently attended, citizens have courteously presented charts, documents and photographs representing a great deal of preparation, time and thought. These are projected onto a screen behind council and the mayor. Mr. Cordas' head does not even turn to look at the material; however, his three minute timer and gavel are ever at the ready if a speaker exceeds the time limit. Just when the audience thinks perhaps our mayor's neck would allow him to turn, a city of Novi staff member projects an image on the screen, and suddenly our mayor has the ability to turn around to look.

I suggest that it's worth our time to tune in, or to tape for later viewing, the broadcasting of council meetings on Channel 13 on the following Sunday evenings. You won't

## State's public universities continue to maneuver on budget's main stage

Kabuki is a form of austere Japanese drama dating back to the 17th century. In it, beautifully costumed actors (no women allowed, even for female parts) march about on a rotating stage, marking magnificent though rigorously stylized gestures.

They speak centuries-old lines in a formal, archaic language, which brings us to our own Kabuki-style drama: the state budget.

Tale of Funding For Michigan's Fifteen Public Universities. The ritual was played out again last week as governing boards announced increased tuition, most by double digit margins.

Michigan State, for example, increased in-state freshman tuition by 13.5 percent, to \$7,994; the University of Michigan went up by 12.3 percent, to \$9,213. Wayne State, whose working-class student are least able to afford it, had the highest hike of all: 18.5 percent.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm, playing her stylized but dramatic part as the guardian of college-bound family finances, promptly attacked the increases. "One, these are unacceptable numbers," Granholm said at a Lansing press conference. "I would ask that the boards and university regents to reconsider how much they are raising tuition."

Fat chance. They have little

### Phil Power

And Granholm knows it, as does every university president in the state and even some members of the Legislature. Michigan has cut state support for its public universities by more than \$250 million over the past three years.

Over this period, the U-M, for example, has lost more than \$49 million in state funding, while MSU lost more than \$33 million and Wayne State University got nicked by \$40 million.

Over the same time, the U-M cut \$77 million from its budget, eliminated 500 jobs and increased class size, while MSU cut \$66 million and axed another 500 jobs.

These repeated cuts "threaten to compromise the University of Michigan's core academic excellence," President Mary Sue Coleman told the Board of Regents last week.

MSU board president David Porteous told his board, "Unfortunately, the circumstances of Michigan in terms of funding for higher education have continued a downward spiral."

All of which makes Gov. Granholm's lecture to the universities — "figure out a way to streamline, to tighten your belts the way the state has done" — seem remarkably like a modernized version of ancient Kabuki texts.

All this is bad enough, but the state budget for the coming fiscal year which starts on Oct. 1 is still being negotiated by the governor and legislative leaders.

University officials are caught

### Boosters say thanks

On behalf of the Novi High School Band Boosters, I would like to thank the community of Novi and Thomas Reagan, CEO of Telecom Credit Union, for your support at our car wash held on Saturday, July 16.

Patricia Kochyan  
Publicity

### Pay attention to judicial nominees

The American public and the media must stay focused and concerned about the Roberts' while staying aware and interested in the nomination of John Roberts to the Supreme Court.

While we learn about Roberts' character, beliefs and experience to determine if he truly qualifies to be an associate justice, we must continue to support Prosecutor Fitzgerald's nominee to assure that answers are found and justice is served.

Hannah Provenza Donigan  
Commerce

### Keith Smith

30-year Village Oaks resident

# FAITH

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## In to Africa

**■ Oak Pointe Church sends mission group to Zambia**

By Ramez Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

Trina Nestle realized there was no way a group of 47 people from a church in suburban Detroit could ever cure hunger, disease and poverty in an African country in just two weeks, but they could help make a difference in as many lives as possible.

The first time Nestle visited the African country of Zambia five years ago, she was overwhelmed. She had gone over on a mission trip with Novi's Oak Pointe Church to try to help the Zambian people, but when she arrived, she learned that the problems people faced over there were far greater than she originally thought.

"The devastation there was so big, I couldn't see a beginning or an end to the poverty, or how my brain could even focus on doing one little thing," Nestle said. "I came back home the first year feeling very defeated."

But she knew her efforts were worthwhile, and she returned the next year a little more focused.

"God doesn't ask us to save the world; that's His job," she said. "He asks us to be a light in the world."

