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Novi Town Center's Halloween USA employee Heather Lee checks out one of the more unique decorations available at her shop: a creepy, tuxedo-ed butler guy with a serving tray of three rats and a spider on his head. We've got lots more Halloween-related stories, too.

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### Know your candidates

The Nov. 8 election date is fast approaching. Learn about Novi's two mayoral and six city council candidates in our special question-and-answer feature.

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# Finally, it opens!

## Beck Road, I-96 interchange completed

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Cathy Surdu, branch regional manager of TCF Bank at Grand River Avenue and Beck Road, said the new Beck Road/I-96 interchange will mean a lot to their business. "It's going to be so awesome," she said. "We've been waiting for this for a long time." The branch has been open for about a year now, and the staff has

been watching the construction closely.

Surdu was one of the local business people who came out to celebrate a ribbon-cutting ceremony Monday morning for the new Single-Point Urban Interchange.

"What a wonderful day this is for the city of Novi," said Mayor Lou Csordas.

"This is the end of five to six years of tremendous effort and a lot of hard work from the men and women that built this interchange," Csordas said.

It all started with the voter-approved road bond in 2000 which contributed \$18.4 million Novi taxpayers agreed to pay for road improvements.

This amount was leveraged into

more than \$90 million worth of road improvements from local, county, state, federal and private sources.

"It's been five years of constant repair, but there's never any gain without any pain," Csordas said.

"I want to thank all of the people involved and the voters of Novi for providing the money and having the patience to have all of this happen."

Robert Davis from Gov. Jennifer Granholm's office said, "We're just excited on behalf of Gov. Granholm to participate in this great day here in the city of Novi."

"I can just imagine hearing cash registers ringing and our



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

A construction worker removes one of the last orange barrels along Beck Road, officially opening up the I-96/Beck Road interchange Monday morning.

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## Cool colors

Shivering and laughing and using their flags as temporary blankets, Patricia Schultz, far right, and the rest of the Novi High School marching band guard huddle together against last Friday night's cold before performing during halftime. See how the band performed recently at the Great Lakes Invitational on page 17.

# No mainstream movies = no future

## Town Center 8 to shut its doors for last time

By Tracy Mishler  
STAFF WRITER

Nick Racon dreads looking for another job.

For the last year and a half, Racon's second home has been the Novi Town Center 8 theater, and in less than two months he'll be pounding the pavement for a

new place to work.

After many years of major motion pictures, Town Center 8 will lock its doors for the last time Nov. 30.

"It's going to be hard to find a work environment like this one," said the 17-year-old theater employee. "There is definitely going to be a hole missing in the Novi community."

According to Goodrich Quality Theater officials, owner of the Town Center 8, the Novi theater hasn't done enough business in the past few years to keep the doors open.

"We've had a steady patron flow for the films we've had in the past, but our company is spreading out in other directions," said Matthew Johnson, assistant chief operating officer for marketing and training for Goodrich. "It will be a good business move to shift our attentions elsewhere."

Goodrich owns 32 theaters in four states, including Indiana, Illinois, Missouri and Michigan.

"This business depends on the locations of other theaters," Johnson said. "The Novi location is a very competitive area, and at this time it's just better to

move on."

Amanda Diehl said her 19 employees have known for quite some time that the theater might close.

"It came close last year, but we were able to keep the doors open with our new seats and digital sound," said the assistant manager. "The competition in this area is really what I think did us in. Eventually we started not being able to get the mainstream movies, and that's all that people really want to see."

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# Sparks don't fly at debates

## Cable TV-13 to re-air program before elections

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Novi resident Andy Randall follows federal and state politics.

But his attendance at last Thursday's 2005 City Council and Mayoral Candidate Forum was one of his first experiences with local politics.

"It was very fair — the way it was distributed as well as the time and the format," Randall said.

Novi's six city council candidates and two mayoral candidates answered questions from Novi News Editor Cal Stone at the event, which started at 6 p.m. and ended at 8:30 p.m. in council chambers.

The live forum, moderated by Karen Collins, executive director of the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission in Farmington, was aired live on local government access channel, TV-13.

The six city council candidates running for three open seats include Kim Capello, Justin

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### When can you see it?

To check when the 2005 City Council and Mayoral Candidate Forum will be aired before the election, visit [www.swocstudios.com](http://www.swocstudios.com) or call (248) 473-2800.

See the candidates Q&A responses on pages 12/13.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

With a smile on her face, Novi High School counselor Donna Roemer, left, talks with Annie Song about some of the senior's college plans on a recent Friday morning.

# Roemer has the right stuff to be a good guidance counselor

## She saw three kids through high school

By Ramez Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

Donna Roemer has had many memorable experiences in her life, but there's one in particular that many can't say they've ever had.

The Novi High guidance coun-

selor has seen all three of her daughters through their high school years. In fact, she even had her oldest as a student when she was a freshman.

Roemer explained that so much of her life in the last 25 years has been built around her children, a fact she is very proud of. To this day, she still says, "Please drive carefully," whenever they get in their cars.

"I've really been lucky to be able to share in their high school experiences, being in sports, and

all the other extra-curricular activities that they were in," Roemer said. "I always make sure I wish my girls well whenever they get in their cars or do anything."

Roemer was a health teacher when she taught her daughter Jessica. She called it an "interesting experience."

"It ended up working out quite well," Roemer said. "It was actually her idea, and she did call me

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Novi Town Center's movie theater is scheduled to close in November.

■ Town Center 8 to shut its doors for last time

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Diedl said the theater has had to fight to get anything mainstream on their screens. "We play a little bit of everything, but only about 20 percent of our movies have been mainstream in the last year," she said.

Favorite theater no more

Carlynn Booth also miss the theater, but not for employment reasons. "We used to always come here to see movies," said the 16-year-old Novi resident.

Booth said her favorite aspect of the Town Center 8 was the pop-

corn. "I've been to some theaters that have really bad popcorn," Booth said. "You can see a movie and not eat popcorn. It's just not right." Booth said her friends enjoyed coming to the theater because they never had to wait in line and they also weren't run over by hordes of people.

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■ She saw three kids through high school

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mom during class. I approached it with all the students in the classroom and said if anybody was uncomfortable about it, we would address it."

Going from teacher to counselor

Roemer was a good teacher, but learning to be a guidance counselor is a whole other animal. She explained that you must have the same type of skills as a teacher does, but you also must possess a few others as well.

She said that in order to be a good guidance counselor, one must be able to put themselves in another person's shoes. "You have to be able to see things from their point of view," she said. "You have to understand that we're all driven by needs that don't always appear above the surface. Being able to try to weave through all of that with people is important. Being empathetic is the most important skill in this job, and I feel that I do have empathy."

Donna Roemer

Age: 50 Occupation: Novi High School guidance counselor Family: husband, Mike; daughter Jessica, 25; daughter Melissa, 22; daughter Rebecca, 19 Pets: a dog, Buddy

Hobbies and/or interests: She enjoys exercising and being around water. Her family has a new cottage on Lake Huron and she enjoys gardening there and just being outside. She also enjoys doing calligraphy and used to have a small calligraphy business when her kids were younger. She likes to watch movies, and is on a teacher bowling league.

Advice: "It comes with a lot of stress," Roemer said. "There are a lot of things to manage at once. I'd say you'd have to be flexible to do this job, you'd have to be adaptable, you'd have to be able to multi-task and manage a lot of things, and you'd have to be able to see all sides of a picture."

Awards: The feedback she receives from her students and families is reward enough for her.

Schools: She graduated from Livonia Stevenson High School and earned her undergraduate degree from Central Michigan University and her master's degree from Eastern Michigan University.

Years in business: This year marks her 29th at Novi High School and 10th as a counselor. She previously taught health and physical education. She grew up: Livonia

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Donna Roemer Novi High School guidance counselor

neighborhood as school board members Dave Brown and Carol Ellring. She explained that everyone in the neighborhood knows her dog, Buddy, because he spends much of his time on the front lawn watching people go by.

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POLICE REPORT

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Gun stolen from home

A 35-year-old Novi man told police that a gun was stolen from his home on Concordia Avenue near 10 Mile and Novi roads between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Oct. 13.

The firearm was described as a Colt .45, Mark 7, semi-automatic, black, possibly registered in California. The gun was loaded, with a six-round magazine and valued at \$500.

The man said the gun was stolen from his bedroom closet. He just moved to the home on Concordia.

The man told police that employees of the moving compa-

ny were the only people in his house during the time he believes the gun was stolen.

The case is being reviewed by the Novi Detective Bureau.

Vandalism reported

A 32-year-old resident of Eastwood near East Lake Drive and 13 Mile Road reported at 2:02 p.m. Oct. 14 that someone had vandalized her car and boat between 7:30 p.m. Oct. 13 and 8 a.m. Oct. 14.

On the driver's side back sliding door of her car, the word "bitch" had been written in black spray paint. The 1999 white Chevrolet Venture also had a

small cut in the driver's side rear tire. Her boat, which was covered up for the season, had a slash in the cover.

The woman believed the damage was caused by her ex-husband. When police contacted the woman's ex-husband, he denied any knowledge of the incident.

Off-duty trooper calls

An off-duty Michigan State Trooper called the Novi Police Department at 12:36 a.m. Oct. 15 to report a possible drunk driver near Meadowbrook Road and Grand River Avenue.

The call led to the arrest of a 26-year-old Novi man.

After being alerted, police

pulling in behind the driver of the gold 2000 Oldsmobile. Alero and watched as the car drifted over the fog line and then onto the right shoulder east of Catherine Road.

Police said the driver's speech was slurred, his eyes were red and glassy, and he smelled badly of alcohol.

When asked the man first told police he had had one beer. Later, he said he had six or seven beers at the Dirty Martini lounge in Andiamo Restaurant.

Stolen Jeep recovered

Detroit police found a Novi woman's stolen vehicle two days after the theft.

A 66-year-old resident on Charlotte near South Lake Drive and Shawwood told police at 7:44 a.m. Oct. 15 that her Jeep had

been stolen between 10 p.m. Oct. 14 and 7 a.m. Oct. 15.

The woman told police that her blue 2004 Jeep Liberty had been parked in the driveway, and when she woke up the next morning it was gone.

She was unsure if she had locked the vehicle. The woman also told police that she only has two sets of keys, and that both were accounted for. She also said that she has let her grandchildren use the Jeep, but none have their own keys. She told police she would contact them to see if they had the vehicle.

Compiled by Pam Fleming

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# COMMUNITY

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## Residents push creation of Meadowbrook Park

Board to decide in December

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

A group of Novi residents hope an excursion to Lansing last week was worth the trip.

Andrew Match, president, Friends of Novi Parks, Laumei Kozma, of Village Oaks Subdivision, and Kathy Mutch, president of Preservation Novi, drove to the state capitol last Wednesday to address board members of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund.

Their goal was to increase the likelihood of the board approving a grant application recently sent to the state. The grant requests funding for the creation of Meadowbrook Park.

If the board approves funding for the grant, two pieces of property — one east of Meadowbrook Road and one west of Meadowbrook Road between Nine Mile and 10 Mile roads — will become a public park totaling more than 50 acres.

The two pieces of property will be donated by developers William Roskelly of Livonia and Claudio Rossi of Novi — if the grant application is approved.

Residents requested to appear before the board members, who agreed to add the Novi residents' presentation to their Oct. 19 agenda.

### Three-minute video shown

The presenters showed a three-minute video describing the project which included audio at the end of the film from boys who like to fish in the lakes in Village Oaks Subdivision.

The boys — Eric, 7; Sammie, 6; and Jeremy, 4 — are the sons of Scott and Jennifer Higgins of Novi.

"We only had five minutes to present," Andrew Match said. "But, I think with our five minutes we did a great job."

Kozma, who has experience as a videographer, filmed the footage of the two properties in question.

Andrew Mutch said the presentation seemed to be well-received by the board.

"One person in the audience was so impressed by our presentation that they said, 'They should just go ahead and write the check,'" he said.

"The presentation was well-received by the board, and the members made positive comments about it."

### State, corporate support

The presentation even included a comment from Gary Towns, supervisor, Lake Erie Management Unit, Fisheries Division, MDNR.

"I think the acquisition of this property would be a great addition to your park system and a tremendous service to the public," he said.

"That's really important to them, because they want an indication from the DNR that this is a fishery worth preserving."

Corporate support for the land acquisition includes Gander Mountain in Novi, Rossi, who owns Mirage Development in Novi, and the Livonia developer, Roskelly.

Nonprofit organizations in favor of the project include Friends of the Novi Parks, Friends of the Rouge and Project E.I.S.H., an MSU Extension program that encourages youth fishing.

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Kozma. "I think the presentation was a very effective tool."

Andrew Match said that it's sometimes more important to have the support of community members for a project than just the city or applicant's support.

"Most applicants have that very approach," Kozma said. "It comes across very strongly when there are community advocates."

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### SPOTLIGHT ON: ORTHODONTIC NEWS

by Donald M. Wayne, D.D.S., M.S.  
Orthodontic Specialist

A NEWER, MORE RELAXED APPROACH

Researchers are looking into the possibility that a naturally occurring hormone (recombinant human relaxin) may be able to cut orthodontic treatment time in half by biochemically moving teeth faster. This hormone softens collagen and elastin in the tissues that act like "rubber bands" that attach to the teeth and hold them in place. These tissue fibers resist the force of braces that are applied to move the teeth. When the braces are taken off, the collagen and elastin fibers work to move teeth back to their former positions. Researchers are studying relaxin's potential to both accelerate tooth movement and prevent teeth from migrating back to their original positions, once braces are removed.

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## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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Starting next week, the Novi Post Office hours will be 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m., Monday-Friday and 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday. The office is located at 24875 Novi Road. The lobby is open, 6 a.m.-10 p.m., Monday-Friday, 6 a.m.-8 p.m., Saturday and noon-5 p.m., Sunday for customer service by their PO Boxes, stamp vending machine and The Automated Postal Center. Passport Service available, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Monday-Friday.

### Volunteer Opportunities!

Festival of Trees, the premier fundraising event for Children's Hospital of Michigan, needs volunteers for all areas. Proceeds benefit the Maxine and Stuart Frankel Foundation. Computer Assisted Robot Enhanced surgery program at Children's Hospital of Michigan. The event will take place from Friday, Nov. 25 through Sunday, Nov. 4, Times vary upon availability.

The all-volunteer run holiday extravaganza is a public display of more than 100 professionally designed holiday trees. The event also includes an elaborate gingerbread village, handmade wall hangings, wreaths and centerpieces, entertainment for all ages, a festive gift shop, fun-filled children's activities, photos with Santa, a Secret Santa Shop just for kids and more. This year there will be rides for kids.

The 2005 Festival of Trees will be held at the Rock Farmington Showplace, 46100 Grand River Avenue.

To volunteer, call (313) 966-TREE, or sign up online at [www.fot.org](http://www.fot.org) <<http://www.fot.org>>.

### Retirees nominate officers

The City of Novi Retirees Association recently nominated a new slate of officers.

The nominating committee reported to the association Oct. 10 that the following members are being considered: Kathy Crawford for president; Bill Charles for vice president; Jack Gubb for treasurer; and Gerry Stupp for secretary.

Crawford has agreed to be considered as president. She is well known in Novi as a native and longtime resident who brought senior living to the forefront of the community. She served as senior program director for the city for many years and helped push for senior housing, which led to the eventual construction of the city-owned senior center on Meadowbrook Road.

The membership will vote on the nominations at a future meeting. For more information about the association, contact Richard Faulkner, current president, at (248) 349-0639.

### Novi/Northville home-schoolers "Meet & Mingle"

Have you ever wondered if any of your neighbors are home-schoolers? Would you like to feel a sense of community with other home-schoolers in this area?

Would you like to meet other home-schoolers in this area with children the same age as yours? If you answered yes to any of these questions:

Parents please join us for a chance to "meet & mingle" with other home-schooling parents in the Novi/Northville area, 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 9, at the Novi Public Library.

No R.S.V.P. is Necessary. Just show up and get to know each other.

For more information, call Benji at (248) 344-1533 or Cheri at (248) 349-5447.

### NBC Neighborhood Home-sitting Co-op

Ever need someone during the day to watch your kindergarten-age or younger child while you go alone to an appointment, work at your child's school or run errands? Ever want to meet women with children close in age to your children?

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### Public Skating

TIME/DAYS: Noon-1:50 p.m., Monday-Friday, 3-4:50 p.m., Saturday-Sunday

LOCATION: Novi Ice Arena, 42400 Arena Drive, Novi (www.novivicearena.com)

DETAILS: Open skating available to the public. The price for weekday skates is \$2 for every-body. Weekend admission is \$4 for Novi residents; \$5 for non-residents. Skate rental is available at all times for \$2.

CONTACT: (248) 347-1010 (call to confirm)

### Fall SWOCC Studio happenings

This month on Nov. 13, Sheryl in the City, hosted by Sheryl Walsh, Community Relations Director for the City of Novi, attended the Alliance for Community Media Ceremony. The story highlights the blessing and the ribbon cutting of the new school which moved to Novi. The show also takes a look at the CC Alumni, as they were able to walk through the halls they once remembered.

The SWOCC staff was also on hand at the first CC home football game. Hundreds of people showed up to support the team and the new CC football field.

Next, the SWOCC staff went to the Ficus Farm Event. Last, there was Kicks on Route 66, a senior variety show. There was a lot of dancing and entertainment and

### SWOCC in opposition of bill

SWOCC is asking for community members to come into SWOCC Studios to sign letters that will be sent to all Michigan Representatives opposing Bill HR 3146 and S 1349. Letters will also be sent to Representatives in Washington D.C. regarding the Telecommunications Act Rewrite.

These bills take resources from the local community and create a subsidy for an already healthy private telecommunications sector. Telephone companies, such as SBC and Verizon, may enter the video market today as common carriers, as Open Video Systems, or under the same franchising framework as cable companies. These bills do not achieve the goal of increasing competition and consumer choice. And the bills will strip local authorities of their ability to meet the needs of local communities.

If this legislation is allowed, it will eliminate resources to organizations like SWOCC Studios in Farmington, Farmington Hills, and Novi that provide training, facilities and local, commercial-free, Public, Educational, and Government television to the public.

The Alliance for Community Media, thousands of its members, Access Centers all over the nation, and SWOCC Studios urge Congress to REJECT HR 3146 and S 1349.

Call Melissa Cohn at SWOCC Studios for more information, (248) 473-2840, or visit [www.swocstudios.com](http://www.swocstudios.com).

The Southwestern Oakland Cable Community provides public, community, and government access for the cities of Farmington, Farmington Hills and Novi.

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# Come on down!

Local man wins spot on popular TV show

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Novi native Jamie Dalton is still reeling from the feeling of being a contestant on "The Price Is Right."

Dalton, 21, of Novi, appeared on the famous game show at 11 a.m. Tuesday.

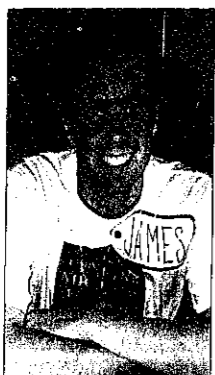
Although the show was taped in August, he couldn't talk about how he did on the show until after it aired.

Dalton didn't win the Showcase Showdown, but he did get to spin the wheel where contestants try in one or two spins to total \$1 without going over. His spins totaled \$5; another contestant's spin hit the \$5 mark.

A senior at the University of Michigan studying electrical engineering, Dalton was born and raised in Novi and is a 2002 graduate of Novi High School. He is the son of Jim and Lori Dalton of Novi.

"I've always wanted to be on the show," he said. "I've watched it my whole life."

A member of Phi Delta Gamma fraternity at U of M, Dalton said he and his fraternity brothers watch the game show while they eat lunch.



Jamie Dalton

Show popular with his friends

"It's the most popular game show with all of my friends. We used to talk about the fact that we'd like to go to California and be on the show," Dalton said.

"I'm kind of aware of what things cost and what I would do if I were on the show."

"I've always been pretty good at playing the game," he said. "My roommate, Derek BuWald, of Novi, who's been my friend since seventh grade, was excited that I got to be on

break, Dalton went out to visit him. So, the two decided to get tickets for the show.

"You send a self-addressed, stamped envelope asking for tickets," Dalton said. They did this several weeks before Dalton's trip.

Tickets to the show are free, and everybody gets tickets to ask for them. But that doesn't guarantee you will actually get to be in the studio audience.

"You have to stand in line several hours before the taping of the show," Dalton said. "We got in line at 5 a.m. for the 1 p.m. taping."

"I had a member of the audience along with me, but I was the one who was called to be a contestant," Dalton said. Producers interview everyone before the audience is seated to gauge their level of enthusiasm.

