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#### They're driven by love

Novi School District bus drivers Kris Allor, left, Debbie Miner, and Susan Craepenu, front, all have varying levels of experience behind the wheel getting students to and from their schools.

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### Thank you, Linda!



After more than 15 years as its director, Linda Wickert will retire from the Novi Theater on Oct. 1.

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### SPORTS

#### Doggone it!

The Wildcats, despite reaching Brighton's five-yard line twice in the fourth quarter, were held scoreless as an interception and fourth-down sack sealed a 14-0 Bulldogs win last Friday.

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## Teen assaults outrage parents

### ■ Boy's jaw broken at Fountain Walk

**By Pam Fleming**  
STAFF WRITER

Novi parents and students were shocked and saddened about an assault on a teenager this month at Fountain Walk shopping center.

Det. Kevin Gilmore and other Novi police officers are looking for a green Chrysler 300M police believe may have been the getaway car after an assault Sept. 17 on a 13-year-old boy at the shopping center.

Gilmore said about 9:30 p.m., three juveniles were walking by the American Fitness store near Dick's Sporting Goods when a car drove by with three or four occupants inside.

"They yelled something at these kids who were walking," Gilmore said. The car

continued, stopped, spun around and came back. At least two teenagers got out of the car and approached the three teens who were walking.

They made one of the teens get down on his knees and apologize.

"Then two of them started kicking the kid," Gilmore said. He got up, and as he got up, one of the teens allegedly punched him in the face, fracturing his jaw in two places.

The victims then took off, running around the corner by Putting Edge indoor miniature golf range and flagged down a patrol car in the area.

In the meantime, the suspects, who appeared to be high school students, drove off down 12 Mile Road.

#### Police say area well-patrolled

Gilmore said such incidents do not occur all the time at the shopping center.

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### ■ Middle school principal talks to injured boy's class

**By Pam Fleming**  
STAFF WRITER

Novi Middle School Principal Milan Obrenovich said he can't explain the recent assault of one of the school's students at Fountain Walk.

"First of all, we were shocked that it occurred," he said. "You just don't see or hear about those things happening in Novi. It's disturbing to say the least to have things like that go on so close to home."

Obrenovich said the school's 1,000 students in two grades are divided into four groups or teams.

"We try to make it a smaller community, so kids aren't just a number coming through here," he said.

He addressed students in the boy's team last week following the Sept. 17 assault at the local shopping center.

"I went down and spoke to the class in that particular team," Obrenovich said. "I asked them how many had heard about the incident, and a majority of hands went up."

He encouraged students to not repeat information about the assault they had not heard first-hand.

#### Parents have concerns

Obrenovich said parents of the teens involved in the assault are concerned about all of the questions fellow students have about the case, as well as rumors that are flying.

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## Super modifies code of conduct

### ■ Athletic code changes include a handbook

**By Ramez Khuri**  
STAFF WRITER

Peter Dion is a stickler for communication.

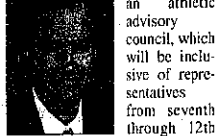
The new Novi Community School District superintendent has already improved lines of communication in many areas already, including the athletic department.

First on the agenda was to revisit the athletic code of conduct, which was recently approved by the board of education. As several parents disapproved of its contents, Dion went to work and changed it from a code to an all-encompassing handbook.

Not only are rules enclosed for behavior, but it also explains the process for what students must do to join a sport.

"Basically, I said the lines of

communications have been open and established," Dion said. "There's a protocol and a chain of command for concerns, and that was clarified."



Dion said an athletic advisory council, which will be inclusive of representatives from seventh through 12th grade, will be established soon. It will be comprised of a broad range of parents, representative of the different seasonal and gender sports and athletic boosters. They will meet with Curt Ellis, the district's athletic director, once a month to talk about issues in athletics and concerns that parents have.

#### Athletic director's reaction

Ellis said he wasn't surprised at the changes to the document.

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#### Happy Birthday!

Catherine Adamo, 93, laughs and smiles at last week's birthday party at the Novi Senior Center for people 85 and older. Participants enjoyed singing "Happy Birthday", eating cake and ice cream and learning a bit about the history of their fellow attendees. Adamo was born in Detroit in 1912 and was married for 74 years. For the full story, please see page 14.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

## MEAP test right around the corner for Novi students

#### Which grades are taking which tests?

Every grade from third through ninth will be tested on English and math. In addition:

- Third and fourth grades will be tested in language arts.
- The fifth grade test will include science.
- The sixth grade test will include social studies.
- The seventh grade will just be tested on English and math.
- The ninth grade will get a social studies test.

"That's new because that test was always given to eighth graders, but now they're bumping that social studies test up to the ninth grade," said Nancy Davis, Novi's assistant superintendent of instructional services.

### ■ Students to take mandatory exam beginning this Monday

**By Ramez Khuri**  
STAFF WRITER

The 2005-06 school year is about a month old, and the Novi Community School District is already talking MEAP.

Exams, which begin for grades third through ninth on Monday, are much earlier than in previous years. There will be a three-week window during which the test will be administered. This will be the first time that all of the third graders will be taking the MEAP test.

For the high school students, there is a retake time period in the fall because they get a second and third chance to take the MEAP. They take it the first time in the spring of their junior year, they can retake it in the fall their senior year, and they can retake it again in the spring of their senior year.

"We've known about (the change) for several years now, and we've been gearing up for it," said Nancy Davis, the district's assistant superintendent of instructional services. "We're very comfortable with the shift. Teachers are ready, and the children are fresh. They're all back in school raring to go, so this may be a good thing for the kids to take the test now."

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## Striving to be the best waitress

### ■ Mikkelsen's smiling face a familiar site at Guernsey Farms

**By Ramez Khuri**  
STAFF WRITER

Not only is Guernsey Farms Dairy a popular place to eat, drink and be merry, but it also boasts one of the hardest working waitresses in the city: Angela Mikkelsen.

Patrons head to the restaurant, which is located on Novi Road, just north of Eight Mile, for its great ice cream, broasted chicken,

sandwiches, meatloaf, steaks and breakfasts. But as a bonus, no matter what kind of day she's having, they always see a warm smile on Mikkelsen's face.

Mikkelsen was modest while speaking about herself, preferring instead to compliment her co-workers and talk about Guernsey. But when she did break down, she described herself as a very talkative, energetic and fun person to be around. She's also upbeat, always smiling and friendly.

"All of the people who work here are very friendly, too," she said. "I really do like my job. This is a really great place to work and

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a great place to eat."

Mikkelsen explained that Guernsey makes its own milk and ice cream on-site, which is unusual nowadays. Another unique trait is that the building lies right on the border of Novi and Northville, putting it in the "Noville" area.

#### She's not just a waitress

Mikkelsen's position extends far beyond waitressing, however. The four-year veteran of Guernsey is also in charge of training new staff, which is a

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Guernsey Farms Dairy restaurant waitress Angela Mikkelsen smiles as she talks to customer Pat Davidson on a Thursday afternoon.

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■ Athletic code changes include a handbook

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"Any time you have a new superintendent come in who has fresh ideas about things and is attentive to the community, like Mr. Dion seems to be, I think it was to be expected that he would take a look at not just this policy, but a whole lot of other ones," Ellis said.

"I think Mr. Dion recognizes that parents can be part of the solution and aren't the problem for any discipline issues that do come up."

Roger Jaussi  
Novi parent

■ Mikkelsen's smiling face a familiar sight at Guernsey Farms

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"Training people can be difficult, but it depends on the person you're training," she said. "I always start with them on the first day by going over the whole menu. I have to tell them when to go to a table, when to check on a table, when they get their food, how you offer things and suggestive sell, which can be the hardest part. I also introduce them to our computer and teach how to write shorthand for big orders."

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Parental reaction

The athletic handbook will be revised after a full year and after three seasons to take a look at what works and what doesn't. It will also be incorporated into the high school and middle school handbooks.

One criticism that the code of conduct received was that it focused on just athletics. In reality, there are many other extracurricular activities.

Students to take mandatory exam beginning this Monday

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Davis said that the Michigan Department of Education has been considering the change of date for quite some time. It was finally decided last year that they would move the major testing window to the fall. The idea is related to the need to look at student assessment and student achievement from fall to fall, or from one year to the next year. They try to calculate adequate yearly progress on a consistent time frame, and assess student achievement.

MEAP will change to ACT test in 2008

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In a related story, the MEAP test will be replaced by the ACT test starting in 2008. There has been much discussion over the last several years about replacing the high school MEAP test with a different one. The state government, Education and Gov. Jennifer Granholm have been very clear about the need for a test that is comparable to other states.

Angela Mikkelsen

Age: 21  
Occupation: Waitress at Guernsey Farms Dairy in Novi, where she is in charge of training new staff.

"When I went to one of the tables, one girl saw my name tag and her name was Angela, too," Mikkelsen said. "She thought it was the greatest thing, and it was really nice. She was a sweetheart, and it just reminds me of the great people who come in here regularly, who become your friends and you talk to."

Boys' jaw broken at Fountain Walk Saturday

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"I've never had a case where this has happened," Gilmore said Sept. 21. "We do have problems at Fountain Walk with the number of people coming out of the bars there," he added.

Milford woman arrested

A 23-year-old Milford woman was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 1:51 a.m. Sept. 16 at Grand River Avenue and Taft Road.

Residents speak out

Susan Cusick of Novi, whose children were not involved in the incident, said news of the Sept. 17 assault spread quickly.

"It was the talk of the middle school," she said last week. She said she is rethinking letting her "I drop my kids off here a lot," she said. "They like to be able to go to Engage, and every now and then Buffalo Wild Wings for a snack before or after the movie."