Nestle said that the orphanage team is able to pay for food, shelter, protection and school. She hopes that this is just the beginning of what her church is able to do to help out, but she knows that it will take much more time and effort.

"We are committed to going every year and possibly more to continue this work in Zambia," Nestle said. "I personally will be more involved with the orphans. I would love to be able



**Top** — Shelley O'Brien from Oak Pointe Church working with medical clinic in the Chipulukusu Compound outside of Ndola, Zambia.

**Right** — Brian Shaw playing football (soccer in America) with children from Restoration Mission Home Orphanage.

Bottom — Paula Moore watching the children from Restoration Mission Home Orphanage opens their gifts send to them from their sponsors at Oak Pointe Church.

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to see in the future more money raised here in America to help other orphanages and to be able to educate them and give them a safe place to live."

## SENIORS

### SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR

Day/Time	Activities
<b>Friday 7/29</b>	8:45 a.m. Panem Bread 9 a.m. Stretch and Strength 9 a.m. Body Recall 10 a.m. Lunch/Loggins* noon Duplicate Bridge* 12:30 p.m. Massage/Healing Touch
<b>Monday 8/1</b>	8:45 a.m. Men's Golf 9 a.m. Stretch and Strength 9 a.m. Body Recall noon Lunch 12:30 p.m. Pinocle* 2:30 p.m. Massage/Healing Touch 6:30 p.m. Clogging*
<b>Tuesday 8/2</b>	9 a.m. Panem Bread 9 a.m. Line Dance 9:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation 10 a.m. Astan Pacific 11 a.m. \$7 Prescription Plan, Sharon T. noon Lunch
<b>Wednesday 8/3</b>	12:30 p.m. Bingo 2-3:30 p.m. Massage/Healing Touch
<b>Thursday 8/4</b>	9 a.m. Line dance* 9 a.m. Mixed Golf noon Lunch 12:15 p.m. Bridge* 2-2:30 p.m. Line dance cancelled 2-3:30 p.m. Massage/Healing Touch Novi Parks Foundation Golf Outing at the Links of Novi Switzerland Trip *Activities will be held at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. Phone (248) 347-0414.

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**Description**  
Once known as Northern Rhodesia, (Zimbabwe, its neighbor to the south, was called Southern Rhodesia) Zambia was controlled by the South Africa Company from 1891 until its takeover by the United Kingdom in 1923. After many years of struggle with the British, independence was secured in 1964, and the name was officially changed to Zambia.

In the early 20th century, lucrative copper mining opportunities brought an onslaught of European immigration, and the country subsequently became the world's fourth largest producer.

Zambia is famous for the Zambezi River and Victoria Falls, the latter of which was named by David Livingstone, a Scottish explorer, and the first European to see the falls.

In recent years an impressive collection of national parks has developed in an effort to protect once decimated species of wildlife, including elephants, leopards and lions.

**Facts and Figures**  
Official Name: Republic of Zambia  
Population: 11,037,000  
Capital: Lusaka (1.3 million)  
Current: Zambian Kwacha  
Largest Cities: Lusaka, Ndola, Kabwe, Chingola  
Languages: English (official), Shona, Ndebele and other tribal dialects  
National Day: 24 October; Independence Day  
Latitude/Longitude: 15° 42' S, 28° 29' E  
Religions: Christian (85 percent), Muslim and Hindu (34 percent), indigenous beliefs (1 percent)

**Land**  
Land Area: 740,720 sq km (285,992 square miles), or about the size of Texas.  
**Land Divisions:** nine provinces — Central, Copperbelt, Eastern, Luapula, Lusaka, Northern, North-Western, Southern and Western  
**Landscape:** Most of the country covers a wide plateau, with some scattered mountains (Murchingia) north and central. Major river systems include the Zambezi and Luangwa, and their numerous tributaries. Victoria Falls is on the southern border with Zimbabwe. Additional landforms include a swamp basin surrounding Lake Bangweulu, savanna grasslands, woodlands and Rhodesian teak forests of the southwest.