How do you get picked? "It's really not a random selection process. People are chosen for their personality, and they try to get a cross-section of America," Dalton said.

Dalton designed T-shirts for himself and Daoud to wear on the show that said "University of Michigan FJDs watch the Price Is Right." FJD is the nickname for Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

A friend of his, Nabil Daoud, also a senior in electrical engineering at U of M, had an internship in southern California, and for the last week of summer

the show," Dalton said. One of the most memorable moments was meeting the show's famous host, Bob Barker.

Barker said during that show that he called Dalton to "Come on down," after he asked Barker during the commercial break how he stayed so handsome after all these years.

Dalton said he'll never forget his brief brush with fame. "It was one of the greatest experiences of my life," he said. "It was so much fun — almost surrealistic. I didn't get over it for a couple of weeks. It's still hard to believe that it happened."

Matt Malyn, director of communications for WWJ-TV 14, the local CBS affiliate, said Dalton is the third metropolitan Detroit resident to be on "The Price Is Right" in the past few weeks. The show airs at 11 a.m. weekdays on CBS.

"The Price Is Right" is now in its 34th year and is television's longest-running game show, according to Malyn.

With any kind of luck, Dalton may be a contestant on another game show in the future since he plans to move to California after graduating from U of M next spring.

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Photo by Sheri Sanson

## 'Anne of Green Gables' set this weekend

The Novi Theatres will present L.M. Montgomery's "Anne of Green Gables," this weekend at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile Road. Performances are 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday. In this classic, the spunky Anne Shirley's first encounter with her strict guardian sets the stage.

The tragedies, triumphs and hilarious mishaps that mark her growth from adolescence to early adulthood are all here: her friendship with Diana, her feud with Gilbert, her adoration of Matthew, her broken leg and the cake disaster to name a few. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. For more information, call the Novi Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department at (248) 347-0400. Actors pictured at a recent rehearsal are, from left: Kelly Buck of Livonia, who plays Marilla Cuthbert; Haley Eisonnette of Walled Lake, who plays Anne; and Tim Markham of Novi, who plays Matthew Cuthbert.

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## Clock ticking on Novi library's building fund

Two months until deadline

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

With only about two months until the deadline hits, fund-raising professional Travis Carley released a report last week on the status of the Novi Public Library capital campaign.

The Novi community is trying to raise as much money as possible to match a \$1 million gift from Myrtle and the late Charles Walker of Novi.

In 2004, the Walkers signed a philanthropic agreement with the library that they would donate \$1 million outright and match funds up to another million until Dec. 31, 2005.

Library officials are trying to fund an \$18 million library expansion program that will add 60,000 square feet to the facility on 10 Mile Road just east of Taft Road.

Carley, who was hired under a contract for \$82,500 with Community Counseling Services of Southfield, revealed at the library board meeting \$1,098,152 has been raised so far for the capital campaign.

This number includes the original \$1 million, cash, pledges and matching funds. The community has contributed \$28,576, including a recent \$1,000 donation from the Novi Newcomers & Neighbors follow-

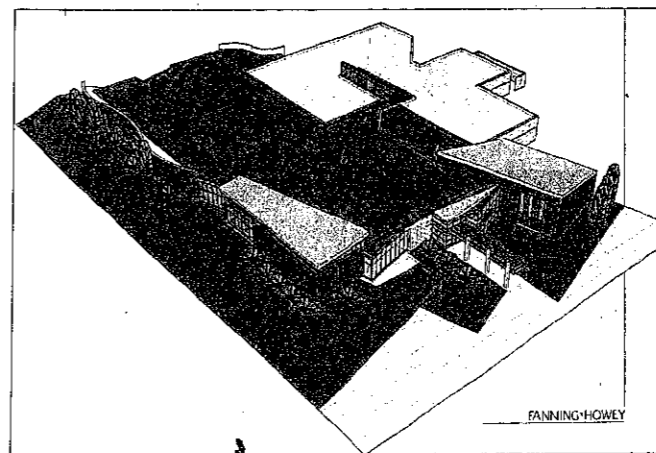


Illustration courtesy Fanning-Howey

This aerial view of the proposed library renovations from architect Fanning-Howey shows the new entrance on the east side of the building facing Taft Road. The architect has also suggested a drive-up book drop off in the plans.

ing their Sept. 21 kickoff event. Carley noted that \$31,043 was received just last week in cash and pledges and that 17 strategic interviews have been completed, with one pending.

"Things are well under way," Carley said. Members of the fund-raising committee recently approved a campaign plan and the development of campaign operational materials.

These include naming opportunities, a letter of intent, a sample gift plan and ideas for gift recognition. The theme "Growing with Our Community: A Campaign for Novi Public Library" was also approved.

Future plans include leadership recruitment and the solicitation of gifts from board members and major gifts.

Largo materials have also been developed and will be reviewed by board members.

Imagine to host more events. Rick Smith, board president, said Imagine Theater will have two more events benefiting the library capital campaign this year.

### Salone Nadwa event set

Support the library's building fund at Salone Nadwa and Day Spa in Novi Town Center from 3-6 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 13. For a \$15 minimum donation, patrons can sample spa and hair services as well as enjoy drinks and hors d'oeuvres. All proceeds will benefit the library. For more information, call (248) 348-7316.

Upcoming shows will include the new Harry Potter movie and "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe."

Brenda Evans, library director, said that facility planning for the interior of the library has been placed on the back burner for now until officials can obtain more feedback from the architects on the exterior design.

Tom Swape, trustee, asked about the millage proposal to help fund the library's expansion program. "There's a lot of work to do on that," Swape said.

Smith agreed that much work needs to be done to get a millage on a future ballot, but that hasn't been the board's focus this year. The fund-raising committee meets again on Wednesday.

Bob Cutler of the facilities planning committee said concep-

tual drawings have been presented by the board and that the renovations will include a new entrance on the side of the building facing Taft Road. There is also a canopy where library patrons can be outside the building yet protected from rain.

Other areas will include a donor wall and program room, youth zone and youth program room as well as a popular materials area.

Cutler added that the architect, Fanning-Howey Associates, Inc., in Novi, has two proposals for a drive-up book dropoff — one of the top requests that library users noted on the library's online survey.

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## LANSING CONNECTION

It is good to be back in touch with my constituents through the Lansing Connection. The past week has been memorable because of one ribbon cutting and two groundbreaking — major steps to improving the health, safety and welfare of our citizens and spurring our economy.

### Beck Road I-96 Interchange is Open

Monday I was pleased to cut the ribbon at the opening of the I-96 Beck Road interchange. Since 1997 I have ceaselessly championed this project, which improves safety and enhances economic growth in our area.

This success was the result of great cooperation between the City of Novi, City of Wixom, Providence Hospital, the Oakland County Road Commission, Michigan Department of Transportation, local business leaders and area residents. By pooling resources and working together, the quality of life in our area is enhanced.

### New Hospitals Break Ground in Area

Legislation I sponsored in 2002 has allowed Providence Novi and Henry Ford West Bloomfield to build state-of-the-art hospitals. Our growing areas now will have first-class medical facilities reassuringly closer to home.



Nancy Cassis

### Schools Need Extra Time for MEAP Testing

During the discussion of the Labor Day start date, suggestions were raised about the issue of giving adequate time for teachers at the start of the school year to ready and refresh students' skills after summer break in preparation for the Michigan Educational Assessment Program test.

Recently I introduced legislation that ensures that MEAP testing will not begin before Oct. 1 in any given school year. It also gives school districts five weeks to administer the MEAP test. Currently they must do so within three weeks.

As a former educator, I realize that the MEAP allows administrators, teachers and parents to gain valuable information on a student's academic strengths and weaknesses so critical to proper educational instruction. Studies indicate that it can take up to six weeks for students to rebuild their study habits after summer vacation.

In light of the later school start date, Senate Bill 807 would give educators the time they need to bring students up to speed so they can perform at their best.

As always, your comments are welcome and appreciated. You may reach me by e-mail at: nancycassis@senate.michigan.gov, or toll free at 1-888-38-NANCY.

State Senator Nancy Cassis, a Novi Republican, represents the 15th Senate District, which includes the townships of Commerce, Highland, Holly, Lyon, Milford, Novi, Rose, West Bloomfield and White Lake, as well as the Villages of Holly, Milford and Wolverine Lake; and the cities of Novi, Northville (the portion in Oakland County), Orchard Lake, South Lyon, Walled Lake and Wixom.

## Good-bye Lou & Laura: Mayor and councilwoman say farewell

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Emotions ran high at last Monday night's city council meeting as Mayor Lou Cordas and Council Member Laura Lorenzo bid their farewells as public servants.

Cordas has served the city for nine years as a planning commissioner, city council member and mayor.

Lorenzo has also served for 13 years as a planning commissioner and two-term city council member.

State Sen. Nancy Cassis and Speaker of the House Craig DeRoche, both Republicans from Novi, presented separate proclamations honoring each of the pub-



Lou Cordas

lic officials at the meeting. "I've appreciated the opportunity to serve you," Lorenzo said to residents. She advised taxpayers to stay informed and keep being involved.

"Government works best when you participate," she said. "I will always be very proud of the many accomplishments we've achieved together," she said to Cordas, noting that she believes decisions made during her two terms on council will lead Novi on a steady course of financial



Laura Lorenzo

well-prepared." Cassis said.

Cassis, who met Lorenzo in the late 1970s, complimented the council member on her talent and attention to detail.

"You're an extensive reader and researcher, and you're always well-prepared," Cassis said.

DeRoche, who served on the planning commission with Lorenzo, noted her focus on fiscal discipline, which he says he has tried to carry with him in helping to run the state government.

"We agreed more frequently than we disagreed," he said. "I have always appreciated your commitment to the city."

The Speaker of the House said Cordas served the city during a rather challenging time in Novi's history.

Cordas saw reduced city funding from the state during his time with the city.

As a planning commissioner, he witnessed a \$70 million judgment against the city in 2002 following a lawsuit with Sandstone developers. This judgment forced Novi to give up a good portion of its parkland in the northern part of the city.

So, he served the residents during some troubling times. "He had a calming effect on the city," DeRoche said. "You never let on to the public that being mayor was anything other than easy. And, that's exactly what we needed."

"It's been hard, but it's been a lot of fun, too," Cordas said upon receiving the proclamation from the state honoring him.

"I've spent nine years thanking everybody. But the one person I never did thank was my wife, Cheryl," he said. The plaque from the State of Michigan mentioned Cordas' warm-heartedness, wit, humor and self-less devotion to the city. "Lou is a true gentleman mayor," Cassis said.

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**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:** served on Novi youth hockey board, have coached soccer and baseball for Novi youth programs  
**PROFESSION:** president of Innovative Mortgage Company  
**EDUCATION:** Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, accounting major, general business minor Central Michigan University, December, 1982



David B. Landry

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**RESIDENT OF NOVI:** 10 years  
**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:** Novi City Council 2001-2005; Mayor Pro Tem 2004-2005; Novi Planning Commission 2001; Michigan 50s Festival Board of Directors; Friends of the Novi Theatre; Addition Homeowners Association Past President; Soccer Coach of Novi Youth  
**PROFESSION:** Attorney  
**EDUCATION:** Juris Doctor degree from U-D School of Law; Political Science/Economics B.A. from Albion



Kim Thomas Capello

**AGE:** 53  
**RESIDENT OF NOVI:** 13 years  
**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:** Planning Commission 7 years (three as Chairman); City Council; Past Director of Chamber of Commerce; Committees: Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance Review, Senior Housing, Housing and Community Development  
**PROFESSION:** Attorney  
**EDUCATION:** Oakland University, BA Political Science 1983; Thomas Cooley Law School; Wayne State University Law School, Graduate Program, School of Taxation



Justin Fischer

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**EDUCATION:** Michigan State University BA in Finance



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**PROFESSION:** Associate Director, Professional Development Division, School of Business Administration, Wayne State University  
**EDUCATION:** B.S. in Psychology, Wayne State University; MBA, U-M



Andrew Mutch

**AGE:** 33  
**RESIDENT OF NOVI:** 33 years  
**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:** Planning Commission (1998-2001); Library Board (1996-1998); Housing and Community Development Committee (1995-1998); Leadership positions with Michigan Library Association; Friends of Novi Parks  
**PROFESSION:** Network administrator, Charter Township of Waterford and Waterford Township Public Library  
**EDUCATION:** Attended the U-M and Wayne State University



Lowell M. Sprague

**AGE:** 46  
**RESIDENT OF NOVI:** 8 years  
**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:** Novi Planning Commission, 2002-05; Master Plan & Zoning Committee; Environmental Committee; Budget Committee; Capital Improvements Committee; Main Street Committee; Chamber of Commerce; Novi Rotary; Novi Planning Commission  
**PROFESSION:** CPA; CFO for healthcare organizations  
**EDUCATION:** MBA, Santa Clara University; BA Accounting, Catawba College; BA Business Administration, Catawba College; Minor in Philosophy



Dave Staudt

**AGE:** 46  
**RESIDENT OF NOVI:** 12 years  
**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:** Novi Parks, Recreation & Forestry Commission; Novi Parks Foundation; Project RECOVER; Novi Theatre  
**PROFESSION:** VP & CTO of Allied Printing Company; Owner/Managing Partner of DBSE Marketing Group, LLC  
**EDUCATION:** Bachelor of Art Degree, Business Administration, Lakeland College; Masters of Science, Management Organizational Science, University of Wisconsin

