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Novi Mother: Where are my babies?



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Kathy O'Meara looks in a photo of one of the two babies she and her husband adopted from a Guatemalan adoption agency. The Guatemalan government has seized the rights to the babies, and O'Meara is in limbo.

Adoption process halted in international conflict

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

Kathy O'Meara and her husband, Brian, always wanted a large family, and they had talked about adoption when they were engaged 13 years ago. Acting on the matter, they now find themselves in the middle of a political war.

The process of adopting two month-old twin boys, Brandon and Alexander, and Oliver, a 23-month-old child, from Guatemala was halted because of international conflict. The Guatemalan government has seized the rights to the babies, and O'Meara is in limbo.

City hosts fall, family-fun day

Fall for Novi
Saturday, Sept. 15, 2007
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Novi Civic Center

- Kids' Village
- Novi Police Department Open House
- Novi Fire Department Safety Trailer
- Fall Perennial Flower Exchange
- Free Health Screenings from St. John Community Health & Infinity Health
- Household Hazardous Waste Disposal
- Chili Cook-off
- Novi Lions' Refreshments

Source: City of Novi

By Kelly Murad
STAFF WRITER

Before the leaves from the trees fall to the ground, the City of Novi is inviting local residents to Fall for Novi.

The sixth annual community event will take place 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the Novi Civic Center.

the community a chance to see different aspects of the city," said Matt Pegouski, community relations coordinator for the City of Novi.

Aside from the informational booths manned by representatives of city departments, community groups, schools and local organizations, the event will also feature

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Former Novi Expo Center appeals use

By Kelly Murad
STAFF WRITER

Kevin Adell, owner of the former Novi Expo Center, was scheduled to go in front of the Zoning Board of Appeals Tuesday night seeking movement in his ongoing effort to open his defunct facility at Novi Road and Interstate 96 as a Gibraltar-Trade-Center like business.

Although Adell, on behalf of Adell Brothers Children's Trust, said he was approaching the board to ask for clarification regarding the zoning of the property, city officials said Adell's attorney, Scott Smith of Clark Hill, was petitioning the Zoning Board of

Want to find out what happened? Visit www.novinews.com for the meeting outcome.

Appeals for release of a previous decision denying the use of a retail trade center at the 320,000-square-foot building.

According to city officials, zoning ordinances do not permit the opening of such an operation.

The property is zoned as EXPO, Exposition District ordinance, which states using the facility for retail sale of products or services is permitted no more than six times within a calendar

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NOVI WEEKEND PLANNER

• FRIDAY

Head to Imagine Theater, 44425 W. 12 Mile Rd., and check out "Mr. Woodcock," the latest film for both Stiffer and Bad Santa. John Farley (Seann William Scott) travels home to stop his mom (Susan Sarandon) from marrying his former gym teacher and nemesis, Mr. Woodcock (Billy Bob Thornton). As the pair rekindle an old hatred 20 years later, the wedding date approaches. Call (888) 319-3456 for showtimes.

• SATURDAY

From 10 a.m.-1 p.m. stop by the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Rd., for Fall for Novi. Meet fellow residents and community leaders while touring city facilities and partaking in police demonstrations and health screenings, among other activities sponsored by the Novi Police Department, Providence Hospital, Novi Lions and more. The Autumn Perennial Plant Exchange will take place at the Civic Center from 9 a.m.-noon for residents wanting to trade extra perennials for a different variety.

After Fall for Novi, swing by Tollgate Farms' Family Fun Day at Meadowbrook and 12 Mile roads. From 10 a.m.-3 p.m., residents can press flowers, paint pumpkins, make a kite, catch and release a fish or go through a maze. Also on hand will be birds of prey from the Howell Nature Center.

• SUNDAY

From 11 a.m.-4 p.m. it's Pet Awareness Day at the Walled Lake Event Field, 1499 E. West Maple Rd., near the fire station just across the city border. Bring your four-legged, feathery or scaled friends out for a day full of pet awareness and activities.

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Picasso Cafe owners Allen, left, and Michael Attec will be presenting their chicken chili in a bread bowl at the Sept. 15 Fall for Novi event.

City hosts fall family-fun day

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activities for the kids. "It's a family-friendly event," said Tracie Ringle, communications and resource development supervisor for the Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department.

Kids of all ages will flock to Kids' Village to play in the moonwalks and experience new classes the Novi Parks is offering this fall.

Parents can register their children for fall parks and recreation classes on site and receive a \$5 discount.

In line with back to school and the upcoming flu season, St. John Community Health nurses will serve as advocates promoting proper hand-washing techniques for adults and children.

"Hand-washing is the single-most important means of preventing the spread of infection," said Cheryl Pistolesi, community nurse coordinator for St. John Community Health.

On behalf of the St. John Health Novi Campus, the nurses will be performing free health screenings for adults and children.

Adults will also have the opportunity to undergo nutritional health screenings.

"We're promoting to be active and take care of ourselves," Pistolesi said. The nurses will provide blood pressure tests, a body fat analysis and body mass index screenings.

"This is an important screening tool for individuals to assess their weight," Pistolesi said.

Local gardeners are hoping for good weather for Novi's Autumn Perennial Exchange. In conjunction with Fall for Novi, the Novi Beautification Commission and Parks, Recreation and Forestry are hosting the exchange from 9 a.m. to noon.

The idea is for people to dig and divide perennials from their own yard and bring them to the event to trade for perennials from someone else's yard.

Community members interested in participating in the exchange are asked to make labels for the perennials including its common name, scientific name, color, how tall it will grow, how much space it requires and whether it needs sunlight or shade.

As a new addition to the Fall for Novi line-up, local restaurants are participating in the first annual chili cook-off.

Picasso Cafe, Famous Dave's, Gus O'Connors, Red, Hot and Blue and Guernsey will all be submitting signature recipes for the competition.

A panel of judges, composed of three city staff members, will choose the best chili based on flavor and spiciness.

The winner will receive a plaque and a trophy made from an official Novi Fire Chief's helmet.

For a spoon to sample the selection of chili, the City is asking community members to contribute gently used winter clothing or make a \$2 donation, which will be donated to needy

children. Other activities for the free event include the Novi Police Department open house, household hazardous waste disposal,

the Novi Fire Department safety trailer and refreshments and "world famous" Marcus Burgers offered by the Novi Lions'.

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School district handbooks are turning Japanese

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

Novi Community Schools has translated many of its elementary school handbooks into Japanese.

The translations, which are available for download on the district Web site, <http://www.novi.k12.mi.us>, were made by Novi parent Emiko Nakashima. The Web site offers handbooks for Novi Meadows, Orchard Hills, Parkview and Village Oaks, as well as kindergarten information for Parkview and Village Oaks, and Oakland County's Health Communicable Disease Chart.

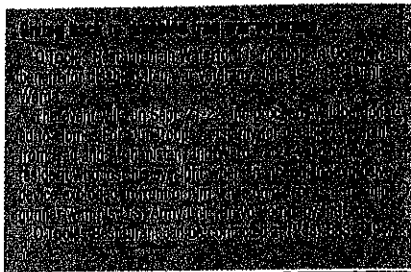
"Our intention is to put the middle school and high school handbooks on there too," said

Superintendent Peter Dion. He said a Japanese translation of "A Commitment to Excellence," the current message from the superintendent, is also pending translation.

Dion said the reason for the translations is so Japanese-speaking families new to the community, or those about to move to the U.S. from Japan, will be able to get a preview of the Novi school district.

"When they get over here, we want to make sure they have adequate information about the district," Dion said.

The city's population was nine percent Asian as of the 2000 census, accounting for 4,113 of Novi's 47,579 residents. This year's certified mid-decade census placed the city's entire population at 52,231.



Novi parent Kathy O'Meara holds a photo of the two infants she and her husband are trying to adopt from Guatemala. Even though the kids were seized from a Guatemalan adoption agency, the O'Mearas have given the kids names: Gabe, on the left, and Ian.

Adoption process halted in international conflict

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orphange has seven lawyers working on the case, according to O'Meara.

"The last four weeks has put us

into a tailspin. Anything we thought we knew about it and any preconceived ideas you have go right out," O'Meara said. "Absolutely nothing is sure right now."

Casa Quivira is in Antigua, a city in the Central American country of Guatemala. It has been open since 1996.

"With international politics, there's no simple answer. There's no official charges against the orphanage, but some of the accusations are ludicrous," O'Meara said.

She said the concern her and most of the other soon-to-be adoptive parents have is with the health and well-being of their children in a country struggling to get by.

"It's such an incredibly poor country. If they're lucky, (Ian and Gabe) get into an overcrowded orphanage run by a U.S. charity," O'Meara said. "Eighty percent of the population lives in extreme

poverty. They're indigenous - Mayan - and make just a couple dollars a day. In the city or out in the country it's profound. They live in tin shack homes built on the side of volcanoes and have earthquakes and mudslides."

With 42 children still unaccounted for, O'Meara is ready to pack her bags at the first notice of being able to see and potentially bring home her new children. She would have to stay in Guatemala for four to six weeks to fight for

custody of the children, however. "We wait. That's really all we're doing is waiting. It's frustrating to have the safety of the children in the middle of a squabble for money," she said.

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Starting a family

Former residents of Hillsdale, Kathy attended Grand Valley State University and Brien attended the University of Michigan. After graduating and getting married, Brien worked as a certified public accountant and Kathy as an athletic trainer at Woodhaven High School until they decided to move to North Carolina for four years. Their first child, Abby, was born six months before moving to Germany for two years, where their son Josh was born.

Now back in Novi, they decided about a year and a half ago that they wanted to look into adoption. Neighbors referred them to check out Casa Quivira in Guatemala.

"It was obvious after talking with people there that their focus was on the children and not with us, not with communicating with parents, but with kids. They give the best care in Guatemala. They can handle a baby that other places can't," Kathy O'Meara said.

They were also impressed with the amount of bilingual people in Europe, specifically the waters at restaurants that were required to know at least three languages, hence a reason for looking at children from other countries.

"We had a gut feeling (about Guatemala)," O'Meara said. "We wanted our current children to be bilingual. Our kids are learning Spanish. It's important that we provide (Ian and Gabe) as much of a link to their original country as possible."

At the time Adell began selling vendor space, city officials said he did not have permission to use the facility as a trade center.

"I don't hope for anything," Adell said. "Either they are going to give it to me or they are going to deny me."

Adell said if he is unable to proceed with his business plan, he plans to sue the City for blocking his ability to conduct business at the property.

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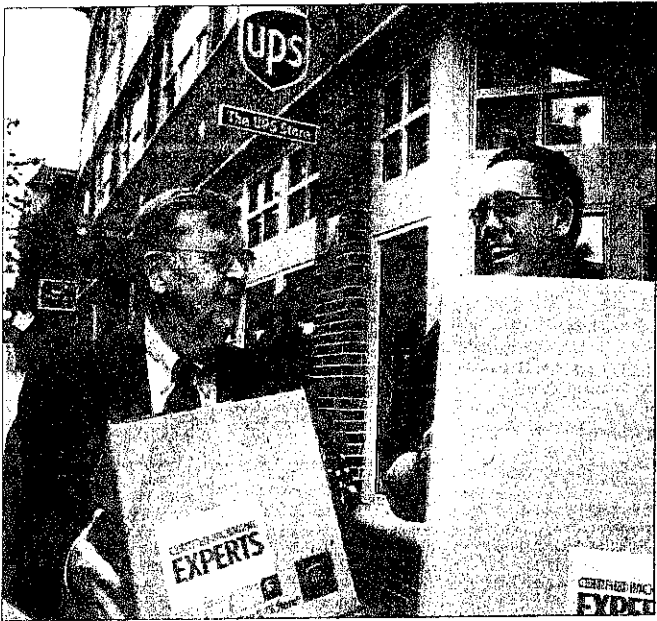
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MY BUSINESS

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UPS franchisee retiring with Lifetime Achievement Award



Bob Mundt, left, a franchise owner for 97 UPS stores in Michigan, is retiring soon. Here he joins Northville UPS store manager Mike Ludwig at the Cady Center location.

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

Bob Mundt, Sr. is the man behind the big brown UPS trucks as they cover the state, making deliveries and connecting friends, families and businesses.

Mundt, who turns 69 this year, has been in the business for 19 years as a franchisee for The UPS Store. He was recently recognized as the fourth Mail Boxes Etc. employee to earn the Lifetime Achievement Award.

"I was very surprised and flattered. This business is a great business, with great opportunities for someone willing to work," Mundt said. "I found it to be a very enjoyable activity. I liked coming into work in the morning. I couldn't say that about my old job."

After receiving a bachelor's degree in social science from Loyola University in Chicago, Mundt worked for a now-defunct automotive supplier for 18-19 years before connecting with Mail Boxes Etc. UPS franchisee.

The intersection at 12 Mile and Evergreen roads was Mundt's first location. He moved into Novi not long after, and the transition through Northville and the rest of the area was not far behind. Mundt now franchises 97 UPS stores, blanketing the lower third of Michigan.

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UPS franchise owner

"He's just been a pleasure," Mundt said of working with his children. "I'm very pleased with their skills in dealing with customers and franchisees. The business won't miss me."

His oldest son said the phase-over period will help the final transition when his father retires, but he'll still be missed in the network for a long time. He likes the business so much, it's hard for him to leave. He wants him to be able to enjoy himself outside the office," Bob Mundt, Jr. said. "He's a straightforward guy who says what he does and does what he says."

With retirement queued up for the end of the year, Mundt, Sr. has three things planned: Rest, golf and grandchildren.

"I have a place up north in Frankfort, near Traverse City. I also golf. I don't do it well or often enough," joked the veteran of the game for the past 35-40 years. "I hope to play golf and play better."

Mundt has six grandchildren from his four children — two from Peter and Peggy each, and one each from Bob Jr. and Kathleen Whitney, who is not involved in the family business. The grandchildren's ages range from 11 years to the newest pair of three-month olds.

Mold and Engineering (Shelby Township), Enterprise Automotive Systems (Warren), Fluxtrol Inc. (Auburn Hills) and Global Technology Inc. (Auburn Hills).

The Indian trade mission will focus on alternative energy applications, automotive components and systems, environmental and pollution control technologies, machine tools, medical devices and equipment, information technology and software applications.

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Suspected larcenist targets vehicles in residential neighborhoods

A series of vehicles were broken into near Beck and 10 Mile roads between 5 p.m. Sept. 3 and 9:30 a.m. Sept. 4, reports said.

An officer was dispatched to Roma Ridge Drive, when a passerby noticed the driver's window of a black Chrysler Pacifica was broken, reports said.

According to the report, the incident occurred between 5 p.m. Sept. 3 and 5:30 a.m. Sept. 4.

The victim said his black 2007 Gigabyte iPod and white iPod broadcaster that were stolen from inside the vehicle were visible to someone standing outside the vehicle, reports said.

The stolen property totaled \$500.

Residents on Scarlet Drive accidentally left their blue Ford unlocked overnight while parked in their driveway, reports said.

According to the report, between 9 p.m. Sept. 3 and 7:30 a.m. Sept. 4, the suspect stole two tennis rackets, one radar detector, one lawn chair and a blanket from the victim's vehicle.

A total value of more than \$400, reports said.

A gray Ford, parked at a residence on Venice Drive, between Cider Mill Road and Roma Ridge Drive, was broken into between 11 p.m. Sept. 3 and 7 a.m. Sept. 4, reports said.

The driver-side window had been broken out and the center console was open, but nothing was missing, reports said.

According to the victim, she and her husband arrived home from a trip and emptied all their belongings out of the vehicle before going to bed at 11 p.m. She thought the suspect(s) was looking for their GPS system because there is a mark from the suction ring on the windshield, reports said.

Another vehicle that was parked in a driveway on Venice Drive, between Cider Mill Road and Roma Ridge Drive was broken into between 2:30 and 9:40 a.m. Sept. 4, reports said.

According to the victim, a neighbor approached her house with clothing and other items he found in the street. The items belonged to the victim and had been in her vehicle, reports said.

While inspecting her vehicle, the victim noticed about \$10 in change was stolen, reports said.

According to police there was no damage to the vehicle and it is unknown how the suspect(s) entered it.

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intoxicants and performed a number of field sobriety tests on the woman, reports said.

According to the report, the preliminary breath test, the woman's blood alcohol concentration was .12 percent.