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Orthodontic Specialist

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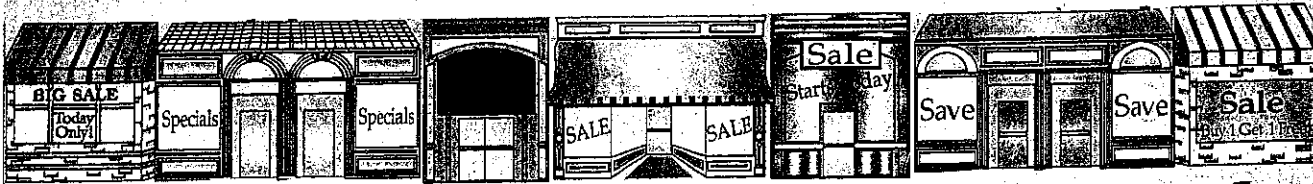
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# PEOPLE

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## WEDDING



**Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Chamberlain**

Shannon Ringvetski and Matthew Chamberlain were married May 21, 2005, at Harvard Memorial Church in Cambridge, Md. Following the ceremony, the wedding party and guests were led by a huggler as they walked to the Inn at Harvard where an afternoon reception was held.

The bride is the daughter of Dennis and Carol Ringvetski of Novi, Shannon is a graduate of Mercy High School in Farmington Hills and a 2004 graduate of Harvard University. For the past year, she was employed at Stonchill College in Enston, Md.

The groom is the son of Scott and Kathy Chamberlain of Beaufort, S.C. Matthew received his bachelor of arts degree at Ohio State University and a master's degree from Auburn University. He was employed as an actuary in Boston but is currently employed by Unifra Direct in Vista, Calif.

Matron of honor was Priscilla Meredith of Westerville, Ohio, and the maid of honor was Margo Hoppin of New York, N.Y. Serving as best man was Magsyver Liaw of Westerville, Ohio, and the groomsmen was Mark Ringvetski of Novi, Elizabeth Arnold of Novi and Eliza Alexander of Cambridge, Mass., assisted the bride as flower girls.

The couple honeymooned in Italy and will make their home in the San Diego area.

Navy Lt. Cmdr. Timothy J. Green, a 1981 graduate of Walled Lake Central High School, recently retired after 20 years of outstanding service in the U.S. Navy while serving as officer in charge of Fleet Composite Squadron Six Aerial Target Detachment Dan Neck, Norfolk, Va.

Throughout his career, Green served in various sea and shore billets including deployments aboard USS Two-lins, homeported in Norfolk, Va.; naval liaison officer to the Commanding General of U.S. Army Europe/7th Army Forces, headquartered in Heilberg, Germany; and Detachment 2 officer in charge, Helicopter Support Squadron Six, Norfolk, Va.

Some of Green's military accomplishments include flying more than 1,600 hours in a CH-46 Sea Knight Helicopter, the development of military logistics plans for Kosovo and Bosnia as well as special operations training initiatives in Africa, and selection as an advisor for the filming of "Blackhawk Down" in Morocco.

During his career, Green received several personal awards, campaign ribbons and medals, including a Meritorious Service Medal and four Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals.

## IN THE SERVICE

## ENGAGEMENT



**Meyer-Ewert**

Joseph Ivo Meyer and Chaise Marie Ewert announce their engagement. Joseph is the son of Margaret and Michael Meyer of Novi. Chaise is the daughter of Mary and David Knodell of Coconan, Minn. The couple met while serving in the United States Peace Corps in Tanzania, Africa.

The groom-elect is a 1995 graduate of Novi High School and a graduate of Kettering University. He is employed as an engineer at Magna Inter Corp., Novi.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Seattle University. She is employed as a biology teacher at the Academy of the Sacred Heart, Bloomfield Hills.

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## NAMES IN THE NEWS

### Pearson's credentials increase

Clay J. Pearson, assistant city manager for the city of Novi, received the International City/County Management Association's Credentialed Manager designation this month.

Pearson is one of only 840 local government management professionals credentialed through the ICMA Voluntary Credentialed Program, including 53 in Michigan.

To be credentialed by ICMA, a member must have significant experience as a senior management executive in local government, have earned a degree preferably in public administration or a related field and demonstrated a commitment to high standards of integrity and to lifelong learning and professional development.

Pearson has 14 years of experience in local government. His current duties in Novi include involvement in economic development, the capital improvement program, road construction, engineering and information technology. Prior to his appointment in Novi, he served more than nine years in Elgin, Ill.