Police Report

Fifth Third confirms fraud

The officer turned around to follow the Explorer and noticed at the stoplight that the driver's side brake light was not functioning. When the light turned green, the driver changed lanes without signaling and proceeded west on Grand River Avenue.

Middle school principal talks to student's class

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He suggested to students in the boy's class to welcome the injured student when he returns and to not bombard him with questions. "We just want to make the student's transition back to school easier,"

Police Report

Bottles stolen at Chili's

The manager of Chili's Bar & Grill on Haggerty Road north of Eight Mile Road reported a theft of some bottles at 11:41 a.m. Sept. 18. The thief was believed to have occurred between 12:30 a.m. and 7 a.m. Sept. 18.

Police Report

Thief at Lord & Taylor

A 39-year-old Lathrup Village woman was arrested for retail fraud at 8:39 p.m. Sept. 16 at Lord & Taylor department store at Twelve Oaks Mall.

Police Report

Fabtoy stolen off porch

A resident on Shorecrest near Fontaine Trail and West Park Drive reported a theft at 1:48 p.m. Sept. 12 that his son's Fabtoy bike had been stolen.

Police Report

Dine and dash at Denny's

The manager of Denny's Restaurant at 27750 Novi Road reported a theft at 1:07 a.m. Sept. 10. The manager told police that three subjects were inside the restaurant throwing food at the wait staff and refusing to pay their bill.

Advertisement for Taorello's restaurant. Features "The Flavor Of Europe... The Taste Of Taorello's!" and lists various food items and prices such as Garden Fresh Produce, Market Place, IET-Fresh Seafood, and Gourmet To-Go Entrees.

"You just don't see or hear about those things happening in Novi."

Milan Obrenovich  
Principal, Novi Middle School

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## Library board shooting for \$.5 million

■ \$2 million the goal for 2006

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Rick Smith, Novi Public Library board president, says residents need to look at the big picture. The focus this year has obviously been on matching the \$1 million donated last year by Charles and Myrtle Walker.

But, the board's goal is to raise \$500,000 this year and focus on a goal of \$2 million total from the Walkers and the community by the end of next year. "I think that's a more realistic goal for this year," Smith said.

**Fund-raising firm hired**

A professional fund-raising firm has been hired to help raise as much as possible before the Dec. 31 deadline on the Walkers' matching funds. Starting Sept. 7, Travis Carley, executive director, Community Counseling Services in Southfield, is in the library five days a week. He can be contacted

at (248) 349-0720, Ext. 140.

"At the moment, we're facilitating interviews with Friends of the Library and planning," Carley said. "These interviews are a critical first step for any campaign." He noted that 14 interviews have been conducted, one more is scheduled and two are pending. "These are going to be ongoing. Advice and input are needed."

Carley said a theme has also been established for the capital campaign: "Moving Forward is Growing With Our Community: A Campaign for Novi Public Library."

Smith said the goal for 2005 is to raise more than \$500,000 from community events, with the other \$450,000 in contributions coming from businesses and individuals. "We've got our plans all together now, including elevations," Smith added. "We're using that as part of the packet that we're taking out to local businesses and people in the community."

The library plans are to expand the building from its current 27,000 square feet to 60,000 square feet. The projected cost of the project is \$18 million-\$19 million. Key businesses such as Providence Hospital are being



"Just to have some extra money for doing a little bit of building work is not what this is about."

Rick Smith  
President, Novi library board

approached, as well as area developers, according to Smith.

The board also has four large areas in the library it is marketing for naming opportunities. "We're hoping to secure some donations around those," he said. "That's really the focus now."

Several fund-raising opportunities have contributed to the building fund, including a Novi Newcomers and Neighbors event on Sept. 21, and collection jars at Furst Farm Family Day on Sept. 11 brought in \$500.

The showing of a movie at Emagine Theater at Fountain Walk shopping center with proceeds going to the library building

fund also took place earlier this year. Emagine will have another showing to benefit the library on Saturday, Oct. 8.

A Town Hall Lecture Series is also planned. The series includes three lectures and book signings by celebrities/authors and lunch at the Rock Financial Showplace. Suisane Nadava & Day Spa at Novi Town Center will also have a fund-raiser on Sunday, Nov. 13, for the library.

The Friends of the Novi Library have organized a campaign with a goal of raising one million pennies or \$10,000. Residents are also asked to donate \$1 for a card shaped like a book at

the library, with funds going to the Novi Library Capital Campaign Fund.

"The Friends of the Novi Library pledged to donate at least \$10,000 at our last meeting," Smith said. The group has raised about \$4,000 so far, according to Bob Barnett, president, Friends of the Novi Library.

**The Walker agreement**

As far as the agreement signed by the Walkers last year, Smith said the value of in-kind donations, such as goods or commodities, will be matched, but pledges for future contributions will not.

"Only money we receive this year is eligible for the match," Smith said.

"I don't think we're going to make a million this year," he said. "The fund-raising professionals have said to us that regardless of the timing that a million dollars is a tall order for a community."

Although library board members have not approached city council yet, they want to propose a millage to help the library in the 2006 election. "I think there's too much focus on the matching funds," Smith said.

"The focus needs to be, 'What are we doing to secure the library through some fund-raising and then a millage campaign?' Just to have some extra money for doing a little bit of building work is not what this is about."

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### Town Hall Lectures Series set

Three upcoming events at the Rock Financial Showplace will benefit the Novi Public Library.

- On Wednesday, Nov. 30, best-selling author Noreen Wald, also known as Nora Charles, will talk about her work.
- On Wednesday, Feb. 1, Channel 4 "Weather Guy" Chuck Gaidica will give a motivational lecture.

On Wednesday, March 23, 2006, internationally-known physician and author Dr. Marianne Legato will discuss health issues. The series costs \$35 without lunch, \$50 for lecture and lunch or \$120 for all three lectures and lunch.

Mail reservations and checks to Novi Town Hall Series, P.O. Box 539, Novi, MI 48376.

For more information, call Kathy Crawford at (248) 349-5079 or Diana Canup at (248) 348-1822 or visit www.novi.lib.mi.us.

### Emagine Theater to donate funds

At 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 8, Emagine Theater in Novi will show "Wallace & Gromit: Curse of the Were-Rabbit," with 100 percent of the proceeds going to the Novi Public Library Capital Campaign Fund.

Tickets, which are available at the library, are \$6 per person or \$20 for a family pack with four tickets.

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Lois Teagle, 89, gets a rose pinned to her blouse by Becky Boyke during last week's birthday party at the Novi Senior Center for those 85 and older.

## Celebrating Life

**Candles still burning for elders in their 80s**

By Tracy Mishler  
STAFF WRITER

Margaret Brenner won't let her age stop her from enjoying life. The 85-year-old Novi resident celebrated life along with 35 others at the Novi Senior Center's 85th Birthday Party last Wednesday.

"It was great to recognize that we're still mobile and enjoying our lives," Brenner said. "You realize that each year you get older, you deteriorate. But no matter how old you are, you can still get around and do things." The celebration was filled with colorful balloons, cake, ice cream

and stories during the room. "We asked everyone over 85 to turn in a biography about their lives," said Rickel Zaganoff, senior services manager for the Novi Senior Center. "We wanted to hear the greatest accomplishments from their lives."

Zaganoff said about 80 came to celebrate, although only those over 85 were being honored. "It is important for us to listen to these people," Zaganoff said, "because they can store their life experiences with those that aren't here yet."

"The wisdom and insight you can get from them is very inspirational," she said.

Each birthday guest received a rose, a balloon and a special booklet put together by the Novi Senior Center with each senior's personal history to take home. "They also received a certificate from the city of Novi," Zaganoff said, "honoring them for all their lifelong accomplish-

ments."

George Russell enjoyed sharing his story with everyone at the celebration. "It was real nice, and I'm glad to be part of it," Russell said. "I'm 85 now, almost 86. But in my mind, I'm still in my 50s or 60s."

Russell said his biography stored his 63 happy years of marriage to his wife, Charlotte, their three children and many memories as a family. "Russell said he had a great career as a pilot and an aviator, and he was discharged from the Air Force and retired to Arizona.

"That's the thing about being old," Russell said. "If you think you're old, you're going to be old. But if you keep active, then you can keep going. Age is just a number."

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## SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR

Friday 9/29		9:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation	
8:45 a.m.	Panera Bread	10 a.m.	Asian Pacific
9 a.m.	Stretch and Strength	11 a.m.	Manicure, Dr. Sheldon Smith
10 a.m.	Body Recall	12:30 p.m.	Lunch
11 a.m.	"Dreams," Kathryn Barz, MA	2:20 p.m.	Bingo
noon	Lunch	2:20 p.m.	Massage/Healing Touch
12:30 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge		
12:30 p.m.	Massage/Healing Touch		
2:20 p.m.	Chugging*		
Monday 10/3		9 a.m. Stretch and Strength	
9 a.m.	Stretch and Strength	10 a.m.	Body Recall
10 a.m.	Body Recall	11 a.m.	Taking Off Pounds Sensibly class
11:30 a.m.	Goodie Lady	12:30 p.m.	Chugging*
noon	Lunch	2:20 p.m.	Massage/Healing Touch
12:30 p.m.	"Pinocchio"		
2:20 p.m.	Massage/Healing Touch		
6:30 p.m.	Chugging*		
Tuesday 10/4		9 a.m. Line dance	
9 a.m.	Panera Bread	12:15	Bridge*
	Line Dance	1:2 p.m.	Line dance
		2:20 p.m.	Massage/Healing Touch

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

**Meadowbrook**  
Congregational Church invites everyone to attend a Sunday worship service at 10 a.m. A fall rummage sale will take place Friday, Oct. 14 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 15 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

The church is located at 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight Mile and Nine Mile roads. Call (248) 348-7757.