Don't speed while driving on a suspended license

A man with three outstanding warrants was arrested by an officer of the Novi Police Department for operating while intoxicated and driving while his license is suspended, reports said.

According to the report, the officer informed the officer of his suspended license.

Initially, the driver stated that he drank a couple of beers at his

heading westbound going 55 mph in a 40 mph zone.

When the officer initiated the traffic stop, he noticed a strong odor of intoxicants coming from the driver and a sealed bottle of alcohol in the center console, reports said.

According to the report, the driver informed the officer of his suspended license.

Initially, the driver stated that he drank a couple of beers at his

mother's house in Detroit, but later admitted to drinking at a concert, reports said.

According to the officer, the man was reluctant to provide a breath sample for the preliminary breath test, stating that he knew he would "blow more than what it's supposed to be."

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Automation Alley signs six companies to attend India trade mission

Automation Alley, a technology business association driving the growth in Southeast Michigan's economy, announces six companies are prepared to participate in its upcoming trade mission to the Indian cities of New Delhi, Pune, Bangalore and Chennai, Oct. 10-20, including Novi-based Lotus Bank.

Novi location is probably 20 years old. It already existed when

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MY CITY COUNCIL

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Another go at the logo, designs under review

City Council Meeting Notebook

About 30 people, composed of City Council members, Novi residents and City Staff were in attendance at the City of Novi graphic work session prior to Monday's City Council meeting.

The graphic session was organized by Community Relations Manager Sheryl Walsh in response to councilmembers' disappointment with the initial proposed logos at the City Council meeting Aug. 27.

The concerns of Council were taken into account when Ford and Earl Associates Inc. designed 73 new logos.

The session was open to members throughout the community in an effort to gain additional feedback. Each person was asked to share input regarding what they liked or didn't like about the logos and write down their top five choices.

A popular logo, among the 73 designs, was one Ford and Earl created incorporating the current logo in the "O" of Novi.

In an effort to create a consistent image for Novi, Ford and Earl was hired to develop a new

city logo, vision statement and brand statement as part of the city-wide branding initiative. According to Walsh, the City budgeted \$20,000 to be used toward design and development of City of Novi Style Guides and templates.

AT&T opposes City's rights-of-way requirements

Council unanimously approved the second reading to amend the Novi Code of Ordinances to add requirements regarding franchise utility construction in the city's rights-of-way.

According to the City, franchise telecommunications equipment being installed in the city's rights-of-way may damage or make it difficult to maintain buried public utilities as well as obstruct safe sight distances and pose aesthetic con-

cerns. AT&T, who recently began offering video and high-speed Internet services to Novi residents, is one company utilizing the city's rights-of-way to install telecommunications equipment.

AT&T representative, Lori Doughty, spoke during an audience participation opposing the passage of the ordinance and said AT&T was willing to work with the City of Novi to find a solution.

Since the first reading of the amendment at the Council meeting Aug. 13, Mayor David Landry, Mayor Pro Tem Kim Capello and City Manager Clay Pearson met with AT&T repre-

sentatives to hear their concerns and changes were made to the amendment based on those objections. Even with changes made, Doughty said their concerns were not addressed and AT&T feels they are being discriminated against.

"This ordinance applies to anyone using our rights-of-way," Landry said. "Whether it be company XYZ or AT&T."

The addition of these requirements does not prohibit AT&T from providing service to Novi residents, but AT&T representatives are concerned that the residents' quality of service will suffer due to these restrictions.

Police Department. With the use of drug forfeiture funds, eight 2008 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptors will be purchased for the uniform patrol division from Gorno Ford of Woodhaven in the amount of \$164,152.

For the 2007-08 fiscal year, \$169,000 was budgeted for the purchase of eight full-size marked vehicles for the uniform patrol division.

The purchase will be made through the Oakland County cooperative bid purchase program. Council unanimously approved an engineering services contract for Capacity Management Operations and Maintenance (CMOM) phase III

activities to Orchard, Hiltz and McClintock for \$96,100. In 2004, the City initiated the sanitary sewage CMOM program in order to get a better understanding of the capacity available in the existing sanitary sewer system and of the improvements required to meet future demands.

Included in the phase III activities is the sanitary sewer pilot program, cleaning and televising and flow monitoring. Phase I and II were completed by the same company.

Council Meeting Notes were taken from the Monday, September 10, 2007 regular meeting of the Novi City Council. Councilwoman Toni Nagy was absent. Next meeting: 7 p.m., September 24 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Rd.

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Novi Ice Arena fully operational

The Novi Ice Arena, located at 42400 Arona Drive, opened with full operations Sept. 4 after being closed since Aug. 8.

The arena originally closed on Aug. 8, due to a fire that was caused by a hydraulic leak of an ice resurfacing machine.

The building was evacuated and there were no injuries, but the interior suffered severe smoke damage.

The assessed damages to the ice arena from the fire were more than \$200,000 and covered by the city's insurance policy. Restoration efforts from the fire were expected to be completed Aug. 27, but due to the severe storms through southeast Michigan Aug. 24, the arena lost power and the ice in both rinks melted.

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Biker and biologist named Realtor of the Year

By Chris Jackett STAFF WRITER

For a guy who double-majored in biology and psychology in college and now spends his free time camping with his family or cruising North Territorial Road on his 2002 Heritage Softail Springer motorcycle, Realtor of the Year was a fairly unexpected title.

Gary Reggish, broker owner of Remerica United Realty in Novi, was recently named Realtor of the Year by the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors.

"Our board is filled with hard-working people," said Reggish, 41, who serves as president elect of the association. "I'm the guy that shows up and says what needs to be done. As far as what I've done to tip the scales in my favor, I don't know."

Of more than 4,000 members, Reggish won the award for his involvement in and around both his community and business association.

"He was chosen for his service to the community and the association," said Cheryl Yost, a fellow board member.

Reggish is a member of the Novi Chamber of Commerce after having served with Northville's Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce and Central Business Association in the past.

"I'm a believer that if you're in a community, making money

"I'm a believer that if you're in a community, making money in a community, you should give back to the community."

Gary Reggish Broker Owner of Remerica United Realty in Novi

in a community, you should give back to the community," said Reggish, who works by the Zig Zigar quote, "You'll get what you want if you help other people get what they want first."

With this motto, Reggish strives to connect with customers and had a work out room, showers and basketball court installed at the office for his employees.

"We're really focused on a unique, industrial, contemporary look. We have more of a look you'd expect in New York or Paris," he said.

When Reggish graduated from the University of Michigan, he had no thoughts or aspirations of getting into the realty business.

"I got into it absolutely by accident," he said. "I owned an

upscale (eyewear) boutique [Urban Optiks] and hotel optical lab [Optical Express] in Northville and, every Friday, Rick Shaffer of Main Street Bank would have a '5:01 party' on his front porch for business owners to get together after work and have hors d'oeuvres.

"We started talking about real estate investing and I was looking into a Higgins Lake property. I got hooked on the bug."

Reggish, who lives in Livonia and once owned two businesses in Northville, has been in the realty business since he was licensed in 1999 and has owned Remerica United Realty since October 2002, a month after he completed three years of broker classes.

He recently became the fifth Michigan resident to earn the Guild Luxury Home Designation, which qualifies him to sell multi-million dollar properties.

"His passion, professionalism and work ethic are phenomenal. He had a vision and set out for that vision," Shaffer said. "I was self-employed and told him 'I wake up every morning unemployed. If I don't get up and do something, I won't get paid.' I think that really got him thinking."

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The Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors recently named Gary Reggish its Realtor of the Year — seen here in his Remerica United Realty office in Novi.

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Area children check out some of the animals brought by Pat Brauer of Oxford during the Historical Commission's Fuerst Farm Family Day last Sunday, which drew a substantial crowd.



Lisa Jacob, executive director of the Museum of Surveying in Lansing, explains the mapping of Michigan by early surveyors on the Fuerst Farm property.



Jack Worthington of the Michigan Barn Preservation Network demonstrates the skill of ropemaking at the Fuerst Farm Family Day event.

OBITUARIES

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SCHOOL BOARD MEETING: 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20 at the Educational Services Building on Taft Road

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MY EDUCATION

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Student reports on the new school year

School Board Meeting Notebook

Student board member Aditya Satli reported on the successful start to the new school year... Superintendent Bob Schram noted the hiring of six new staff members...

Dunkin' Donuts offers free coffee today

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Class NOTES

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Novi High School marching band

The following is the September NHS marching band calendar of events: Saturday, Sept. 15 FAN-FARE event at Novi High School...

Fireup Fest

Following the Wildcat football game Friday, Sept. 21, Music Go Round and Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry are sponsoring 'Fireup Fest'...

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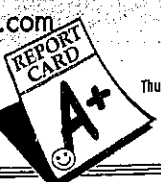
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Students learn about emergency response services



By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

Students at Novi High School received a hands-on lesson last Thursday as emergency medical technicians visited their class. Emergency medical responders Julie Curry and Frank Gilbert visited Bill Dunbar's medical careers exploration class to tell the 26 students about their career with Concord EMS and show the students how some of the scene procedures are run out of an ambulance.

"I get a kick out of seeing the excitement on students' faces and letting people know what we do and how we do it. People don't know what EMS is and how we operate," Curry said.

Curry, a manager and basic licensed responder for the last 17 years since graduating from Central Michigan University, and Gilbert, a field training officer and paramedic-licensed responder for nearly nine years since graduating from Henry Ford Community College, had plenty of experience to fish from.

"I could kill you and bring you back, all at the same time," Gilbert joked. "The more they know, the more we can find out when we get a call."

Concord EMS covers western Wayne County, downriver and Oakland County.

The duo told stories ranging from assisting in the delivery of a child, which Curry has done three times, to saving the life of a man who lost the lower half of his face due to a shotgun wound. "I think paramedics do a huge part in saving lives and are not really known about," said senior Sara Sheeran, 17. "Most people don't really get the chance to see things like this."

Curry and Gilbert demonstrated the new \$25,000 critical care monitor, which monitors a patient's heart rate, blood pressure and more.

They also showed the students how to deal with a patient with thin arteries who is rapidly losing

blood. Respondents have a small tool that drills an IV receptor into the patient's bone below their knee cap or, for adults only, into the sternum.

Sheeran helped the duo demonstrate how to intubate a patient. Respondents have 30 seconds or less to prop a patient's mouth open, without touching their teeth, and guide a breathing tube down the patient's throat so they can breathe.

"It's cool to be actually hands on with the equipment," Sheeran said. "Every biology class I've taken has been real interesting. I'd like to go into a similar field, like a physician's assistant or maybe this."

Senior Amanda Harden, 17, was interested because EMS technicians are not as dominant in medical discussions or entertainment such as television shows "ER" and "Grey's Anatomy."

"It was interesting to see what the training is like. It was significant to see some of the less heard of medical careers," she said. Harden signed up for Dunbar's medical careers exploration class because of her interest in nutrition. The course connections will allow her to work with a nutritionist at Providence Hospital this semester, in addition to the usual class work.

The entire class will be learning about the various areas of medical health care throughout the semester, taking weekly trips to Providence Hospital.

"The kids are to travel to Providence in groups of six to seven (to get a hands-on tour of the different departments each week). They'll even be putting casts on each other one week," said Dunbar, who chairs the Science Department and coordinates the Providence partnership. "I could tell them all this in class, but it's more effective for them to see people doing it in the real world."

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Lawrence Technological University

The following Novi residents graduated in May at the Lawrence Technological University 75th Commencement Exercises: Darcy Axeloth, Master of Science in

Automotive Engineering; Erick Kienler, Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering; Selena Mastin, Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering; Goyita McFaldra, Master of Architecture; Jagat Murnandi, Master of Business Administration; Jesse

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That's Entertainment
A gentlemen's chorus line performs a number during the Novi Senior Center's presentation of "Hit Parade" last Friday afternoon at the Novi Civic Center. "Hit Parade" performances continue this weekend.



Swept off your Feet!
Seniors enjoy a Tuesday afternoon dance at the Novi Senior Center. The Internationals play at the Senior Center on the last Tuesday of each month beginning at 1 p.m.

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Afternoon Delight!
Harry Levy, center, and others perform a line dance while enjoying a Tuesday afternoon at the Novi Senior Center. On the last Tuesday of each month the Senior Center hosts The Internationals, a two-man band, who play tunes for a couple of hours.



Congressional Visit
Rep. Thaddeus McCotter greets a visitor to his Fox Run Village afternoon meeting this month. McCotter, a Republican who represents Michigan's 11th congressional district, talked about and took questions about the war in Iraq, social security, immigration and fiscal policy.

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Time to take advantage

This Saturday, the City of Novi will host the sixth annual Fall for Novi community event from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center.

And although there will be a moonwalk and family-fun events, Fall for Novi goes far beyond a typical festival.

The event - including informational booths, access to city officials and police department tours to name just a few highlights - gives residents a chance in a one-stop setting to learn about the City of Novi.

"The main purpose is to give the community a chance to see different aspects of the city," said Matt Pegowski, community relations coordinator for the City of Novi.

Yes, your child can play in Kids' Village, but parents can learn about community organizations and city services from those in the know.

Residents can talk to police officials and see their department up close. A perennial exchange, the annual Household Hazardous Waste Day collection, chili cook-off and St. John Health Novu Campus health screenings will also take place.

We encourage residents to take the time to stop by and learn what Novi has to offer, and we applaud the city for opening up its operations - with plenty of fun in the mix.

Nancy Cassis: Lansing Connection

In efforts to find appropriate cost savings in the budget at a time of economic recession and decreased state revenues, the Senate Republicans recently passed several cost-saving reform measures limiting new hiring within state departments, focusing on government efficiency and allowing local governments and school districts to pool health care. Also, the U.S. District Court recently upheld Michigan law regarding ballast water discharges protecting our great lakes from invasive species which cost our citizens and businesses billions of dollars to control.

Senate Bills 395-398 will now go to the House of Representatives for consideration.

The Public Employees Health Benefit Act requires health care providers to share claims data, so employers and their employee representatives can make more informed health care choices. Competitive bidding is introduced into the process by a requirement that public employees competitively solicit at least four bids for fully insured coverage.

The reforms are estimated to save a minimum of 8 percent a year for local governments while not affecting collective bargaining. The package received the support of more than two dozen organizations, including the American Federation of Teachers and AFL-CIO. If enacted, the legislation would allow statewide savings of \$156 million or more.

Senate Bill 418 would allow units of government to pool medical, dental and optical benefits, and provide for increased access to claims and health care provider data.

Other bills in the package allow school boards, public schools, academies or intermediate school districts that offer insurance to their employees to do so under the act.

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Community colleges that offer health plans to pool benefits under the act.

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The legislation now heads to the House of Representatives for consideration.

As always, I look forward to your comments. You can contact me by e-mail at ncassis@senate.michigan.gov, or toll free at 1-888-36-NANCY.

State Senator Nancy Cassis (R-Nowi) 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 Oakland County portion), Orchard Lake, South Lyon, Walled Lake and Weston.

Hiring freezes for state departments

The Senate Republicans were able to successfully pass amendments to place a hiring freeze on next year's state department budgets.

The number of state employees has increased by more than 1,000 during the governor's last three years in office. The hiring freeze language in the amendments is stricter than what was included in the governor's recent executive directive.

The amendments apply the hiring freeze regardless of fund source for the position. While the governor's hiring freeze is only in place until the end of September, Senate Republican amendments will extend the tougher restrictions through the entire 2008 fiscal year, which begins Oct. 1.

The amendments leave exceptions for such cases where creating a position or filling a vacant position is:

- Necessary to protect the health or safety of a Michigan resident.
- Required by legal or federal mandate, or court order.
- Necessary to produce budgetary savings or protect existing state revenue, and
- Essential for the basic daily living requirements of residents at a state institution or facility.

Bill to create government efficiency committee passes

Recently legislation was approved that will create a new commission on government efficiency. The commission will review various state agencies to determine the cost of government, as well as make recommendations on how to help government be more efficient.

The commission's review will evaluate the functions and services provided by each state agency in at least the following areas: human resources; payroll; internal auditing; accounting; and financial services; purchasing; printing; mail services; maintenance services; janitorial or cleaning services; motor vehicle fleet operations; and transportation services.