## OBITUARY

### MADELINE I. LAFOND

Age 86, of New Hudson, died July 20, 2005. Memorials to Novi Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses. Arrangements by Castaline Funeral Home, Inc. of South Lyon.

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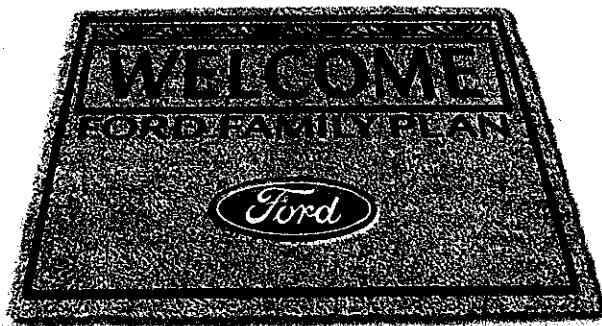
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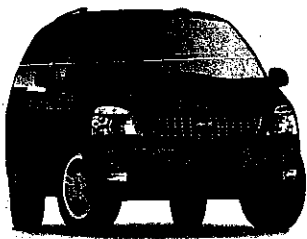
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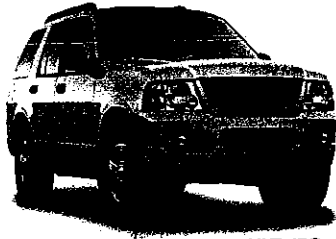
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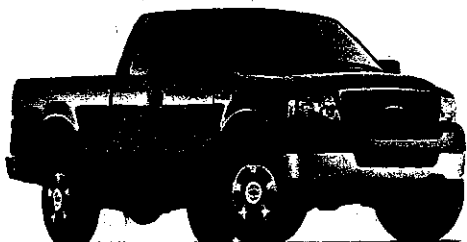
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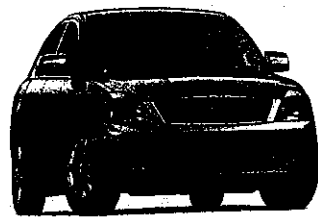
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# SPORTS

## It hurts for a reason

No pain, no gain, right? Even in the off-season?

For many Northville athletes, there's no such thing as time off. They push themselves to the limit in anticipation of their sports seasons. Sometimes, they push a little too hard.

"Kids often do whatever they can to impress their coach," said Dennis Engerer, a physical therapist at Northville Physical Rehabilitation. "We have a number of young people that come here with various sports-related injuries. They want to do whatever they can to get back in the game or back to their teams. Sometimes, that means even pushing through the pain."

Engerer said coaches often aren't the ones who push kids to keep playing through injuries — though he admitted there are some who do. Many coaches don't even know a kid may be hurt because the kids don't speak up.

"Kids hardly ever tell their coaches," he said. "They don't want to be the weak link in the team. They just don't speak up when it hurts and that can lead to increased amounts of damage."

The key is for kids to give in. A few weeks of healing is a lot better than a season of watching from the stands.

"There are some kids who end up sitting out the whole season or are permanently out because they've pushed themselves too hard," Engerer said. "If they feel pain they should quit. If they don't they run the risk of doing even more damage."

Kids don't often open up to their coaches but they're more apt to talking with their parents. Maybe it's just a mention over dinner or an all-out complaint, but parents should make a point of taking note. If their child says they're hurting because of sports, questions like "What? Where? And when?" should be asked and passed on to coaches and physicians.

"The parents can tell the coach or we can send a letter telling the coaches they can't play," said Engerer. "They shouldn't be pushed or put back in until they're ready."

In Northville, this hasn't been a problem. Kids who are hurt are given the best opportunities to heal. Trainers are usually on staff of nearly every game and a doctor usually isn't too hard to find in the stands.

The coaches are the biggest part of the equation though. For the most part, every coach at Northville cares about the kids who play in their program.

"It's been my experience that the coaches in the Northville area really do respect the kids and their subjective complaints," Engerer said. "They don't push them to come back unless they're ready."

"We've had kids that have come from other school districts where winning is everything for the coaches. That's a problem some times."