Are you in favor of tax breaks in order to attract or retain business?	Would you support adjusting city employee pension and health care benefits and contributions to reduce rising City costs?	Is the City's process of ordinances, inspections, permits, etc. easy for businesses to work through?	How do you think the City should spend the multi-million-dollar cash windfall the police department is receiving from last year's drug bust?	What do you think of the City's administrative staff seeking unionization?	Would you support a Downtown Development Authority (DDA) that captures new tax dollars for that district only instead of citywide use?	Would you support a cost of living adjustment or other benefits increases for city retirees?	Does Novi have a good balance of residential, commercial and open land?	Would you support a millage proposal to fund an addition to the Novi City Library?	What differentiates you from the other candidates?	What is the most pressing issue facing Novi and how do you plan to handle it?	Why are you seeking this position?
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Yes, I am if the tax breaks mean an overall improvement to the city's tax base. I am not in favor of a simple rubber stamp, however, based on the business' longevity and potential for future growth and number of job opportunities.	Yes I would like to see some of the responsibility placed on the employees. I would recommend that new hires are totally responsible for their own retirement savings, current employees receiving a blend and the city having a matching contribution to assist and encourage retirement savings.	I have no expertise in this area with respect to how the city operates. However, I would empower department heads to streamline and improve the process with guidelines from council.	Half of the cash windfall has already been allocated. We should assess the opportunity for investments and make a decision based on careful analysis.	I am against unionization of the city employees. However, the employees have a legal right to unionize, and I would work with the union if necessary.	Yes, I would apply the same characteristics for a DDA as I would use for tax abatements.	Yes, I would support a cost of living adjustment for city retirees.	Yes, it does at the current time.	As a last resort. We should seek private dollars first since the tax payers have recently turned down a millage for building and operating the library.	I bring a common sense approach supported by my business experience and have no political agenda.	The biggest issue facing the city is the hiring of the city manager. This position will secure Novi's future as it grows.	I seek this position because I believe Novi is a great community to live, work and raise your family. I want to continue its tradition of greatness.
Yes. Novi has a tax abatement policy which has very specific criteria. If a quality business could be attracted or retained, which would create or retain jobs and add to our tax base, I would be in favor of it. We must remain competitive with surrounding cities.	Yes. This problem affects all businesses. Cities are no different. However, it must be done in a realistic manner over a fair time frame with input from our employees.	No. We must take a hard look at this process, with input from businesses, and make improvements to the process. Certainly, with the expansion of development, our building and planning departments are swamped. However, we must constantly review the process for improvements.	We should be listening to the requests of the police department on how to spend this money. I am in favor of waiting until we have received all the money and at that time analyzing the priorities and needs of the police department. There is no need to rush this decision.	Seeking unionization is the legal right of our administrative staff. I believe the staff has always been treated fairly and will continue to be treated in the same fair manner whether they are unionized or not. The City of Novi does not and will not treat any employee differently depending on whether they are a member of a union.	In light of the fact that the City Council met last spring to decide on short term goals and investigating a DDA for Main Street was the sixth highest term goal, I would follow the policy set by City Council. Whether I would ultimately agree to a DDA would depend on the particulars of any proposed DDA.	I would support periodic (not annual) cost of living adjustments if: 1) it was fully funded at the time given, and 2) there were sufficient funds available to pay for it without raising taxes to do so.	No. We need more High Tech business land uses that generate high tax dollars to offset the amount of residential uses. We also need more open spaces. We certainly do not need more regional retail uses.	This will ultimately be a decision for the residents to make. I would personally support this as long as any such millage would only pay for capital costs and not operational costs and also shared by private donations. The cost of building a new library should be shared by our residents and businesses.	I have the experience, from my daily law practice as a municipal attorney, of dealing with the problems facing cities. I have the experience, from being on City Council for the past four years, of dealing with the particular challenges facing Novi.	The most pressing issue is our growth. I plan to manage the growth to attract a high revenue producing tax base and to make sure we implement annual improvement to our infrastructure (roads, public safety, water/sewer) to keep pace with our growth.	Because I care about our community. Ten years from now I will know, or even care, who the Mayor was from 2005 to 2007. However, we will all care about what kind of city we and our children are left with.
Yes, where the business or development will bring in new, and additional, tax dollars to the city. Fifty of something is far better than 100% of nothing.	The rising cost of health care and pension benefits has to be addressed immediately. In partnership with the employees we can reduce tax dollars spent toward health care and pension benefits without reducing the level of benefits offered to the employees. There must be some give and take. New hires will have to be treated differently.	We must streamline the processes (without sacrificing quality) under which developments are approved and permits are issued. Communication between the applicant and city officials will save both the city and the applicant time and money. The new council needs to send direction to the administration to address this issue on an expedited basis.	The money MUST be spent within two years of receipt and the money can only be spent on police-related activities. We've already spent well over \$1M of the funds. We have allocated money to pay off the current police bond. The bond must be paid off before we contract any other improvements to the police building. I would like the balance of the monies used to upgrade and expand our current police facility.	Given the manner in which the revised health care and pension plan revisions were presented to the employees, I can see why the employees reacted the way they did. I believe there is a way to reduce the cost to the city of current health care and pension benefits, without dramatically reducing the benefits offered to them. The benefit package needs to be revised, not necessarily reduced.	Given the right project in the right location, I am in favor of investigating the benefits a DDA could bring to the city. A DDA does not cost the city any money. Any INCREASE in taxes arising out of a new development would be allocated to the DDA district established through the authority. Given the right project, DDA monies could help to supplement city services in these designated areas.	A promise has been made to our retired administrative employees. A promise made is a promise kept. I do not believe that an annual cost of living increase should be approved unless the continuing cost thereof is budgeted for at the time the increase is given. I will not approve any increases which could result in increases in taxes in the future.	The current plan for present and future land use is well thought out and will provide for the financial stability of the city in the future. We must be careful to maintain this balance by not re-zoning commercial properties to residential. As we build out, the tax dollars generated by planned commercial projects will provide for the high quality of city services in the future which the community deserves.	Our current library is not adequate to serve the needs of our citizens. As the city grows, the library becomes more inadequate. Something has to be done. The decision on any millage proposal should, and will, be left to the voters.	I am the only incumbent running for city council. After having served seven years on the Planning Commission and four years on City Council, I am the only city council candidate who has the on-the-job experience necessary to lead this city forward in the future. I have a record of making the hard decisions and of being able to GET THE JOB DONE.	Hiring a new city manager is the most pressing short term goal. Addressing the ever increasing cost of health care and pension benefits is the most pressing goal which will affect residents on a long-term basis.	The growth of Novi in the upcoming few years will have a long-term impact on the tax base, city services, the quality of education and quality of life in general. I have a reputation of getting the job done and of making hard decisions.
We have many assets we can use to attract businesses. I do not support the usage of tax abatements to develop the last 20% of the city unless a rare, world-class opportunity presents itself. However, tax abatements could be used to retain businesses and fill vacant already-developed areas.	Everything is on the table. The co-pays and premiums that are currently paid are not sustainable for Novi and we must move to a defined contribution retirement plan. We must keep our promises to current retirees, work on compromise with current employees, and make changes for future employees.	Absolutely not. We must: Review outdated ordinances to alleviate appearances before the Zoning Board of Appeals; Use technology to simplify the permit process to make it user friendly; Ensure decisions rendered by the Planning/Building departments are consistent; Educate businesses on the Novi's vision and its Master Plan	The taxpayers deserve fiscal responsibility and the police building paid off in full. I believe and am in support of the remainder of the funds being allocated towards the city of current health care and pension benefits, and updating vehicles. I do not support the construction of a firing range.	When individuals consider unionizing the city maintain status quo as far as wages, benefits, and conditions of employment for those seeking to be in a union or face violating the Public Employment Relations Act. I urge business owners to listen to all city employees' concerns, union or non-union.	This is a very interesting question considering the current council requested an alternative plan from the developer of Main Street and they are no longer pursuing a DDA. That said, any future DDA plan that diverts taxes from citywide use must be meticulously examined and evaluated on its own merit.	As mentioned previously, we must keep our promises to current retirees, work with current employees, and make changes for future employees regarding benefits. Until that is accomplished, I cannot justify asking current employees to compromise and diverting this to the retirees.	I feel Novi, currently, does offer a diverse array of residential, commercial, and open land. However, as we approach build-out, we must be careful to maintain this balance by not re-zoning commercial properties to residential. As we build out, the tax dollars generated by planned commercial projects will provide for the high quality of city services in the future which the community deserves.	Novi must strive for the best quality of life for all citizens, young and old. The size of the library does not match the needs of our growing community. City council must be responsive to the needs of its residents, and any millage proposal will be considered on its merits and ultimately lie in the hands of the voters.	Naturally, all of us have been exposed to some facet of city government and I am confident my past government and professional experience qualifies me for this position. What differentiates me is my age. I don't want to wait 20 years to get involved because I care about the city's future now.	Long-term vision. This election is not about developing a city; it's about creating a community. The decisions made today regarding hiring a city manager, quality roads, healthcare, public safety, fiscal responsibility, will be the building blocks of Novi's long-term sustainability. The most pressing issue today is electing a council that recognizes this and can implement our long-term vision.	I have a vision of what Novi should look like in the future and a commitment to maintaining a well-balanced approach to city government. I intend to be a long-time Novi resident and would like to see this vision through.
I am in favor of targeted tax breaks. Novi must work to attract high tech businesses to increase the tax base and take some of the burden off of the citizens. Tax breaks should be used carefully and within policy guidelines as a one tool to attract or retain the right kind of development.	Most city employees are covered by negotiated contracts. We must work with these groups to bring costs under control. I also support moving future employees to a defined contribution pension plan rather than a defined benefit plan to cap future liability.	No. We must improve this process and do what is necessary to attract the right kind of development and diversify our tax base. The city's process should concentrate on safeguarding the community by focusing on important items, not tie up businesses by micromanaging their projects and adding unnecessary red tape.	First, pay down the police bond to recapture funds for police salaries. A firing range will allow our officers to be well trained, save money now spent on unnecessary trips out of our jurisdiction, and bring money into the city through rental fees. Further spending should be prioritized based on an analysis of the police department's recommendations.	They have a right to seek union representation. However, they have only one option for the right to seek a union. I believe they are concerned about their future wages and benefits. I can reach an equitable solution with them that will keep the city in good fiscal health.	I would support a DDA for an area that would not be developed without the use of a DDA. There was an initial proposal of a DDA for Main Street but that never moved past a discussion stage. The new viable proposal for Main Street without the DDA would indicate to me that it was not necessary for development of that area.	Current city retirees were promised a pension as a benefit of their employment. I would support a cost of living increase for current retirees as long as it can be fully funded. We must not leave the City with additional unfunded liabilities.	As we near build-out we must put our resources behind retaining green space and attracting Office Service Technology development before it is too late. We must execute a plan to attract the right kind of development, rather than allowing it to bypass our city.	The Library size has not kept pace with the city's growth. The voters will ultimately decide if they want to fund an expanded library. For the past three years the Library Board has worked to develop a reasonable scaled-down building plan, bring in private donations that currently total \$1,148,000 and conserve fiscal balances to assist with future costs. I would support a proposal for building costs.	My professional/educational background gives me a strong long-term orientation, the analytic skills to quickly understand complex issues, and an ability to get things done. In addition, I have a professional experience in some of the most important issues our city is facing including health care benefits, executive selection, employee relations and process improvement.	Because the person selected to be City Manager would influence the decision of the city for years, this is currently the most pressing issue. This issue, as well as others that face our city, will require positive leadership. We must have a Council that has the background that will help them understand, analyze these issues, make tough choices and continue moving forward without micromanaging and second guessing.	I believe in community service and working to make our community an even better place to live. My work on the Novi Library Board gave me a great deal of insight into the workings of this city. There is too much planning in isolation by the various entities that serve the citizens. We must work together more collaboratively to address the needs of the community.
I do not support tax abatements in order to attract new businesses. Novi has successfully attracted high-tech businesses like Husky and Inter (Magna) without relying on tax abatements. I support investments in infrastructure to attract and retain businesses that provide a positive economic impact in revenues and employment.	Yes. My employer, another municipality, did not proactively address long-term retirement and health care costs, so I know what it is to go without pay raises and have health care benefits reduced. Changes in these obligations can be negotiated benefiting employees while reducing long-term costs to taxpayers.	No. Based on feedback from residents and business owners, many people find the existing process difficult and time-consuming to navigate. City Council should direct city departments to develop methods to streamline existing processes, use technology to reduce paperwork and set firm deadlines for completing reviews.	The city should use the available funds to pay off the outstanding police station bonds freeing up general fund monies for needs that cannot be funded with the forfeiture funds. The proposed gun range would require operational and maintenance funding not covered by the windfall.	Administrative staff seeking union representation are doing so to protect their own interests. Instead of allowing an adversarial relationship to develop, City Council should create a framework that allows administrative staff to have input in how benefits are structured while recognizing the long-term financial need to control benefit costs.	No. If the City wishes to encourage development in the "downtown" area, City Council should retain control over how and where tax dollars are invested. A DDA would require that authority to be surrendered to an independent, non-elected board, for that reason, I would not support a DDA.	The City needs to keep agreements made with existing retirees. Current employee benefits should not be sacrificed to fund additional retiree benefits. I would consider only adjustments or increases that are fully funded. We can no longer pass along long-term costs to future taxpayers.	No. Over the past several years, the City Council has approved too many rezoning and development proposals for high-density residential developments while making little effort to acquire areas for open space. We need to say "No" to high-density development and "Yes" to preserving open spaces.	Our library's facilities and funding are inadequate to meet Novi's current and future needs. I support adequate library services and giving voters a voice in the future of the library. The Library Board needs to develop a viable proposal that can be placed on a ballot for voters to decide.	As Planning Commissioner or resident, my track record shows I stand up for residents. I listen, address their concerns, and do my best to ensure their homes, neighborhoods and investments in Novi are protected. I will continue to be a strong, effective and independent voice for residents.	Growth and its impact on city roads, services, finances, environment, community character and schools. I will continue to advocate for balanced growth that puts the protection of our homes and neighborhoods first. We need to invest wisely to accommodate existing growth but developers should not leave taxpayers holding the bill for future growth.	Novi is my hometown. I want the quality of life I have enjoyed to improve, not deteriorate. I am committed to being a hardworking advocate for residents. I have the experience and the historical perspective needed to contribute positively to the future direction of our city.
As a rule, no. Novi is a very attractive location for business both as a regional retail center and for commercial properties for many reasons. We do need to improve the planning and building review process. I would consider tax abatements for the few sites that qualify as redevelopment and are prominent within our city.	Yes. I have dealt with this issue successfully as a CFO for healthcare organizations over the last 18 years. It is a transition that is necessary for the long term health of the city, but it must be implemented in a manner that honors our commitments to our employees and health care organizations. We must take active steps to improve this now in order to attract and retain the balanced tax base that is necessary to keep our taxes as low as possible.	No. I have spoken with a number of local businessmen, residential developers and commercial developers on this specific topic. The process requires a comprehensive review to improve timeliness and enable deadlines to be met. We must take active steps to improve this now in order to attract and retain the balanced tax base that is necessary to keep our taxes as low as possible.	It should be used to pay down the existing debt on the current police department building; to upgrade all the necessary equipment the police require; to make sure all of the training that our officers need or that may have been put off is completed, and advance training should be funded. I would not invest in bricks and mortar unless it would result in a net positive cash impact on the City. I do not believe an expensive pistol range would accomplish this.	I am disappointed that they do not protect their interests as employees. They certainly do have this right and I believe there must be some underlying issues that is impeding their consideration of this action. As a business executive for the last twenty years, I understand that the employees are our most valuable asset, but that ultimately compensation and benefit levels must be fair to the staff and affordable to the City.	A DDA is primarily a tool for redevelopment of an area. DDA's by their nature, are neither good nor bad - it depends on the terms of the deal. At present, I do not believe Novi should support a DDA, especially one that would require a large initial investment of taxpayer dollars and create a negative long-term financial situation for the City.	In answering this question it is important to understand the benefit being provided to the retirees. We certainly need to live up to our obligation and commitment to them. A COLA is not part of that retirement. Also, the returns paid in little or nothing towards this benefit. I do not view increasing spending on a COLA as a requirement. It is something that should be considered in the overall context of the budget.	No. Novi has an excellent PLAN for a balance of residential and commercial land - especially with the high tech zoning district designed to attract this highly desirable tax base. The recently passed Master Plan for Novi bears my name as committee chair for the report development. Our city council needs to act on this plan and stop rezoning these properties to other uses.	The library is underfunded for our size and stature. Recent fund raising efforts have, as of 9/30/05, yielded total contributions of \$26,681 which came at a cost of \$31,028 - with a balance due on remaining consulting fees of over \$70,000. It may require a millage increase to realize a library that our city deserves. I would support putting an appropriate measure on a ballot and letting the taxpayers decide this issue.	My extensive financial experience as a CPA. Over 18 years of financial management experience with budgets larger than the City's budget, Planning Commission experience demonstrating a proven record of resident focused decision making. These are the cornerstone requirements to be an effective member of City Council and my background in this area is unique among all of the candidates.	In the short term, hiring a city manager. In the long term, the financial transition from a growing, expanding community to a mature, built out community that has a tax base that does not grow. We must structure our budget so that we can afford it with no tax increases and no reduction in resident services in the future.	Three reasons: 1. To add a strong resident focused voice to Council 2. To be an active participant in making a significant difference in the management of our city. 3. To make sure that every tax dollar spent is justified by a compelling reason that serves the best interest of the residents and taxpayers of Novi.
There is a place for business-government partnerships, as long as they can be justified by a cost-benefit analysis showing a net return to the taxpayers of Novi. In addition, we need to make sure that businesses demanding police and fire protection, schools, water, sewage treatment, waste disposal, roads and other public improvements pay their proportionate share of the expense.	I support immediately beginning an ongoing process of evaluation, communication and negotiation with all City employees, or their bargaining units, regarding their existing retirement and health care benefits. Through a partnership with our employees, we need to tackle these challenging issues and find fair and equitable solutions to the increasing costs. I prefer that we plan and manage change rather than waiting until a financial crisis is upon us.	If you listen to our City's customers (businesses, developers, builders, etc.) the answer is a resounding NO! Novi reputation for being difficult seems to have been well established and it is time to start addressing the problems. Inadequate staffing, poor technology and poor customer service are issues that require City Council attention.	First, we need to listen to the professional leadership team led by our Police Chief and City Manager. Action has already been taken to allocate forfeiture funds, including to pay off a portion of the bonding and to build a pistol firing range. I would support completion of both those undertakings. I support seeking out items in the Police Dept. budget that can be paid out of forfeiture funds instead of General Fund.	I think that some of the administrative staff felt threatened by impending reductions in health and retirement benefits and acted in a logical and calculated manner. Clearly, a breakdown in communication has occurred and the employees have not been given an opportunity to voice their concerns or have their questions answered. The administrative employees have made it clear they are not satisfied with the status quo and are looking for changes.	Not at this time, however, I think it would be impossible for me to say that I would never support a DDA. Much like tax breaks, if a cost-benefit analysis showed a significant net return to the taxpayers of Novi, I would consider it very carefully. DDA's are very powerful tools when used properly.	I support periodic cost of living increases for City of Novi retirees. City Manager Rick Helwig stated that the foundation for this community through City services, and to have their pension eroded through inflation costs of living forever he didn't think was fair. I agree completely. It is a morally indefensible position to use "fiscal responsibility" to justify never increasing pension benefits for our retirees.	No. Our City is heavy on residential and retail development. Greater emphasis should be placed on medical, O&T and commercial development that provides high paying jobs for our local economy. Efforts to preserve and protect significant open space, natural areas, wildlife habitat and develop parks and trails for present and future generations have been inconsistent at best.	I want to see a modern, first class library that will serve the needs of our residents now and long into the future. I am very encouraged by the fundraising efforts related to the library. I have not yet decided whether I will support a millage as a City Council member. While I am fundamentally opposed to increased taxes, as a City Council member, I answer to the voters and I will listen to them and decide issues based on their wants, not mine.	My unique combination of business and non-profit experience brings perspective to my deliberations. I have the ability to encourage new thinking within a group or organization and search for new and better solutions; my passion for volunteerism (i.e. serving without the expectation of recognition or reward); my spirit of innovation and my capacity and willingness to learn the way.	The most pressing issue facing the City of Novi is the increasing cost of employee health insurance and retiree benefits. As I stated previously, I support immediately beginning an ongoing process of evaluation, communication and negotiation with all City employees, or their bargaining units, regarding their existing retirement and health care benefits. The clock is ticking and we need solutions.	Novi is in the early stages of significant change. Whether those changes are initiated and managed by our elected officials or by uncontrollable forces, they are inevitable. I am committed to leading change and working with my colleagues on City Council to make the difficult decisions that will ultimately allow Novi to continue to survive and prosper. My only interest is doing a good job serving the voters and taxpayers of the City of Novi.

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# BUSINESS

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## Computers revolutionize restaurant industry

Hand-helds used in various venues

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It may not be long before your waiter or waitress will be taking your dinner order on a personal digital assistant.

Technology is sweeping the restaurant industry, making everything from order-taking to food delivery faster and more efficient, according to Mark Wiebel of the Michigan Restaurant Association.

As president of the association, Wiebel, who also serves as president of the Wiebel Restaurant Group in Bloomfield Hills, keeps up on cutting-edge advances in the industry.

Wiebel, who was in Novi last week for the association's two-day meeting at Rock Financial Showplace, said most of the changes recently are in the point-of-sale process.

Although restaurant owners have more upscale, indoor dining servers in outdoor areas and more casual venues are using handheld computers for food order taking.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NOVI NEWS  
Linda Morton, owner of Lamb and Co., a restaurant food supplier, dishes out some chocolate chip cookie samples during last week's Michigan Restaurant Association show at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi.

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But on patios, casino floors, stadiums, arenas and at golf clubs it's perfect. CDI recently set up hand-helds at a hotel ball facility, Bickley noted.

"The more you can help a hospitality organization meet the customer's expectations — that's what it's all about," Bickley said.

"The key to any restaurant business is hospitality," according to Carrabba.

"One thing I try to get across to all of the Carrabba's is that we have a philosophy of 'The answer is yes, what's the question?'" he said. "If we live by that philosophy, I feel we'll be successful."

"No matter what kind of business you run — family or chain — you still have to worry about food, service, cleanliness, atmosphere and ambiance," Carrabba said.

"She drives herself to work five days a week," Carrabba said. A lot of her recipes are part of the Carrabba's Italian Grill menu.

"The first cookbook basically has recipes that we grew up on," Carrabba said. The second cookbook is called "Ciao Sicily" as the two cooks are full-blooded Sicilians.

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## Carrabba's creates dishes just like at home

Owner visits Novi location

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Restaurant Johnny Carrabba has one thing on his mind — to make your meal taste like his mom made it.

As co-founder of Carrabba's Italian Grill, with eight locations in Michigan, he has been successful in bringing family recipes to the mainstream. The Novi restaurant is located on West Oaks Drive on the west side of Novi Road just south of I-96 east of the entrance to West Oaks Mall.

Carrabba, of Houston, was invited to Novi last week to give a presentation on the restaurant business at the two-day Michigan Restaurant Association show at the Rock Financial Showplace.

"I talked about the fundamentals of the restaurant business — hospitality and culture," Carrabba said. He also visited the Novi restaurant on Oct. 17.

He comes from a family-run business, a mom-and-pop-type Italian restaurant, Carrabba's has been in business 19 years.

About 12 years ago, Outback Steakhouse approached the family about entering into a joint venture — Carrabba's Italian Grill.

During his talk, he discussed how a family business and a public company can come together.

"No matter what kind of business you run — family or chain — you still have to worry about food, service, cleanliness, atmosphere and ambiance," Carrabba said.

"The key to any restaurant business is hospitality," according to Carrabba.

"One thing I try to get across to all of the Carrabba's is that we have a philosophy of 'The answer is yes, what's the question?'" he said. "If we live by that philosophy, I feel we'll be successful."

Just like mom used to make

Pollo Rosa Maria, named after Johnny Carrabba's mother, Rose Mandola Carrabba, is one of the co-founder's favorite dishes at Carrabba's Italian Grill.

The entree features a chicken breast stuffed with prosciutto (an Italian ham) and fontina cheese topped with mushrooms and a basil lemon butter sauce.

"It's been on the menu since day one," Carrabba said. Carrabba's Italian Grill in Novi is located at 43455 West Oaks Drive. For more information, call (248) 735-0400.

Promoting third cookbook

He's promoting his third new book, "Ciao Tuesday," that came out about nine months which includes recipes from the PBS series "Cucina Toscana," now in its third season in 40 markets.

Carrabba created the book with Damian Mandola, his uncle, co-founder of Carrabba's Italian Grill.

"He's really the food guy for the company," Carrabba said. The two were asked to do the cooking show on PBS, and with each series, a cookbook followed.

The first cookbook was "Ciao Y'all," since they're Texas boys. That title came up when someone asked them how they would say hello as Italian Texans.

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Three different menus a year

The restaurant rotates three different menus throughout the year to give regular diners variety, and management adds new specials to the menu all the time. There's a new wine list, too.

Mark Wiebel, president of the Wiebel Restaurant Group in Bloomfield Hills, who works with Carrabba's Italian Grill, said the Novi restaurant is doing well.

Its location helps, with its proximity to Main Street, Town Center, Twelve Oaks Mall, Fountain Walk, West Oaks Mall and West Oaks II Mall.

"Those synergies are great for eating establishments," Wiebel said.

Other Metro Detroit locations are in Canton, Southgate and Sterling Heights.

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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### New salon takes center stage

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The all-inclusive salon will offer facilities all day long, including massages, live demonstrations from products sold at the salon, food, drinks and giveaways.

The salon will close their grand opening with the first annual Halloween Extravaganza masquerade party beginning at 9 p.m.

Guests can look forward to live entertainment, adult games, giveaways and plenty of food and drinks.

Kali's is located inside the Woodland Music Plaza at 26123 Novi Road. For more information, services or future appointments, call (248) 344-4655.

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Halloween is back in Novi and things are going to get

# Spooky!

By Ramez Khuri  
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It's that time of year again. Soon ghouls, vampires, zombies, pirates, werewolves, ghosts and Darth Vader will be walking the streets of Novi in search of one thing: CANDY.

And if you don't give it to them, they might just have to pull some kind of trick on you. You may ask how the good citizens of Novi get to be transformed into these sinister monsters. The answer lies within the Novi Town Center at a store called Halloween USA.

The place is a Halloween enthusiast's dream. It sells anything from props to throw-your-own-party, masks, costumes, makeup, latex prosthetics and any other scary thing you could possibly think of. But it's not only geared toward kids, however. According to Dahi Hatt, the store's manager, people can purchase as many props geared for adults as they can for their little ones.

"Halloween gets bigger and bigger every year," Hatt said. "I think adults are re-creating their childhoods, and it's a time where you can have fun and be anybody you want to be. We've got it all."

This year's popular kids costumes have to do with Star Wars, Episode III. Costumes of Darth Vader, Anakin Skywalker, Clone Troopers and Yoda are flying off the shelves at a rapid pace.

Also popular are the more traditional pirate suits, vampires, skeletons and grim reapers. Girls, however, tend to be more interested in princess outfits, ballerinas, fairies and witches.

"Adults will do just about anything," Hatt said. "They wear beer keg costumes, beer bottle costumes, toilet costumes, a baby in a high chair, sumo wrestlers, muscular ketchup, big babies. That's typical and they add to these costumes every year. We also sell fake blood, wigs, teeth and fangs. You name it."

Jon Shroyer, who is a 2005 graduate of Novi High School, has been working at Halloween USA for three years now. He has high aspirations of some day doing makeup

**Novi Town Center's Halloween USA employee Heather Lee checks out one of the more unique decorations available at her shop: a creepy, tuxedoed butler guy with a serving tray of three rats and a spider on his head.**

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News



and special effects for movies.

"This is my fun seasonal job," he said. "Halloween is my favorite holiday, but I play with this stuff year-round. My mom is sick of it because she'll find blood on the ground, red stains everywhere, and arms and body parts in random places."