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Come Blow Your Horn!
The Novi High School marching band in action during a Friday night halftime show.

LETTERS

PROPOSED CITY LOGO

After reading the recent articles on the "Proposed City Logo" I am wondering if the Novi City Council and Novi city staff live in the same state of Michigan that I do.

With the newspapers and other media full of stories about the State's mega-million

business cards, signage, etc. changed out for this new scheme? Just changing the signage on the police department, fire department, and other city vehicles will be time-consuming and very costly.

You know if the Novi City Council and Novi city staff have so much time and money available they should just sit down and consider ways of

reducing taxes by reducing such frivolous and expensive make-work projects such as the "Proposed City Logo" and perhaps reducing staff who have nothing better to do than waste taxpayer dollars on ridiculous projects and schemes.

Joseph G. Tolt
City of Novi Resident, Taxpayer, & Former Novi City Councilor

What do you think?

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TOM WATKINS: Let Freedom Ring - For All!

Freedom. Throughout world history people have fought and died for the choice to live free.

A movement to bring the basic concepts of choice, freedom and authority to people with disabilities, called "Self-Determination," is taking hold in Michigan.

Tom Nerney, the founder and executive director of the Center for Self-Determination (www.self-determination.com) believes "everyone deserves to exercise freedoms guaranteed to citizens by the Constitution and the Bill of Rights and basic human dignity." Nerney proclaims that "Self-Determination is at its heart about the restoration of full citizenship to all individuals with disabilities."

People with disabilities are still in a struggle for their basic freedoms. Over the years, their health with their supported best interests at heart, family members, governments and caregivers have stripped people with disabilities of their freedom and often their dignity.

I recall visiting the famous psychiatrist Karl Menninger's Mental Health Museum in Topeka, Kan., in the late 1970's and seeing "ice tanks" where people with mental illness were dunked to shock them, along with electric shock treatment and other inhumane, all-instituted in the name of "helping." What struck me was the fact that these devices were not meant to be cruel, but rather represented the enlightened thought process at the time to "help."

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Michigan's history of meeting the needs of persons with mental illness is not a pretty picture. In recent history we have led the nation in moving persons with developmental disabilities out of large, barren state institutions into better community settings. However, too many people with developmental disabilities and mental illness across the nation and the globe have often been given life sentences of confinement and of not making their own decisions about the direction of their lives.

Adult foster care and group homes evolved as the next generation of better care for those "afflicted." However, did anyone bother to stop and ask the person with a disability if this is how they chose to live their life? Consider for a moment what your life would have been like if you never left the dorm room where someone decided what you would eat, the hours you could eat, who you could visit and with whom you were forced to live. Sound horrible? That is the existence for far too many people trapped for life in group homes that often exist to meet the needs of the system - not the people with disabilities.

Are "systems of care" set to benefit people with disabilities or the institutional self-interest of the professionals within the system? This question is not meant to disparage providers or caregivers who work long hours for low wages to assist persons with disabilities but to get us to think about why the systems exist.

Community Living Services (www.comlivserv.com) is a mission-driven support organization serving nearly 3,000 people with disabilities in community settings throughout Wayne and

Oakland Counties. Andre Robinson, a community development assistant at Community Living Services, states, "Self-Determination for people like me with disabilities is about freedom - pure and simple. Freedom to decide how to live your life." Andre, who has cerebral palsy and uses a wheelchair, continued, "Yeah, I need support with some aspects of my daily life, don't you? We need to stop funding the 'system' and so called professionals and start funding people with disabilities - to meet their needs."

"A TAB?"

A friend with a disability once called me a TAB. What is a TAB, I asked? "Temporarily Able Bodied," he replied. He asked me - "If I became disabled, would I want to be 'placed' in a group home with no input into what my life would be like from that moment on? Well, neither do I!"

"The purpose of Self-Determination is to make it possible for individuals to craft personally meaningful lives in the communities they choose," echoes Jim Dehem, the CEO of Community Living Services.

This isn't about a cry for more public money for people with disabilities, asserts Tom Nerney. "In fact, if anything,

people are given authority to control what supports they want and need in their lives - and our research shows that many want less intervention, not more, in their lives."

Imagine, greater freedom and better support for the same or fewer taxpayer resources. Now, that is a public policy that should be supported by the political left and right. The fact that it is not shows how powerful the professional interests are in running the system and maintaining the status quo that keeps people with disabilities trapped, often in child-like conditions, for their entire lives. For countless freedom-seeking people all over the world have been long and fighting to wrest power and control from those who have it.

The freedom struggle continues.

The Center for Self-Determination is presenting the International Conference on Self-Determination May 27-29, 2008 at the Detroit Marriott (Renaissance Center) in Detroit, Michigan. The meetings will feature leaders from across disability and aging service organizations and relate the efforts being made across the world to make freedom a reality for individuals with disabilities. You can find more information and register at www.self-determination.com

Who Benefits From Our Systems of Care?

State institutions for people with mental illness and developmental disabilities were often built to be "out of sight, out of

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COMMENTARY

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PHIL POWER: Leaders fiddling away while state slowly burns

That sound you heard last week was the thin, scratchy tune of our elected leaders fiddling away while our state slowly burns. That's not much of an exaggeration: It was marked by the abysmal failure of our elected leaders to simply do their jobs.

What we needed from them was agreement on a plan to wipe out a projected \$1.75 billion deficit in Michigan's budget for the next fiscal year, which starts Oct. 1. Instead, what we got was just the unpleasant background noise of everybody blaming everybody else.

That's why the forthcoming public engagement campaign, Michigan's Defining Moment, is so important. It's a bottom-up effort to find common ground on a set of very far-reaching reforms that can get our state through the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression and lay the groundwork for our future prosperity.

And it's a way for ordinary citizens to get involved rather than leaving it to politicians. Some of the politicians, sad as it may seem, are more interested in their own careers than in our state's future.



About Phil Power

Phil Power is a longtime observer of politics, economics and education issues in Michigan, and was a regent of the University of Michigan from 1987 to 1999. He is also president and founder of the Center for Michigan, a moderate think-tank. These opinions and others expressed in his columns are his own and do not in any way represent official policy positions of the Center for Michigan. Phil would be pleased to hear from readers at ppower@cnnet.com.

Michigan - our schools and our colleges and universities. That's proven by a new report out last week from the highly regarded nonpartisan Citizens' Research Council.

That study reveals, over the last seven years, the growth in appropriations to the state School Aid Fund has averaged a meager 1.4 percent, far less than the rate of inflation. State spending on higher education has been even worse: It has declined by \$275 million - 13 percent - over the past four years, without taking inflation into consideration.

We can measure the results, and they are scary. The Michigan League for Human Services reports that only 26.1 percent of Michigan adults 25 or older have a college degree. That means we are worse than all but 14 states.

Drop the standard to those who have just a two-year associate's degree, and still only 36.4 percent qualify, making Michigan a scarcely better 31st in the nation.

Worse, Michigan's educational pipeline from school to college leaks like a sieve. According to the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education, the vast majority of Michigan ninth graders fail to graduate and go on to earn a postsecondary degree.

I could go on and on with similar statistics, but will mercifully stop here. But the conclusion is alarmingly clear: We must drastically improve the rate at which our students are learning and completing school. That is the only hope for jump-starting our economy.

Fortunately, there are a number of good ideas about how to remedy the situation. One of the best is the Kalamazoo Promise, financed by generous, anonymous local donors, that guarantees college tuition to graduates from the Kalamazoo public schools.

Although it's early, the results, so far, are mighty encouraging: Graduation rates are way up. So are college enrollments. Families are moving into the district because of the program, and other communities are exploring whether something similar might work for them. One variant: the so-called "Michigan Promise," which provides high school graduates who enroll in college and keep their grades up a grant totaling \$4,000. This is enough to pay for an associate's degree at a Michigan community college. Students can register through their school district or through the Michigan Works Web site.

Then there is the No Worker Left Behind program; it pays for up to two years of tuition at any Michigan community college or job training program. Aimed at older workers who are laid off and need their skills updated, the program is meant to include 100,000 people over the next four years. Information is available at the Department of Labor and Economic Growth web site.

Another important development: The rise of "regional skills alliances," an economic development tool that bundles together local firms with similar skills needs for their labor forces. The Flint Health Care Collaborative, for example, brings together around 20 health care firms who then identify emerging technologies in the field and arrange training for local workers. There are now more than 30 regional skills alliances in Michigan, involving about 500 companies.

What's most important is getting education beyond high school. And one of our state's biggest problems is the long-held assumption that you really don't need to score a good job at the local auto assembly line. Nothing could be further from the

truth. The auto companies in fact are laying off or outsourcing brown-based jobs, those that are hiring are picking workers with post-secondary degrees. And the universities are helping out by linking together community college courses with their own programs.

Kids at Alpena Community College, for example, can transfer some credits to the U-M in Ann Arbor; kids at Oakland Community College can do the same with Wayne State.

But expected changes in our population of our state are coming. Sadly, people discouraged about the future are moving out. According to the recent Citizens Research Council report, by 2017 Michigan will lose a net 41,000 people.

The size of the population likely to go to college (age 18-24) will decline by 84,000 (that's 9 percent), while the labor force of people 16-64 will shrink by 262,000, or 4 percent.

The simple fact is, to keep our economy humming, we need more people - especially skilled people - in Michigan. We have international offices in China, Japan and Europe trying to attract companies. Why couldn't we have "Welcome to Michigan" desks at these offices, urging the skilled and ambitious to move here?

The fact remains, as I write these words, a fundamental common ground reform idea for Michigan - that our future depends on finding, attracting, nurturing and growing talented people in our work force - is being held hostage to a budget deal in Lansing.

Nevertheless, these ideas will be an important part of the Michigan's Defining Moment conversations that start next month.

To learn more or reserve a seat at a conversation near you, go to www.thecenterformichigan.net.

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Physical Therapy Rehabilitation Update

by Dennis Engerer, P.T.

SIGNS OF MOTOR-NEURON DISEASE

Parents of very young children, in particular, should be alert for symptoms of an inherited disease called Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA), which destroys the nerves that control voluntary muscle movement. Although this motor-neuron disease affects muscles throughout the body, the proximal muscles (those closest to the body trunk) weaken most severely. As a result, crawling, walking, head/neck control, and even swallowing become difficult to perform. One in every 40 people carries the gene that causes SMA, and children of two carriers have a 1-in-4 chance of developing the disease. One in every 6,000 babies is born with SMA. Because SMA often proves fatal to young children (age two years and under), symptoms of muscle weakness should be examined.

For several years, we have been helping people overcome disabilities caused by SMA, as well as rehabilitative care after surgery. For additional information about anything discussed in today's column, call Northville Physical Rehabilitation PC. We are located at 215 East Main, Suite B and can be reached by calling 248.349.9339. New patients are welcome.

P.S. Spinal Muscular Atrophy can strike anyone of any age, race, or gender.

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SPOTLIGHT ON

ALLERGY & ASTHMA

Presented by
Michael S. Rowe, M.D., F.A.C.P., C.P.I.

STEROIDS IMPORTANT FOR ASTHMA TREATMENT

If you have asthma, you know that when you are having trouble breathing, relief via a "rescue" medication is vitally important. However, preventing the asthma flare-ups is even more important. There are several types of medication used for long-term control of asthma, but only certain types will help with long-term control. Anti-inflammatory drugs are important because they provide help on an ongoing basis. These corticosteroids reduce swelling and mucus production in the airways. This opens the airways to help facilitate breathing more easily, and it also lessens the likelihood of evoking a reaction to triggers that are apt to set off breathing problems. Corticosteroids can be taken either orally or through inhalation.

If you suffer from asthma, today's column offers important information. With medication, you can prevent long-term damage and avoid serious attacks as well as

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Livonia Youth Philharmonic Auditions TIME/DATE: 9-11 a.m. Saturday LOCATION: Church Hill School...

Tollgate's Family Fun Day TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday LOCATION: Meadowbrook and 12 Mile roads...

Household Hazardous Waste Event TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday LOCATION: Novi City Hall...

Fall for Novi TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday LOCATION: Novi Civic Center...

"Hit Parade" TIME/DATE: Lunch at noon with performance following today and tomorrow...

Novi Madras Girls Softball Tryouts TIME/DATE: 9-11 a.m. for 10U; 11 a.m.-1 p.m. for 12U; 1-3 p.m. for 14U...

Novi Choralists Auditions TIME/DATE: 7-9:30 p.m. Tuesday LOCATION: Novi Middle School...

Democrats of West Oakland County TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Tuesday LOCATION: Maple Restaurant...

and Golf, 31260 Wakefield Dr., on Fourteen Mile Road between Novi Road and M-5...

"Night of Living Debt" at Second City TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday...

"Pearls of Wisdom" DATE: Daily through Sept. 31 (closed Sunday) LOCATION: Picasso Cafe...

Gardeners of Novi and Northville TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. second Monday of each month...

Farmers Market DATE: Every Wednesday through the end of October TIME: 7 a.m.-1 p.m.

Novi Rotary Club TIME/DATE: Noon every Thursday LOCATION: Novi Methodist Church...

Wildcat Tastefest TIME/DATE: 5 p.m. until half-time Friday, Sept. 21 LOCATION: Novi Athletic Park...

Right to Life Open Public Meeting TIME/DATE: 7-9:30 p.m. Thursday, September 27 LOCATION: Novi Public Library...

Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce Since 1963, the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce has proudly served as West Oakland's Regional Chamber...

Blood Drive TIME/DATE: 1-7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3 LOCATION: Real Estate One, 43155 Main St...

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session; registration required. TIME/DATE: Various times, Monday and Thursday...

Line Dancing DATE: Monday and Friday TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m. intermediate...

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SUPPORT GROUPS Living With the Loss of a Spouse TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 30 for six weeks LOCATION: Our Lady of Sorrows, 3815 Power Road, Farmington Hills...

"Frustrated Contractor" is "Giving Away" \$4,080 Air Conditioners for \$841 with Off-Season Furnace Replacement... (This is the "Coolest AND Hottest Deal of the Century" especially if your furnace is over 8 years old) David Schmidt Frustrated Contractor...

September Sale! Thursday, September 13th thru Sunday, September 23rd, 2007 Store Hours: Mon-Sat 10am-8pm, Sun noon-5pm 20% OFF Most items* 25% OFF Clearance* Heslop's China & Gifts Novi Town Center • 26020 Ingersol, Novi • (248) 349-8090

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Neighborhood Baby-sitting Co-op

DETAILS: Using the co-op, you and your children can make friends and get what you need accomplished without the little ones in tow. Also enjoy a morning night out and other social events. CONTACT: Sue Trazz (248) 380-0998.

Friendship Circle

DATE: second Thursday of each month. TIME: 1 p.m. LOCATION: St. James Catholic Church, 46325 10 Mile Road, between Taft and Beck Road. DETAILS: Social group for all widows and widowers. CONTACT: Norbert Monson (248) 851-8730, Florence Vought (248) 477-3032, Joy Iovaldi (248) 348-9138 or joyvaldi@earthlink.net

MOMS Club of Novi

DATE: first Thursday of each month. TIME: 10 a.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center. DETAILS: MOMS Offering Moms Support (MOMS) is a non-profit support group for mothers who choose to stay at home with their children or work out of their homes. CONTACT: jensungflaming@yahoo.com

Kensington Valley Mothers of Multiples

DATES: second Thursday of each month. TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Witch's Hat Depot, 300 Dorothy St., South Lyon. DETAILS: This group provides information, support and social activities for mothers of multiple birth children and their families. Mothers of multiples living in and around the Kensington Valley school conference are all welcome. CONTACT: (248) 437-5496 for more information.

Breast Cancer Support Group

DATES: second and fourth Tuesday of each month. LOCATION: Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital (Classroom C) Commerce. TIME: 10-11:30 a.m. DETAILS: No registration needed. CONTACT: (248) 937-5017

Crohn's & Colitis Support Group

DATES: first and third Wednesday of each month. LOCATION: Providence Park Hospital and Medical Center. TIME: 7-9 p.m. DETAILS: Enter facility through southeast entrance. Meeting in Conference Room A. Immediately to the left. CONTACT: Al Biggs (313) 895-7605 or Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America (888) 737-2322.