**The Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross** offers a worship service every Wednesday from 12:10-12:50 p.m. Come and share your lunch hour with God at a worship service that includes scripture and Holy Communion. The church invites all to worship Sundays at 7:45 and 10 a.m. Nursery care is available at 10 a.m. worship service. (The nursery is coordinated by a registered pediatric nurse.)

Adult Bible Study is Sundays at 9 a.m. Worship Center for children ages 3-7, and Sunday School is at 10 a.m.

Worship Service of Compline is held at 8:30 p.m. Rite 13 (ages 11-14) and J2A (ages 14 and up) groups meet at 5 p.m. for their program and dinner. Youth Worship Service is held at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Sunday of every month; all are welcome.

Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross is located at 40700 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi, Call (248) 427-1175 or visit www.churchofholycross.com.

**St. James Catholic Church** is located at 46325 10 Mile Road, Novi, Call (248) 347-7778.

**First United Methodist Church of Northville** worship schedules are as follows: 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. on Sunday. The church is located at 777 W. Eight Mile Road (at Tait Road), Northville. Phone (248) 349-1144, or visit www.funmeth.org.

**The Holy Family Church** is located at 24505 Meadowbrook Road; between Grand River and 10 Mile Road. Call (248) 349-8847, or visit www.holyfamilynovi.org.

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To the Qualified Electors of the City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan:

Notice is hereby given that Monday, October 11, 2005 is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the above election.

Novi residents in the Northville Public School District will have a ballot proposal that will include an Operating Millage Proposal exempting principal residence and qualified agricultural property.

Novi residents in the South Lyon Community School District will vote for two (2) members of the Board of Education – 6 Year Term from 01/01/06 – 12/31/12.

If you are not currently registered to vote in the City of Novi at your present address, you may do so in any of the following ways:

**In Person:**

- At the Novi City Clerk's Office, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road during normal business hours.
- At any of the Secretary of State Branch Offices located throughout the State during normal business hours.

**Online:**

Mail-in voter registration applications may be obtained by visiting the city's website at [novi.mtmi.gov](http://novi.mtmi.gov) and click on forms, then click on Voter Registration Form.

**By Mail:**

- By obtaining and completing a Mail-in Voter Registration Application and forwarding to the election official listed below by the close of registration deadline, OCTOBER 11, 2005 or contacting:

Maryanne Cornelius, City Clerk  
45175 West Ten Mile Road  
Novi, MI 48375  
(248) 347-0456

Note: Persons who register to vote by mail are required to vote the first time in person unless they have previously voted in person in the City of Novi or are at least 60 years of age or are physically unable to attend the polls.

MARYANNE CORNELIUS,  
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**Cross Chords plays at St. John Lutheran**  
Cross Chords, a Christian rock band, will be performing a concert of faith and inspiration at St. John Lutheran Church, 4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 9. Doors open at 3:30 p.m. The event is free to the public. Pictured are band members: (Front row) Monique Kokaj and Michelle Reska. (Middle row) JoAnn Adams, Debby Pothoff and Eric Androvich. (Back row) Craig Riley, Laura Vendersteen, Alan Viad, Cam Kureth and Bob Hanley. Both Kureth and Vendersteen are Novi residents and Riley is a Novi High School graduate. St. John Lutheran Church is located at 23225 Gill Road in Farmington Hills. Call (248) 474-0584 for more information.

**St. John Lutheran Church** is located at 23225 Gill Road in Farmington Hills. Saturday service begins at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday traditional services are at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday contemporary service begins at 9:50 a.m. and Sunday

**Church of the Holy Cross** is located at 40700 W. 10 Mile Road (between Meadowbrook and Haggerty roads). Visit [www.churchofholycross.com](http://www.churchofholycross.com) for more information.

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## NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOLS SALE OF USED BUSES

The Novi Community School District is disposing of six (6) used school buses. Individuals interested in purchasing these buses shall submit bids by 2:00 p.m. Thursday, October 20, 2005. Instructions to bidders may be obtained during normal business hours by contacting James M. Kreuter, Novi Community School District, 26345 Tait Road, Novi, Michigan. (9-29-05 NN 242508)

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<b>CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH</b> 21355 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi • 8 1/2 Mile Worship 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. Sunday School & Nursery 10 a.m. (248) 348-7757 Minister: Rev. Dr. E. Neil Hunt Minister of Music: Patricia Kuhl	<b>OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> 770 Thayer Road WEEKEND LITURGIES: Saturday 6:00 p.m. Sunday 7:30 & 11 AM, 12:30 PM Church School: 9:45 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. Religious Education: 4:45-5:45 pm Rev. Terecia Koscusko, Pastor
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<b>Faith Community Presbyterian Church</b> 4400 W. 10 Mile, Novi 248-349-2345 1/2 mile west of Novi Rd. Dr. Richard J. Henderson, Pastor Worship & Church School 10:00 am Sunday	<b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE</b> 8 Mile & Tait Road Worship Services 8:30am & 10:00am Rev. John Hoe Rev. Lisa Cook
<b>ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> NOVI 46325 10 Mile Rd. Novi, MI 48375 Sunday 9:30 & 11:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplaincy Parish Office: 347-7778	<b>OAK POINTE CHURCH</b> At Novi Middle School 11 Mile & Wacker Rd. Sunday 9:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Casual contemporary live band (248) 912-0043 www.oakpointe.org
<b>CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY</b> 24505 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi MI 48375 Worship 8:30 a.m. Sun 7:30 a.m. 8:45 am 10:30 am 12:15 pm 10 Mile between Meadowbrook & Haggerty Holy Spirit Worship 8:30pm 7:30pm Fr. John G. Bude, Pastor Fr. Robert Greer, Associate Pastor	<b>HARVEST FELLOWSHIP</b> 49329 Potomac Trail Livonia 248-926-8332 Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
<b>NATIVITY OF THE VIRGIN MARY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH</b> 3983 The Mills Rd. (off I-75) Livonia, MI 48151 Phone: 734-423-0131 Sunday Services Males: (Orthodox) 9:00 a.m., Liturgy: 10:00 a.m. Rev. Fr. George M. Vasiliou, Pastor www.nativitygreekchurch.org	<b>ST. JOHN LUTHERAN, ELCA</b> 23225 Gill Rd., Farmington Hills Between Grand River & Freedom 248-474-5366 Saturday Worship 5:30 Sunday Worship 8:30 8:30 & 11:00 Traditional 9:50 Contemporary Sunday School 9:45
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**DETAILS:** Dr. Isahik Ike McKinnon, Detroit's former Chief of Police, WDIV Channel 4 broadcast, university professor, author, and motivational speaker provides audiences with a thought-provoking message full of humor and hope.

**The Virtual Magazine Rack**

**DATE:** Thursday, Oct. 6  
**TIME:** 7 p.m.  
**DETAILS:** Complete articles from magazines are now available on the Internet through many online databases. The contents of these magazines range from current events and popular culture to fitness and health matters. But how do you search these databases efficiently to find the information you need? Take the opportunity to learn how to use two of our most popular magazine databases like a pro in this hands-on class. Prerequisite: Internet searching experience.

**Benefit for NPL Walker Building Fund**

**DATE:** Saturday, Oct. 8  
**TIME:** 10 a.m.  
**PLACE:** Imagine Theatre at Fountain Walk  
**DETAILS:** Imagine Theatre at Fountain Walk is holding a special screening of the new film, "Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit." All proceeds from ticket sales benefit the Walker Library Building Fund. Individual tickets are \$5. A family pack of four tickets is \$20. Tickets are available for purchase at the Novi Public Library.

**Ancestors Online for Seniors**

**DATE:** Monday, Oct. 10  
**TIME:** 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
**DETAILS:** Designed for seniors who want to begin searching the Internet for information on their ancestors, this program identifies key genealogy websites and effective search techniques for locating genealogy information.

**Snack Tables**

**DATE:** Monday, Oct. 10  
**TIME:** 7:45-9 p.m.  
**DETAILS:** This is for kindergarten-grade 3 and includes a story and making an edible treat based on the story. Call the library to register.

**Starlight Story Time**

**DATE:** Tuesday, Oct. 11  
**TIME:** 7-7:30 p.m.  
**DETAILS:** Preschoolers and their families are invited to enjoy bedtime stories. No registration.

**Walled Lake Library Events**

**LOCATION:** 1499 E. West Maple Road, Walled Lake  
**CONTACT:** (248) 624-3772  
**Pressed Flower Craft**  
**TIME/DATE:** 3:30-5:30 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 28  
**DETAILS:** Decorate note cards with pressed flowers, recommended for ages 9 and older.

**Weekly Story Hours**

**TIME/DATE:** 10:30 a.m., Monday-Wednesday, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Thursday  
**DETAILS:** Includes stories, crafts, finger plays and games. Designed for ages 1-5. No registration required.

**SUPPORT GROUPS**

**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 nonprofit support group, for mothers who choose to stay at home with their children, work out of their homes, or work part-time.

**CONTACT:** dimatulan@bc-global.net

**Women's Prayer Support**

**DATE:** every Saturday  
**TIME:** 9:10-10:30 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** Harvest Fellowship Church, 49329 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 harvestfellowship@comcast.net

**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, sharpen your opinion, polish your presentations and practice leadership.  
**CONTACT:** Colleen, (248) 685-9226

**New Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) chapter**

**DATES:** Wednesday mornings  
**LOCATION:** Meadowbrook Commons Activities Room, 25075 Meadowbrook Road, Novi  
**TIME:** 11 a.m. weight-in; 11:30 a.m. meeting  
**DETAILS:** \$20 per annual membership includes handbook; \$1 per meeting. New members welcome. Library.