In addition to his Halloween USA job, Shroyer also finds himself at a few Halloween parties each year, and he helps his friends out by letting them borrow some props for their parties. He enjoys helping them get their makeup on and also works at some of the more popular haunted houses, such as Pontiac's Eebies.

**How to put on a good party**

If someone were to ask Shroyer how to put on a good Halloween party, he would help out by taking them through the store and showing them exactly what they would need.

He explained that people should decorate their rooms to look like

dungeons, or set up a bunch of dummies, props, such as fake snakes, and spider webs everywhere. They should also invest in a few fog machines and have one room filled with black lights.

"They should also have random things that make noise, or jump out at you, just to offset people and make them take double takes," Shroyer said. "And if you're the host, go as extreme with your costume and try to win everyone else."

Shroyer recommends makeup and prosthetics because he says there's more personality to those items.

"Instead of just a mask, you can actually accentuate your features and make it look more realistic," Shroyer said. "With latex prosthetics, there is a little more character put into them."

Shroyer explained that there are different types of latex items for sale. There are pre-made latex prosthetics, which alter your face, or one can purchase liquid latex, which is a liquid form of rubber.

"Latex prosthetics glue to your face to make it look like you have cuts, burns, scars, or to make you look like a demon," Shroyer said. "You actually glue this soft rubber appliance to your face and when you move your eyebrows or your face, it moves with it and it adds a little more personality."

Shroyer has gotten so good at manipulating the rubber, that he can make it look like he has raised skin that's tearing open, or abrasions or glass in his face.

"With liquid latex, one can mold it on their face with cotton balls or tissue paper to make themselves

look old. They can even make it look like they have open wounds. "You can also paint it on your face, and when it dries you pull on it and it rips it, and then paint it skin color, so it looks like you have popped blisters or skin dangling," Shroyer said. "The possibilities are endless with that stuff. It all depends on the limitations of your imagination and how much time and money you want to spend."

Shroyer said that many people use liquid latex to make themselves look like zombies, put wounds on their faces, or look like hospital victims.

For more information about the candy buy-back, call Spillane & Reynolds Orthodontics at (248) 344-8400 or visit their Web site, www.nyamazingssmile.com.

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## Got candy?

Orthodontists buy back sweets

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Two Novi orthodontists want your Halloween candy. And, they'll even pay you for it.

Lawrence Spillane and James Reynolds of Spillane & Reynolds Orthodontics at 45500 10 Mile Road in Novi announce a Halloween Candy Buy-Back starting Tuesday through Friday, Nov. 11, during normal office hours.

The orthodontists will pay \$1 for each pound of Halloween treats collected. In addition, the business will donate \$1 for each pound collected to the American Red Cross for the Hurricane Disaster Relief Fund.

The first 50 participants will also receive a special prize. "Halloween is a fun holiday for kids of all ages," Spillane said. "But, too much candy can contribute to tooth decay, especially for people who wear braces. Eating sticky or chewy candy can harm their braces and may lengthen their orthodontic treatment."

The orthodontists recommend that children who wear braces avoid such snacks as caramel, nuts, hard candies, licorice, taffy, jelly beans and bubble gum. They also advise patients to steer away from popcorn, especially unpopped kernels, hard pretzels and taco chips.

"Soft candies like chocolate or melt-in-your-mouth varieties are acceptable in moderation," Spillane said. In addition, regular brushing and flossing are essential to good dental care and especially for those who wear braces.

For more information about the candy buy-back, call Spillane & Reynolds Orthodontics at (248) 344-8400 or visit their Web site, www.nyamazingssmile.com.

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## Novi takes fifth at Plymouth-Canton

By Diane Hanson  
CORRESPONDENT

Left standing in the chill of Saturday night for an additional 15 minutes due to a timing glitch, the Novi Wickett marchers still managed to warm up the evening with their colorful, fast-paced program, "Prisms," during the Great Lakes Invitational at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park in Canton.

"There was some confusion in the time, so they had to stand out a little longer in the cold weather, but they came through it," said Lee Bonner, assistant director of the Novi High School Marching Band. "I think they did a very good job considering the time elements and the weather elements."

Indeed they did. In spite of the extra time in the cold, Novi took fifth place of the nine Flight I bands competing in the 26-band invitational. They have also accumulated some trophies during the season—taking first at South Lyon and second at both Clippewa Valley and Westland John Glenn.

"This year's show is absolutely amazing," said drum major Jennifer White, a Novi senior. "There is so much energy. The music is great; the drill is great; and this is not an easy show at all."

Bonner agrees. "They've come a long, long way," he said. Their biggest goal is just to go out there and perform their product very, very well. The job now is to clean up the show and put all the final touches in and get them ready to go for the final run at the Dome (the State Championships at the Silverdome on Nov. 5).



Flutists (front to back) Kahori Yamada, Heather Wigley, Stephanie Chen, Michele Grabow hit the high notes during the Novi marchers performance of "Prisms" at the Plymouth-Canton Great Lakes Invitational Saturday.

Other area bands at Saturday's competition included South Lyon (first), Milford (second) and Westland John Glenn (sixth) in Flight I. Lakeland (8th), Walled Lake Central (second) and Livonia Franklin (6th) in Flight II, and Farmington Harrison (second) in Flight III. The Plymouth-Canton band played in judged exhibition as hosts of the event.

## SCHOOL BRIEFS

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The EF Foundation is seeking families to host foreign exchange students for one semester starting in January. Share your American home, high school and community with a representative

from another culture. Call Linda Locy at (248) 349-5599 with any questions.

Shop Til You Drop 4-8 p.m., Friday Nov. 4, at Novi Woods Elementary School

Raffle tickets are a \$1 each, and more than 20 vendors will be selling jewelry, clothing, skin care, knitted items, doll clothes and more. Admission is free.

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## A trick or a treat? ■ When are 'kids' too old to celebrate Halloween?

By Ramez Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

Come Monday night, the children of Novi will be decked out in different costumes and hitting the streets on foot to go trick-or-treating.

If you look closely, however, some may appear a little taller than others. That's because many high schoolers will be joining the youngsters in all the Halloween fun.

But when is it too old to go trick-or-treating? According to some Novi high teens, that day will never come.

"I'm a child at heart, so I can't stop trick-or-treating," said Christopher Alberty, senior class president. "I really enjoy the experience because it brings back childhood memories when you're out there with your friends running around the neighborhood at night."

Junior Arthi Chandrasekaran is 16 years old, and though she's old

enough to drive, she still considers herself a kid. Her plans involve going trick-or-treating and maybe hitting a Halloween party or two.

"We're still creating memories," Chandrasekaran said. "We're still kids. We're going trick-or-treating in my neighborhood. I do get weird looks now and then, but I haven't gotten anyone saying anything to me because I'm not tall and I don't act that old. Most people think I'm 11 or 12 years old."

Senior Kevin O'Keefe believes that the reason some of his peers stop going is not because they're too old physically, but because they get too old mentally.

"People mentally psych themselves out into believing they're too old to go trick-or-treating instead of letting go and having a good time. For people who trick-or-treat well into their teens, one of the things

that keeps them going is the fact that it's the one day of the year that they can dress up and act like something they're not.

**No peer pressure** It can be tough on teenagers when adults tell them they're too old for Halloween, but what about when it's people their own age who try to discourage them?

Alberty explained that many of his peers are pretty judgmental and believe that it's "not cool" to dress up.

"There are kids who think like they're in their 20s when they're still in high school," he said. "It's almost like kids are too willing to grow up, rather than just having a good time while they can. Now is the time to live it up."

Senior Andy Stevens agreed, saying that it's too bad when his friends try to discourage him from trick-or-

treating. But Chandrasekaran offered some advice. She said that when her peers tell her not to go, she does anyway, and doesn't tell them about it.

"I think that kids who don't dress up for spirit week or who don't go trick-or-treating, like life way too seriously," Alberty said. "I think they're too self-conscious. I choose to go because I love being a kid."

O'Keefe said he understands that some people are just not into the holiday and he's not going to knock anyone for that. But at the same time, he would like them to understand that many do enjoy celebrating, and they shouldn't be knocking it either.

"Halloween is one of the only days of the year that you can be someone that you aren't, and nobody's going to judge you," O'Keefe said. "I would encourage everyone to get all decked out and go to a party or trick-or-treating."

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## TASTY! Popular sweets make great Halloween treats

By Tracy Mishler  
STAFF WRITER

Many kids in Northville and Novi can't wait to put on their princess tiaras and goblin masks and go door-to-door for all their favorites.

"You can buy candy any time," Jacobson said, "but Halloween candy is different."

Many stores have been stocked with bags of chocolate bars and sweet treats for several weeks. By the week of Halloween, Jeff Bidoul, of the Northville Meijer store, said all the good stuff gets snatched up.

**What do kids want?** "Snicker's and Reese's," said Mark Brecan, shift supervisor for CVS in Northville. "We get tons of boxes for Halloween. It's crazy."

Brecan, 22, said he remembers getting pennies and egg pop cans in his trick-or-treat bag as a kid.

"People give some strange stuff," he said. "But most of the time it was when they ran out of candy."

Judy Danaker gives out full-size candy bars. "My kids come home and sort

everything out," said the Northville Township resident. "They're looking for chocolate."

Danaker said she buys a wide variety of Halloween candy. "A little bit of this, a little bit of that," she said. "And sometimes when I run out, I give out old tennies. Some kids like it."

Josh Kelly, 7, of Northville Township, said going trick-or-treating with his brother, Joe, and dad, Rick, is his favorite.

"We try and get as much candy as we can," Kelly said. "I trade my brother the stuff I don't like when we get home."

Kelly said he looks for the Sour Patch Kids and Sweet Tarts. "That's this one house on my street that gives chips every year," he said. "I give those to my dad."

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## Halloween tricks keep the old young ■ No age limit on Spooky Day fun

By Tracy Mishler  
STAFF WRITER

Bianche Richardson won't give up her purple hair and clown shoes. After 20 years, Richardson still dons the same rainbow color threads for Halloween and won't have it any other way.

"I love dressing up as a clown," said the 86-year-old Meadowbrook Commons resident. "Seniors need the spirit that fall and the Halloween holiday brings."

"If I can bring a smile to some-

one's face everyday, then my day is complete."

Many seniors still enjoy the fun of decorating and dressing up for ghoulish holiday.

"I've encouraged many seniors living here to dress up," Richardson said. "I think it's important for them to go back to their childhood roots, because Halloween isn't just for children."

Larae Bell agrees and enjoys decorating her apartment with smiling pumpkins and straw-filled scarecrows.

"The decorations are the most important part of Halloween," said the 76-year-old resident. "The candy's important, too."

Although there are no trick-or-treaters knocking on the Meadowbrook Commons residents' doors, Bell leaves candy on here doorsteps for anyone craving sweets.

"My favorite is Milky Ways," Bell said. "Candy Corn is good, too, but anything milk chocolate really makes me smile."

Residents from the Meadowbrook Commons and other

senior community members will come together for the Spooky Day celebrations Monday and share a tasty Halloween lunch.

"You can't miss Spooky Day," Bell said. "We never grow up, you know—it's too much fun not to."

Both Richardson and Bell will join other members for games and ghoulish activities, while the staff prances around in their colorful pirate costumes.

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# EDUCATION

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## What to do when Uncle Sam wants your child

Parents can omit their children's names from lists

By Ramez Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

From now on, when the Army, Navy, Air Force, or Marines need information, they won't be required to file a Freedom of Information Act to obtain it.

Public high schools are now required by law to provide military recruiters with a list of their students' names so that they may be contacted.

Parents, on the other hand, may request that their children be omitted from this list—a fact that Novi High School makes perfectly clear in the August packet sent to every student's household.

"I maintain the integrity of a parent's or a child's privacy if

they wish not to have that information provided," said John Lawrence, Novi High School principal. "I certainly want to protect that."

Bob Schram, executive director of administrative services for Novi schools, explained that the district usually only gets about one request per year from a military organization. Prior to the federal government's No Child Left Behind Act, they had to file a Freedom of Information Act to obtain the information.

"We still give out the information, although at that time we didn't give out phone numbers," Schram said. "We gave out names and addresses, but this new law requires names, addresses and phone numbers."

Schram said that the Marines were the most recent service to request information, but the Army has in the past as well. He didn't recall ever receiving a request from the Air Force or Navy, however.

"Parents have omitted their children from that list for many

reasons over the years," Schram said. "That's not new. I think people are afraid they're going to have some Marine guy standing at their front door knocking, and that's not the case."

The military organization, once it obtains information on a student, will mail information out to them.

"Obviously, we need people to man our armed services," Schram said. "But we haven't seen or heard anything where there is any high pressure on the students to join. It's mainly contact by mail now."

Lawrence said that if parents would like their children's name off the list, they would have to notify him in writing.

The Novi High School mailing address is 24062 Taft Road, Novi, MI 48374

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### WHERE WE STAND

## Interchange opens: Thank you to all responsible

First it took voters approving a 2000 road bond that took \$18.4 million of Novi taxpayers' money. Then it took over \$90 million in road improvement funds from a variety of sources - local, county, state, federal and private. Next came the efforts of representatives like State Sen. Nancy Cusick and Speaker of the House Craig DeRoche who fought hard and long. They were joined by city and county officials and local business leaders. And it didn't hurt that Providence Hospital donated the land. So the next time you get on or off I-96 at Beck Road, realize that it took many years and many people to make that new interchange a reality. It was worth fighting for, and our hats are off to all who were involved in the process.

## Debates were flawless, nearly

I'm not too big on being in front of crowds, unless I've got my right hand to my left. In fact, I used to dread having to get up in front of speech class to make a presentation as a kid, but it's gotten better over the years.

So last Thursday's candidates debate at city hall was a little unnerving for me as the event's moderator. I was well prepared, though. Lots of readers had submitted questions for consideration well in advance, and I narrowed those down to 12 - the time allowed for only six, but I wanted to make sure I had backups.

I picked out my best suit and a purple shirt and tie, polished my shoes and chipped a couple of breath mints.

I felt great as I walked around chatting with audience members and candidates before the council members squared off and during the full before the mayoral candidates spoke.

Folks, I had never met come up, shook hands and introduced themselves while offering comments on the debates, and our newspaper.

I talked a bit to Kathy Mutch about an upcoming photo contest the Novi Historical Commission and Novi News are putting together, and her son Andrew showed me in his laptop a video presentation he made at the Capitol.

All in all, things went very smoothly. I didn't goof up any of the questions, I didn't get caught by the cameras nodding off for a few seconds, and there were no violent arguments between candidates.

A success by any measure. Except, of course, when I sat down to look up my microphone right before the mayoral debate and noticed that zipper on my pants was all the way open. You know, you can't think of everything.

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK  
Dance students Kirsten Koetsch, Lexie Streicher, and Carley DeRoche, left, get into the first position during their pre-ballet and tap dance class at the Sports Club of Novi on a recent Tuesday morning. The class is one of many that's offered through Novi Community Education. For more information on classes, call (248) 449-1206. The class was taught by Carrie Grosso.

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## LETTERS

### Choose Fischer

It has been said that "character, like good soup is usually homemade". This is one of the reasons that I invite you to look at Justin Fischer for Novi City Council.

Justin was born and raised in Novi. He is involved with the City and currently serves as the Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals. This is one of the most difficult boards to serve on and he performs his task admirably.

His financial education and professional background will be an important asset to the next council. As Novi builds out and state revenue sharing declines along with the impact of the Healthy Amendment, City Council will be required to make the correct financial decisions. Difficult decisions. I believe Justin has the experience to help steer the city in the right direction.

Justin reminds me of an energetic and bright person that I had the pleasure to serve with on City Council, Craig DeRoche. Of course, I am referring to our Speaker of the House, Craig DeRoche. Justin has a similar passion for public service.

Justin will bring a different perspective to council, which is a good thing. He is an independent thinker. At the council candidate forum he demonstrated a good grasp of the issues facing our city today.

So please cast your ballot for Justin Fischer. I will, and I think he will make me proud.

Lou Corvado  
Mayor of Novi

### Backs Mutch

Andrew Mutch has my vote for Novi City Council. Of his many qualities that I support him well, I have three reasons to support him.

First, he gathers and shares information. His communication and research skills are used in his technology position with Waterford Township. His expertise with environmental issues comes from his personal interests, community work and volunteer efforts with the Friends of Novi Parks. He has network connections with Michigan environmental specialists and an understanding of how local and state government works. Last summer he presented graphs, photos, and other support data for the City Council and Parks and Recreation Commission meetings concerning the opportunity for a land grant proposal for our city, working to preserve green spaces within our city. If these areas are developed, we will lose their natural beauty and wildlife.

Secondly, Andrew listens to people with an open mind. Village Oaks Subdivision hosted a Meet the Candidates evening with a forum that allowed those of us in attendance to spend 12 minutes with each candidate. Some candidates tried to prevent any questions or dialogue by using their time to lecture. Andrew listens and concerns residents have by being a listener, something he'll continue to do before taking action.

A third reason I know Andrew will be a good council member is his positive attitude. Watching him in action making presentations to council and other groups and at the time, he refuses to engage in critical or pessimistic comments or actions. When others become frustrated or discouraged, Andrew finds a new approach to communicate or accomplish a task. His energy, enthusiasm, and ability to work with others will be an asset to our council.

On November 8th I urge you to vote, and I ask you to cast a vote for Andrew Mutch.

Alice Cardella  
Novi

Justin Fischer is my choice for Novi City Council. I had the pleasure of meeting Justin several years ago through our mutual friend, State Senator Nancy Cusick. I have always been impressed with the poised, professional, and drive to succeed Justin has always exhibited. That is why I fully support his candidacy for Novi City Council.

The experience Justin has gained as chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals is an invaluable asset. But what is more important is the work ethic that Justin has shown in his years on the ZBA. I was thoroughly impressed at the dedication he displayed to his position and the residents of Novi when I heard that, while working for Congressman Mike Rogers, he traveled at his own expense to and from Washington D.C. to fulfill his Zoning Board of Appeals duties. It is this type of self-sacrificing dedication that we need on our City Council.

It must also be said that Justin is a team player. In the time I have known Justin, he has always been one to go the extra mile to

get the job done. He is not short-sighted and he always keeps an eye on the long-run goals in mind. Along with the aforementioned attributes, Justin also exhibits a great sense of self-willingness to compromise, a skill that is needed and often tested as a City Council member.

And last, but certainly not least, the energy and enthusiasm Justin would bring to City Council are attributes I feel would greatly benefit the council. He will offer a fresh perspective to all residents and lead with an open mind. It is clear that Justin is passionate about the City of Novi, but more importantly, his future.

Please join me in voting for Justin Fischer on November 8!

Tom Steffler  
Novi

It seems that virtually everywhere I see a campaign sign for Sprague. I also see one for Mutch. Is this a state? If so what of it? Is that a bad thing? I don't think so. It seems that I also see a lot of grouping of signs for Landy, Capello, Margolis and Staudt. Is this a state? If so what of it? Is that a bad thing? I don't think so.

When I see signs posted in this manner I interpret them as candidates who are like-minded on many matters. I certainly don't expect each candidate to vote identical to the others on all matters. I do interpret it as candidates who are like-minded on many matters and who share a similar approach to the problems facing our city and the potential solutions. I like to know which candidates are of like mind. In this way I find it helpful as a voter having to choose among many candidates.

One thing is certain, if sign placement means anything, there is not one but two slates of candidates in this election.

Bruce Lys  
Novi

Andrew Mutch is running for a seat on the Novi City Council after already having served the city of Novi for over 12 years in various capacities from the Planning Commission, Housing & Community Development, Library Board, Master Planning & Zoning Committee, and many other public commissions.

In his dozen years of service to the city, when making decisions, Mr. Mutch first considers sound financial management, long range planning, and taking care of Novi's current residents. When considering the rate of growth and its effects, Andrew focuses on putting first things first. Yes, Andrew has often asked difficult questions of developers and of the city, especially when millions of dollars of the Novi citizens' money is at stake.

Mr. Mutch's knowledge of technology and research, and his desire to thoroughly understand complex issues has made him a great advocate for citizen's issues and will make him uniquely qualified to be one of the most effective city leaders on the council.

At every stage of Mr. Mutch's public career, public praise and awards have followed him. Recently, the Michigan Environmental Council awarded the Friends of Novi Parks, a group Mr. Mutch founded, a "Land Use Hero" award for his efforts advocating for Novi's parkland.

In September 2000, Mayor Clark presented the Michigan Library Association's Walter H. Kaiser Award to Andrew Mutch for his broad knowledge of computer applications in libraries. He shared his technical expertise, leadership and vision with the Novi Library Board and Planning Commission thus improving the quality of life in the community.