Dings and scrapes are a big part of sports along with bruises and the occasional bloodied lip. But intense pains and joint injuries shouldn't be overlooked. In the long run, a game or two spent mending along the sidelines is much better than a lifetime of limping.

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First assistant coach Tab Kellepourey, middle, and assistant Jeff Burnside, right, patrol the sidelines for the East squad at the Michigan High School All Star Football Game last Saturday at "The Big House" — University of Michigan Stadium. Both coaches are from Novi High.

## Locals make All-Star memories

By Sam Eggleston  
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

The East-West All-Star football game is less about winning or losing and more about making friends, meeting new people and having fun.

That goes for both players and their coaches. Though the East was licked, 30-20, by their West counterparts this year, the game was far from dull.

The West jumped out to a 17-0 lead, assisted by a fumble recovery in the endzone by University of Michigan recruit Terrence Taylor, but the East came back as well as they could to give the fans something to cheer about.



West All Star Walled Lake Western's Steve Menciau, center, assists on a tackle of fullback Mike Wiltala.

"It was a great game," said Northville senior Mark Yassay, who played offensive tackle for the East. "I had so much fun. I'd tell anyone who gets selected to this to get to it as quickly as they can. It was the most fun I had ... my entire football season."

A week of practicing through scorching heat, rigorous training regimens and cooped up in dorm rooms at Michigan State with people you don't know. Fun?

"The kids really enjoyed getting to know one another and the bonds they formed," said Novi coach Tab Kellepourey, who was selected as the assistant head coach for the East. He coached the defensive side of the ball along

with his assistant coach Jeff Burnside. "Jeff and I had a lot of fun as well. We had the chance to coach some amazing athletes who are willing to do anything in order to learn the game of football."

One notable player on the East's defensive unit was Walled Lake Western's Steve Menciau, who will play at Division II Northwood University in the GLIAC conference next year.

Kellepourey said coaching Menciau was easy because of the talent and the dedication the recent graduate possesses.

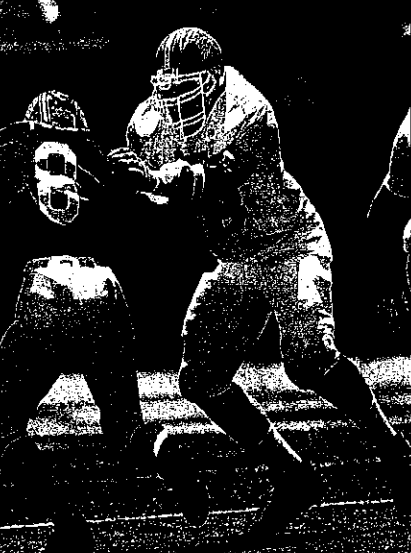
"He's a great ball player who comes from a great program," Kellepourey said. "It's great knowing players like Steve are going to go on to college where we'll be able to follow their careers. It's good to know Jeff and I were a part of their football memories."

Having Burnside along for the All-Star ride added to a memorable experience for Kellepourey. "Jeff's a good, young coach who was able to see a high level of football in terms of atmosphere and all the prep work," Kellepourey noted. "I felt he had a great time and learned a lot from it like I did. It was a great time for both of us."

**Old rivals**  
For Yassay, the very idea of playing for a coach from rival Novi was absurd. He hated everything to do with the green and white from across the Baseline. Or, at least, he thought he did.

"Kellepourey and Burnside are both amazing people and very good coaches," the recent Northville graduate said. "They're some of the best I have ever seen."

"I wish Kellepourey and Novi the best of luck. He changed my whole view of the Northville- Novi rivalry. Sure, we're rivals for that one Friday night, but on and off the field he's a great man and



Mustang alumni Mark Yassay, right, goes to work on West all star outside linebacker Jon Foco during last Saturday's game at Michigan Stadium.

a football genius, in my opinion. He has a way of finding the best in his kids at all times and finds the best system that will work to give him the best advantage over his opponents."

Though Kellepourey has always been one to avoid stoking the rivalry fire, he said it was a pleasure to coach the likes of Yassay as well.

"He's a great kid and Northville has someone they should be very proud of," Kellepourey said. Novi's Kevin Cislo was expected to play in the contest but was forced to bow out with a bout of mono.