**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-a-month meetings provide opportunity to play and talk.  
**CONTACT:** Michelle Pergeau (248) 887-4955 or Sandra Noonan (248) 960-3257

**HEALTH**

**Community Health Programs**

**TIME/DATES:** 7 p.m.; Wednesday, Oct. 5, Tennis; Elbow; Medical, Surgical and Physical Therapy Management; Wednesday, Oct. 19; Fit After 50  
**LOCATION:** Ochsland Physical Therapy, P.C., 4760 Grand River Ave., Suite B124, Novi, in Providence Medical Center.  
**DETAILS:** Classes are free, space is limited. Participants should use the northeast entrance.  
**CONTACT:** RSVPR, (248) 380-3559

**Yoga Classes**

**DATES/TIMES:** Mondays, 1:30-2:30 p.m.; Fridays, 8:00-9:30 p.m.  
**DETAILS:** The cost is \$10/walk-in or 10-class card for \$80. If you are interested in battling fatigue, calming your nerves or reducing stress, this is the class for you.

**Providence Center for the Healing Arts-Boost Camp Day**

**DATE:** Friday, Oct. 14  
**TIME:** 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Providence Medical Building, 4760 Grand River Ave.  
**DETAILS:** A day of enrichment and personal exploration designed to provide valuable tools, information and a new perspective on healthier living through wholesome. Open to the public. The cost is \$50 per person, which includes lunch and materials. Registration is required.  
**CONTACT:** (248) 465-5455

**Botstord General Hospital Women's Event**

**DATE:** Saturday, Sept. 24  
**TIME:** 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi  
**DETAILS:** Botstord General Hospital is an official event site for National Women's Health and Fitness Week.  
**CONTACT:** (248) 473-5600, anytime. No registration required.

**Providence Center for the Healing Arts Artist in Residence**

**TIME/DATE:** 1-2:30 p.m., ongoing, first and third Thursdays of every month  
**LOCATION:** Assarian Cancer Center-Art Studio, Novi  
**DETAILS:** Join Artist-in-Residence May Oora Teevens and experiment with drawing, pastels, watercolor, Chinese brush painting, mixed media & collage. Beginners are welcome, there is a \$5 materials fee.  
**CONTACT:** (248) 465-5455

**ONGOING**

**Confererence on Autism**

**TIME/DATE:** 9 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 8  
**DETAILS:** The title of the event is "New Hope for Autism and ADHD: Straight Talk and Simple Truth" with the keynote speaker, David Kirby the author of "Evidence of Harm: Mercury in Vaccines and the Autism Epidemic". The conference will provide more information and share choices of treatment options available for individuals who have been diagnosed as autistic, ADD/ADHD, or have developmental or speech delays.  
**CONTACT:** Visit Website www.sensorylearninginfo.org or (877) 736-0710

**ROCK FINANCIAL SHOWPLACE**

The Rock Financial Showplace is located at 43700 Expo Center Drive (southwest corner of I-96 and Novi Road), Call (248) 348-5600 for more information.

**American Sewing Expo**

**DATE:** Sept. 30-Oct. 2  
**TIMES:** Fri: 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; Friday, 9-6 Saturday, 9-5 Sunday  
**DETAILS:** One-of-a-kind show. This is the show to attend. Please click on the American Sewing Web Site to get the information you need. No strollers will be let in for this show. Price is \$12

at the door, parking is \$5. Located in A&B halls.  
**CONTACT:** (248) 889-3111 or www.americansewingexpo.com

**International Gem & Jewelry Show**

**DATE:** Sept. 30-Oct. 2  
**TIMES:** noon-6 p.m. Friday; 10-6 Saturday; 11-5 Sunday  
**DETAILS:** The Largest exhibition of gems, beads, minerals and jewelry under one roof. No strollers will be let in for this show. Price is \$6; parking is \$5. Located in C hall.  
**CONTACT:** (301) 294-1640 or visit www.intergem.com

**Michigan RV Sale**

**DATE:** Oct. 5-9  
**TIMES:** 2-9 p.m., weekdays; 10-9 Saturday; 10-6 Sunday  
**DETAILS:** All types of new 2006 recreation vehicles, over 300 units and 100 brands displayed; folding campers, motorhomes, travel trailers, truck campers, park models, fifth wheels and more, 2005 models available at closeout prices. Price is \$8 for adults; \$5 for seniors (Wed. and Thurs. only); and free for children 12 and under, parking is \$5. Located in all halls.  
**CONTACT:** (517) 349-8881 or visit www.nrvac.org

**Automotive Testing Expo**

**TIMES/DATES:** 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 25 and Wednesday, Oct. 26; 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 27  
**CONTACT:** For more information and a list of exhibitors visit Website www.testing-expo.com/usa/home.html

**Send your calendar items to Cal Stone, editor, Novi News, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167; fax to (248) 349-9832; or e-mail to cstom@gnnet.com**

**Take a trip around the world Saturday**

**Annual event rescheduled**

**By Ramez Khuri STAFF WRITER**

Bad weather may have postponed Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry's International Festival this year, but that only gave Trace Ringle more time to make it better. The rescheduled date is Saturday from 3-7 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. It was originally going to take place at the Fountain Walk shopping center. "It was unfortunate that we had to cancel on Aug. 20, but the silver lining is we have more countries represented now and more crafters," said Ringle, event and marketing coordinator. "We've been able to move forward and offer something bigger and better." International Club, representing America as a melting pot, and the French Club, representing France. The International Club plans to show how people of different countries came to America to become a part of one culture. "In total, 16 countries will be represented, each with their own information booth. They will have giveaways, activities and crafts to engage people in the different cultures." In addition, more entertainment will be offered, adding another three countries represented that won't have information booths. Two of them are Armenia and Armenia. "We're doing something with the International Institute of Detroit, which is a performance called "Children of the World," Ringle said. "They will have children representing all different countries from the Metro-Detroit area do group performances of their countries, then come together to do one large performance." Other entertainment includes Irish dancing; a Chinese choir; Sharp Suzuki strings, which is a Japanese tradition with violins; a Polynesian dance; and a performance out of Korea called Samulnori. Japanese children will also be performing a So-ran-bushi Dance. At the Japan booth, visitors can try on kimonos and be temporarily tattooed. Irish dancers will be giving away traditional hair ribbons, while teaching their dances every half hour. Taiwan will have calligraphy, where people can write their names. The China booth will be making Chinese bookmarks. "The event is free of charge," Ringle said. "There will be free food samplings throughout the day, like Irish soda bread, egg rolls, fortune cookies and other foods along those lines. It will be an open buffet, where people can choose what they want to eat." For more information, call (248) 347-0400.

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**One Thousand Cranes ... One Thousand Prayers**

**Artist's Japanese-inspired work at Assarian Center**

Providence Center for the Healing Arts presents "One Thousand Cranes ... One Thousand Prayers" by local artist and Novi resident Mayumi Oora Teevens, whose artwork is inspired by nature, Japanese symbolism and traditions. The public is invited to attend an artist's reception from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 5, at the Nancy A. Fox Art Gallery. The gallery is located in the Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Avenue, Novi. The show will be on display through Nov. 30. The gallery is open 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. "One Thousand Cranes ... One Thousand Prayers" is an acrylic painting depicting a large flock of cranes, the Japanese symbol of happiness and longevity. In Japanese tradition, "Senzaburu," 1,000 origami cranes are tied together and sent to someone as a wish for their quick recovery from an illness. Individually folding one thousand origami cranes is the Japanese way of praying for someone you care about. "Painting the birds has been great enjoyment for me for almost a decade," said Teevens. "Creating a rich tapestry with background of many layers of colors, and then letting the cranes fly, dance or just stand on the canvas is wonderful therapy for me. "It helps me keep my serenity. It is also my prayer time while thinking about my family and friends." Originally from the Kyushu, the southern island of Japan, Teevens came to the United States and received a bachelor's degree in fine arts from the University of Michigan. She teaches art at home and at two Chinese schools in the area. She is currently the artist in residence at Providence Assarian Cancer Center where she holds class the first and third Thursday of each month. The classes are open to the wider community. "This past summer I lost my



Mayumi Oora Teevens' artwork - inspired by nature, Japanese symbolism and traditions - will be on display at the Nancy A. Fox Art Gallery in the Assarian Cancer Center through Nov. 30.

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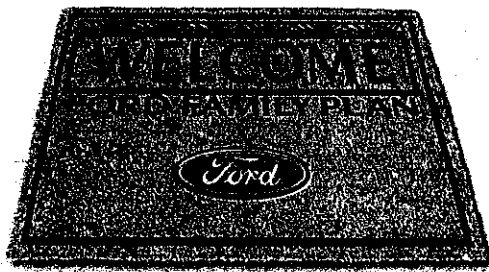
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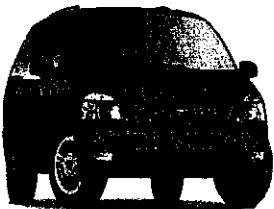
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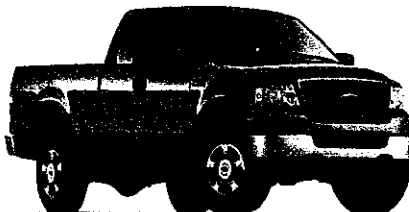
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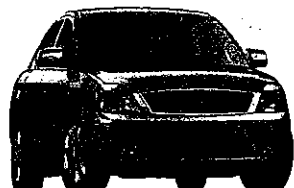
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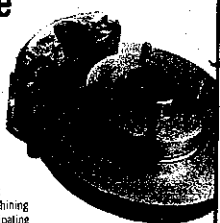
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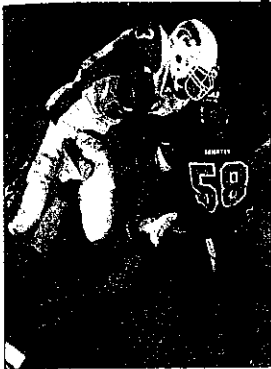
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**Darn it!**

The Novi Wildcats football team felt the sting of a loss to the Brighton Bulldogs last Friday. It's the team's first loss of the season.