Kim T. Capello  
Novi

While on council, in October 2001, (now) Michigan's Speaker of the House, Craig DeRoche said that Andrew Mutch "was someone who has a way of getting to issues that really matter and is an independent voice and a young person that should be welcomed in the community."

Why should Andrew Mutch be elected to City Council? Because he has experience, intelligence, perseverance, a love of Novi's past and a vision for its future. These are the attributes that Andrew Mutch brings to the Novi City Council. And I truly believe that there is not a better qualified candidate for this year's election. Please support Andrew Mutch for City Council.

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# FAITH

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## Holy Family Church assisting foreign craftspeople

**Sale to be held second weekend in November**

The Holy Family Church pre-Christmas sale is scheduled for 5-7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12 and 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13. It is being sponsored by the Peace & Justice Committee in partnership with Catholic Relief Services. The church is located at 24505 Meadowbrook Road, between Grand River and 10 Mile Road. Call (248) 349-8847 or visit [www.holyfamilynovi.org](http://www.holyfamilynovi.org) for more information.

By Ramez Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

As the air becomes cooler by the day, folks at the Holy Family Church in Novi have begun planning their first ever pre-Christmas sale.

Patrons will be able to purchase handcrafted items, provided by Work of Human Hands and made by artisans from less developed nations throughout the world.

Examples of available items include clothing, jewelry, Christmas ornaments and Nativity scenes, along with Fair Trade chocolate and coffee.

Purchases give these farmers and artisans access to the U.S.

market without providing financial profit to multi-national corporations, and help to provide hope and economic opportunity to countless people struggling to build a life of dignity.

Mark Robinson, chair-person of the Peace & Justice Committee, explained that Catholic Relief Services works with people in developing areas of the world, like Latin America and Africa.

The items for sale will be made by people in the developing countries, and will go directly from them, through Catholic Relief Services, to the church.

"We will sell the items, and

we don't keep any of the money," Robinson said. "All the money will be sent back through Catholic relief services to the people who produce the items. It gives people in poorer countries access to the American market and cuts out the middle man so that they're receiving a more fair payment for their work."

The sale is open to the public, and the church would like to encourage anyone in the community to participate.

Items range in prices from \$1.50 for candy bars to about \$60 for Christmas manger scenes.

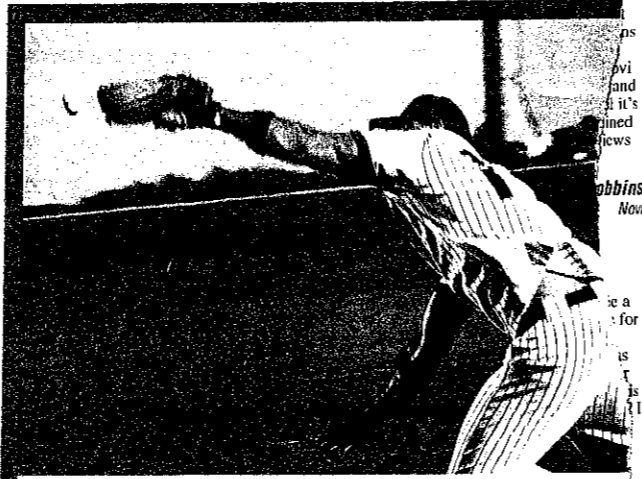
"You can expect to pay the

same kind of prices at any department store at the mall," Robinson said. "There are a variety of handmade Christmas ornaments that are going to sell from anywhere between \$6 and \$12. There will be a large variety."

Patrons will be able to purchase items using cash and checks, but not credit cards.

"This is just a good way to provide assistance for people in other countries who are trying to develop themselves," Robinson said. "It's not charity; it's rewarding them for their hard work."

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### ELECTION NOTICE NOVEMBER 8, 2005 FOR CITY OF NOVI NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS SOUTH LYON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

To the Qualified and Registered Electors of the City of Novi - Oakland County, Michigan  
Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2005 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the following Polling Locations:

PREGINCT	LOCATION	ADDRESS
1	Meadowbrook Congregational Church	21355 Meadowbrook Road
2	Meadowbrook Congregational Church	21355 Meadowbrook Road
3	Village Oaks Elementary School	23333 Willowbrook Road
4	Novi United Methodist Church	41671 Ten Mile Road
5	Orchard Hills Elementary School	41900 Quince
6	Holy Family Catholic Church	24505 Meadowbrook Road
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8	Meadowbrook Elementary School	23200 Meadowbrook Road
9	Portsmouth Apartment Clubhouse	31170 Wallington Drive
10	Hickory Woods Elementary School	30855 Novi Road
11	Faith Community Presbyterian Church	44400 W. Ten Mile Road
12	Novi Meadows School/ ITC Bldg.	25299 Taft Road
13	St. James Catholic Church	46325 W. Ten Mile Road
14	Novi Civic Center	45175 West Ten Mile Road
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16	Thornton Creek Elementary School	46180 West Nine Mile Road
17	Novi Civic Center	45175 West Ten Mile Road

For the purpose of electing candidates for the following offices:  
MAYOR (two year term) Vote for (1) One:  
Keith A. Kuhn  
David S. Landry  
CITY COUNCIL (four year term) Vote for (3) Three:  
Kim T. Capello  
Justin Fischer  
Terry Kathryn Margolis  
Cwren Markham  
Andrew Mutch  
Lowell M. Sprague  
David Slawdt

If you are a Novi resident in the Northville Public School District, the election will also be held for the purpose of voting on the following proposal:

#### OPERATING MILLAGE PROPOSAL EXEMPTING PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE AND QUALIFIED AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY

This proposal will enable the school district to levy the statutory rate of 18 mills on all property except principal residence and qualified agricultural property required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, exempting therefrom principal residence and qualified agricultural property as defined by law, in Northville Public Schools, Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, be increased by 3 mills (\$30.00 on each \$1,000.00 of taxable valuation) for a period of 8 years, 2005 to 2012, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes, the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2005 is approximately \$44,928 (this millage is to restore millage lost as a result of the reduction required by the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and will be levied only to the extent necessary to restore that reduction)?  
Yes No

#### COUNTY TREASURER'S STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT NO. 62 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1933 AMENDING THE PROPERTY TAX LIMITATION ACT

I, Patrick M. Dohany, County Treasurer of the County of Oakland, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that according to the records in my office, as of October 14, 2005, the total of all voted increases in the tax rate limitations above the 18 mills established by Section 5 of Article IX of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 affecting taxable property in the Northville Public Schools, Oakland, Washtenaw, and Wayne Counties, is as follows:

LOCAL UNIT	VOTED INCREASE	YEARS INCREASE EFFECTIVE
Northville Public Schools (Non-Homesite)	18.00	2003-2012 Incl.
Twp. Of Lyon	25	2004-2012
City of Northville	1.00	Unlimited
City of Novi	1.00	Unlimited
Twp. Of Novi	1.80	Unlimited
Schoolcraft College	2.5257	Unlimited
Wayne County RESA	1.5782	Unlimited
County of Oakland	25	2002 to 2011 Incl.

Patrick M. Dohany, Treasurer  
Oakland County

If you are a Novi resident in the South Lyon Community School District, the election will also be held for the purpose of electing candidates for the following office:  
Member of the South Lyon Board of Education, 6 Year Term from 01/01/06 - 12/31/12  
Vote for (2) Two:  
James Suchbinder  
Cindy Overdach

Absentee Ballots are available at the Office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. The deadline for receiving applications for ballots to be mailed is 2:00 p.m. Saturday, November 5, 2005. Persons qualified to vote by Absentee Ballot may obtain a ballot in person until 4:00 p.m. Monday, November 7, 2005. A ballot obtained on November 7, 2005 must be voted in the City Clerk's Office.

The City Clerk's Office will be open for the purpose of absentee voting on Saturday, November 5, 2005 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For questions, please call the City Clerk's Office at 248-347-0456.

Each resident of the City voting on the above must be:  
(a) A citizen of the United States of America and eighteen (18) years of age or over; and  
(b) A registered voter of the City of Novi.

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**Meadowbrook Congregational Church** invites everyone to attend a Sunday worship service at 10 a.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 Complines is held at 8:30 p.m. Rite 13 (ages 11-14) and 2A (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.

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

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led by Jan Martin, is the first Wednesday and Thursday of each month, at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

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Education is key.

Adam Weycker, security manager for Fox Run Senior Community in Novi, said education is key when dealing with identity theft.

"There is no way to stop it, but there are ways for people to avoid it and stay safe," Weycker said. "If it's too good to be true, it probably is."

Weycker said Fox Run has had several informative sessions about identity theft, and he tries to include tips on how to keep one's identity safe in the residents monthly newspaper.

"Education is key," Weycker said. "The more we inform people about identity theft, the less likely they are going to become victims. But, it could happen to anyone."

**Suitable punishment**  
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### Don't be a victim

Education best protection against identity theft

By Tracy Mishler  
STAFF WRITER

Raymond Steslicki doesn't use his credit card unless he personally hands over the card.

The 58-year-old Northville Township resident said he feels vulnerable and threatened by identity theft. So he does all he can to "make sure his identity is safe."

"We didn't have these problems when I was young," Steslicki said. "It's a terrible thing and I'm fortunate enough to not have had any problems."

Det. Kevin Rhea of the Novi Police Department said identity theft is a growing problem in the "United States."

"We are seeing increased incidences being reported in Novi," Rhea said. "It can be challenging as an investigator to catch identity theft suspects because all of our leads lead us back to the victim and that is not who the committed the crime."

He said 54 cases of identity theft have been reported in Novi since January.

"Everyone is at risk of identity theft," said Det. Sgt. Matthew Mayes of the Northville Police Department. "Seniors are sometimes at higher risk because they might not have everything at their fingertips as far as financial advice. They tend to be more trusting."

According to the Northville Township Police department, 27 cases of identity theft have been reported since January.

#### Scams

There are several scams aimed specifically toward seniors, Rhea said. One scam identified by the Federal Trade Commission targets elderly African-Americans.

According to the Commission,

scam artists circulate fliers claiming African-Americans born before 1928 may be eligible for slavery reimbursements under the "Slave Reparation Act," and those born between 1917 and 1926 may be eligible for Social Security funds as a result of an error in their system.

"You should never give out or leave your birth date, Social Security number, driver's license number or any other form of identification laying around," Mayes said.

"People give this information out all the time never thinking they could become a victim."

Judith Cossigan checks her credit report twice a year to make sure everything adds up.

"When I mail in a credit card payment, I only provide the last four digits of my account number," said the 62-year-old township resident. "I don't think many people do this, but anyone can open up that envelope and get your information."

Cossigan said she uses the Internet frequently to book airline tickets.

"The Internet is one place you shouldn't give out your information," she said. "I only provide information when I see that security lock on the bottom of the Web page. Even then, I'm a little hesitant."

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### Keep your identity safe

1. Shred any documents you receive that contain any personal information. This includes credit card receipts and pre-approved credit applications.

2. Never give personal information to people over the phone, on the Internet or through the mail. Identify thieves will claim to be from the government, your bank or even law enforcement.

3. Check your credit reports from all three major credit bureaus at least once a year and look to see that everything is accurate. If you find an error, dispute it immediately for protection against identity theft.

4. Be aware when your bills usually arrive every month and check them over carefully.

5. Don't use common numbers like your birth date or the last four digits of your Social Security number for your ATM password.

6. Never give out your Social Security number unless it is absolutely necessary. Your employer, financial institution and doctor need it for identification and tax reporting.

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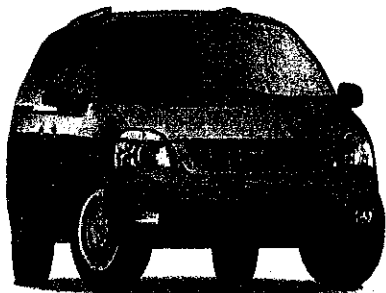


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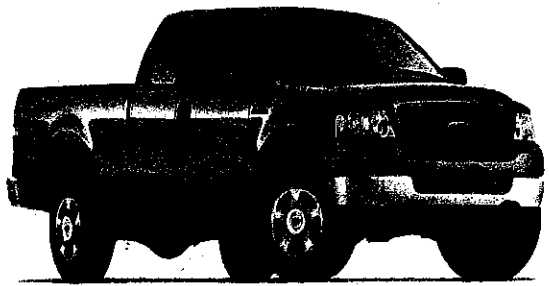


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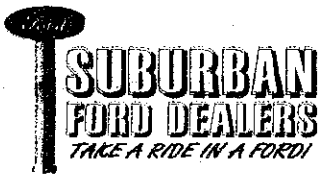
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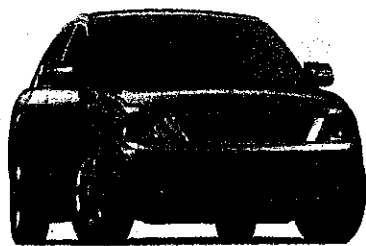
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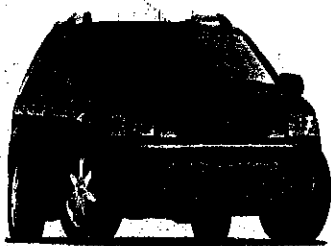
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**Here comes Milford!**  
The Novi Wildcats football team drew Milford as their opening game in the playoffs tomorrow. Find out what the team thinks, how they found out and why defense will be so important.  
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### Quick Hits

#### Thanks, Rob!

The Novi Wildcats football team enjoyed watching "Selection Sunday" last week at the Emagine Theater in Fountain Walk.

The theater and screen were donated by the theater, which will soon be the only show in town. The arrangements for the use of Emagine, however, were made by Rob Laney. Laney received a big "thank you" from the Wildcats as they munched on pizza from their favorite joint, Mother's Pizza on Five Mile Road west of Sheldon.

#### The stat man

As though Willy Mena hasn't proven himself valuable enough with statistics and live play-by-play for the Novi Wildcats football team, he's made himself a valuable piece of the MHSAA's football playoff pie as well.

Mena, being the kind of guy who loves numbers, figured out every team that were "at-large" squads (5-4 squads squeaking into the playoffs via playoff points) and then broke them down into locations on a digital map and then separated the map into quadrants.

The MHSAA not only graciously accepted the map and his statistics, but asked him if he could lend a helping hand in a few other areas as well.

Better watch out, Novi, because Mena may find himself getting called up to the MHSAA one of these days.

#### Oodles of poodles

For anyone who has been to a Novi soccer game this fall, they may have seen football standout Steve Hart in attendance. Why would he stand out? Well, the screaming at the top of his lungs may be it, but it could also be the T-shirts he wears with the word "poodle" on them.

Poodle? It's a soccer game, not a dog show, right? Well, soccer's Shane Budlong's nickname, explained Hart, just happens to be poodle. So the next time Budlong hits the pitch, make sure to cheer out that you, too, want the poodle to score.

#### Big time

The Novi Wildcats hockey team wants a piece of the Baseline pie. The squad, coached by Dan Phelps, will play Northville again this year in a single game that could be the only time the two squads meet (Northville is Division I in hockey this year and Novi is still Division II).

Instead of packing Novi Ice Arena, the fans will have the luxury of watching the game at Computware Sports Arena Dec. 17 at 5 p.m.

It's going to be a game to remember, as all of the contests between these two teams are.

Keep your eye on the Novi News sports section in the coming weeks for more information.

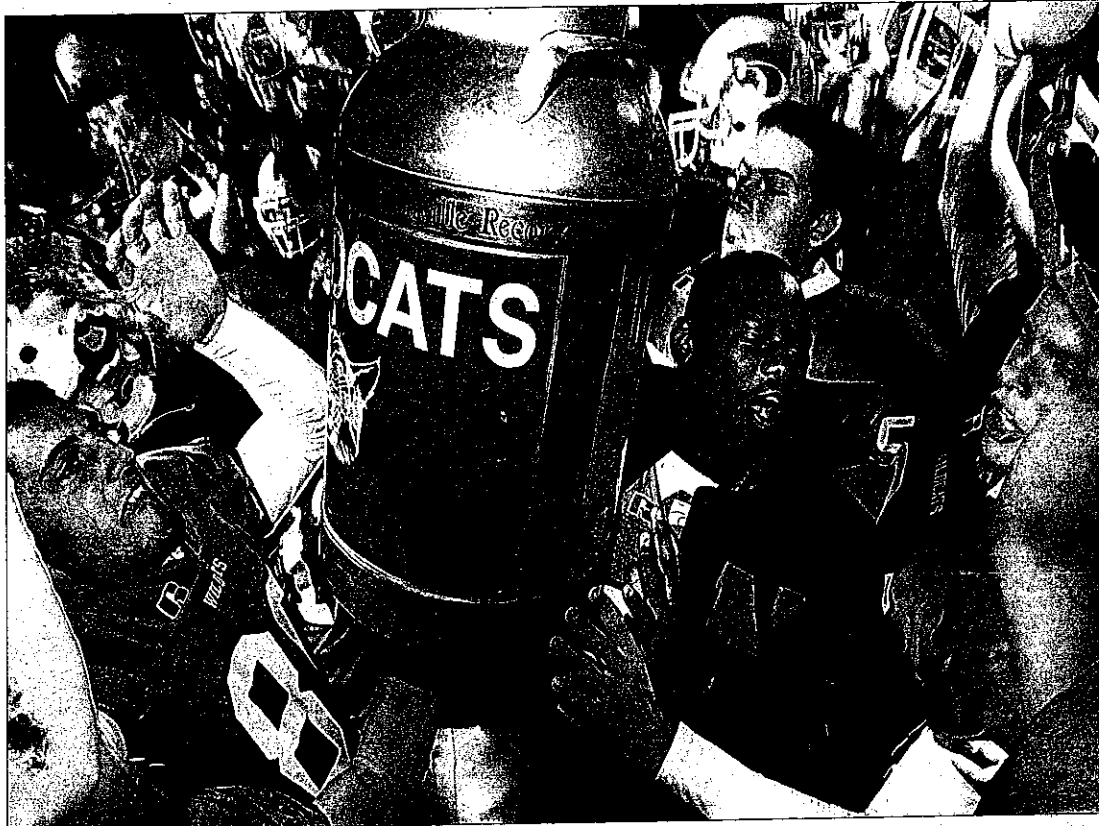


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The Novi Wildcat football team celebrates its Baseline rivalry victory, and retaining of "the jug", after Friday night's victory over Northville.

# BASELINE MUGGING

## Novi, once again, pounds Northville for Baseline Jug

By Stan Frank  
SPECIAL WRITER

Temperatures are falling, but intensity is rising for a playoff-bound Novi football team that tuned up last Friday for tomorrow's post-season opener with a 33-12 triumph of non-conference rival Northville.

In a second consecutive blowout victory, the Wildcats combined a balanced offensive attack and a sound defensive scheme in mounting a 33-0 lead before surrendering to the visiting Mustangs a pair of fourth-quarter touchdowns.

Senior Steve Hart completed 13-of-20 passes for 193 yards and two touchdowns, while senior David Carnegie and junior Adam Chandler each collected over 100 all-purpose yards—Carnegie amassing 143 total yards and Chandler gaining 135 total yards.

Entering the contest heavily favored, the Wildcats held a modest 7-0 lead before blowing it open with three touchdowns in the final 5:16 of the second quarter.

"To Northville's credit, they had a nice defensive gameplan against us," Novi head coach Tab Kellepourey said. "They looked at what we do and did a nice job of defending some of those formations. But once we had that figured out we kind of felt that there was a couple other areas we could exploit."

And as Novi's offense began heating up, so, too, did its defense. While it came with the Wildcats already leading comfortably at 21-0, the game's turning point came on junior Stefan Figurski's interception and subsequent 28-yard touchdown return. Figurski's pick and score both provided Novi a 27-0 lead and brought to a close the first half.

On the play, Northville quarterback Mike DeLuca and sophomore David Burke got their signals crossed on a quick outlet pass. Figurski made them pay: reading, reacting and swiping the pass before racing untouched down the sideline to paydirt.

Because the play began with 4.2 seconds remaining in the half and the Mustangs situated 80 yards from the end zone, the curious call left many in attendance scratching their head.

Asked after the game if in hindsight he would again call that play in that situation Northville coach Ryan Hockman said "I do second-guess myself (for calling that play),

because we put a young sophomore in a position where he hadn't been."

Kellepourey was less critical. "If you've got four seconds left, you've got to play," Kellepourey said. "What's going to happen if their kid catches the ball and our kid stumbles? As a coach, you're out there fighting on every single play."

Receiving the second-half kickoff, Northville's task of catching Novi became more difficult when Stefan Figurski's brother, Ryan Figurski, intercepted a DeLuca pass and returned it to the Mustang 25-yard line. Two plays later, David Carnegie dashed into the end zone from 12 yards to give the Wildcats a 33-0 lead with 10:32 remaining in the third quarter.