Heartland Hospice Volunteers Needed

TIME/DATE: day and evening classes. LOCATION: 28588 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 475, Southfield. DETAILS: Caring and compassionate individuals needed to register for Heartland Hospice

Volunteer Training. We serve individuals and their families during their end of life journey in the Tri-County area. Office support is also needed. CONTACT: Mary at (800) 770-9059

Novi Toastmasters

DATE: first and third Tuesday of each month. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center Activities Room, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road. TIME: 7-8:45 p.m. DETAILS: Toastmasters will help you improve your communication skills, voice your opinion, polish your presentations and practice leadership. CONTACT: Any (248) 752-2800

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) Chapter

TIME/DAYS: Wednesdays 11 a.m. weigh-in; 11:30 a.m. meeting. LOCATION: Meadowbrook Commons, 25075 Meadowbrook Road, Novi. DETAILS: \$24 per annual membership, includes hand-book; \$1 per meeting. New members welcome. CONTACT: Rebecca Boyke (248) 305-8646

FAITH

Meadowbrook Congregational

LOCATION: 21355 Meadowbrook Road. CONTACT: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757 or visit www.mbcoc.org or mbcoc@arounddetroit.biz. Sunday Worship. TIME: 10 a.m. MARS. DETAILS: Meadowbrook Academy of Religious Studies present the adult education class "Your Spiritual Autobiography," led by Rev. Ritter in 5 sessions. SCHEDULE: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday evenings Sept. 18 and 25, Oct. 2, 16 and 23. Those interested should call the church office.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

TIME/DATE: 1-7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 1. DETAILS: Call church to arrange an appointment.

St. James Catholic

LOCATION: 46325 10 Mile Road. CONTACT: (248) 347-7778. Mass Schedule. TIME/DAY: 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m. Thursday; 6 p.m. Friday. Bible Study: 6 p.m. Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m., fourth Sunday of every month.

First Baptist Church of Novi

LOCATION: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road. CONTACT: (248) 349-3647 or www.firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org. Sunday Schedule. Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m. Family Worship: 11 a.m. Bible Study: 6 p.m. Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m., fourth Sunday of every month.

Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross

LOCATION: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road. CONTACT: (248) 427-1175 or www.churchoftheholycross.com. Sunday Worship. TIME: 7:45, 10 a.m. Sunday School. TIME: 9 a.m. Adult Bible Study: 10 a.m. Worship Center for Ages 3-7; 10 a.m. All ages. Youth Worship. TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. second and fourth Sunday of every month. DETAILS: All youth welcome. Alzheimer's Support Group. DATES: second Saturday of month.

TIME: 10 a.m. DETAILS: Offering support and open discussion for all those dealing with Alzheimer's disease and related dementia.

Church of the Holy Family

LOCATION: 24505 Meadowbrook Road. CONTACT: (248) 349-8847 or visit www.holyfamilynovi.org. Mass Schedule. TIME/DAY: 7:30, 8:45, 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday; 7 p.m. Tuesday; 9 a.m. Wednesday-Friday; 5 p.m. Saturday. "The Church and the World... Are We Listening". TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. Monday. DETAILS: First Catholic Update of year discussing Catholic identity, the church and Christian community, presented by Fr. Tim Hogan; all welcome. Adoptive Parent Networking Meeting. DATE: Last Wednesday of each month. TIME: 10-11 a.m. DETAILS: This free informational meeting is open to all adoptive families in Oakland County. Child care is available. Registration is required. CONTACT: Lisa Molloy (248) 334-3595. Interested in the Catholic Church? CONTACT: Call Maria at (248) 349-8847 or spiritwalker001@aol.com

Oak Pointe Church

LOCATION: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road. CONTACT: (248) 912-0043 or visit www.oakpointe.org. Sunday Worship. TIME: 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Flu Clinic. TIME/DATE: 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 14. LOCATION: Oak Pointe Church, Room 221. DETAILS: Cost is \$29 per vaccine. Medicare Part B or Blue Advantage clients are free, but Driver's License and Medicare card are required. HAP Senior Plus clients will be provided with a receipt for reimbursement, cash or check accepted; contact: Dian at (248) 912-0047 ext. 330 or dian@oakpointe.org to reserve a vaccine.

Novi United Methodist

LOCATION: 41671 W. 10 Mile. CONTACT: (248) 349-2652. Sunday Worship. TIME: 9:45 a.m.

First United Methodist of Northville

LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile Road, Northville. CONTACT: (248) 349-1144 or visit www.fumcnorthville.org. Sunday Worship. DETAILS: 9:15, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Healing Service. DATE: first Monday of every month. TIME: 4 p.m. Men's Bible Study. TIME/DATE: 6:30-7:30 a.m. every Wednesday. LOCATION: Room 10

Sharing Hearts Women's Bible Study

TIME/DATE: 12:45-2:30 p.m. every Tuesday. LOCATION: Chapel upstairs. DETAILS: Child care available; cost is \$11 for materials. Disciple One Bible Study. TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. every Sunday beginning Sept. 9; or 9:30-11:30 a.m. every Wednesday beginning Sept. 12. DETAILS: Course lasts 34 weeks; covers 70 percent of the Bible. Disciple Three Bible Study: Remember Who You Are. TIME/DATE: 9:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, beginning Sept. 25. Disciple Bible Study: Jesus and the Gospels. TIME/DATE: 3-5 p.m. every Sunday beginning Sept. 16. The Faith Club. TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. every other Thursday beginning Sept. 13. DETAILS: This interfaith group will be reading "The Faith Club"; register at (248) 344-4248. Suicide Loss Support Group. DATE: second Thursday and fourth Monday of each month. TIME: 7 p.m. DETAILS: New Hope Center for Grief Support is offering this support group to those who have lost a loved one to suicide. Registration is not required. CONTACT: New Hope Center for Grief Support (249) 348-0115 or www.newhopecenter.net. Golf Outing. TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22. DETAILS: Links of Novi. DETAILS: Includes cart, lunch, prizes; open to all skill levels; \$75, must be received by Sept. 18, make checks payable to Northville First United Methodist Church. Proceeds benefit youth programs. CONTACT: Turner Osborne (248) 344-4395 or Turner.Osborne@yahoo.com. LOGOS Youth Club. DATE: tonight with Sandy Baumann. Car Mechanic Doctor. DATE: Sept. 20 with Matt Lea. Religion and Relationships. DATE: Sept. 27 with J. Harold Ebers, Ph.D. Walking Group. TIME: 11:30 a.m. Saturdays. LOCATION: First, second and fourth Saturday, Big Apple Bagel Shop, 2354 Farmington Road, Farmington; Third Saturday, Panera Bread Co., 34835 Grand River Ave., Farmington. DETAILS: This is a walking/social group. Everyone is

Crosspointe Meadows

LOCATION: Meadowbrook Elementary School, 29200 Meadowbrook Road (south of 13 Mile Road). CONTACT: (248) 427-2700, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org. Sunday Worship. TIME: 9 and 10:30 a.m.

St. Paul Lutheran

LOCATION: 201 Elm St., Northville. CONTACT: (248) 349-3140. Sunday Worship. TIME: 8:30, 11 and 11:30 a.m. Kindergarten Registration. DETAILS: Children who turned five before Friday Dec. 1 may register for full or half-day kindergarten at St. Paul's Lutheran School. TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22. DETAILS: Features handmade art and crafts from local Michigan artists including crafts from recycled materials; live music, children's activities, refreshments; crafters welcome to apply until fair day. Thonetta Davis Performance. TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 28 (doors open at 7 p.m.). DETAILS: Performance by Detroit's own singer and songwriter Thonetta Davis; tickets for concert are \$15 (\$17 at door) and are available at church office; refreshments provided; concert is a kickoff event for the free, six-week Lifelong Learning Forum adult education program covering diverse topics and running from Oct. 4 to Nov. 8; public welcome.

The Baha'i Faith

TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. last Saturday of every month. LOCATION: 23803 Ripple Creek St., Novi. DETAILS: This Devotional Gathering is focused on prayers for peace. People of all faiths welcome. CONTACT: (248) 473-0355 or visit www.us.bahai.org.

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

LOCATION: 200 E. Main St. CONTACT: (248) 349-0911. Sunday Worship. TIME: 9:30 and 11 a.m. Single Place Ministries. DETAILS: Thursday evenings; 7:30 p.m. social time; 7:45 p.m. opening; 8-9 p.m. program; \$5. CONTACT: (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org. Jumpstart Your Energy. DATE: tonight with Sandy Baumann. Car Mechanic Doctor. DATE: Sept. 20 with Matt Lea. Religion and Relationships. DATE: Sept. 27 with J. Harold Ebers, Ph.D. Walking Group. TIME: 11:30 a.m. Saturdays. LOCATION: First, second and fourth Saturday, Big Apple Bagel Shop, 2354 Farmington Road, Farmington; Third Saturday, Panera Bread Co., 34835 Grand River Ave., Farmington. DETAILS: This is a walking/social group. Everyone is

GracePointe Presbyterian

TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16. LOCATION: Crowne Plaza Hotel, Novi (northwest corner of I-96 and Novi Road). CONTACT: (248) 497-3178; www.gracepointepca.org; e-mail: gracepointe@msn.com.

walk or 1.6 KM (1 mile) walk for world hunger through Novi and Northville.

Club Remission

TIME/DATE: 6:45 p.m. Friday. DETAILS: Join us at the church for a night of free food, good times and music from local bands La Dispute, Monte, Tips and more; \$6 per person.

St. John Lutheran

LOCATION: 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills. CONTACT: (248) 474-0584 or visit www.stjohn-lutheran.com. Saturday Worship. TIME: 5:30 p.m. Sunday Worship. TIME: 9, 11:15 a.m. Sunday School. TIME: 10:15 a.m.

Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington

LOCATION: 25301 Halsted Road, Farmington Hills. CONTACT: (248) 318-8044 or www.uufarmington.org. 2nd Annual Earth Friendly Craft Fair. TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22. DETAILS: Features handmade art and crafts from local Michigan artists including crafts from recycled materials; live music, children's activities, refreshments; crafters welcome to apply until fair day. Thonetta Davis Performance. TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 28 (doors open at 7 p.m.). DETAILS: Performance by Detroit's own singer and songwriter Thonetta Davis; tickets for concert are \$15 (\$17 at door) and are available at church office; refreshments provided; concert is a kickoff event for the free, six-week Lifelong Learning Forum adult education program covering diverse topics and running from Oct. 4 to Nov. 8; public welcome.

Faith Community Presbyterian

LOCATION: 44400 W. 10 Mile. CONTACT: (248) 349-2345 or visit www.faithcommunity-novi.org. Sunday Worship. TIME: 9, 10:30 a.m. GracePointe Presbyterian. TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16. LOCATION: Crowne Plaza Hotel, Novi (northwest corner of I-96 and Novi Road). CONTACT: (248) 497-3178; www.gracepointepca.org; e-mail: gracepointe@msn.com.

Oakland Physical Therapy

LOCATION: 47601 Grand River Ave., Suite B124.

Orchard Hills Baptist Church

LOCATION: 23455 Novi Road. CONTACT: Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5665. Practical Spiritual Divorce Care Workshop. TIME/DATE: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Mondays, Sept. 24-Nov. 5. DETAILS: Register online www.orchardhillsnovi.com. CONTACT: Stephen E. Morette (248) 992-4558 or info@orchardhillsnovi.com.

Providence Park Medical Center

CONTACT: 248-380-3550. Tennis Elbow. TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20. DETAILS: Medical, surgical and physical therapy management of tennis elbow with lecture and side presentation; no fee; advance registration required. Managing Osteoporosis & Osteoarthritis. TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27. DETAILS: Presenter is Frank Kava, MS, PT, OCS, OMP.

Big House/Big Heart 5K/5M

DATE: Sunday, Sept. 30. DETAILS: The Ann Arbor All Charity finishes in the Big House; benefits local charities. ALS Research Center and Mott Children's Hospital. Sponsored by Running Fit, 26140 Ingersoll Dr., Novi, (248) 347-4949.

DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital

LOCATION: 1 William Caris Dr., Commerce. CONTACT: (248) 937-3314. 5th Annual Women's Cancer Event. TIME/DATE: 8:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 5. LOCATION: Edgewood Country Club, just west of Union Lake Road, on the south side of Commerce Road. DETAILS: Intended for the cancer experience; attendees learn about coping beyond cancer treatment, radiological trends in detection and more; keynote speaker is Sue Anansi, RN; pamper stations and exhibits also available; no cost but registration required by calling (888) 362-2500.

Breastfeeding Support Series

TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m.-noon Tuesday, Sept. 18 and 25. LOCATION: Oakland County Health Division, 1010 E. West Maple Road, Walled Lake. DETAILS: Information about breastfeeding for mothers and babies; taught by Public Health Nurses; bring babies to classes; for information or to register call (248) 858-4003 or 1-888-350-0900, ext. 84003.

Dinner with a Doctor

LOCATION: St. John Providence Park Hospital, Grand River and Beck roads (use Beck Road entrance), Conference Rooms A, B and C. Which Heart Test is Right for You? TIME/DATE: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20. DETAILS: Dr. Shukri David and Dr. Souheil Sabra.

SWOCC Studio Tours

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

HEALTH

Expectant Parent Class

TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 17 to Oct. 15. LOCATION: Oakland County Health Division, 1010 East West Maple Road, Walled Lake. DETAILS: Six weekly sessions to help parents-to-be prepare for the birth of their baby; taught by Public Health Nurses, topics include childbirth, labor and delivery, care of the newborn, feeding, etc.; cost is \$25, registration required by calling (248) 858-4003 or (888) 350-0900 ext. 84003.

Borders Books and Music

43075 Crescent Blvd., Novi. CONTACT: (248) 347-0780. "The Bus" Book Signing with Jerome Butts. TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5.

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Walled Lake High School Classes of 1967, 68 and 69

DATE: Saturday, Sept. 22. LOCATION: 59-West, Millford Road and M-59. DETAILS: Cost is \$45 per person for dinner, DJ and cash bar. CONTACT: Sue (Wasolek) Suit at (248) 345-2202 or visit www.walledlake676869.classoupsst.com

Detroit Cody High School Class of 1957

DATE: Friday, Oct. 5. LOCATION: Embassy Suites, Livonia. DETAILS: Our 50th reunion open to all 50's graduates; cost is \$90 per person; includes dinner, open bar, memory book, champagne toast and more; register early as seating is limited. CONTACT: Loretta Hedwick at (800) 859-9502 or loreth@wideopenwest.com

Detroit Mackenzie High School Class of 1957

DATE: Friday Oct. 19. TIME: 6:30 p.m. to midnight. LOCATION: Radisson, 17123 N. Laurel Park Drive, Livonia. DETAILS: The cost is \$75 per person, Mail M. vonGlahn, 20997 Chase Drive, Novi, MI 48375 for tickets. The deadline is Sept. 30. Note: The reunion committee is looking for classmates from the class of 1957. CONTACT: June Class-Mary Storch at marystorch@sbjjob.al.net, Mary Middleton at mmvonglahn@aol.com, Susan (Simon) Gerac (248) 697-9429 or vincagaraci@yahoo.com.; January Class-Eleanor Locke at eplocke@aol.com or Dick Bebbington at rbebbroville@yahoo.com.

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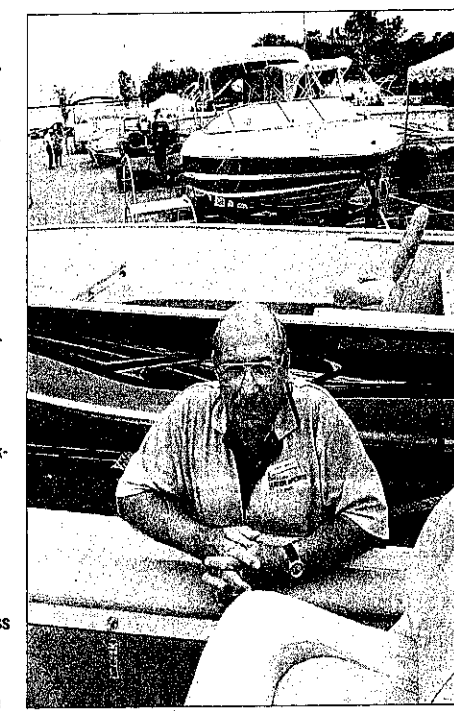


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Hitting the High Seas!