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**New digs**

The Novi Wildcats golf team has a new home at Walnut Creek Country Club. So far, it's been a good deal for both the team and the club.

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**Regional Marketplace**

Dayn Benson, owner and president of the local branch of My Handyman, hires professional workers with years of experience to get the job done right.

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**Quick Hits**

**Defensive posture**

Talk about defense finally getting the glory. Will Deighton, a 2005 graduate of Novi High School, earned a place on the lacrosse team at the University of Alabama. Deighton joins Sean Costello and Jeff Freers as 2005 grads who have made their collegiate squad on the defensive side of the lacrosse field.

**Do the math**

According to one of the most prominent newspapers in the state, Novi's loss to Brighton came against the only 500 team on their schedule.



First of all, this isn't college football where a team picks their schedule to help with bowl bids or worries about strength of schedule.

Secondly, the article was wrong.

Let's take a look at the teams Novi has played so far:

Howell was 2-2 heading into their game against Lakeland last week and won, thus making them 3-2 on the year (.600). Lakeland was 2-2 heading into the game and was 2-1 when they took on Novi the week prior and are now 2-3 (.400).

Chelsea, Novi's first opponent this year, is 3-2 (.600) currently.

Sure, Pinckney is 0-5 (.000) on the year and Northville won't be boasting a winning record by week nine when the two teams face off, but Hartland could end up 3-3 for their game against Novi in two weeks and Milford could easily be 6-1 when the two teams meet in week eight.

And, just for the record, South Lyon will be 3-2 (.600) when they come to Novi tomorrow night at 7 p.m.

Heck, there are only three teams in the KVC that don't have winning records right now — Lakeland, Hartland and Pinckney!

So, the only team Novi played with a .500 winning percentage was Brighton? Hardly.

**Handbook changes again?**

The Novi Athletic Code of Conduct has officially changed, again.



Having approval from the school board, apparently, wasn't enough and changes have been made in both procedure and wording.

The good news? People are almost done complaining about it.

If you don't like the new handbook, don't worry. It seems to be a lot like the weather in Michigan — just wait a few minutes and it'll change.

**Wildcat or Hell's Angel?**

Novi football coach Tab Kellepourcy is a Wildcat at heart, having led his team to a playoff appearance every year since he took the program over in 2000. But have you seen him on his Honda motorcycle? He's always looked to be one cool customer as a coach while pacing the sidelines, but now he looks the part, too.

**Novi soccer captain A.W. Stanek wants state title run**

When A.W. Stanek was just a little boy playing soccer, he always wondered why it was football getting all the attention. Now, as a senior at Novi High School, he just doesn't care.

"All the people would talk about how football players are so tough and that it takes no skill to play soccer," he said. "It bothered me when I was younger, but it doesn't bother me now."

There's a simple explanation, too. Stanek played soccer with many of the kids he attends school with at Novi. Most of them dropped out of the game. He's still around.

"In high school, people understand and they respect you for playing still," he said. "Everyone used to play soccer, but now they realize it takes a lot more skill than they ever thought."

And Stanek has skill. Considered one of the best players in the Kensington Valley Conference, Stanek has earned his place with the varsity team under the guidance of coach Brian O'Leary. He's a four-year starter for Novi.

He also plays with one of the most competitive club programs in the state, the Michigan Wolves.

His skill isn't the only asset that has made Stanek invaluable to his Wildcats soccer team.

"He is the first player in my 10 years of coaching varsity soccer that has started all four of his high school seasons," O'Leary said. "He brings great focus and maturity to our team. He plays hard all the time and he plays to win. Whether it is a big game or a scrimmage in practice, he plays to win."

Stanek has four goals and six assists so far this year, but O'Leary said he brings much more to the field than just statistics. His experience is unparalleled, his leadership makes him an ideal captain and he's worked hard to become one of the strongest players on the team.

"A.W. is the strongest player on the ball I have seen in a long time," said O'Leary. "His combination of tremendous upper body strength and low center of gravity make him impossible to push off the ball."

Stanek hopes to take his game to the next level, drawing interest from Michigan State University, Oakland University and Xavier.

He wants to cap off his senior year with a signed letter of intent to play collegiate soccer. A state championship wouldn't hurt either.

"Oh, my God," he said. "Nothing would make me happier."

And this could be Novi's year. The squad has been moved out of one of the most difficult districts in the state and will now get in the hunt for a state title.

This has been something that has been building for a while, said Stanek.

"Ever since we were freshmen we knew our senior year we would have a good chance," he said. "This year is feels like everything is being put into

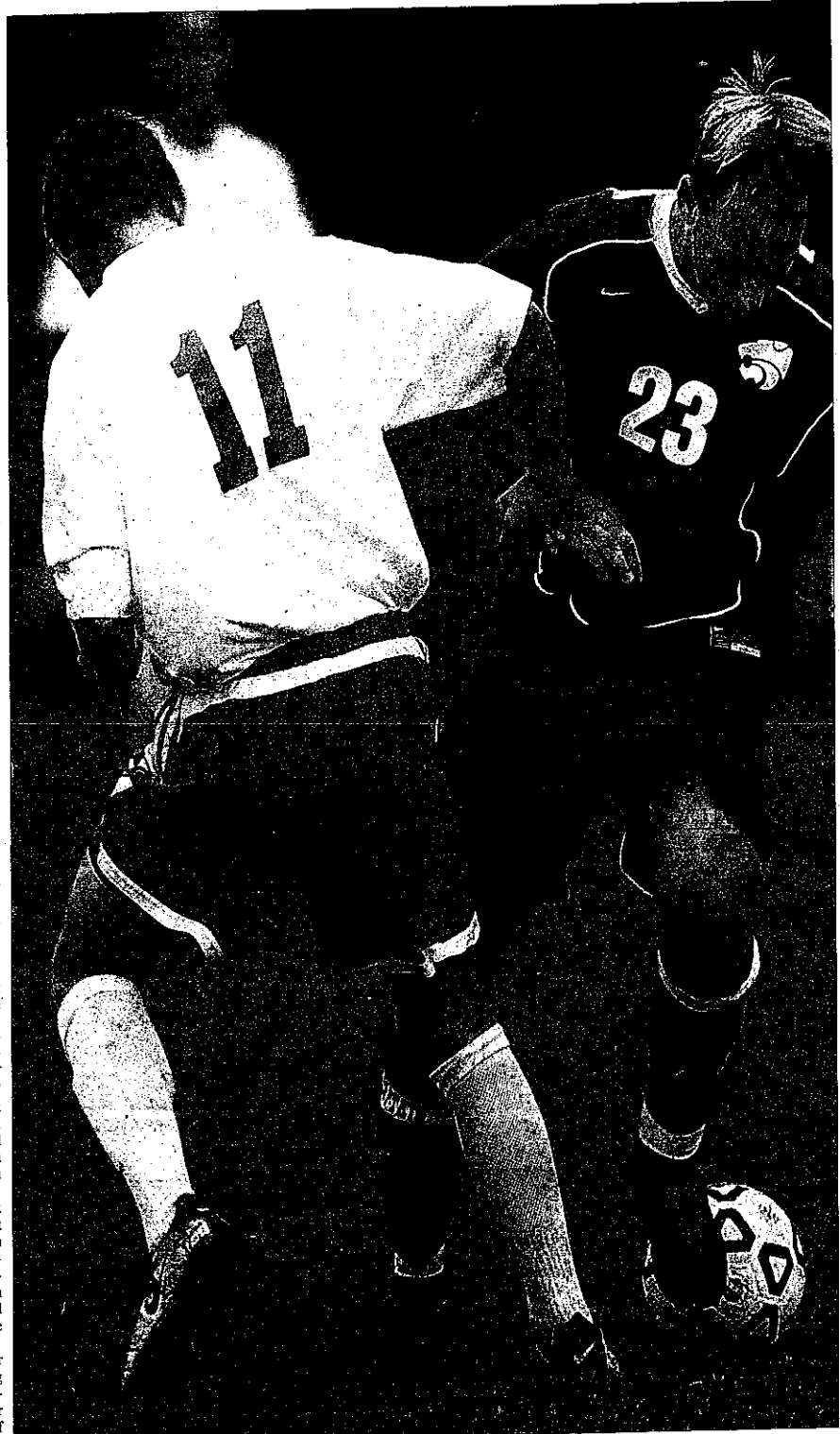


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi's A.W. Stanek, right, dribbles the ball past Northville's Alex Rickett. Stanek scored the Wildcats' only goal.

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Brian O'Leary  
Novi Soccer Coach

place perfectly."

But Novi, ranked third in the state, isn't going to count any Wildcats before they're state champs. Instead, the goal is to keep a level head and play the game they've trained to play.

"We've got to play every team like they're Brighton or Northville," he said. "We keep ourselves in check and we're not

going to let ourselves get overconfident. We understand what we have to do."

But anything less than a state title?

"I think about it every day," he said. "If we don't go far in the playoffs, especially with being blessed with a team stacked like ours, then we don't deserve to be out there."