Yassay was, however, able to

play with other former rivals such as Menciau, Mike Manogian of Livonia Churchill, Jake Powers of Canton and Kellepourey was able to coach former rivals Bubba Thomas of South Lyon.

"It was a lot of fun learning who these guys really are," said Yassay. "They're more than just some guy who's really good on the other team or someone I played against. They're just guys who want to play football. They're guys I was glad I was able to get to know. It was a lot of fun and I'd do it again if they let me."

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Heading to the nationals

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Safety first while enjoying the lakes

By John Mueller SPORTS WRITER

From far away, the sight of a boat skimming the surface of the water or bobbing gently in the waves seems to sun up everything we love about summer.

It's a blue and calming picture, and you get a sense of pleasant idleness, floaty freedom and laid-back leisure. It certainly doesn't seem to conjure up any red-lettered 'Danger' signs.

But Dan Toth, sergeant of the Marine Division of the Oakland County Sheriff's Office, thinks everyone should be aware of the very real danger that lurks in the otherwise idyllic settings of our local lakes.

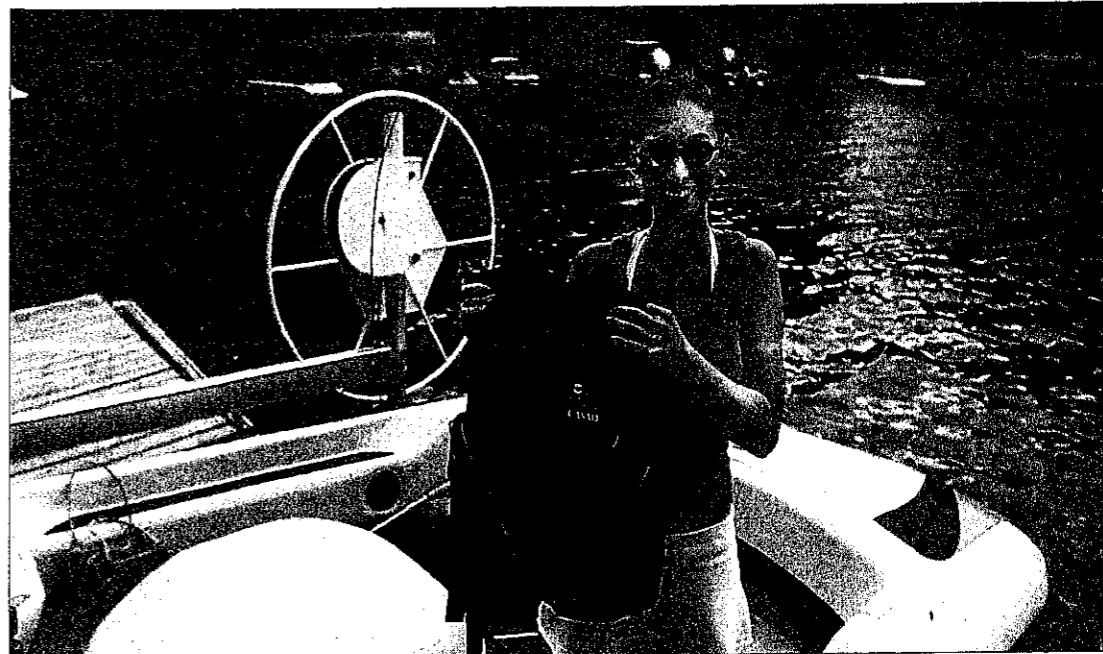
More recently, a ski boat driven by a Green Oak Township woman struck and critically injured a couple while they were swimming at Island Lake.

Alcohol is believed to have been a factor in both incidents. But boating under the influence — BUI — isn't the only problem Toth and his men deal with every spring and summer on our area lakes.

Other common no-nos include erratic boating, speeding and boating too close to the shore or other immovable objects. In addition, some boaters break the 'counter-clockwise' rule, which states that your boat must travel around the lake in a counter-clockwise direction only.

Richard Norman said. In addition to these patrol boats, special 'junk crews' are on hand for emergency situations that may occur at any of the lakes. These crew workers are split into two groups — one group handles lakes on the east side of Oakland County and the other handles the west side.

So chances are, anyone mess-



Sarah Aberlich on her boat with a life jacket.