Chuck Whitbread, of Devil Lake Water Sports in Manitowish, Mich., awaits customers at last weekend's "Boat Wars" at the Rock Financial Showplace. Many local boat vendors had new, used and closeout specials to offer boaters. Everything from 12' Jon Boats to 32' cabin cruisers were on display on the showplace's parking lot.

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Schools Golf Fundraiser
 TIME: 8 a.m. shotgun start
 DATE: Saturday, Sept. 29
 LOCATION: St. Johns, 44045 Five Mile Road, Plymouth
 DETAILS: All proceeds benefit handicapped students from 17 districts in Wayne County, supporting music therapy and art programs, leisure and recreational program, special events, student equipment needs. Hole sponsorships and donations needed. Golf and dinner \$100 per person; dinner only \$30; hole sponsor \$100, contest sponsor \$50; raffle/door prize donors needed, any value. Make checks payable to Old Village School, deadline Sept. 12.
 CONTACT: (248) 344-8469 or (248) 344-8489

Northville Library Foreign Film Series
 TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Mondays
 LOCATION: 212 W. Cady St., Northville, (248) 349-3020
 DETAILS: Sept. 17 "We of the Never-Never," Australian; Oct. 22 "Nobody Knows," Japanese; Nov. 19 "Salam Bombay," Hindi; and Dec. 19 "The Sea Inside," Spanish. All films are free, ethnic treats provided; call library to make reservations.
LOGOS Youth Club
 TIME/DATE: 5:15-8:15 p.m. each Wednesday beginning Sept. 26
 LOCATION: Northville First United Methodist Church
 DETAILS: Recreation, dinner, bible study and music for grades 4-12. Register 10:30 a.m. and noon Sunday, Sept. 9 and 16.
 CONTACT: (248) 349-1144 or www.funorthville.org

South Lyon Square Dance Club
 LOCATION: VFW Post 2502, 125 E. McHattie St., South Lyon
 DETAILS: American Square Dancing; no experience necessary, public and families welcome.
 TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18, 25 and Oct. 2; Introduction to Western Square Dance, \$3
 TIME/DATE: 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10; Old Fashioned Square Dance; \$4
 CONTACT: http://squaredanceinmichigan.tripod.com/southlyon.html or call (248) 486-0043

Crafters Needed
 DETAILS: Crafters needed for upcoming craft show, Oct. 13 at Cedar Crest Lutheran Church, 485 Farnsworth, White Lake.
 CONTACT: Susan (248) 360-7502

United Methodist Women's 6th Annual Craft Show
 TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3
 LOCATION: First United Methodist Church, 640 S. Lafayette St., South Lyon
 DETAILS: Applications are now being taken for the 6th Annual Craft Show, booth rental is \$35 with electricity \$5 extra; booth placement in given by date of paid registration; call Lynn at (248) 437-8612 for an application or with questions.

American Diabetes Association Events
Diabetes Review
 DETAILS: Free 1-hour class conducted by a certified diabetes educator provides basic education about proper self care, meal planning, exercise, medication updates, stress management and blood glucose testing.
 SCHEDULE: 11 a.m.-noon Sept. 29 at Walsh College, 3838 Livernois Road, Troy; 6-7 p.m. at Royal Oak Public Library, 222 E. Eleven Mile Road, Royal Oak. For more information: (888) 342-2383 ext. 6697.
Step Out to Fight Diabetes
 DETAILS: A 5K event at the Royal Oak Zoo raises funds for programs and services working towards the prevention and cure of diabetes; Oct. 13. Visit diabetes.org/stepout or contact Seth Reis (888) 342-2383 ext. 6710.

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Victorian Festival: The best yet

By Jason Carmel Davis
 STAFF WRITER



The year of planning, preparation (and praying for good weather) is over. Ladies and gentlemen, get ready for the 19th annual Victorian Festival.
 Although it officially starts at 5 p.m. tomorrow, the traditional kick-off event for a weekend of historical festivities - the parade - starts at 6:30 and features many old favorites.
 The Wheelmen high-wheel bicyclists will be returning to the parade, as well as providing entertainment throughout the weekend.
 Another crowd favorite, the UpTown Ladies Parasol Promenade, will be back, as well as the Cedar Crest Bagpipe Band. School children from most of the Northville area public and private schools will be participating, as will public officials and civic groups.
 No motorized vehicles are permitted in the parade unless they predate 1920, and, at press time, parade organizers were also negotiating for several antique Model T Fords to be in the lineup.

Art Market predates Victorian Festival

It's not often that a happening that's a part of a major event pre-dates the event, but that's the case of the Northville Art Market and the Northville Victorian Festival.
 When the 19th annual Victorian Festival takes place Friday, Sept. 14 to Sunday, Sept. 16, the 21st edition of the Northville Art Market will take place, as well.
 The Art Market is a juried arts show sponsored by the Northville Arts Commission for the benefit of the Northville Art House. The Art Market will bring many fine artists onto Main Street for festival-goers who wish to browse and buy one-of-a-kind artwork.
 The Art Market will be open Saturday, Sept. 15 from 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 16 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 For information about the event, call (248) 344-0197.

Victorian Tea to feature expert historian

An annual event that gives visitors the opportunity to view vintage Victorian-era gowns returns to the Northville Victorian Festival for the eighth year.
 The Victorian Tea, sponsored by the Northville Fine Arts Committee

and First Presbyterian Church, will showcase a PowerPoint presentation, combined with live models wearing vintage gowns, according to co-chair Linda Chapekis.
 Two shows are scheduled for 2 and 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 15 at First Presbyterian Church, 200 Main St.
 Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children and can be purchased from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday in the church office.
 For more information, call (248) 349-0911.

Author to take part in Victorian Fest activities

Michigan resident, author and publisher Nancy Feldbusch will don her best Victorian-era gowns during the Victorian Festival, as she will be in town during the event planning her newest work.
 Feldbusch will be at As The Page Turns, 149 N. Center St., Suite 102, on Friday, Sept. 14 and Saturday, Sept. 15 signing copies of her new book, "To Repay a Debt." The tale is set in the Victorian time period.

The book will be on sale for \$12.95. For more information, visit the store's Web site, www.ashpeppeturns.biz.

Marquis showing "The General"

Buster Keaton's "The General" (1927) will be shown one night only at the Northville Marquis Theater at 8 p.m. tomorrow, presented with a new musical score, composed and performed live by Blue Dahlia.
 Tickets (\$12 each) are available for purchase at the Northville Marquis Theater box office and Goody Two Shoes on E. Main Street. Purchase and/or reserve tickets by calling (248) 639-5808 or via e-mail to PEOMI.FL@gmail.com.
 Ranked 18th among the 100 Best Movies of All Time as established by the American Film Institute, "The General" stars Buster Keaton (who also wrote, produced and directed) as Confederate railroad engineer Johnny Gray.

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Sunday Youth Basketball League

DATE: Every Sunday-Oct. 28
 LOCATION: Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia
 DETAILS: On Sunday Sept. 9, 10-12 year-olds report at 3 p.m.; 13-15 year-olds report at 5 p.m.; teams formed based on evaluation period the first day; each session consists of a skill building session and a league game; teams coached by Madonna University Men's Basketball Players; cost is \$100; to register contact Chuck Henry at (734) 398-5975 or (734) 432-5591.

Pet Awareness Day

TIME/DATE: 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday
 LOCATION: City Event Field, 1299 E. West Maple (next to the Fire Station)
 DETAILS: Bring your pet on a leash or in a cage, featuring vendors, rescues, adoptions, entertainment, contests and food; pet CPR and grooming training available at no cost.
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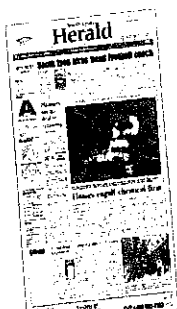
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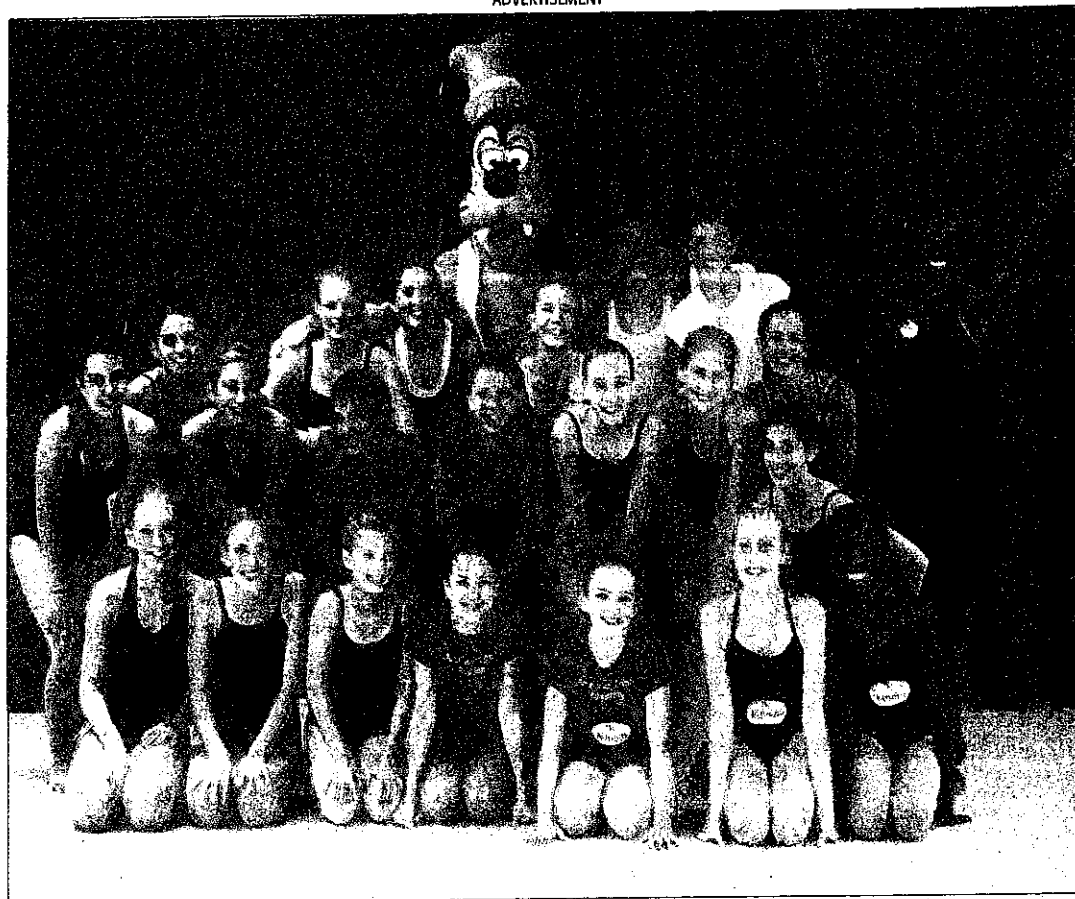
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American Dance Academy dance students are treated to a special Disney Workshop at Disney World in Orlando, Florida.

Dance helps students learn while having fun

By John Hall
SPECIAL WRITER

For the last 10 years, the young people of South Lyon have turned to the American Dance Academy for dance instruction, personal growth, and goal achievements. In return, the school has devoted itself to giving each student a positive learning experience that they can use for any endeavor in their lives.

Learning the various disciplines of dance are important, and the American Dance Academy offers a complete schedule of classes for boys and girls from age 3 through adult in both performing arts and recreational venues.

But just as important are the lessons that each student learns about their own personal growth and development. Many former students have gone on to successful careers in professions including medicine and business.

"Dance is very good as long as it is put into perspective," said owner Melva Zavisla. "What matters is helping children work up to their potential and improve while having fun."

There are many ways that American Dance Academy students have fun. Of the approximately 280 students enrolled in the classes, 40 students are part of the performing arts team, which dances competitively around the country — and sometimes around the world.

"We performed in the International Youth Festival in Russia in 1986," Melva said. "It was quite a learning experience. Our kids came back with a new appreciation for the freedoms we enjoy in the United States."

The key word is learning. The staff of instructors are certified Dance Master and Cecchetti teachers and must attend continuing education programs. Not only is it important for students to continue learning and growing, Melva insists that her instructors do the same.

Some of the programs taught at the

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American Dance Academy include Tiny Tots, Pre-Dance, and KinderDance for 3-5 year olds; ballet and Pointe; Russian and Cecchetti; jazz and musical theatre; tap, hip hop, and acro, just to name a few.

In addition to dance classes, the school also offers theatrical training including acting and singing.

"Theatre and dance go together," said Melva. "This type of training rounds out the student."

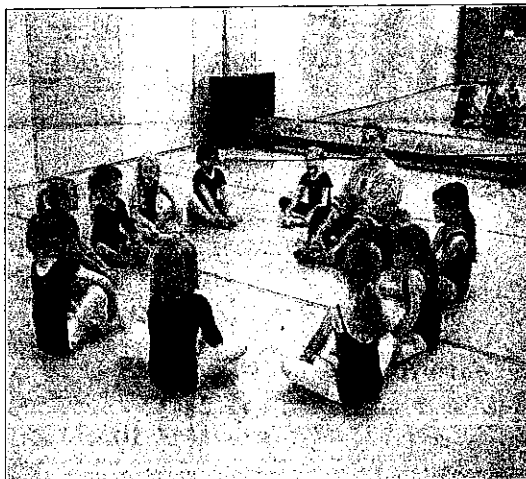
And speaking of rounding out students, the American Dance Academy also believes in helping young people achieve their goals who would not normally be able to financially afford a dance education. Melva and her staff works with local Youth Enrichment and Youth Assistance programs.

"When we have extra spaces in our classes, we invite needy children to participate," she added.

Melva, also, gives special discounts to children of parents currently serving in active duty for the armed forces.

The care for the community stretches beyond helping young people in need — it also extends to the community itself and the people who support the school.

This holiday season, in early December, the American Dance Academy will sponsor a special holiday performance to benefit the Active Faith



The young students of the American Dance Academy combine an educational experience with a lot of fun during their classes.

charity and to celebrate A.D.A.'s 10th year in South Lyon. Melva is inviting all children and adults to come out and perform in the show, free of charge.

"Anyone can sign up to be in the program," she said. "We will supply the choreography and the costumes. The practices will take place at the academy in 5-6 lessons, with a few practices on weekends."

"This will be an opportunity for kids who wouldn't normally have the chance to get up on stage and perform."

During the show, Melva hopes that people will bring in toys that they wish to donate to the 'Toys for Tots' program.

All of these community projects are part of the American Dance Academy's

overall philosophy of making dance a positive learning experience, which emphasizes skill, teamwork, and dedication.

Every experience is an education, which Melva believes is a key to success. "Education is just as important as dance," she added.

She rewards her graduating seniors with college scholarships, which are derived from the many fund-raisers that the school puts on.

She also noted, "Dance enhances abilities of children in many ways throughout their lives."

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Wildcats seize Pirates' bounty

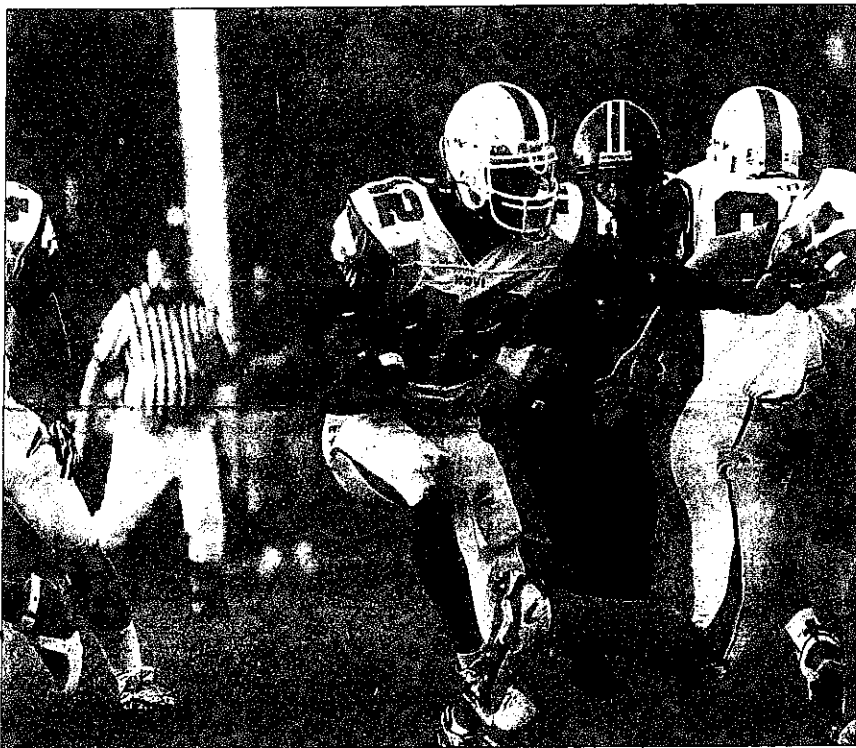


Photo submitted by Angie Hoover

Novi's Arshawn Hall directs traffic Friday night against Pinckney.