"We can't mess up. I don't think we will, but we have to play every team like it's our biggest game of the year to win it."

With a state title, an All-State selection is quite possible for the senior captain.

Though O'Leary isn't talking about a state title, he said Stanek isn't the kind of player

that needs accolades in order to excel.

"He doesn't need a pat on the back to know that he is doing well and to continue to motivate him," O'Leary said. "He does it all on his own."

Sam Eggleston can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or, seggleston@gannett.com.

<b>By the numbers</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>9-0-1</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
	Novi soccer ranking in the state of Michigan	Team's record to this point, with their only blemish coming as a tie with Northville	Goals scored by the Novi Wildcats soccer team this year	Goals given up by the soccer squad	Goals by leading scorer Todd Janer so far this year	Number of assists leaders Matt Simpson, Marc Checchobethi and Matt Crawford have	Time the Wildcats soccer team will host KVC rival Pinckney today

SPORTS SCHEDULES

Novi High School

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Members of the Novi High varsity golf team at their new home: Walnut Creek Country Club. From left: James Kim, Nick Prokop, Scott Czekaj, Alex Lyall, Tom Ciaverilla, Brent Neville, Adam Pyott, Casey Arrington, Matt Fliegert.

Home, sweet home

Novi golfers enjoying time at Walnut Creek

By Sam Eggleston, Sports Writer

Home is where you hang your hat — or at least where you sink your putts. The Novi Wildcats golf team, led by Brad Huss, doesn't care where their hat is hanging, as long as their putts are going in.

"It's Walnut Creek attempting to be a good neighbor to Novi High," he said. "We expect it to be a lasting relationship. We came into this with an open mind and a positive point of view. We expect it to continue."

"Novi is the first school to approach us," said Glesmann. "At this point, it looks like Novi is going to be (the only team). Needless to say, we do not have enough facilities to accept every inquiry. My guess is one is enough."

Novi placed third in the event. The Novi Wildcats soccer team sure isn't having much trouble in the KVC this year.

The Novi Wildcats swimming and diving team is well aware a tie is as good as a win, especially when it comes to the Kensington Valley Conference.

The Wildcats quickly regained the lead, taking a kickoff down the field and scoring just six seconds later as Mike Checchobelli passed to A.W. Stenek who beat three defenders to score.

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SPORTS SHORTS

Travel basketball team

A travel basketball team will be holding tryouts Oct. 9 at the Senior Center in Northville. The tryout will run from 4:30-6:30 p.m. and is open for boys in sixth grade.

Hockey golf outing

The Novi Wildcats hockey team will be raising funds by holding the Third Annual Novi Wildcat Hockey Golf Outing at Tanglewood Golf Club on Friday, Sept. 30 at 8:30 a.m. with registration at 7:30 a.m. The funds raised by the

outing help defer the cost for student wanting to play high school hockey. High school hockey is "pay to play" sport and this fundraiser helps to lessen the costs for players who otherwise might not play.

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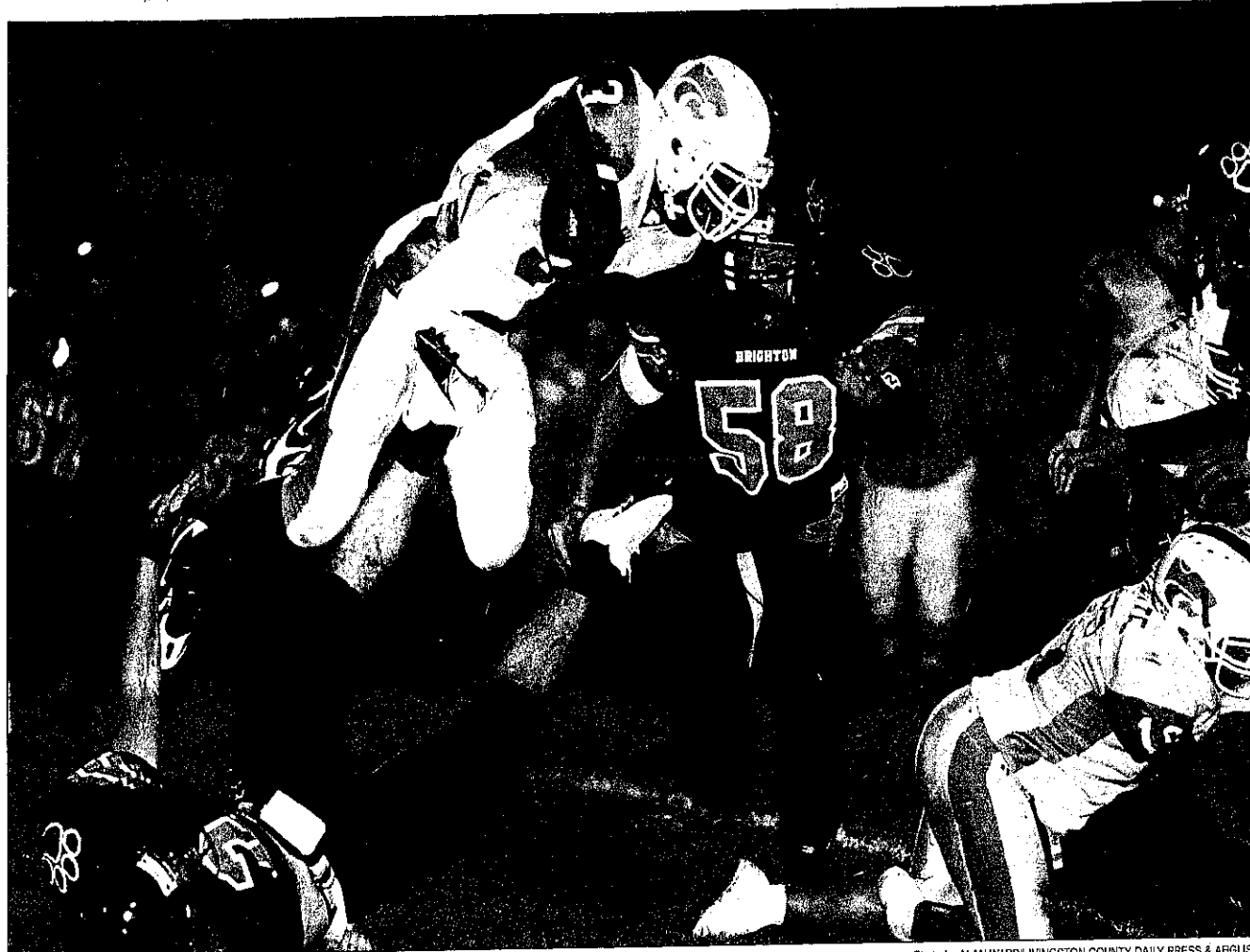


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Novi's David Carnegie takes to the air to avoid tackle by Jay Jandasek (lower left) and Riley O'Neil of Brighton during loss to Brighton Friday night at Brighton High School.

# DOGGONE IT!

## Wildcats suffer first loss to Brighton Bulldogs

By Courtney Ratkowiak  
SPORTS INTERNS

Ten yards away from overtime. The Wildcats, despite reaching Brighton's five-yard line twice in the fourth quarter, were held scoreless as an interception and fourth-down sack sealed a 14-0 Bulldogs win last Friday.

The loss damaged Novi's hopes for a third straight KVC championship as they dropped to 4-1 overall and 3-1 in the league, giving Brighton (4-1 overall, 4-0 KVC) sole possession of first place.

Brighton first scored on a two-play drive with 3:50 remaining in the first quarter. The second touchdown came on a three-yard run with 10:33 remaining in the fourth quarter, sealing the game as the Wildcats fell short of a comeback. "I thought our kids fought all game long to stay in the game and to work for a victory," head coach Tab Kellepourey said. "We showed some great resilience in terms of coming back and trying to get points put up on the board before the end of the game... we came away with no points, but the kids on defense really did a good job rebounding each time after we had a turnover, getting the ball and trying it again."

Novi was held to 20 yards rushing and accrued eight penalties, proving to be determining factors in the defensive struggle. "I don't think we played our finest football," Kellepourey said. "We played some good football, but we expect our kids to play very intelligently out there and not have off-sides or holding penalties or pass interference. The

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Tab Kellepourey  
Novi Football Coach

penalties need to be taken care of for us to be an improved squad, and... that's what we're going to go back and emphasize, the mental part of the game."

Quarterback Steve Hart added, "Penalties pretty much killed us, but I think we still did a lot of things well. We put in a new defense for the game and (they) did really good. On offense, we drove the ball down the field a lot of times but we just couldn't put it in the end zone."

Defensive leaders included seniors Eric Zhao and John Favorite, while senior Bret Cooke led the team in receiving with 85 yards and Hart was 23-for-38 with two interceptions.

"It's a big loss, but a good team shows signs of rebounding and coming back and winning their next game, and I think we're a really good team," Hart said. "It's just about working hard at practice, preparing for the next game, and putting that game behind us."

Novi's chance for redemption comes in the form of Friday's home game versus South Lyon at 7 p.m., the first meeting between

**SCORE BY QUARTER**

Brighton	7	0	0	7	-	14
Novi	0	0	0	0	-	0

**LEADERS**

**Rushing:** David Carnegie, 16-32; Brad Sisson, 5-16; R.J. Gordon, 1-4  
**Passing:** Steve Hart, 23-35-162  
**Receiving:** Bret Cooke, 8-85; Adam Chandler, 5-40; Brandon Carrage, 4-28  
**Sacks:** Mike Kolis, 1; Ryan Murphy, 1; John Favorite, 0.5  
**Tackles:** Eric Zhao, 10; Kolis, 7; Favorite, 6

the teams since the Lions ended the Wildcats' playoff run at Novi last season.