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## MONEY MATTERS

### Something small businesses can take to the bank

Anytime the United States House of Representatives approves legislation by a margin of 424 to 1, that's a clear indication that the lawmakers believe some aspect of American law should be changed. Such a resounding declaration occurred in May when lawmakers heeded small-business owners' pleas to remove a 70-year-old ban on allowing interest payments for business checking accounts.

It will probably come as a surprise to many Americans that a law dating back to the Great Depression bars banks from making interest payments to business checking accounts. It certainly made Sarasota, Florida, entrepreneur Ed Pinto take a new look at an institution he had long regarded as a friend of small business.

Flabbergasted that such an archaic prohibition still exists, Pinto recently took his story to the U.S. Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs in hopes that senators would join their House colleagues in passing the Business Checking Freedom Act H.R. 1224. The act passed in the House in two previous sessions of Congress with strong and significant bipartisan support.

Under current law, small-business owners are forced to choose between non-interest-bearing accounts and more costly "sweep" accounts, which require a much higher balance than ordinary checking accounts. Many small businesses do not have the financial resources necessary to maintain a "sweep" account, so they are forced to deposit their hard-earned cash in accounts that can't pay one cent in interest.

"When the company was started," Pinto testified, "I can recall my astonishment at being told that a business could not earn interest on a checking account." He opted instead for an interest-bearing "sweep" account, which not only lacked Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation protection, but also came with high fees and confusing accounting rules.

"Sweep" accounts, Pinto quickly discovered, were not small-business friendly at all. They are specifically designed for larger companies that can afford in-house accounting professionals and have the financial staff resources necessary to track the flow of funds through a company's multiple accounts.

Big banks have consistently opposed repealing the ban on interest checking for business accounts, Pinto said, "but in their efforts to insulate themselves from free-market competition, they're hurting small businesses."

Hunting small business is something Congresswoman Sue Kelly (Dist. 19th - N.Y.) says she won't abide, which is why she reintroduced H.R. 1224 in March 2005.

"In our 21st Century economy, no American should be losing the option of earning interest on their own money simply because they own a small business," Kelly said. "Yet our small-business owners across the country are unfairly losing potential interest income on a daily basis until the Business Checking Freedom Act becomes law."

The act would not require banks to provide interest payments. It would merely remove the official sanction against doing so and give banks the option to offer such checking accounts to small firms.

Even the Federal Reserve supports changing the law. Senators now have an opportunity to vote on something that small businesses can really take to the bank.

Jack Faris is the president of NFIB (the National Federation of Independent Business), the nation's largest small-business advocacy group. A non-profit, non-partisan organization founded in 1943, NFIB represents the consensus views of its 600,000 members in Washington, D.C., and all 50 state capitals. More information is available on-line at [www.NFIB.org](http://www.NFIB.org).

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the gutters," said Benson.

When Benson opened his business four years ago, he realized that many people lacked the skills or time to perform most of the everyday tasks needed to maintain their home.

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"We're different. We're different than the guy with the station wagon and a ladder," he added.

They believe in the simple courtesies of cleaning up after their job as well. Most people are so happy with the results and relieved that their problems are solved, they wonder why they've waited so long.

Michael Brueger of Mercedes Benz in Ann Arbor was impressed at the level of professionalism he experienced when using My Handyman. He admits, that he doesn't have the time or skills for those projects, for example, some finish carpentry work they completed in his home. It's a relief to have someone with the proper skills that can be trusted.

"He's got professional help that takes care of all the things I



Mike Morton was named a national finalist for Mr. Handyman of the Year. It's a prestigious honor for the local franchise that Morton was in the top 1 percent of all technicians nationally, judged on customer satisfaction, prompt arrival and experience.

need them to do. They're the kind of people you can let in your home, you know when they're done, they'll clean up, lock up and they're gone," said Brueger.

Benson is proud to note that one of their technicians was a national finalist for Mr. Handyman of the Year, Mike Morton. It's a prestigious honor for the local franchise that Morton was in the top 1 percent of all technicians nationally;

judged on customer satisfaction, prompt arrival and experience. The Mr. Handyman franchise was also featured last year on a segment of the Oprah show.

Benson notes they do more than repairs; think of them for routine chores. In fact, this time of year, they can tackle those tasks such as checking wood on decks or home exterior, power wash exterior surfaces, including decks.

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