Wildcats pour it on Pinckney in first half

By Jeff Theisen
 NEWS SPORTS WRITER

The Novi football playoff push got a double push this past week.

The Wildcats found out they were awarded a win in the opener against Ann Arbor Pioneer because the Pioneers used an ineligible player.

Novi (2-1, 1-1) then took care of business Friday at Pinckney (1-2, 0-2) with a 41-13

shellacking of the Pirates.

"It's one of those nights where just about anything you did, offensively and defensively, worked in your favor," said Novi head coach Tab Kellepourey.

Instead of being 1-2 with Friday's win, the Wildcats are 2-1 and right in the thick of things for postseason play.

On fire early

The Novi offense clicked on all cylinders Friday night. Before the first 12 minutes of play was over, Novi ran out to a 20-0 lead.

"A lot of things went well for us," Kellepourey said. "Number one, our defense setting the tone out there, creating opportunities for turnovers."

"I thought our kids did a really great job rallying to the football. They gave us short

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Photo submitted by Dennis Barnes

Catholic Central's Mike Marmul runs in a fourth-quarter touchdown Saturday against London CC.

Canadian freeze out

Shamrocks hammer London 56-0 for third straight victory

By Jeff Theisen
 NEWS SPORTS WRITER

Catholic Central played rude hosts to their Canadian opponents: London Catholic Central.

The Shamrocks (3-0) had things rolling early and often in a 56-0 shellacking Saturday at home.

The most telling stat of the game comes from the rushing yardage. The Shamrocks rolled up 381 yards, while only allowing nine.

"We're real happy," Shamrock head coach Tom Mach said. "The last three weeks our theme has been to improve and get better each week and each day. We've done that."

"I think they've done a great job of working hard and keeping

focus."

Novi CC racked up 21 points in each of the first two quarters to hold a commanding 42-0 lead at the intermission.

Mach and his assistants were able to get the starters some rest and get others some quality playing time, but the defense didn't let down. The Shamrocks earned their second straight shutout, while scoring 105 points in the past two weeks.

Scoring drives

Joe Kinville got the scoring party started with a 1-yard run with 8:04 left in the first.

Ryan Houska was next in the

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Novi soccer scorching the nets

Volleyball continues winning ways

By Jeff Theisen
 NEWS SPORTS WRITER

The Novi soccer team poured it on Sept. 4 against Howell, whipping the Highlanders 8-0.

The game ended with 22 minutes remaining because of the mercy rule.

Garrett Gauruder, Miles Richley and Nathan Robinson scored two goals each. Alessandro Donini and Jon Bauer each tallied

a goal. Robinson and Dan Kilger each dished out a pair of assists.

Gauruder and Adam Pyett also recorded an assist.

Craig Demshuk and Tom Duquette shared the shutout, combining for eight saves.

Against Lakeland, Novi head coach Brian O'Leary said his team played its best first half of the season in a 5-0 victory.

A series of passes eight minutes finished with a Gauruder goal from Pyett. A couple of minutes later, Robinson scored on a feed from Reichley. Bobby Laski got in the scoring act, heading in a Shaun Rydzewski cross 10 minutes later. With a minute to go in

the half, Roland Razburgaj knocked home a rebound for a 4-0 lead.

Nick Brockman scored the final goal after being awarded a penalty kick.

Demshuk and Duquette shared time in net for the shutout.

Novi Volleyball (8-0, 1-0)

The Wildcat volleyball team started KVC play with a 25-18, 25-17, 25-18 win against Millford on Sept. 6.

Leading the Wildcats were Stephanie Cripps with 10 kills, Hayley Miller with 20 digs, Lauren Farley with eight aces (six in a row in the second game) and

Sarah Robb with eight kills and two blocks.

Novi Golf (2-0 KVC)

The Novi golf team started league play with a pair of wins against Millford and Pinckney.

The Wildcats topped Millford 215-222 Sept. 4. Natalie Krick and Kelsey Brandemihl led with 51s. Alex Palmer carded a 53, and Dana Czekaj had a 60. Stephanie Hrit scored a 59 in exhibition play.

Novi beat Pinckney 191-205 two days later. Krick was low with a 40. Czekaj was next with a

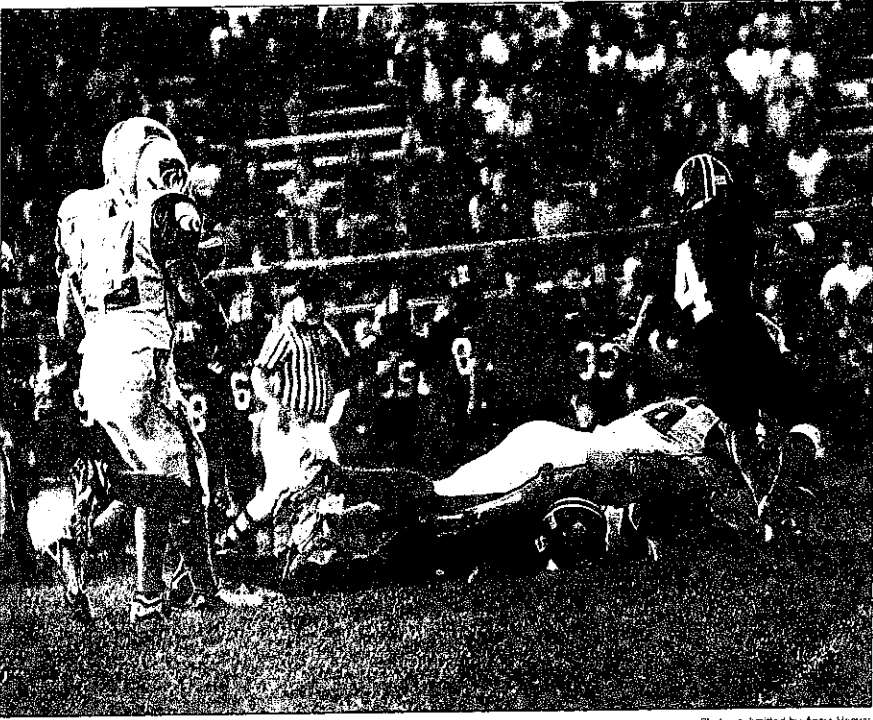
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Matt Masserant takes control of the ball near midfield during Novi's home game against Millford.

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The Novi defense causes one of its four turnovers Friday against Pinckney.

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Novi awarded win for season opener

By Jeff Theisen
NEWS SPORTS WRITER

Novi football head coach Tab Kellepourey got some great news last week.

The Wildcats were informed Ann Arbor Pioneer had used an ineligible transfer, and the Pioneers were forced to forfeit their wins, including the 19-17 win at Novi in the season opener.

Getting the loss reversed is obviously good for the Wildcats, but the unusual circumstances

behind the win leaves the Novi coach feeling for the Pioneer program.

"We have respect for Ann Arbor Pioneer," he said. "They came over here and played a great game."

"I really feel for the Pioneer team."

Having the first two games left, the Wildcats looking in from the outside of the playoff picture. Not out of it, but in dire need of wins the rest of the way.

The changed outcome coupled

with a blowout win at Pinckney leaves the Wildcats at 2-1 and right back in the thick of things for the league playoff races.

"Obviously it gives you a second chance," Kellepourey said. "Right now our league is what our main concern is."

"We know every week is going to be a battle for us."

A team is guaranteed a playoff spot with six wins for a nine-game schedule. Several teams also made the playoffs with five wins last season.



Novi's Dan Kilger handled the kicking duties for the Wildcats last week. He made five extra-point attempts.

Race for league crown heats up

By Jeff Theisen
NEWS SPORTS WRITER

Novi will look to continue the momentum the offense provided last week against 3-0 Howell. The game will be played at Parker High School 7 p.m. Friday.

The Wildcats (2-1, 1-1) had some offensive struggles in the first two weeks, but they saw everything go right in the first half against Pinckney. The Wildcats had 34 points on the board, by halftime, just shy of the 38 points scored in the first two games combined.

"Offensively, hopefully it's going to continue to grow," Novi head coach Tab Kellepourey said. "If we continue to put points up like that, it's going to be a fun season, obviously."

The Highlanders (3-0, 2-0) use a run-first offense. While Novi will go to the air at anytime, Kellepourey said the Highlanders have thrown about 20 times all year.

"Sometimes we throw the ball 20 times in one half," he said. "They'll line up with two tight ends and come downhill. When they do throw the ball, they're very effective."

The key to stopping the Highlanders is busting up the blocking and getting penetration in the backfield.

The two teams share a common opponent in Milford Novi lost 29-21 with a late comeback that fell short. Howell topped the Mavericks 24-21 last week.

KVC Football

Team	W	L	T
Howell	2	0	3
Lakeland	2	0	0
Milford	1	1	2
South Lyon	1	1	2
Novi	1	1	2
Brighton	1	1	1
Hartland	0	2	1
Pinckney	0	2	1

Last Friday's Games
Howell 24, Milford 21
Lakeland 35, Hartland 21
Novi 41, Pinckney 13
South Lyon 6, Brighton 0

Friday's Games
Novi at Howell
Hartland at Brighton
Milford at Lakeland
Pinckney at South Lyon

But what's done is done. Kellepourey is focusing on the Highlanders.

"This is a giant game because we have one loss in the league," he said. "We're even with Milford, but that puts Lakeland and Howell way ahead of people."

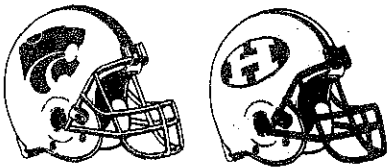
"These next two weeks are really big weeks for us."

Lakeland, also 3-0, 2-0, comes to Novi the following week.

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Friday's game

Who: Novi (2-1, 1-1) vs. Howell (3-0, 2-0)
Where: at Parker High School in Howell
When: 7 p.m. Friday



WILDCATS: Novi puts hammer down on Pinckney

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The Wildcat defense recovered a fumble at the Pinckney 30, giving the offense a short field to work with.

Facing a fourth-and-five on the first drive, Mark Heard hit Brandon Bradford with a 5-yard gain, Ashawn Hall scored from 19 yards out on the next play with 7:24 remaining in the first.

The defense again stood strong, forcing a punt on a fourth-and-29 for the Pirates, and the offense took over at the Pinckney 40.

Four plays later, Hall scored again on a 4-yard run with 4:26 left.

Pinckney followed with a sustained drive, but it stalled out on downs, and Novi took over at its own 30 with :15 left in the first.

On second-and-2, Hall burst free but an illegal block was called, and the ball was placed at the Pinckney 30.

Heard hit Bradford for a touchdown on the final play of the first quarter, leaving the Wildcats up 20-0, despite only having the ball for 3:17 of the 12 minutes.

The defense recovered two more fumbles, giving the offense the ball deep in Pinckney territory. The first drive ended on downs, but the second one found the end zone.

It took the Wildcats three plays to cover 18 yards, with Heard

yard score with one second left on the clock.

Novi held a commanding 34-6 lead at the break.

Hall capped off the Novi scoring with a 55-yard run with 8:50 to play in the third quarter.

Pinckney's final points came off a 12-yard pass with 4:34 left and the game well in hand.

Game stats

Hall and Heard provided a two-headed monster in the backfield against Pinckney. Hall finished with 150 yards on 14 carries. Heard finished 10-of-17 for 152 yards and three scores.

"Mark Heard did a nice job at quarterback again," Kellepourey said. "Ashawn Hall has really been an exceptional running back. He's hard to get a hold of."

Bellamy was the top receiver with five catches for 76 yards and one score. He also played time at quarterback, completing a pass for 23 yards.

The Wildcats were almost a perfectly balanced offense, rushing for 174 yards and passing for 175. Pinckney was held to 68 yards passing and 134 rushing.

The Novi defense forced four turnovers, with Tyler Hoover collecting three fumble recoveries.

connecting with Aaron Pugh for a 20-yard scored with 8:18 left in the half.

The Pirates ended the 27-point run with a touchdown on a 4-yard run with 2:40 to play in the half, but it left enough time on the clock for the Wildcat offense to answer.

Heard drove the offense down the field with short passes before hitting Chris Bellamy with a 30-

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Shamrocks take 3-0 record into Brother Rice showdown

By Jeff Theisen
NEWS SPORTS WRITER

Nobody needs to tell the Shamrock football team who is next on the schedule. Catholic League rival Brother Rice comes to Novi 7 p.m. Saturday in a game that is sure to pack the stands.

"It's traditionally a game that's packed," Shamrock head coach Tom Mach said. "The rivalry, I think, is second to none in the state of Michigan. Both schools respect each other's abilities."

The Shamrocks came into the game with a perfect record. Rice comes in 2-1 after losing its first game of the season Saturday at Cincinnati Moehler.

Both teams come in with vaunted defenses. The Shamrocks have allowed 12 points all year, and Rice allowed its first points of the season this weekend. Catholic Central has not allowed a point in the first three quarters of play.

"They have a very good defense," Mach said of the Warriors. "They get to the ball really fast."

"Offensively, they have a great back you have to stop. They try to keep you off balance. They're a very good football team."

The Warriors come in battle tested. They played Detroit Denby in week one, traveled to Pennsylvania to play Pittsburgh Penn Hill and then traveled to



Catholic Central coaches send a play in with Joe Barnes against London Catholic Central.

Ohio last week.

But Mach's crew is riding the positive wave of winning.

"This is our first league game in the Central," Mach said. "We're pretty familiar with what it takes to win. We'll prepare hard all week and hope we come out on top."

With De La Salle and Orchard Lake St. Mary next on the schedule, the Shamrocks will get a real test in the next three weeks to

find out how good they really are.

"We've got some good momentum going in," said Mach about the game with Brother Rice. "The kids are confident in themselves. I think this is coming at a good time in the season."

"I think we're ready to go."

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Novi JV, freshmen take care of Pinckney

Submitted to the Novi News

Ryan Jok, Tim Kolis and Jordan Jabbori got the Wildcat defense going with open field tackles and tackles in the backfield during the first Pinckney series. Tommy Szymanski continued to prevent Novi opponents from running outside by stopping sweeps for no gain. Jimmy Pitcher tipped a pass on 3rd down that ended Pinckney's longest drive of the day. With the Wildcats back on offense, the running game rattled off runs of 10 and 9 yards by Jimmy Pitcher and Adam Paul and a 60-yard run by Szymanski. Pitcher culminated the drive with a 3-yard touchdown run putting Novi in front 6-0.

Tackles for losses by TJ Karaisz and Kolis along with open field tackles by Brandon Rydzewski and Slack, stifled Pinckney's running game for the next two drives. Later in the quarter, Chris Slack hit Rydzewski for a 55-yard touchdown pass on a flea flicker to make it 13-0 Novi.

Right before the half Jeremy Mims reminded Pinckney they could not run the ball by making an open field tackle at the line of scrimmage. Right before the half, Pitcher returned an interception for a touchdown giving Novi its third score of the half and a 20-0 lead.

Jabbori blocked a punt early in

the second half. The offensive line of Ryan Margrave, John Fields, Jamil Buzgol, Jok, Alex Engelbreton, Jabbori and Karaisz continued to lead the way for the Wildcat running game. Ricky Enright ran for 15 yards and 9 yards to build Novi's lead to 27-0.

Pinckney's running game struggled even more in the second half. Britt Jewell, Adam Trober and Mark DePotter made open field tackles. Kevin Schwanz played tough on the outside at cornerback contributing on tackles and Jordan Scheffler played strong inside with tackles to stop drives.