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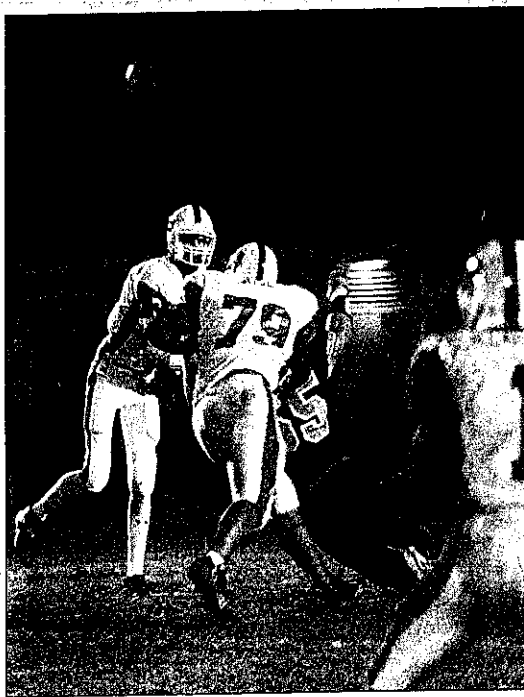


Photo by MIKE RUCCOLO  
Novi's Steve Hart throws the ball to a waiting Brandon Carrage. Novi lost their game against Brighton, 14-0, to take their first loss of the season.

## Time for Novi's redemption

Call it redemption, on many levels. The Novi Wildcats, coming off a loss to the Brighton Bulldogs last week that may have ended their hopes for another Kensington Valley Conference title, will be expecting to bounce back nicely.

Their opponent is South Lyon, a team that knocked the Wildcats from the playoffs last year in a bit of an embarrassing showing. Although he admits that the team has been looking forward to the game since last year's home loss, Novi coach Tab Kellepourey is hesitant to call it an opportunity for revenge.

"I would just say that Friday night, (at) 7:00, we're going to be at our best game that we've been at all year," he said. "Our opponent happens to be South Lyon. The Wildcats (4-1 overall, 3-1 KVC) will have to showcase their talent at a level they have yet to reach this year."

South Lyon (3-2, 2-2) are

going to be hungry for victory as they still have to secure three victories to guarantee a berth into the state playoffs.

Needless to say, this is going to be one heck of a game. The key for Novi isn't going to be their offensive prowess or their defensive stands, but rather their heads. Penalties have hurt the Wildcats in the past few weeks and can be attributed to helping them lose to the Brighton Bulldogs last week.

So far this year, they've gathered 31 penalties for 243 yards. Their opponents have hurt the Wildcats in the past few weeks and can be attributed to helping them lose to the Brighton Bulldogs last week. "I'm going to be a great game with both squads coming off of losses last week. Home field advantage will play a big role in this one and the Novi faithful are going to have to be louder and prouder than the fans who will pack the South Lyon stands tomorrow night at 7 p.m.

Prediction: Novi 21, South Lyon 17

**GAME OF THE WEEK**

Novi Wildcats Football vs South Lyon Lions

Friday, September 30 7:00 p.m. at Novi

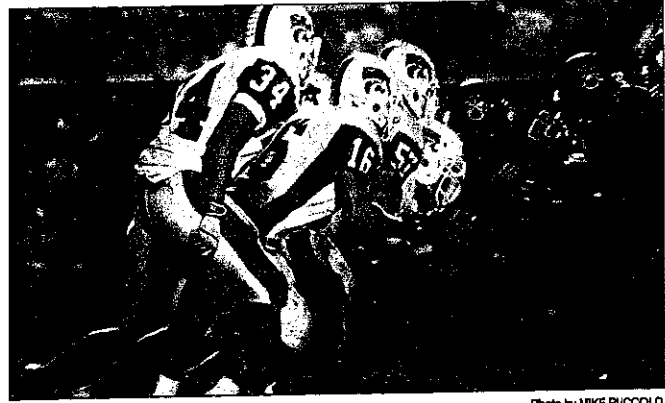


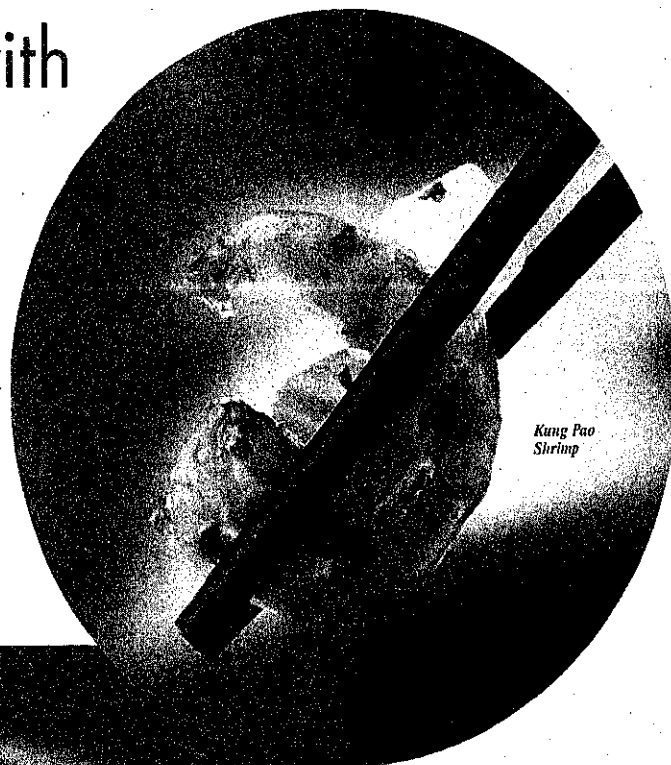
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The Novi defensive front fires off the ball against Brighton last Friday.

# FOOD

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Kung Pao Shrimp

**"K**ung Pao" is the name given to any dish prepared with the signature ingredients of whole, dried, charred chili peppers; garlic; ginger; soy sauce; and peanuts. The flavorful cooking style originated in the Szechuan province of China. Whether it's chicken, shrimp or beef, the medley of juicy meat, golden peanuts and bright red

chilies is a harmonious combination that makes the mouth water. Chef Andy Kao of Panda Express has been cooking Kung Pao dishes for decades. He recommends practicing with his favorite—the Szechuan classic Kung Pao Chicken. In Chinese culture, chicken symbolizes happiness and a long, happy marriage. Peanuts signify longevity. Red, the color of the chili pepper, symbolizes life, good fortune and happiness. Although Kung Pao Chicken is the most common version of this spicy dish, the recipe can be modified to include shrimp, beef, tofu or vegetables.

Chilies play an important role when cooking this dish; Chef Kao recommends cooking them first to ensure they are properly blackened, which enhances their flavor. "The chilies need to be cooked at a high temperature using quick movements, which will prevent them from drying out," he says. Taste Chef Kao's Kung Pao creations at Panda Express restaurants Oct. 2-Nov. 26 during their Kung Pao Kick promotion. Visit [www.pandaexpress.com](http://www.pandaexpress.com) for more information.

### Wokking wisdom

"Woks have been used in China for more than 2,000 years; they're part of the tradition of preparing any Chinese meal," says Chef Kao. "Woks require less oil than frying pans, and their high temperatures sear in the juices of meats, creating a delicious meal." Chef Kao offers several tips for selecting and using a wok:

- Always use a carbon steel wok; it distributes heat evenly and heats up and cools down quickly. Use a flat-bottom wok at home; it absorbs more heat from a stove than a round-bottom wok.
- Season a new wok before using it. Many chefs have different techniques; here is one to try at home: Coat the inside of the wok with oil and bring it to a high temperature for several minutes. After it cools, wipe the oil off with a soft cloth. Repeat at least once. Over time, as you use the wok, it will continue to get seasoned.
- Stir-frying is a quick cooking method, so have all ingredients cleaned, cut and measured before firing up the wok. Add aromatic ingredients like garlic, ginger or chili peppers first. This flavors the oil in the wok for all subsequent ingredients. Then, add ingredients that take the longest to cook, like meat, followed by ingredients that cook faster, like vegetables.
- To be sure the oil in your wok is hot enough to start, move the wok around after it has heated for a few moments. If the oil flows like water, it's ready.



Kung Pao Chicken

Kung Pao signature flavors include red chili pepper, garlic, ginger and green onion.

### Kung Pao Chicken

Courtesy of Panda Express  
Serves 2-3

- 1 pound of chicken breast, diced into 1/2-inch pieces, rinsed and drained (beef, shrimp or scallops can be substituted)
- 1/2 tablespoons vegetable oil, divided use
- 12 whole dry chili peppers (should be smaller than 3 inches; if longer, cut in half)
- 1 teaspoon cooking wine
- 2 1/2 tablespoons Lee Kum Kee soy sauce
- 1/3 cup water
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch mix (50% water and 50% cornstarch powder, combined)
- 1/4 cup diced green onion (dice only the white part of the onion into 1/2-inch pieces)
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1 teaspoon ground garlic
- 1 teaspoon crushed red chili pepper
- 1 teaspoon sesame oil
- 2 ounces dry roasted peanuts

### Marinade

- 1/4 cup water
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 egg
- 1/4 cup cornstarch
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- Mix all marinade ingredients well, add the chicken and thoroughly coat, refrigerate at least one hour.
- Combine wine, soy sauce and water and set aside.
- Heat a clean wok on high heat for 10 seconds. Add 2 tablespoons of vegetable oil and heat well.
- Add the marinated chicken to the wok. Stir quickly, separate the meat and cook for 60 seconds. Remove the chicken, drain well.
- Add the chili peppers to the wok. Stir fry until they become a darker color. If the wok becomes too dry, add 1/2 tablespoon vegetable oil.
- Add the green onions, ginger, garlic and crushed red chili pepper to the wok. Stir for 5 seconds.
- Return the cooked and drained chicken to the wok; stir soy sauce/wine mixture and add to wok; stir until sauce boils, then add cornstarch mix to thicken.
- Add the sesame oil and peanuts. Stir and fold until the ingredients are thoroughly mixed.