On the brink of being shut out for the second time this season, Northville collected in the fourth quarter 15-yard and 20-yard passing touchdowns, both of which were thrown by DeLuca and caught by senior Evan Corbell.

"You just can't get shut out in these rivalry games," Corbell said. "That would be just heartbreaking."

Respectively, Novi's first-half touchdowns consisted of a 40-yard keeper by quasi-quarterback Adam Chandler, a 27-yard reception by fleet-footed junior Brandon Carnegie, and a 50-yard catch by Chandler. Each aerial strike came from the arm of Hart, the starting signal caller who in the Wildcats' option offense periodically gave way to the shifty Chandler.

Novi improved to 7-2 with the victory, and, in the process, retained possession of the Baseline Jug, a traveling trophy that in the last five years hasn't done much traveling. Northville, meanwhile, finished 2-7 in its first season with Hockman at the helm.

In an otherwise dominant effort, the Wildcats did give cause for concern in two areas: a floundering kicking game of which each of two field goals and 3-of-4 extra point attempts were missed; and what proved a sloppy effort in the second half, during which nine of the team's 10 penalties were enforced.

"We definitely can't do that," senior Alex Bartlett said in regard to the Wildcats' rash of infractions. "In this game we got away with it—because we put up the points tonight—but in the playoffs that's definitely going to hurt us if we have that."

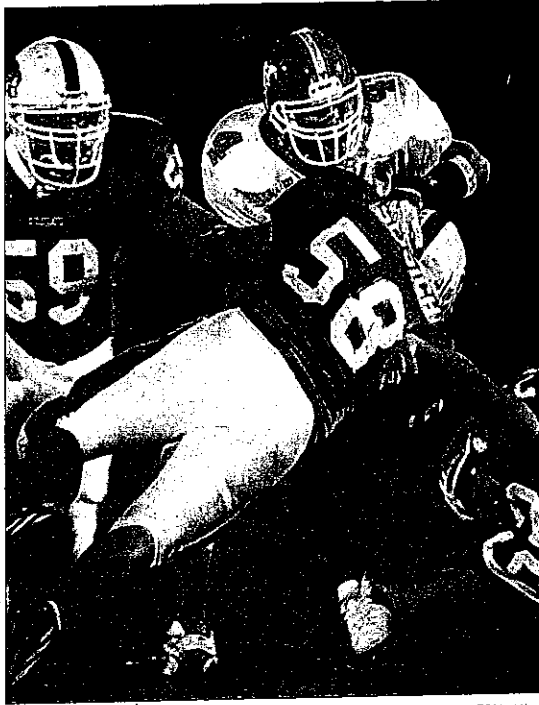


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Novi's Tom Spisich, and Derek O'Branovic, right, team up to tackle Northville's Matt Wollack during Friday night's game hosted by Novi.

SCORE BY QUARTER	1	2	3	4	Total
Novi	7	20	6	0	33
Northville	0	0	0	12	12

71; Chandler, 3-74; David Carnegie, 2-28  
Sacks: Mike Bello, 1.5; Ryan Lemieux, 1; Derek McClelland, 1; Brad Patrosky, 0.5; Jeremy Young, 0.5; Tyler Hoover, 1; John Favorite, 0.5; Brett Glover, 1; Ryan Murphy 1  
Tackles: Mike Kolis, 6.5; Favorite, 4.5; Alex Bartlett, 4; Ryan Figurski, 3.5; Eric Zhao, 3; McClelland, 3

**LEADERS**  
Rushing: David Carnegie, 11-115; Adam Chandler, 6-61  
Passing: Steve Hart, 13-20-190  
Receiving: Brandon Carnegie, 6-

### By the numbers

5  
Years in a row Novi has won the Baseline Jug

1  
Jug games sports writer Sam Eggleston has missed since starting

1  
Little sisters said sports writer watched being married last Friday

2  
Interceptions snagged by Northville's Matt Wollack, along with a blocked kick

5  
Interceptions, total, snagged throughout the game by both teams

10  
Sacks recorded in the game with four by Northville and six by Novi

4  
Fumbles throughout the contest with Novi and Northville dropping two each





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Women who have had no children or who had their first child after age 30 have a slightly higher breast cancer risk. Having multiple pregnancies and becoming pregnant at an early age reduces breast cancer risk. It is still not certain what part oral contraceptives (birth control pills) might play in breast cancer risk. It has become clear that long-term use of hormone replacement therapy after menopause, particularly estrogens and progesterone combined, increase the risk of breast cancer. Use of alcohol increases the risk of breast cancer. One mammogram exposes a person to the same amount of radiation as flying from New York to California on a commercial jet. If you have a breast lump, have it checked by your doctor, even if your mammogram is normal. Medicare, Medicaid, and most private health insurance plans cover mammogram costs or a percentage of them.

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The following DO NOT cause breast cancer: Antiperspirant, abortions, underwire bra, breast implants, antibiotics or working the night shift. Recent studies have shown that about 5 percent to 10 percent of breast cancer cases are hereditary as a result of gene changes (mutations). Breast cancer risk increases if you have relatives with both breast and ovarian cancers. A woman with cancer in one breast has a 3- to 4-fold increased risk of developing a new cancer in the other breast or in another part of the same breast. This is different from a recurrence (return) of the first cancer. Caucasian women are slightly more likely to develop breast cancer than are African-American women. Women who started menstruating at an early age, before age 12, or who went through menopause at a late age, after age 55, have a slightly higher risk of breast cancer. Physical activity reduces women's breast cancer risk. Breast cancer risk is increased by obesity during adult life.



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## Tips For A Safe Halloween

Wixom, Mich., October 27, 2005 - Every year at Halloween, children envision ghosts, goblins, and the possibility of amassing a treasure trove of candy. On the other hand, concerned parents worry about their children's safety during this yearly candy-gathering ritual.

"Halloween is a cherished tradition, but the excitement of the night can cause children to forget to be careful," says Allstate Agent Louis Kirby. "There's no real 'trick' to making Halloween a treat for the entire family. Both children and adults need to think about safety on this annual day of make-believe."

The following tips from the Allstate Insurance Company and the National Safety Council offer some excellent guidelines for ensuring that children have a fun and SAFE Halloween:

- Make sure an adult or an older responsible youth will supervise the outing for children under age 12. Plan and discuss the route trick-or-treaters intend to follow;

- Instruct your children to travel only in familiar areas and along an established route;

- Teach your children to stop only at houses or apartment buildings that are well-lit and never to enter a stranger's home;

- Establish a return time;

- Review all appropriate trick-or-treat safety precautions, including pedestrian/traffic safety rules;

- Only fire-retardant materials should be used for costumes;

- Costumes should not be so long that they are a tripping hazard. Falls are the leading cause of unintentional injuries on Halloween;

- If children are allowed out after dark, outfits should be made with light colored materials. Strips of reflective tape should be used to make children visible;

- Masks can obstruct a child's vision. Use facial make-up instead;

- Give children an early meal before going out. Tell youngsters not to eat any treat until they return home; and

- When in doubt, throw it out.

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Dr. Howard Bortman reviews the Steps to Success program with a patient during their initial consultation for the healthy living program.

## Steps to Success, Inc.

### Local doctor offers program to lose weight and lower cholesterol

Dr. Howard Bortman created Steps To Success, a custom nutrition and exercise program, to help his patients make lifestyle changes that will allow them to lose weight lower their cholesterol levels and maintain a healthy living.

Dr. Bortman, a board certified family practitioner, developed Steps to Success to help his patients control cholesterol, stabilize blood sugar, reduce blood pressure, promote a healthy colon and lose weight without the use of medications or supplements.

As owner of Family Health & Medicine in Novi, Dr. Bortman sees many patients who want to live a healthier lifestyle without taking medication or dietary supplements.

"Steps To Success is not a quick fix program," said Dr. Bortman. "It's a practical, realistic program supervised by a physician that people can easily follow and feel good about themselves."

Steps To Success begins with a personal consultation. Dr. Bortman develops a customized diet and exercise program to fit the lifestyle and meet the health needs of each individual. He records each patient's weight, blood pressure, cholesterol levels and other blood parameters.

"It's overall healthy living. It's an easy to follow nutrition and exercise program involving an all-around healthy diet," said Dr. Bortman. "There are no supple-



Dr. Bortman reviews a patient's chart before conducting a follow-up meeting with the patient.

ments, no medications, no co-pays and all labs are included."

Patients in the program, who have been newly diagnosed with underlying hormonal or medical problems, are addressed accordingly by Dr. Bortman.

Steps To Success is a three-month program that costs \$399 and includes all patient visits, lab work, a patient's log and list of recommended foods. Dr. Bortman meets with each patient once every three weeks during that period, monitoring their progress, answering any questions, and discussing the program.

The doctor is able to monitor patient progress by using weight, loss of inches, cholesterol/lab levels and blood pressure as guidelines. He says people of all ages can benefit from the program, which can be used with or without cholesterol or diabetic medication.

"It's an educational program to help patients learn what is best for their health," said Dr. Bortman.

He has received positive feedback from patients in the program, including one who said she couldn't believe how much she could still eat and another

who said she wasn't hungry anymore. Dr. Bortman also stated that the blood test results speak for themselves.

The Steps To Success program includes the patient keeping a daily log of the number of meals, fiber intake, and exercise routines. The food choices include many favorites and are readily available at grocery stores or specialty food shops.

Dr. Bortman also suggests the following tips for a healthy lifestyle:

1. Drink plenty of water
2. Eat multiple small meals
3. Choose snacks wisely

**DETAILS**

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4. Modify habits in steps
5. Take the stairs
6. Park farther from a destination
7. Exercise at least three times a week for a minimum of 30 minutes

Dr. Bortman operates Steps To Success in addition to his medical practice. Most health insurance does not cover nutrition and exercise programs.

He operates his medical practice, Family Health & Medicine, for patients of all ages from pediatrics to geriatrics. He diagnoses and treats acute chronic illnesses, performs complete personal and sports physicals, and promotes preventive medicine. He is experienced in performing many dermatological and cosmetic Botox procedures.

Dr. Bortman is on staff at Providence Hospital, Huron Valley Sinai Hospital, and Botsford General Hospital. He is a medical consultant at Straith Rehabilitation Hospital.

He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Dietetics from Michigan State University and earned his medical degree from the Chicago School of Osteopathic Medicine. He served his residency in family medicine and is board certified.

Dr. Bortman's office takes pride in scheduling same or next day appointments.

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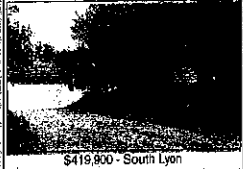












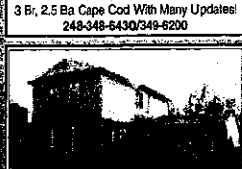



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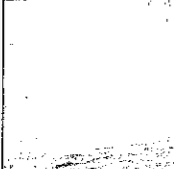























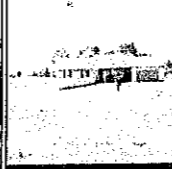







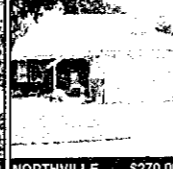
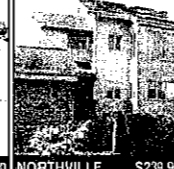




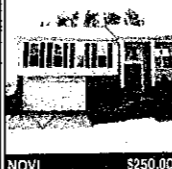



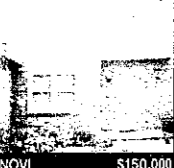
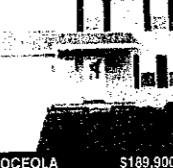


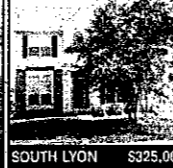
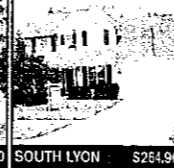
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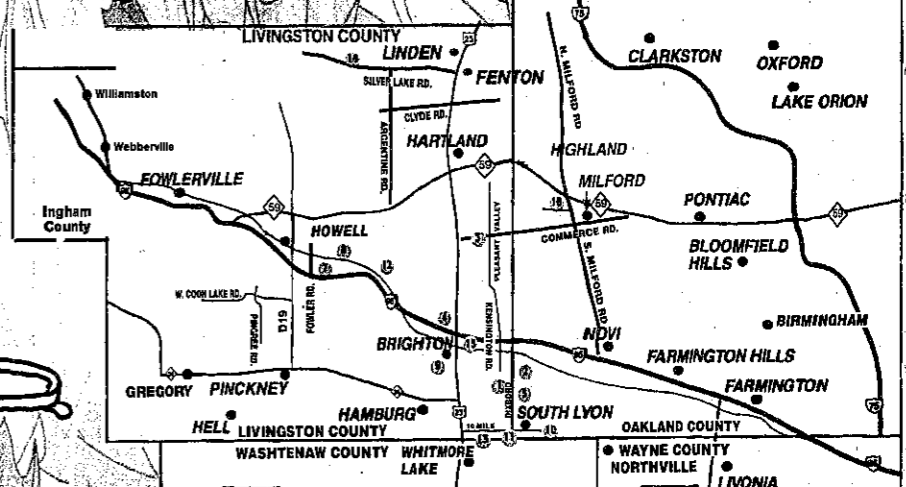


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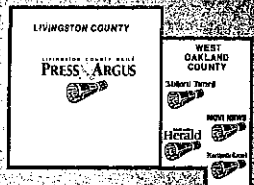
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**Job Summary**

Visit customer locations throughout Michigan and the US/Canada to Troubleshoot and repair Arc Welding equipment. Provide training to customer groups on general use of the systems, maintenance and how to troubleshoot problems.

**Job Requirements**

- Two year experience working with Arc welding, trade school or degree in welding preferable
- Willingness to travel
- Advance knowledge of TTL and digital electronic
- Three years of bench level component troubleshooting
- Thorough understanding of electronic test equipment and diagnostic software used to test and repair complex
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**Job Requirements**

- Two year trade school degree or equivalent work
- Advance knowledge of TTL and digital electronic
- Strong PC skills using standard software
- Three years of bench level component troubleshooting
- Thorough understanding of electronic test equipment
- Excellent interpersonal and written skills.

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 4401 Gateway Blvd.  
 Springfield, OH 45502  
 ATTN: Beth Potts, Human Resources Department  
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# iSold It on eBay

*iSold It makes life easier for customers and hurricane victims*

By John Hall  
SPECIAL WRITER

## iSOLD IT

47760 Grand River Ave., Novi  
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For people and businesses interested in selling household products, collectibles and excess inventory, but don't have the time or desire to engage themselves in the selling process, iSold It is the place to go.

iSold It takes all of the work out of auctioning items on the Internet. iSold It will photograph, list, sell and ship items — the seller only has to drop them off and iSold It will mail them a check. The store is even open seven days a week for customer convenience.

Located in Novi at Grand River Avenue and Beck Road, between Kroger and Home Depot, iSold It is one of over 150 stores across the country that lists and sells customers' merchandise on the popular Internet auction site, eBay.

According to manager Mark Newton, his store lists between 100 to 200 items on-line on a normal basis, making the Novi store the No. 1 iSold It franchise last year.

"We know all the tricks and techniques that will get our customer the most for their merchandise," he said. "With feedback on eBay of about 5000 buyers that have confidence

with us and are willing to spend more."

iSold It is easy:

- The customer drops off the items they think are worth \$50 or more on eBay. iSold It will give them a free eBay appraisal.
- Items are professionally photographed.
- A description is written and the item is listed on eBay.
- The item held is kept at iSold It until payment is received from the winning bidder.
- The item is packed and shipped.
- The seller is mailed a check.

iSold It charges a commission on each sale and customers can take payment in full or donate it to charity. iSold It has initiated a donation program to help victims of the Katrina hurricane. Customers can designate their proceeds directly to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund.

"Schools and charities can get a discounted fund-raising rate, too," Newton added.



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Customers get help listing their items on eBay from iSold It employees.

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# Health Emporium

*Health Emporium educates the community about healthy living*

By Nathan Menoian  
SPECIAL WRITER

The Health Emporium is a health food store and more — offering nutritional counseling, therapeutic massage, natural health classes, a wide variety of vitamins, herbs, supplements and fish oils. And their inventory continues to grow as they add new lines.

Kathy Jerore is a Naturopathic doctor. Her passion is to help educate people about living a healthier life. Before becoming one of the Health Emporium owners, she ran an area health practice, and still maintains her practice from the store.

"A lot of what we do here deals with relieving stress," Jerore said. "We carry many items that help deal with that."

She added that stress-related medical issues could very often be taken care of with alternative health items.

Gailute Dedinas, a co-owner in the store, described the Health Emporium as a store that sells health and wellness.

"Many of our customers are referrals. When they hear a testimony from a friend or family member about the improvement in their overall health from taking health supplements, they'll stop in to see if we can do the same for them."

In the year they've been open, business has

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been good, Dedinas said. They are seeing customers not only from South Lyon, but also from neighboring areas like Novi, Commerce Township and Milford.

Doug Moore, another partner in the store, said he started taking health supplements because many of the vegetables and fruits we eat are grown in soils depleted of necessary nutrients.

"What's important to know is that we all need more fish oils, vitamins, and even magnesium and calcium in our diet," he said.

The alternative health industry is a growing faction in communities throughout the nation. In fact, some hospitals now are including holistic medicine among their services, Jerore said.

Classes on a wide range of topics, including cleansing and detoxification, eating right, and the epidemic of ADD/ADHD in children today, are offered. Jerore teaches most of the classes. They also offer an introduction to homeopathy course, discussing a 200-year-old, natural form of healing.



Photo by NATHAN MENOIAN

The Health Emporium owners, from left, Kathy Jerore, N.D.; Doug Moore; and Gailute Dedinas; opened their store in South Lyon one year ago.

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# UBuildIt

*New service provides know-how on being your own contractor*

By Candy Spiegel  
SPECIAL SECTIONS

If you build it, they will save you money. This is no field of dreams. Rather, it is the concept behind an innovative, new approach to home construction and remodeling.

UBuildIt, a professional consulting service, provides the technical know-how one needs to act as their own contractor. By overseeing the construction personally, homeowners receive the exact home they desire at a discounted price.

"By investing an average of just 1 1/2 hours a day, owners can save between 15 percent and 30 percent on construction costs," Chuck Warrander, founder and president of UBuildIt, said. "Because they make all the decisions, purchase all the materials and manage the scheduling of subcontractors, they have full control of the project and the cost difference enables them to afford the home they want."

Many homeowners are able to add square footage or amenities they couldn't otherwise afford. Others move in with equity already in their property.

"It's not sweat equity — but smart equity," the company said.

Homeowners don't have to know anything about construction, nor do they have to do the work themselves. UBuildIt's comprehensive construction manual along with the technical Field

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Consultant provide everything a homeowner will need to navigate a construction project safely to completion. The UBuildIt service also provides structured planning sessions, building site visits throughout the project as well as 24-hour, 7-day-a-week support as questions or issues arise.

Additionally, UBuildIt supports clients by pre-qualifying and soliciting bids from building material suppliers and subcontractors, leveraging a volume position in the market to help homeowners save money and find quality, expert assistance.

More than 3,500 homes have been built or remodeled the UBuildIt way since the company was created in 1988. The company is rapidly expanded — about four new franchises are opened each month.

Kevin Reilly recently opened a franchise in Brighton. A licensed builder, Reilly began looking for a business opportunity after completing his family's owner-builder project in Brighton.

"The enormous sense of accomplishment and feeling of satisfaction, not to mention the equity



Submitted Photo

UBuildIt takes the mystery out of being your own contractor.

we realized upon completion of our project, left me searching for an opportunity to assist others in achieving the same results," he said. "Shortly after learning about the UBuildIt system I regretted that the option was not available to save me time, money and frustration with my own project."

Reilly is joined by Jerry Beaudet, a licensed

builder and member of the National Association of Home Builders. Beaudet has 15 years of experience in project management. He serves as the lead field consultant at UBuildIt — Brighton.

"Imagine being in control of every aspect of the construction of your new home and having the security of knowing that your consultant is with you every step of the way," Warrander said.



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# Office Expressions

*Express yourself with beautiful furniture for the home and office*

By Susan Misukaitis  
SPECIAL WRITER

Looking for quality office furniture that won't fall apart in a year or two? Looking for a larger choice of styles and materials? Need help in designing the office space or want to talk to someone who actually knows about office furniture? How about competitive pricing?

Come look at Office Expressions. The large new showroom showcases an even larger selection of high quality home and business office furniture at competitive prices, as well as office supplies and equipment.

Customers can see and feel an array of wood finishes, colors and styles in desks, bookcases, filing cabinets, hutches, computer carts, fine seating and more, designed to enhance any home or office.