Pitcher returned a punt for 22 yards to put Novi in excellent field position early in the fourth quarter. Jon Hanai and Ryan Dempsey handled the offensive line continue dominance of the line of scrimmage. Slack added a 15-yard run. Paul added an 8-yard run, and Masaru Nogami scored Novi's final touchdown of the day with an 8-yard run to make the final 34-0. The Wildcats are looking forward to Howell this week and continuing to build momentum in the young season.

Freshmen hammer Pinckney

Novi's Freshmen football team put its early season loss to Ann Arbor firmly in the rear view mirror this week, beating the

Pinckney Pirates 28-8.

The offensive line reliably blocked and set up scoring opportunities, while the defense forced Pinckney to struggle for every yard.

Zach Mohr put the first score on the board for Novi on the third play of the game. Mohr and Nolan Valeau failed to connect on their first pass attempt, but in a second effort made good on the 21-yard pass with 2:46 on the clock.

Valeau snatched the ball and was over the line before Pinckney could react. Pinckney blocked Valeau's extra point, and fired up a real drive in the final moments of the quarter. Novi held the score to 12-0, and even had the Pinckney offense moving backward as the quarter ended.

The score remained 12-0 until the second half.

Mohr carried for a touchdown from the 1-yard line. Alex Willson delivered the extra point, bringing the score to 19-0.

The lead grew to 26-0 when Mitchell Brandt scored on an option play. Willson converted the extra point.

Pinckney ruined the shutout, but the game was well in hand.

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JV Bobcats hang on for 8-0 shutout

Submitted to the Novi News

Novi Bobcats JV Football played the second game of the regular season last Sunday in front of a sizable crowd at Novi High School under warm, sunny conditions.

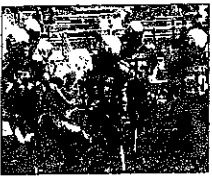
The Bobcats were seeking a victory against the Livonia Blue Jays to even their record after the tough double-overtime loss in the season opener two weeks earlier.

The Bobcats did just that, winning 8-0 to pull even at 1-1.

The JV Bobcats started on defense and after giving up 30 yards to Livonia, Novi took over on downs thanks to some strong defensive line work. Novi quickly marched down the field with a creative, in-your-face running attack. The drive included several good plays highlighted by a Keith Pravato (2 carries, 18 yards) scramble upfield for 14 yards. A clipping penalty ended the drive just when it looked like Novi would score. The Blue Jays would have momentum on their second series, however, the Bobcats' Tommy McMaster made two decisive tackles on third and fourth down to end another dangerous Livonia drive. At the end of the first quarter there was no score.

Novi's offense started their second drive on their own 45. The offensive line opened up the Bobcat's running game. Phil Richie hit a hole on the right side opened up by guard Graham Gauden and tight end Charlie Ryan (1 reception, 15 yards), made a move, and raced 45 yards into the end zone for a TD. Richie (10 carries, 100 yards) quickly caught his breath, then kicked the 2-point conversion. The defense held and the Bobcats took an 8-0 lead into the second half.

Novi dominated the line of



The Bobcat defense surrounds a running back before closing in for the tackle.

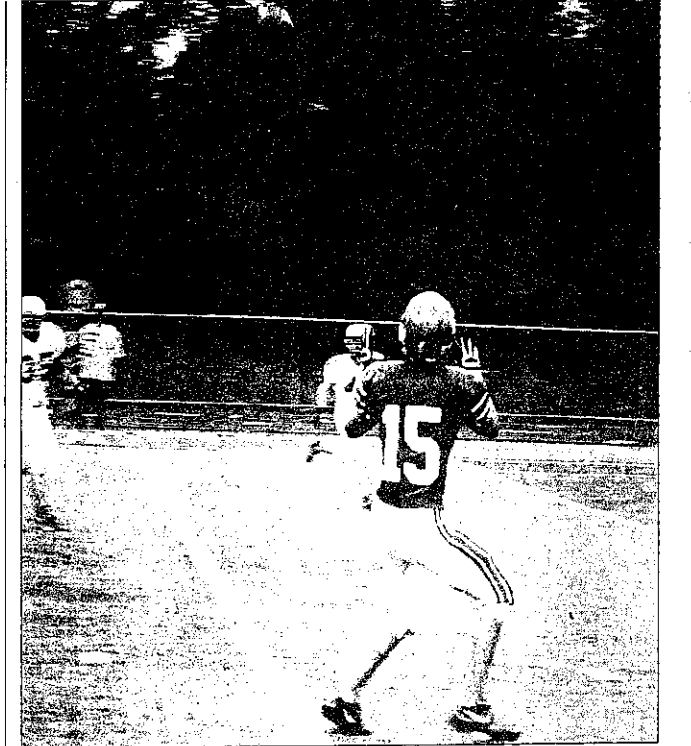
another impressive game on both sides of the ball Sunday against the Livonia Blue Jays, winning 38-6.

The Bobcats' explosive big play offense shredded the Livonia defense. The offensive line of Alex Tarrant, Joshua Ruffing, Ryan Wacha, Ryan Rabonowicz, Andrew Hixon, Paul O'Connor and Collin Neisius were blowing the defense off the ball, allowing the running backs to gain 227 yards of total offense. On the Bobcats' second possession of the game, Andy Mizerowski beat the defense to the corner for a 7-yard touchdown. On the next possession, Andrew Schroeder broke through the first line of defenders and into the open field for a 44-yard touchdown. The third Bobcats' touchdown of the half was run by Christian Dunham on a 45-yard sweep. The first half ended with the Bobcats up 19-0.

The second half started with the Bobcats' 8-year-old defenders taking the field. Mitchell McSweeney and Philip Colburn combined on the first tackle, causing a fumble which McSweeney recovered. On the third play from scrimmage, Connor Moore turned the corner and broke several tackles on his way to a 30-yard run. Later in the game, Moore added 20 more yards to his stats and scored the final touchdown of the game. Schroeder led all rushers with six carries for 61 yards and a touchdown, followed by Moore with two carries for 50 yards and a touchdown, and Christian with a 45-yard touchdown run. The Bobcats ran 36 offensive plays, gained 227 yards and 14 different players had an opportunity to run the football.

The Bobcats' defense was extremely tough again, holding the Blue Jays to 40 total yards of

Novi freshman Bobcats thump Blue Jays
The Freshmen Bobcats played



Kam Letter (15) gets set to haul in a scoring pass Saturday against London CC.

SHAMROCKS: Canadian team can't stop run

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end zone with a 28-yard run with 5:39 left.

Kinville scored his second and last touchdown to cap the first quarter scoring with 4:02 left.

Kam Letter hauled in a 16-yard scoring pass just four seconds into the second quarter.

Anthony Capatina ran to the house from 15 yards out for a 35-0 lead with 6:33 left in the half.

Niko Palazati scored on a 11-yard plunge with 25 seconds left in the half.

"In the first half, we had successful offensive drives," Mach said. "Our kids came out ready to play in all aspects. We did a real fine job I thought."

Kyle Good scored the lone points of the third quarter with a 1-yard run, and Mike Mamm finished the scoring with a touchdown run in the fourth quarter.

Chris Singer hit all six of his point-after attempts, and Nick

Team	1	2	3	4	Total
London	0	0	0	0	0
Novi	21	21	7	7	56

First quarter
NCC — 8:04 Joe Kinville 1 run, Chris Singer kick
NCC — 5:39 Ryan Houska 28 run, Singer kick
NCC — 4:02 Kinville 11 run, Singer kick

Second quarter
NCC — 11:56 Kam Letter 16 pass from Houska, Singer kick
NCC — 6:33 Anthony Capatina 15 run, Singer kick
NCC — 25 Niko Palazati 1 run, Singer kick

Third quarter
NCC — 1:48 Kyle Good 1 run, Nick Shaya kick
NCC — Mike Mamut 20 run, Shaya kick

Shaya made the final two. In all, 16 runners carried the ball for the Shamrocks. Capatina finished with the most yards — 76 on nine carries. Houska ran for 72 yards on four attempts. He also completed four of five passes for 64 yards and a score.

London CC didn't fare too

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Novi's Lucas Barnes was leading the pack for the Wildcats during a recent meet at Cass Benton Park.

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NOVI ROUNDUP: Tennis second at tough invite

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47, followed by Brandemihl with a 49 and Palmer with a 55. Vahli Bamani scored a 55 in exhibition play.

Novi Tennis (2-0 in duals)

The Novi tennis team improved to 2-0 in dual play and finished second at a tough West Bloomfield Invitational meet.

The Wildcats beat Ann Arbor Greenhills 7-1 Sept. 5.

Novi swept singles play with Mani Maladavan winning 6-3, 6-2 at No. 2, Ryan Bell 6-1, 6-2 at No. 3 and Carson Crandall 6-2, 6-4 at No. 4.

Winning in doubles play were No. 1 Justin Feroq and Ameya Sohani 6-3, 6-4; Ryan Goodman and Jason Hot 6-1, 6-4 at No. 2 and Nathan Feroq and Vishnu Venugopal 6-3, 6-0 at No. 3.

At the invitation, Cranbrook claimed first place with 17 points. Novi was next with 14, one ahead of West Bloomfield, Grosse Pointe South was fourth with 10 points.

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Doubles led the way for the Wildcats. They earned 10 of the 14 points. The No. 5 doubles team of Derek Richard and Brent Womack claimed the longest title for Novi, winning all three matches.

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needs to contribute. Every match is important."

Novi Boys Cross Country

The Novi boys cross country team fell to Milford 20-35 last Thursday at Cass Benton.

Josh Lumley finished in second place in 16:57 to lead the Wildcats.

But Milford placed five runners in the top seven to get the win.

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Child 3-0 Sept. 4 and Toledo St. John's 4-1 the following day. The copper came with a 1-0 victory against last year's Catholic League champion, De La Salle.

Against Divine Child, Josh Gatt scored two goals and Nick Pelon recorded the other. Matt Bessessen, Paul Kemensina and David Basse passed out assists. Goalkeeper Hendrik VanHolsbeek kept the ball out of the net for his sixth shutout of the year.

Against St. John's, Gatt added two more goals, with Andy Parsons and Joe Bellino scoring the others. Chris Long, Ryan Gage, Pelon and Casey Quinn recording assists. VanHolsbeek made six saves for the win.

De La Salle came out with the quality chances early, but the Shamrocks weathered the storm and scored things around.

Coming out a scoreless first half, the Shamrocks worked the ball inside and Pelon was pulled down and awarded a penalty kick about 12 minutes in. Nick Kristock converted the PK for a 1-0 lead. The Shamrock defense held strong the rest of the way to get the shutout victory.

CC Cross Country

The Catholic Central cross country team competed in the West Bloomfield Invitational on Sept. 8 and finished third of 23 teams.

Ann Arbor Pioneer won with 70 points, Lake Orion was next with 123, and the Shamrocks were third with 129.

Zachary Oleski led the Shamrock attack with a fourth-place overall finish in 16:46.

Emily Hill (21:09), Brower Puskorius finished 20th in 17:17, and Alex Toloff was two behind him in 17:21.

Austin Zebrowski (17:38) and Scott Hoffman (17:40) finished 41st and 42nd, respectively.

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Novi Girls Cross Country

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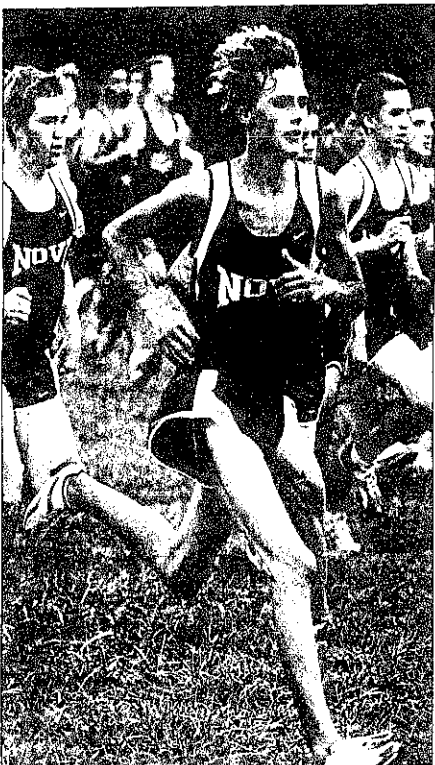
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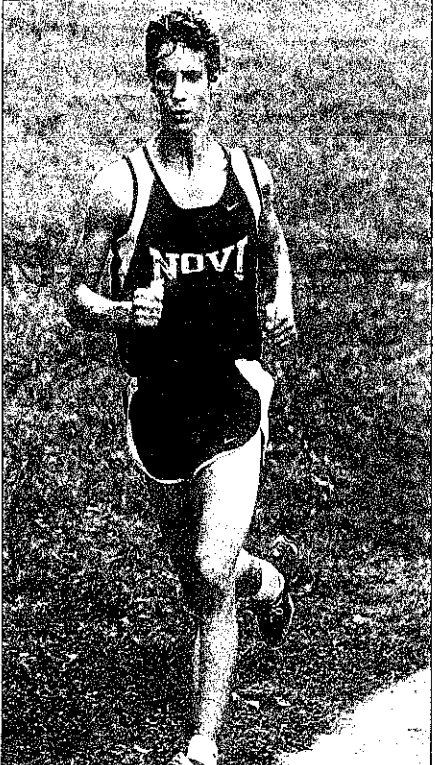
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The Novi cross country team begins a run at Cass Benton Park.



Novi Wildcat Aaron Crood runs at Cass Benton Park against Milford High.



Wildcat Josh Lumley runs at Cass Benton Park.



The Novi men's cross country team takes off on a run during a meet at Cass Benton Park.

Swimmers start strong

Submitted to the Novi News

Novi High School girls' swim team is off to a strong 3-0 start, following a 108-78 victory Sept. 6 against Milford. Previous wins included a 114-70 victory against Walled Lake Western (Aug. 28) and a 117-69 win at Walled Lake Central (Aug. 30).

New coach Scott Teeters has a good pool of talent and depth and has used both well in the first three meets.

First-place finishers in the Walled Lake Western meet included Rebecca Berman (200 free), Meredith Cote (200 IM), Dana Hapanowicz (50 free), Jocelyn Odum (diving), Kerry Abel (100 fly), Yalda Dastmalchi (100 free) and Yuki Tamura (100 breast). In addition, the team had first-place finishes with the medley relay team of Cote-Tamura-Abel-Hapanowicz and the 200 free relay team of Abel-Rebecca Berman-Cote-Hapanowicz.

Second-place finishers included Jacque Carless (200 free), Valerie Ziegler (diving), Stella Chung (100 free), Annaliss Morgan (100 back) and the 200 free relay team of Michelle Zerkich-Yalda Dastmalchi-Madeline Price-Carless.

Winners in the Walled Lake Central meet were Abel (200 free), Hapanowicz (50 free), Rebecca Berman (100 fly), Carless (500 free), Morgan (100 back) and Cote (100 breast). Also winning were the medley relay of Rebecca Berman-Cote-Abel-

Hapanowicz and the 200 free relay of Hapanowicz-Yalda Dastmalchi-Rebecca Berman-Nina Abboud.

Second-place finishers included Valerie Ziegler (diving), Mary Anolik (100 fly), Sarah Berman (100 free), Zerkich (500 free), Chung (100 back), the 200 free relay of Abel-Hanna Dastmalchi-Price-Anolik and the 400 free relay of Zerkich-Carless-Sarah Berman-Cote.

Milford brought some of the most talented swimmers in the KVC to the Novi pool, with Novi winning only four events but successfully using its depth to win the overall meet.

Three of the first places losses by Novi were by tenths of seconds, providing great races and the most excitement of the season so far. Novi winners were Ziegler (diving), Sarah Berman (500 free), Rebecca Berman (100 back) and the medley relay of Rebecca Berman-Cote-Abel-Hapanowicz.

Novi took second in every event except the two individual events they won: the 500 free and 100 back. Second-place finishers were Chung (200 free), Cote (200 IM), Madelyn Ruha (50 free), Odum (diving), Abel (100 fly), Hapanowicz (100 free) and Tamura (100 breast).

Through the first three meets, both Novi's medley relay and 200 free relay teams have qualified for the state meet, as have Cote in the 200 IM and the 100 breast, Abel in the 100 fly and Hapanowicz in the 50 free.