**Kung Pao Shrimp Variation:** In place of the chicken, use 12 ounces of large shrimp. Instead of 12 whole dry chili peppers, use 8. Reduce the amount of soy sauce to 2 tablespoons, and increase the amount of cornstarch mix to 1 1/2 tablespoons. In step 6 after adding green onions, ginger, garlic and crushed chili pepper, add 1/4 cup each diced red and yellow bell pepper and stir for 10 seconds. Continue with step 7.

### Pineapple Fried Rice

Courtesy of Panda Express

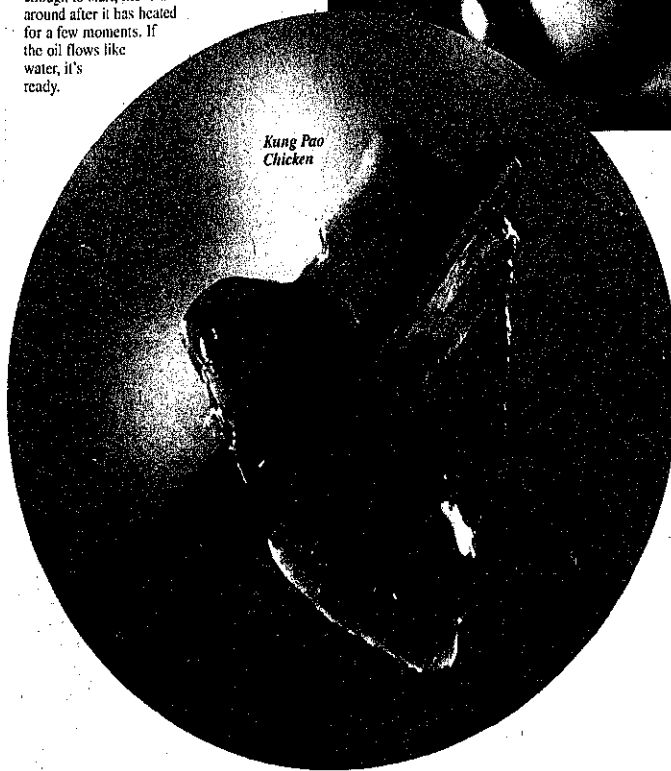
This dish is a good complement to any Kung Pao entrée.

Serves 2-4

- 2 ounces marinated sliced white meat chicken (pieces should be 1 inch long, 1/4 inch thick; approximately 1/2 chicken breast)
- 2 ounces marinated shrimp (medium sized)
- 2 ounces marinated scallops (medium sized)
- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil, divided use
- 1/2 cup diced fresh skinless pineapple (3/4-inch pieces)
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 pound cooked steamed white rice
- 1/2 tablespoons Lee Kum Kee soy sauce
- 1/4 cup peas and carrots mix
- 1/4 cup chopped green onion
- 1 teaspoon sesame oil
- 1/4 cup dry roasted cashews

### Marinade

- 1 egg white
- 2 tablespoons water
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1 tablespoon salad oil
- Pinch of salt





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## NFIB UPDATE

### Better bad news isn't good news for small businesses

After years of hearing only bad news about health insurance, America's small-business owners need some good news. But last week, they learned that things are still bad, just not as bad as they have been.

A study released by the Kaiser Family Foundation did contain a bit of good news — health insurance premiums for businesses increased an average of 9.2 percent this year.

That's good news only because the average premium costs last year were two points higher. It's certainly a welcome change that ends four consecutive years of double-digit hikes. But the study confirmed once again that the nation's health care foundation is rapidly crumbling.

The worst news, but no surprise, was that the percentage of businesses offering health insurance to employees has declined steadily over the past five years, as the cost of coverage continues to outpace the growth of wages and inflation.

Now, only 60 percent of the companies provide health coverage to their workers, a sharp drop from 69 percent five years ago. The decline is centered mainly in the small-business sector.

Nearly all businesses that have 200 or more employees offer health benefits.

There is no greater concern among small businesses than the rising cost of health insurance. The most recent National Federation of Independent Business "Small-Business Problems and Priorities" survey reported that two-thirds, 66 percent, of small-business owners again named the issue as their single most important problem — up significantly from 47 percent four years earlier.

Other bad news in the Kaiser survey: annual premiums for family coverage spiked to \$10,880 in 2005, surpassing the gross earnings for a full-time, minimum-wage worker. The average employee, the survey said, paid more than \$2,700 toward family health insurance premiums this year, more than one-fourth of the total bill.

Cost was cited as the primary factor discouraging businesses, the majority of which are small, from offering health benefits. Nearly three-fourths, 73 percent, blamed high premium costs for their decision.

For years, small-business owners have been pleading for help. They have little buying power and few affordable options; five or fewer insurers control most of the small-group market. This lack of competition is the reason small businesses get hit with steady rate increases that directly result in more uninsured employees.

#### There is a solution

The U.S. Senate must pass legislation authorizing Small-Business Health Plans to allow small firms to join together through bona fide trade and professional associations to purchase affordable health insurance. The U.S. House of Representatives has passed this legislation numerous times in past congressional sessions and did so again this summer by passing H.R. 525 with bipartisan support. But the Senate has yet to act.

By creating Small-Business Health Plans, Congress could help small employers gain greater bargaining power, economies of scale and administrative efficiencies while bringing fairness to the health care arena. That would mean small-business owners and their employees could enjoy the same bargaining advantages as Fortune 500 companies and labor unions when shopping for health insurance — and that would be good news.

Jack Faris is the president of 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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## My Handyman solves problems

Think of all the little things you need to complete before holidays, but never seem to get to. The lists get longer and time gets shorter. In fact, get ready to say goodbye to your honey-do list and prepare your home for the holiday season the easy way.

Why not let My Handyman help you with all your seasonal chores?

Fall is the time of year when your home needs a little more attention to prepare for the cold winter weather. This is where a little prevention pays off big dividends. It makes good sense to protect your family's largest investment — your home.

"We all know if we don't maintain the outside there will be big problems later," said Dayn Benson, local My Handyman owner.

Falling leaves also bring one of the most dreaded chores — cleaning the gutters. Neglecting them can wreak havoc with roofs and windows leading to big headaches later. Let My Handyman keep your feet on the ground, while the professionals clean and repair gutters and woodworking.

"With our winters, freezing pushes the water inwards where it can ruin the interior framing," he added.

Prevention is key here. Instead of a minor repair, you might end up replacing a window or kitchen countertop if not given the proper attention. By protecting the structure of your home, you're also enhancing the aesthetic appearance of your home, which adds to the value of your house, explains Benson.

Maintaining your home will help control energy costs. Caulking windows and doors properly can help keep the cold air out and save money. My Handyman can help save you additional money on energy costs with Grundfos; a new product they currently offer. Imagine turning on a faucet to instant hot water. Not only is it a convenience, like instant hot showers, it will also reduce energy consumption.

In addition, My Handyman can remove screens and install storm doors and windows. Bulky items like outdoor lawn furniture can be taken apart and put in storage. They'll even hang up the holiday lights inside and out.

In fact, Benson likes to remind prospective customers that no job is too small. Think of all the little things you want done around the house, but haven't had time.

"Our typical appointment is usually three and a half hours and in that time we'll complete five or six tasks."

Since they're not subcontractors, they aren't limited to one task.

"While drywall is drying in one room, they can patch a hole in another, caulk a bathtub or clean gutters."

Although they're a nationally-known company appearing on Oprah and in Academy Award gift baskets as well as ESPN Espy awards, My Handyman is locally owned and based in Ann Arbor. The skilled professionals come from your local neighborhood with an average of 32 years experience per technician. Employees are licensed and in uniform. Background checks and drug screening are performed. They follow their motto of On Time,



Out of over 1,000 eligible technicians, Mike Morton is the only one to be a two-time finalist for the industry's very prestigious Handyman of the Year award.

#### Done Right.

"When we say we're coming at the appointed time, we'll actually be there," said Benson. "Our goal is to leave the job cleaner than we found it. Whatever we do is satisfaction guaranteed."

Regular client Mike Brueger of Ann Arbor says it's a relief to have someone that's skilled and trusted.

"He's got professional help that takes care of all the things I need them to do. They're the kind of people you can let in your home, and you know when they're done, they'll clean up, lock up and they're gone," said Brueger.

#### Never climb and clean again

Tired of cleaning those gutters? There is a solution. My Handyman now installs Gutter Stuff™. It's the best on the market, says Benson. There's a 25-



Dayn Benson, owner and president of the local branch of My Handyman, hires professional workers with years of experience to get the job done right. He also requires employee drug testing and hires pros with at least 15-20 years experience.

year warranty, there's no clogging and you can't see it from the ground. Best of all, it costs about half as much as gutter

covering type products. "It's inserted directly into the gutter. It doesn't sit on or go on top of the gutter. You can't see it from the ground. It fills the gutter with a filter that keeps leaves and debris out," he explained.

Pam Ufer Wood is one of many local clients that said goodbye to gutter cleaning.

"I'm very happy with the Gutter Stuff™ system. We haven't had to do any cleaning since it's been installed. It's everything we anticipated," said Ufer Wood.

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