Home office furniture lines include Kathy Ireland, DMI, Creative Ideas, and Riverside. Commercial lines feature furniture by Lacasse and Hon.

"We have something for every taste," owner Bob Bickle said. Bickle has been in business for 40 years. "Customers leave happy with their purchases."

The staff at Office Expressions is knowl-

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4062 E. Grand River Ave., located at the southeast corner of Latson Road and Grand River Avenue, Howell  
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edgeable and helpful. The interior design group answers questions, helps design office space in home and business, and anticipates customer needs.

"We stock heavy duty chair mats that no one else carries designed for plush carpeting," Bickle noted. "Customers don't have to order and wait for delivery."

Formerly known as Office Express, Office Expressions has a new address to go with the new name. They are now located at 4062 E. Grand River Ave., in Howell on the southeast corner of Latson Road and Grand River Avenue.

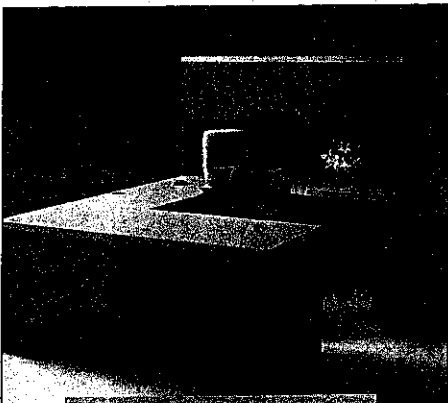
Office Expressions' large showroom gives customers the opportunity to see and feel the furniture before they buy it, says owner Bob Bickle.



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# Lyon's Photography

*Have your most memorable moments turned into works of art*

Horses are beautiful creatures and lend themselves to wonderful memories for their owners. As with all memories, those that are best recorded are best remembered.

Morgan Stidwill captures life's most memorable moments in real situations at any location giving clients memories to cherish for a lifetime.

Lyon's Photography will shoot anything, pretty much, anywhere: in studio, action shots, location shots, portraits, including pets and their owners — just ask.

"I'm a photographer," Stidwill explained. "That's what I do."

Stidwill grew up in the business, working in his father's studio. He moved on to a career in automotive and lifestyle photography for the big three Detroit automakers. He opened Lyon's Photography to be home everyday with his young family in South Lyon.

"I understand the value of my time with them and appreciate my clients having those same priorities and concerns for time," Stidwill said.

"The goal of my business is to use the digital aspect for a more efficient working environment," Stidwill said. "My clients see the pictures as they are taken, and adjustments can be made as we go along."

The advanced photo technology also allows Stidwill to transform photographs into works

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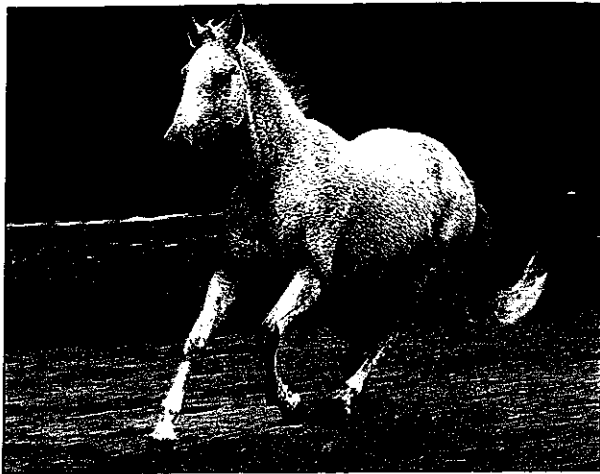
of art that generations will be proud to own.

Stidwill's commercial and artistic backgrounds are key to his ability to produce unforgettable works of art. Images can become watercolors, or blended between black and white with color subjects. The options are endless.

"With digital, retouching is faster and less expensive than the traditional methods," Stidwill pointed out. "There are no proofs necessary." "Here we just look at the computer screen to make our selections," he explained. "You are able to order your photos the same day of your appointment."

Now is the perfect time to contact Lyon's Photography about holiday greeting card needs.

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*Beckway Door offers doors that slide, swing and lift for life*

By Michael Pilotti and Candy Spiegel  
SPECIAL SECTIONS

If you slide it, lift it or swing it open, Beckway Door has what you are looking for and guarantees it to last.

Serving South Lyon and the surrounding area, Beckway Door is the exterior-door-solution headquarters for new construction and replacement doors. The company, owned by Andy Becker, warrants their doors for life.

Beckway Door offers doors that will fit every style and budget from manufacturers like Taylor, Stanley, Fox and Amarr. Customers seeking ornate, simple, insulated or hard-to-find unconventional sizes often used in older homes, will find the perfect door at Beckway.

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"You have all the options, all you have to do is ask," Jeff Bury, Beckway Door salesperson said. "On-site estimates are free."

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months should have their seals and fit checked before winter sets in," he said.

This will ensure the door keeps the cold air out and the warm air in during the winter.

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Becker also owns and operates Beckway Steel Structures, which offers commercial buildings and doors. Beckway Steel Structures can create a modest pole barn or a large, industrial building and everything in between.

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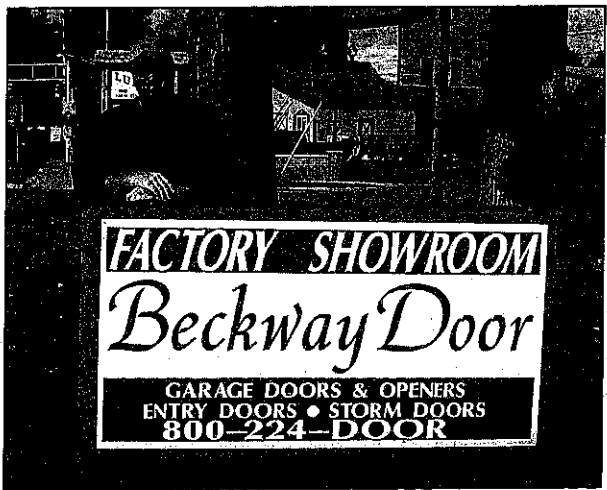


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# Telcom Credit Union

*Telcom Credit Union has been serving members since 1936*

By Nathan Menoian  
SPECIAL WRITER

Telcom Credit Union's headquarters in Novi is architecturally impressive. But the credit union is much more than brick and glass.

Inside the large, state-of-the-art building is a people-oriented credit union, with the foundation of their business built on customer service and community involvement.

Since moving its headquarters from Southfield to Novi two years ago, they have been active in several Novi community events, including Novi schools, the local chamber of commerce and more. Telcom Credit Union also sponsors student-run credit unions in three different schools, and recently introduced an innovative Soccer Savings Youth Account program.

Telcom President and CEO, Tom Reagan said they recently began offering business loans. "We have always provided an employee benefit for local businesses by offering credit-union membership and full financial services to employees of local organizations," Reagan said. "Now we offer business financing from \$50,000 up to \$5 million."

Reagan has been with Telcom 15 years. The credit union also has branches in Southfield and Canton. Novi was picked as the location of their new headquarters not only to continue offering their many services to their member-owners, but

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also to help to expand the surrounding communities.

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"Customer service is our niche," Reagan said. "We consider our member-owners as family, and that makes a difference between us and our competitors."

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Telcom Credit Union has been voted Novi's best financial institution and mortgage source for the past two years by readers of The Novi News.

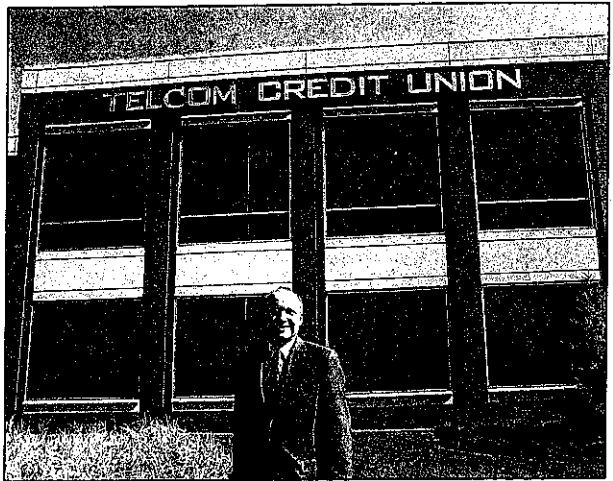


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President and CEO of Telcom Credit Union, Tom Reagan, stands outside of the company's beautiful headquarters in Novi.

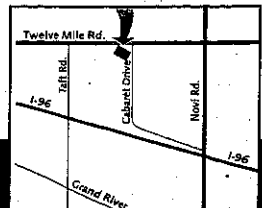


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# Pet Ritz

Providing pets a home away from home while the family is away

By Susan Misukaitis  
SPECIAL WRITER

"Customers comment on how happy their dogs are when they pick them up," Jennifer Horvath, manager of the family-owned boarding and grooming facility, said. "Some pets are so excited to come back they jump at the door to get in."

Located on 11 acres, Pet Ritz offers luxury pet boarding in a country environment for guest dogs and cats.

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Hours are 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. for Sunday pickup.



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Caring for four-legged family members are, from left, Jennifer, manager; Carrie; Bob; and Kim, supervisor, holding Silverton, a regular guest of the Pet Ritz.



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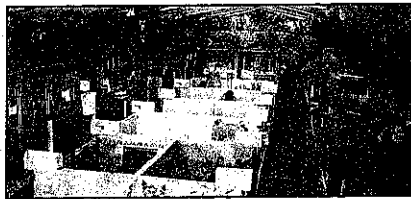
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# Oakland Vision

*Oakland Vision offers competitive prices, exceptional service*

By John R. Hall  
SPECIAL WRITER

Dr. Fred Weiser and Dr. Kenneth Stein of Oakland Vision have over 50 years of combined experience specializing in family eye care, pediatric eye care, contact lenses, industrial eye care, laser vision correction and vision care for the partially sighted.

They are experts in fitting contact lenses and offer disposable lenses to correct astigmatism, single vision or bifocals, lenses to change or enhance eye color and extended wear lenses. Soft contacts and gas permeable lenses are also available.

Oakland Vision guarantees success with contact lenses and no one will pay for lenses they cannot wear. Torn or defective disposable contact lenses are replaced free for one year. A large selection of highly styled eyeglass frames in all price ranges — including designer frames — are available.

The doctors test patients for cataracts, glaucoma, macular degeneration and retinal diabetes and are licensed to treat pink eye and other eye diseases.

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In addition, the doctors recommend that children and students should be examined yearly to be sure their vision and eye functions are "ready for school and learning."

The South Lyon and Walled Lake offices both offer Monday through Saturday extended hours and 24-hour urgent care. Call for an appointment or visit them online at [www.Eyefinity.com/OaklandVisionPC](http://www.Eyefinity.com/OaklandVisionPC).



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The staff at Oakland Vision includes, from left, Kathy LaPensée, Nancy Sizemore and Tina Wood.

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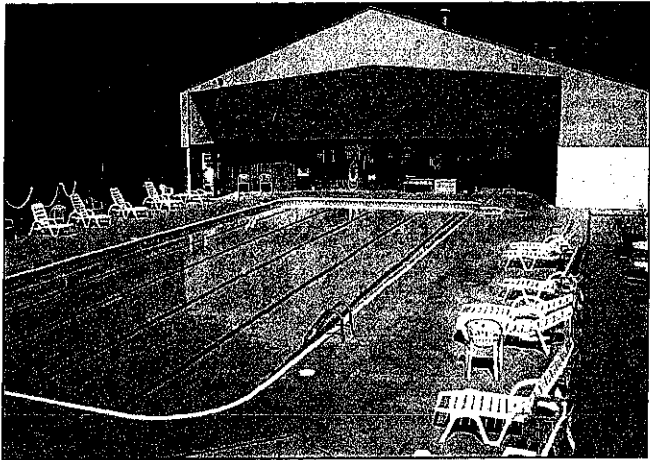
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down dinner, casual buffet or outdoor barbeque.

Waldenwoods Resort offers several types of memberships designed to fit the individual needs of every family. For families in the local area they have a Community Day Use Memberships. In addition, they offer memberships for those interested in camping, lodging or traveling throughout the country. See what Edison, Ford and Firestone loved about visiting Waldenwoods back in the resorts earliest years.

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# Scapparé

## Bringing feel of Beverly Hills, look of Europe to South Lyon

By Cynthia Grochowski  
SPECIAL SECTIONS

Chris and Lindsay Curtis are reaping what they sowed.

"We are averaging 200 new clients a month," Chris said about Scapparé, the salon he and his wife, Lindsay, opened four years ago.

"Our retention rate is 85 percent."

The Curtis took over a failing salon in 2000, retained three staff members including Lindsay, and gave customers what many didn't think they could find in South Lyon -- an escape from the daily pressures of life.

"The word of mouth about this place has just exploded. The advertising, the work that we do, the reputation is growing constantly," Chris said. "Over the past three and a half years, everywhere I go, I talk to people and they have heard of the salon."

More women are coming in than ever before. However, more women are showing men the ropes.

Men finally feel good about making themselves look and feel good.

"Let's face it," Chris said, "they have just as much stress as the rest of us. The Metrosexual trend is almost gone, but men are more aware of how they look and they want to look good for business."

Manicures, especially to buff out discolored nails, are currently in demand.

"It gives men a cleaner image," Chris explained.

Waxing services for eyebrows and backs are also bringing men into Scapparé.

Of course, pampering helps in other aspects of life, too.

"A massage before my golf game loosens me up and improves my game," Chris claimed.

Both men and women are taking advantage of the ultimate pampering service -- pedicures.

"Pedicures are the most popular nail service right now," Chris and Lindsay agree.

To catch up to the exploding demand, a second pedicure room, featuring four chairs, has been added. The special chairs sport supple ostrich leather and shitsu massagers to roll up and down the spine while clients enjoy their pedicure.

Of course, hair services are still an important part of Scapparé.

"The hair staff is growing at such a fast rate because we are trying to keep up with the demand of people needing their hair done in the area," Chris said.

Chris attributes some of the salons growth to the variety of ages catered to in his salon. Stylists are just as diverse as the clients who enter the salon.

"The type of woman who comes here is so diverse," Chris explained. "We have stylists who are 21, and stylists pushing, well not wanting to tell," he laughed.

"I can find somebody here who can click with who you are. Whatever you need we'll do, within reason," Chris laughed. "But we



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Scapparé's Old World charm is paying off. The salon is averaging about 200 new clients a month.

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won't cut mullets."

And, when it's time to relax and celebrate with friends, Chris and Lindsay hope clients will remember Scapparé.

From bachelorette and wedding parties, to friends simply enjoying each other to entire office staffs, a few hours at Scapparé is sure to be a wonderful experience.

"It's a release," Lindsay noted.

The escalating mother/daughter appointments have spun off Princess Days.

"Little girls celebrating a birthday get their manicures and pedicures and their little up-dos and glitter and they leave looking like little princesses," Chris described.

"You've never seen those girls happier."

"In this business you are constantly evolving," Chris explained. "If you are not,

then you are going down. Stylists are constantly attending training classes."

"We are so ahead of the curve. To this day I still get people who walk in here and go 'What is this salon doing in South Lyon?' Nobody has anything like this.

We've brought a feel of Beverly Hills with the look of Old World Europe."

Escape awaits at 21190 Pontiac Trail, in South Lyon. Indeed, the world is beating a path to their door.

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My name is Heather Rafalski. I am a graduate from Howell High School and Brighton's College of Cosmetology. At Scappare my education has soared with the new trends with Graham Webb and Wella Professional. I have also been trained by a leading stylist, Michelle Morris, who has received education nationwide. I specialize in color and precision cutting. My goal at Scappare is to become a leading stylist and to satisfy my clientele 110%.



My name is John McGinnis. I am a hair designer that has been in the industry since 1993. Originally from Michigan, I moved to the South in my teen years. I have always enjoyed the fashion industry, which led me to a career as a cosmetologist. I started my training in Gadsden, Alabama under three former platform artists. They inspired me to aim for the stars and to make great people look even better. I then decided to move back home to Michigan, where I finished my training and was inspired to go further with my education. I have now received my instructor certificate as well as training from Redken, Matrix, Lorel of Paris, TiGi, Mazini, Paul Mitchell, Bumble and Bumble, Chi, Graham Webb, Schwarzkopf, and Alterna just to name a few. I have also begun training to become a master stylist and educator. My goals are to be well educated in all areas for my clients to be able to provide them with the help, advice, and knowledge their beauty needs, and to help them create a style that is for them. We need low maintenance styles that have high impact and style for everyday wear and that is what I am here for.

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# The Michigan Group

Tradition and legacy mark The Michigan Group's 25-year history

By Sally Rummel  
SPECIAL WRITER

In 1981, a typical house cost about \$45,000. Housing costs per square foot were between \$25 and \$30. Interest rates hovered around 18 1/2 percent.

That was the housing market 25 years ago when Nick Natoli, Joe DeKroub and a handful of other Realtors put their heads "and two cents" together in Nick's living room and formed The Livingston Group — the forerunner of Michigan real estate's greatest success story, The Michigan Group.

Those humble beginnings in 1981 formed the foundation of Michigan's largest single real estate office. Its first year of business taught these young Realtors about the importance of customer service and the public responded with its support, grossing this fledgling company \$12 million. After outgrowing three separate buildings, The Michigan Group built its headquarters at 6870 Grand River Ave. in Brighton, in a spacious, state-of-the-art facility.

"Everything a client needs for a successful real estate transaction is located under one roof," Stephen Scholes, sales manager, said.

Today, thanks to a hugely loyal client base and a talented staff of 156, The Michigan Group boasts total sales of more than \$350 million.

"We couldn't do what we do without the unwavering support of Livingston County and the surrounding area," Scholes said.

"It's with a great amount of pride that we have been named Peoples' Choice Award winners for five years in a row!"

Located in Livingston County, one of the state's fastest growing addresses, The Michigan Group now serves customers in four counties — Livingston, Genesee, Oakland and Wayne.

Three offices, Brighton, Fenton and South Lyon, provide a staff of 156 and enough technology and support to earn a large percentage of marketshare in Livingston County alone.

Now moving towards its next milestone year, The Michigan Group has led many of the trends in the real estate industry in the past 25 years.

Women have become a major force in a business that used to be male dominated. With a staff of two women for every man, The Michigan Group recognizes and applauds the achievements of all high producing sales staff and support staff.

Technology has been one of the biggest catalysts of change in real estate in the last quarter century.

Today's information age brings clients to The Michigan Group who are more educated, knowledgeable and informed than ever before.

"Our job is to provide the most thorough and professional service and help our clients sort through the myriad of information they come across when selling or buying a home."



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"The troops are in action at The Michigan Group and our clients have an entire army behind them," Stephen Scholes, sales manager, says.

"Thank you, thank you, Livingston, Genesee, Oakland and Wayne counties for believing in us and allowing us to serve you."

— Stephen Scholes  
The Michigan Group



the 30-something generation," Scholes said. "The tools that each of us have been given and have learned by experience are proudly passed on. This next generation of professionals will continue the traditions that have been so carefully brought before them and will pass the legacy on..."

"Thank you, thank you, Livingston, Genesee, Oakland and Wayne counties for believing in us and allowing us to serve you," he said.

"Half of our Top 20 sales producers are in

The Michigan Group provides one-stop shopping with in-house departments, such as advertising, mortgage/closing, in-house education, insurance, and a building company.

An on-staff attorney, Bill Russell, who is also the 2006 President-Elect of the Livingston County Board of Realtors, provides on-site legal counsel.

"Our troops are in action at The Michigan Group," Scholes said, "and our clients have an entire army behind them."

The Michigan Group is proud of its long tradition in the Livingston County area, but even more pleased with the legacy it is passing to the next generation of real estate professionals.

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# Varsity Lincoln-Mercury

*Customer service, friendship continues long after sale at Varsity*

By John Hall  
SPECIAL WRITER

It is said that most automobiles are the same and so is the selection. If that is true, then what separates a good dealership from an excellent one?

It's the people who offer top-notch customer service. That's why Varsity Lincoln-Mercury on Grand River Avenue in Novi is consistently rated at or near the top each year in customer service among Lincoln-Mercury dealerships across the U.S.

It comes, as no surprise to Vice-president Michael Stanford.

"Our people separate us from the pack," he said. "Six of the top 10 Lincoln-Mercury salespeople in the U.S. work here. And nine of the last 12 years we have been No. 1 in sales in the U.S."