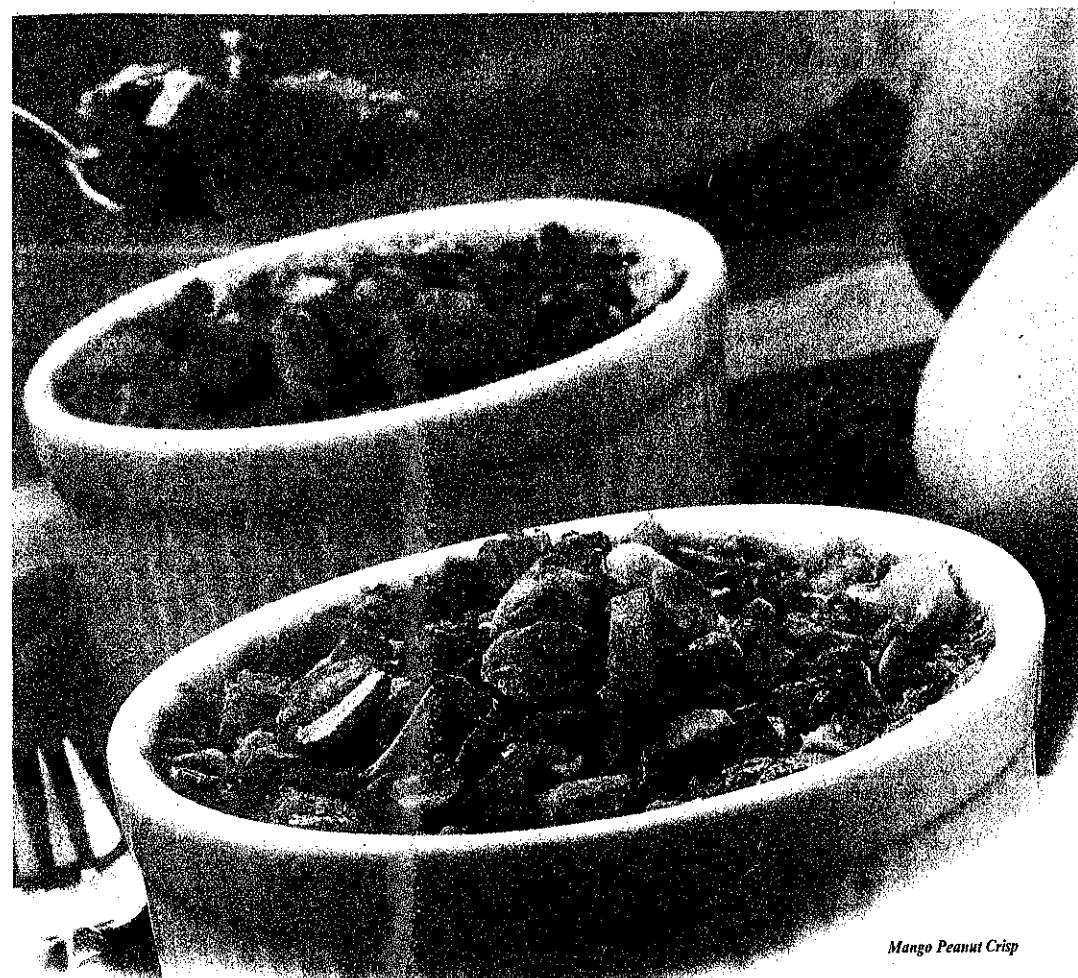
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MANGO TANGO

Don't judge a mango by its color — that's not the best indicator of ripeness. To select a mango, squeeze it gently to determine ripeness. A ripe mango will give slightly, but not be too soft. Ripe mangos will often have a fruity aroma at their stem ends.

Firm mangos will ripen over several days, becoming sweeter and softer. Once ripe, mangos can be kept in the refrigerator for up to five days.

Learn more about mangos at www.mango.org

PEANUT POWER

Scientific evidence suggests, but does not prove, that eating 1.5 ounces per day of most nuts, including peanuts, as a part of a diet low in saturated fat and cholesterol may reduce the risk of heart disease.

Peanuts can be enjoyed for breakfast, lunch, dinner and any time in between.

For more recipes and other information on USA-grown peanuts, check out www.nationalpeanutboard.org.

IRRESISTIBLE Autumn Desserts

With peanuts and mangos, guilt is not an option.

With cooler weather and families gathering indoors, fall is a perfect time to pull out the measuring cups and baking pans and start baking. Fill the house with tantalizing aromas by choosing ingredients that add full-on flavor and great taste, such as peanuts and mangos. Best of all, your freshly baked treats can be good for you and your family: USA-grown peanuts, peanut butter and other peanut products have zero trans fats, are cholesterol-free and have 30 essential nutrients, including vitamin E. Mangos, a tropical treat available year round, are an excellent source of vitamins C and A, both important antioxidant nutrients, and a good source of fiber.

Branded Mango Bread Pudding

Prep time: 20 minutes
Stand time: 30 minutes
Cook time: 40 minutes

- Nonstick cooking spray
- 6 cups 1-inch cubes King's Hawaiian Sweet Bread
- 2 ripe mangos, peeled, pitted and diced
- 1 1/2 cups fat-free half and half
- 3/4 cup egg substitute
- 2/3 cup granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup brandy
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon each: ground cinnamon, allspice and nutmeg
- 3 tablespoons butter, melted
- Powdered sugar (optional)

Preheat oven to 350°F. Lightly spray 9-inch baking dish with nonstick cooking spray. Place bread cubes and mangos in baking dish. In medium bowl, whisk together half and half, egg substitute, sugar, brandy, vanilla and spices. Whisk in melted butter, then pour bread and mangos, stirring lightly to coat bread with egg mixture. Let stand 30 minutes, or until liquid is absorbed. Bake 40 minutes, or until toothpick inserted into center comes out clean. Serve warm dusted with powdered sugar, if desired. Makes 8 servings.

Nutritional analysis per serving: Calories: 230, Fat: 2g, Saturated Fat: 0.5g, Trans Fat: 0g, Cholesterol: 15mg, Sodium: 210mg, Carbohydrates: 37g, Fiber: 2g, Sugar: 23g, Protein: 7g, Vitamin A: 15%, Vitamin C: 25%, Calcium: 10%, Iron: 8%

Sweet Peanut Egg Rolls

Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 10 to 12 minutes

- Butter-flavor nonstick cooking spray
- 1 cup chopped dry roasted, unsalted peanuts
- 6 tablespoons low-fat or fat-free caramel sauce
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon, divided
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 8 sheets phyllo dough

Preheat oven to 400°F. Line baking sheet with foil and spray with nonstick cooking spray; set aside. Stir together peanuts, caramel sauce and 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon in small bowl. Stir together butter, honey and remaining cinnamon in small bowl. Lay 1 sheet phyllo on a board (keep remaining dough covered with damp cloth). Spray phyllo with cooking spray and fold in half. Repeat steps for remaining phyllo. Brush phyllo very lightly with butter mixture, then spoon 2 tablespoons peanut mixture along one long edge of dough, leaving about 1/2 inch empty on both sides. Fold in 2 sides, then roll up tightly and place on prepared baking sheet. Repeat with remaining phyllo and peanut mixtures. Brush rolls on all sides with any remaining butter mixture. Bake 10 to 12 minutes, or until golden brown. Serve with additional warmed caramel sauce for dipping, if desired. Makes 8 egg rolls.

Nutritional analysis per egg roll: Calories: 210, Fat: 11g, Saturated Fat: 3g, Trans Fat: 0g, Cholesterol: 10mg, Sodium: 130mg, Carbohydrates: 25g, Fiber: 2g, Sugar: 9g, Protein: 5g, Vitamin A: 2%, Vitamin C: 0%, Calcium: 2%, Iron: 6%

Mango Peanut Crisp

Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes

- Nonstick cooking spray
- 6 tablespoons rolled oats
- 1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1/2 tablespoon flour
- 2 tablespoons butter, softened
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 cup chopped honey roasted peanuts

Preheat oven to 350°F. Spray four 2-cup baking dishes with nonstick cooking spray. Stir together all topping ingredients except peanuts in small bowl with fork until they become coarse crumbs; set aside. Stir together all filling ingredients in medium bowl and spoon into prepared dishes. Spoon topping over filling and sprinkle with peanuts. Bake 20 minutes, or until filling is hot and bubbly and topping is golden brown. Makes 4 servings.

Nutritional analysis per serving: Calories: 310, Fat: 10g, Saturated Fat: 4g, Trans Fat: 0g, Cholesterol: 15mg, Sodium: 75mg, Carbohydrates: 56g, Fiber: 3g, Sugar: 25g, Protein: 3g, Vitamin A: 60%, Vitamin C: 25%, Calcium: 2%, Iron: 4%



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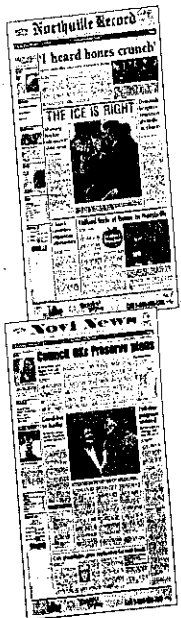
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The 'eyes' have it

Brothers offer state-of-the-art equipment, expertise

By John Hall
SPECIAL WRITER

Doctors — and brothers — Howard and Todd Adelson have formed a unique partnership that not only has strengthened an already experienced and qualified practice, Adelson Eye and Laser Center in Northville, but also has given it a special feature that few, if any, similar practices in Michigan have.

Both of the doctors have completed their fellowship training in advanced refractive (LASIK) and cataract surgery through Michigan State University. According to Howard, it is rare for one doctor in a practice to have the fellowship training, it is very rare for two doctors in the same practice to have that same training — and their patients are the beneficiaries.

"I don't know of any other office that does this," he said. "It means that if one of us cannot see a patient for any reason, the other is qualified to diagnose and treat the patient in the same manner."

With so many advances in laser-eye-care technology, the doctors felt it was important to have all of the up-to-date training and equipment to handle a growing demand for laser correction surgery, which Howard said is the "number one type of surgery in the United States."

Some of the other new technology that can be found at Adelson Eye and Laser Center in downtown Northville includes iris registration software — a touch-free method of measuring and marking the eye. One set of measurements is taken with the patient seated, and another set taken with the patient lying down. The technology finds and unwraps the iris, selects prominent and matching reference points for each iris, calculates the treatment surface angles from multiple matching reference points, and automatically checks the solution quality.

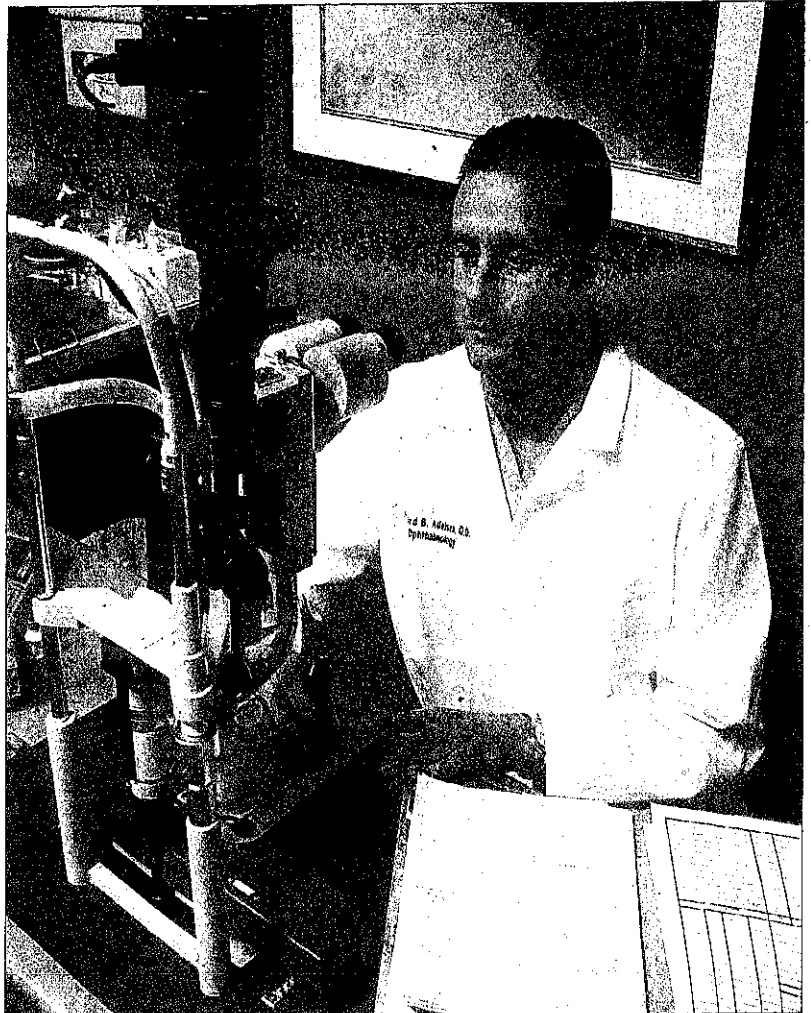
Another technology is the Ex-Press Mini Glaucoma Shunt, which provides a simplified method of filtration surgery for patients with open angle glaucoma. It is ideally performed after cataract surgery or simultaneously with any type of cataract extraction. The procedure involves no tissue removal with minimal inflammation and low complication.

Other technologies include laser treatment for patients with diabetes. Of course, Adelson Eye and Laser Center are full-service eye care specialists. The practice also works with local optometrists to offer the best treatment for all patients.

Howard and Todd are currently accepting new patients in both their Northville office and their newest location in Warren — supporting a growing base of satisfied patients in metro Detroit.

"More and more people are turning to LASIK because the pricing has come down," said Howard. "We offer financing with zero down for people with a good credit history."

Patients have had many good things to say about their experience with Adelson Eye and Laser Center, including Jessica Singer who wrote at their Web site, "I received Custom LASIK eye surgery in May of 2004, performed by Dr. Adelson. I was more than satisfied. I have made several calls to various centers and Dr. Adelson's clinic was the only one that took the time to answer all of my ques-



Todd Adelson, above, and his brother Howard Adelson, at right, care for patients in their downtown Northville office. Howard has spent many years practicing the most up-to-date methods of laser eye correction. Todd joined Adelson Eye and Laser Center in mid-2006 and has added a great deal of expertise to the practice. Both doctors have completed fellowship training in advanced refractive and cataract surgery through MSU.

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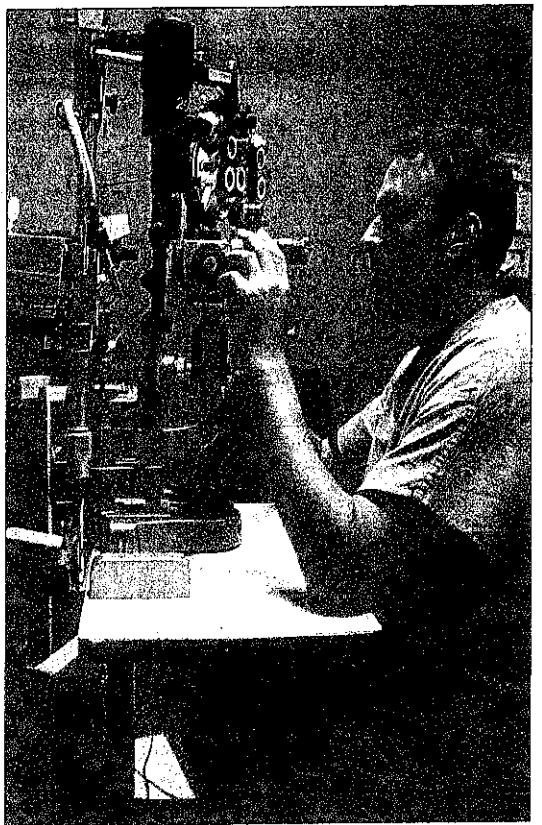
Todd joined his brother in July of 2006 and recently marked his first anniversary in the practice. He shares the same philosophy about customer care as Howard.

"Patients are not numbers to us," he said. "We are an old-time medical practice with all of the newest technology."

Office hours are Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The clinic can also handle medical emergencies.

Adelson Eye and Laser Center is located at 215 E. Main St., in Northville.

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