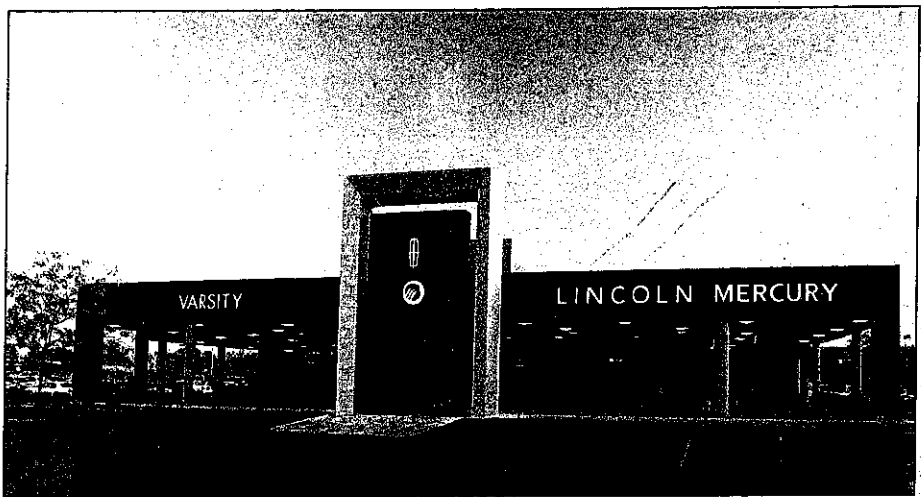
Most of the staff has been with Varsity since it opened 12 years ago. And, 40 percent of the sales staff are women, who represent Varsity's commitment to customer care. Their job is to see that every customer need is satisfied, including picking up customers at home and dropping them off if a car needs servicing. They also arrange for free loaners when cars are in for service.

Since most of the salespeople are long-time Varsity employees, they enjoy a lot of repeat business. They know customers by name, which makes buyers very comfortable.

"It's not fun walking into a place where people don't know you," noted Stanford.

Besides the dedicated sales staff, Varsity boasts a service staff that is second to none.

"People are sometimes long on selling and short on servicing," added Stanford. "It's not



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that way at Varsity. Selling is easy — the hard part is living up to the service commitment afterwards."

The staff at Varsity is armed with a lot of selling and servicing tools, too. Stanford said that his dealership has the largest inventory of Lincoln-Mercury products in Michigan, with between 1,000 and 1,200 new vehicles in

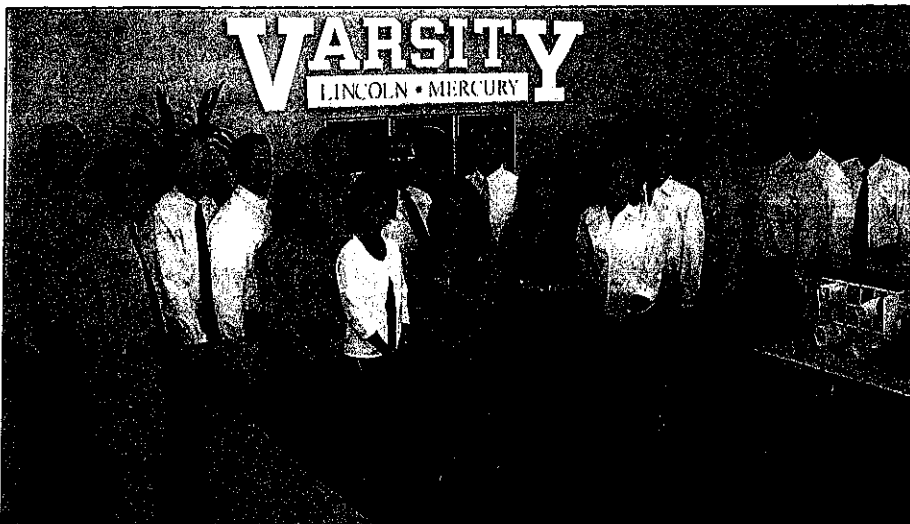
stock. Varsity also has over 400 pre-owned cars in stock.

"We are more competitive than most dealers when it comes to trade-ins," Stanford added. "We give customers more value for their trade-in."

The 55,000-square-foot facility is right in the middle of the fastest growing area in

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The staff at Varsity Lincoln-Mercury represents many years of dedicated customer service.

Photos by JANET HALL



Service representative Chris Sala goes over the details with a Varsity Lincoln-Mercury customer.

Michigan, according to Stanford. Novi is also surrounded by a number of rapidly growing communities. Varsity is located just east of Wixom Road, providing easy access to I-96.

Easy access means saving time for customers. Stanford certainly knows the importance of that.

"Time is money," he added. "We want to make the customer experience as convenient as possible."

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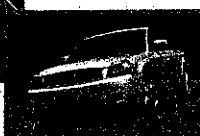
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## Salon Agapé

Aveda Concept Salon brings high-quality treatments to Novi area

By Cynthia Grochowski  
SPECIAL SECTIONS

Desire for a better work environment and a higher level of professionalism than she was finding in the beauty industry prompted Gina Sullins to open Salon Agapé on Novi's Main Street.

It was a natural step for Sullins. With her parents owning and operating several businesses, entrepreneurship was in the family blood. Marilyn Sullins, Gina's mother, signed on as the salon's co-owner and accountant.

Gina developed the unparalleled professional atmosphere she knew was missing at many salons in the area. The Aveda Concept Salon offered high-quality, all-natural hair and skin products, and exceptional customer service. Although Aveda only recommends their salons undergo specific Aveda education, Gina required Aveda training and certification of her team.

The results have been astounding. Since opening six years ago the salon has grown from 10 employees to 30.

"Our best advertisements are our current guests," Marilyn said. "About half of our new guests come in from referrals."

Many guests come simply because of the high-end Aveda products and exceptional training. Each Aveda designer has completed at least four months of additional study. Hair services are priced according to each designer's education

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and experience. Aveda-trained educators present monthly classes for Gina's entire hair design team, covering the latest techniques and styles. Aveda regional and global educators visit Salon Agapé throughout the year to update hair designers, estheticians and nail specialists.

The salon's services range from a simple haircut to full-body massages, all-natural hair color to makeup with natural plant and flower extracts, reflexology, facials and aromatherapy.

"We recently began to offer Great Lengths, the newest and most advanced system of hair extensions," Gina said. The highest quality of human hair is used. "The bonds are so discreet, almost invisible, they don't compromise natural hair and removal is quick and painless."

"Agapé means spiritual love, unconditional love," Gina said of the salon's name. "It symbolizes the kind of salon we wanted — welcoming for guests, a place for team members to learn and grow and a salon that shows a love of the earth by using Aveda products for all services."



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Salon Agapé on Novi's Main Street is an Aveda salon providing spa and beauty services. Above, Stephanie Wise shampoos a client's hair with all-natural Aveda products.

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## La Casa Del Rio Grande

La Casa brings good food, fun times and lots of Mexican flavor to families

By John Hall  
SPECIAL WRITER

"Good food, families, and fun are what our customers will find at La Casa Del Rio Grande," Dawn Salvati said.

The owner of the popular restaurant on Grand River Avenue in New Hudson puts those three items at the top of her priority list. If you have all three, you have the ingredients for a great restaurant — kind of like the food on the La Casa Del Rio Grande menu.

It has been voted the No. 1 Mexican Restaurant each year since opening three years ago in the South Lyon Herald's People's Choice Awards.

"Everyone is welcome," Salvati said. "And the prices are right."

La Casa Del Rio Grande is the perfect place for family fun. On Tuesdays and Saturdays kids can enjoy a scrumptious meal for only \$2.99. And, once each month Jannie Annie the Clown stops by to entertain children of all ages. Reservations are recommended for this popular event. Call (248) 446-7700 for complete details.

Adults can have fun too, enjoying the daily food and drink specials. Patrons may choose to sit at either the full-service bar or the family dining area. The bar area features classic rock and the restaurant portion treats customers to the feel of Mexico with traditional

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al Mexican music. To accompany food such as tasty Fajita Don Pedro or the Buños Tardes Combo Platter, La Casa Del Rio Grande offers monthly beer specials, including an assortment of Mexican beer.

Salvati said there are early bird specials from 3-5 p.m. for those who want to beat the dinner-time crowd. She added that in order to insure a good seat, customers can use call-ahead seating to get right in.

For a complete listing of specials, menu items, entertainment, and a money savings online coupon visit [www.theemailclub.com/riogrande](http://www.theemailclub.com/riogrande).

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Vivian, left, and Kimmy are pro's at serving up the food at La Casa Del Rio Grande.



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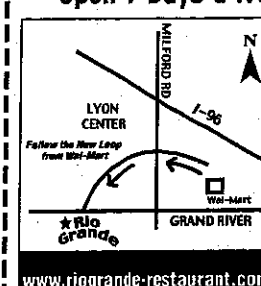


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## The Knitting Den

Return to the traditions of yesterday by learning to knit

By Nathan Mendon  
SPECIAL WRITER

As a new addition to South Lyon's business landscape, The Knitting Den is bringing back a traditional craft that has been gaining widespread popularity throughout the country.

"We are basically a yarn shop that carries all the things to do with crocheting, knitting and needle arts," said co-owner Susan Sanocki.

Materials from around the world are on the shelves in The Knitting Den. Their selection includes silk, linen, cotton, solids, tweeds and blends — all in many colors. Several novelty yarns and wools including merino, lamb, alpaca, angora and mohair are also available. "If you're going to spend hours on something you knit, you want to use quality materials," said co-owner Bonnie Crossley.

Both families put in three solid months of remodeling the Victorian-style home they operate their business from. The homey atmosphere inside is a big draw for customers who have a passion about knitting.

Crossley, who learned knitting from her grandmother, has seen customers stop by just to browse, go home to cook dinner for their family, and then come back that same day.

Sanocki has been a lifelong lover of knit-

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ting and crocheting. She also is interested in felting, another style of knitting.

Classes for all levels, even beginners, are planned. There is a \$20 charge per person for each class. Materials are extra. Classes will be held at The Knitting Den.

"Teenagers and young professional women have been showing a great interest in knitting," Sanocki said. "Even the 'Desperate Housewives' stars have professed a love for knitting and will be doing some in the show." Both owners have been friends for over 30 years. Prior to opening the business a few months ago, Crossley worked as a substitute teacher, and Sanocki worked in retail.

"Knitting is part of a nesting process," Sanocki said. "Staying at home knitting something you're proud of is a great feeling."



Photo by NATHAN MENDON

Susan Sanocki, left, and Bonnie Crossley, along with Bonnie's granddaughter, Maura May, invite residents to experience the joy, satisfaction and relaxation that comes with knitting.

## Healthstyles

Healthstyles team offers physical rehabilitation and fitness

A familiar face in the South Lyon 'healthy lifestyle' community has recently added another important ingredient to its business mix.

Healthstyles, known for its rehabilitation, physical fitness and wellness education, has grown in the past year to include Marc Schlichtemeyer. He is the 'MVP' on Barbara Herzog's expert staff at Healthstyles Health and Wellness.

Schlichtemeyer is well known in the South Lyon Schools and sports community for his sports specific programs. Herzog recommends that people stop by the office and meet him to discuss weight training, speed, agility and coordination of child, teen and adult athletes.

Herzog, a physical therapist who has owned the business since 1992, understands the needs of recreational and school sports. In addition, she and her staff pay very close attention to all aspects of the population, from young child to the seniors in the ever-changing medical environment. She is committed to providing the highest level of physical therapy available in the South Lyon community.

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Healthstyles offers four specialty programs including Aquatic Therapy (treatment in onsite exercise pool), Fitness Enhancement for Golf Excellence, Lymphedema Clinic and Hand Rehabilitation. Onsite therapeutic massage and one-on-one personal training are also available.

Herzog added, "Many of our patients/clients come to us not only because of a physician referral but word of mouth from a friend, colleague, coach or satisfied customer. We are pleased to be known as an important part of South Lyon's community, medical professionals and of course, your friend."

Assisting patients at HealthStyles are, from left, Jennifer Evans, Barbara Herzog, Shawn Spears, Todd Patzer, Elizabeth Shepard, Donna Hurst, Jill Sullivan, Jim Kallne, Cristina Mellis, Dana Karfonia and Vicky Finn.



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People are in good hands with Allstate's new security products

By Michael Pilotti  
SPECIAL WRITER

Exciting and insurance are two words you don't often hear at the same time. Some times when people hear about insurance, faces turn pale and ears begin to numb.

But that's not how it is with Tom Courney at Allstate Insurance Company in New Hudson. There are exciting new products to offer his customers that have him bubbling with excitement.

Along with the proven, and competitive, homeowners, life and auto protection, Allstate has introduced new products to add more security and family protection to their line-up. Now available are policies to protect manufactured homes, landlords and motorcycle enthusiasts at very competitive prices.

Tom is proud his company offers identity theft protection that repairs individual losses due to identity theft. Attorney fees, loan application fees and lost wage recovery are some of the awesome benefits.

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seeing their parent's estates, and their own, becoming a large component of a retirement plan.

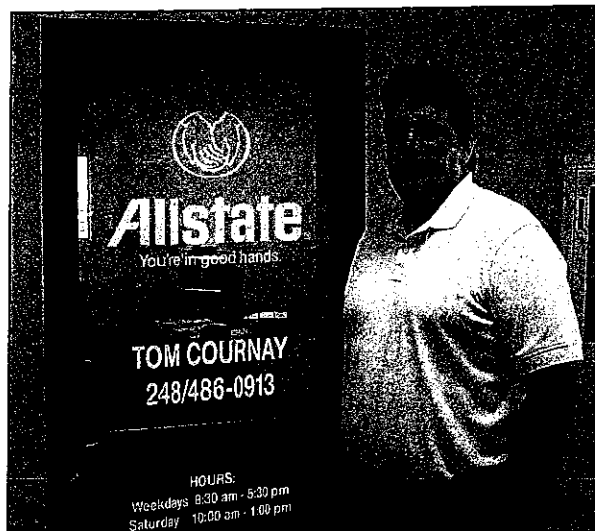
Shouldn't retirement plans include protection of the estate and be accompanied with sound financial planning?

Of course it should. Tom and his partner offer a free, extensive financial checkup, which will provide sound advice for retirement planning.

You'll find Tom nestled in the Crossroads Center Mall on Grand River Avenue in New Hudson.

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Tom Courney enjoys helping people through his New Hudson Allstate office.



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"Most people think of homeopathic medicine as some kind of alternative health care. I like to think of it as a compliment. A person can use regular medicine with homeopathy. They can have the best of two therapies while optimizing their health," she said.

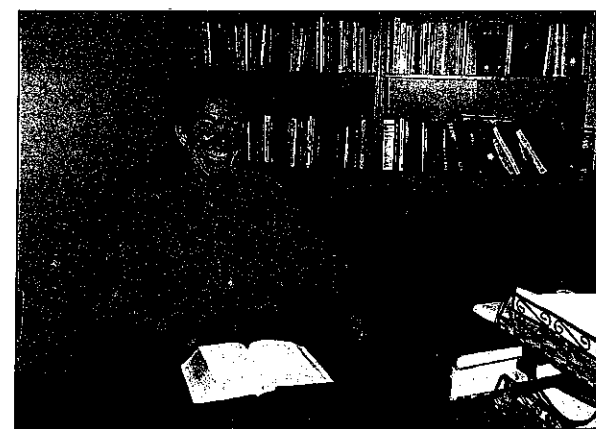
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## The Gallery Café

Jagger expands art, framing business to include Seattle's Best Coffee

By Nathan Menoian & Candy Spiegel  
SPECIAL SECTIONS

Julia Jagger has good feelings about running two businesses under one roof.

For the past five years, Jagger has been working long hours to grow The Frame Gallery, a framing and art business located on Lafayette Street in downtown South Lyon.

Now she is bringing a whole new world to her customers.

Jagger will soon be opening The Gallery Café, an upscale coffee house serving Seattle's Best Coffee, inside The Frame Gallery.

"Four soft chairs, hard chairs, some large tables, hardwood floor, and wireless laptop Internet really make this place unique. There also is outside patio seating available — weather permitting," she said. "Customers who visit the Gallery Café will see great artwork on the walls that they can buy. They can bring in artwork to be framed as well, and do it all under one roof."

Jagger's daughter, a recent art history college graduate, will be organizing upcoming art exhibitions to draw customers to the location.

The Gallery Café is all part of Jagger's dream to attract people to the world of art. Through her framing business, Jagger has taught thousands of people of all ages to express their personality through art. She has

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sold paintings of Kid Rock, photographs of the Red Wings and movie posters of Scooby Doo, in addition to works by artists like Thomas Kincaide, Terry Redlin, Govinder and Waterhouse.

Some artists, including John McNaughton, a French impressionist from Utah, have visited the store to sign and identify their own creations for customers.

Jagger has also helped people turn family heirlooms, christening gowns, graduation caps, sports jerseys, children's artwork and other items into works of art.

"I do design, framing, home consults and also work with interior decorators," Jagger said.

She hopes to bring sculptural art to her business in the near future.

"I have met the most wonderful people and made good friends through this business," Jagger said. "What has made me successful are my loyal customers. I plan on doing this well into the future."

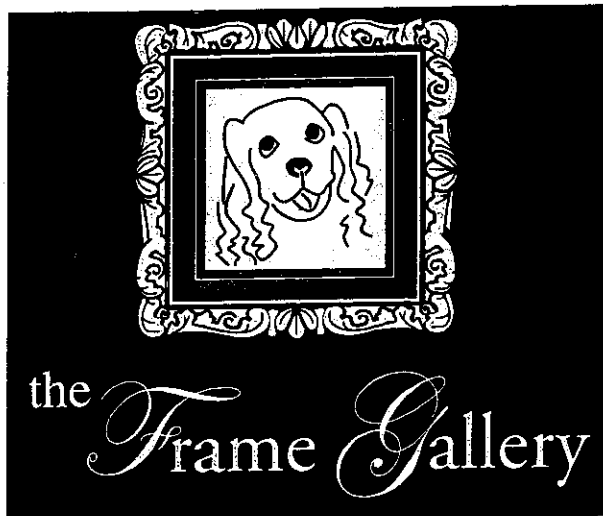


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## South Lyon Foot & Ankle Specialists, PC

Caring for patients one foot at a time

By John R. Hall  
SPECIAL WRITER

Taking time for individualized attention is the only way to help patients at South Lyon Foot & Ankle Specialist, PC.

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Dr. Mastrogiacomo is a graduate of University of Michigan and the New York College of Podiatric Medicine. He specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of foot and ankle injuries and ailments.

He is seeing a lot of student athletes now that the fall sports season is in full swing and expects to treat young people with a variety of ailments.

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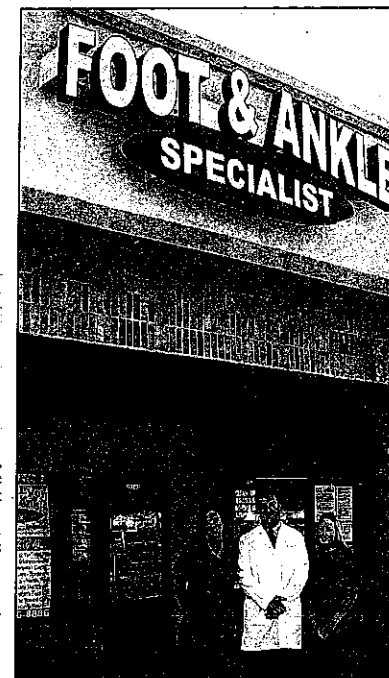



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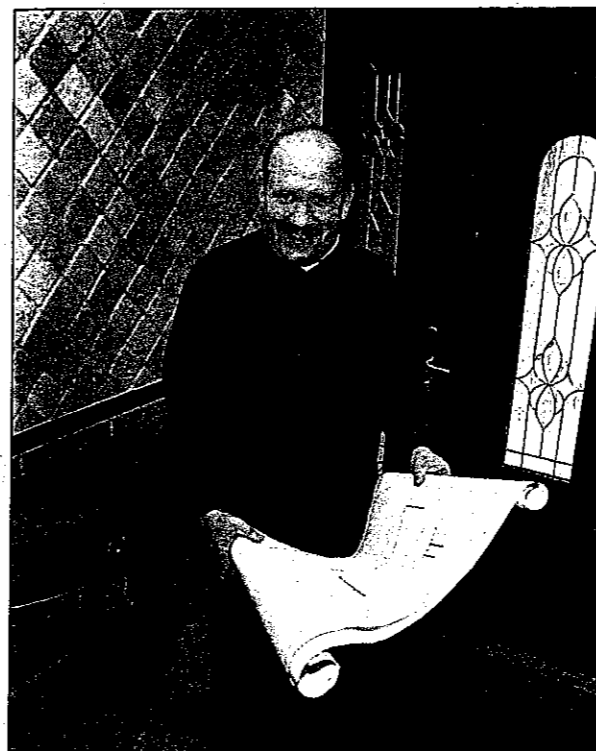
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By Michael Pilotti  
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